

New Delhi stands united in BRICS Prime Minister Modi says human development is the key



Direct Voice National Bureau Chief New Delhi September 13. Unanimous approval of the joint declaration by member states “Clarification that not war, but talks and diplomacy are the way forward Call for reforms in the UN Security Council Series of bilateral meetings with world leaders A key development has taken place at the 18th BRICS Summit hosted by India. A consensus has been reached on the ‘New Delhi Declaration’, overcoming differences among the member countries. Initially, it was reported that the member countries had reached an understanding on the joint declaration, but later all the countries in the alliance unanimously approved it. The BRICS countries have made it clear that war is not the solution to international disputes, including the West Asian crisis, but peace should be achieved through talks and diplomatic means. Despite the different positions among the member countries on the ongoing wars around the world, especially developments in West Asia, reaching a consensus on the joint declaration has become important. It is reported that the declaration condemns unilateral acts of war without targeting any country in particular. Although both Iran and the UAE are BRICS members, their positions on the current Gulf crisis are different. In this context, it has become a diplomatic challenge to incorporate language that is acceptable to both sides in the statement. India, as the chairing country, has reportedly pushed the talks forward towards overcoming differences and reaching a consensus, as it has good relations with Iran and the UAE. “Not war.. Diplomacy is the way.” In the New Delhi Declaration,

expressing deep concern over the West Asian crisis, the member states believed that war is not a solution to international problems. They stated that peace is possible only through continuous negotiations and diplomatic channels. They condemned unilateral acts of war and called for urgent reforms in the United Nations Security Council in line with the changing world situation. There was also consensus on economic issues such as strengthening global supply chains, food and fuel security, promoting trade through local currencies, and expanding digital cooperation. Under the presidency of India, it was decided to prioritize the welfare of the people with the policy of ‘human development first’. BRICS is not against anyone. “Addressing the summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that the BRICS alliance is not a platform to work against any Western or other group, but a platform for partnership that includes everyone and moves forward. He said that as the BRICS journey has completed two decades, it is the responsibility of the alliance to provide confidence and assurance to the people of the member countries. He called on the BRICS countries to find solutions to international problems and challenges through action. The alliance will move forward rapidly BRICS 2026 He said that human development should be the top priority in every step taken by the UN Security Council and other international development bodies. He reiterated the need for comprehensive reforms in the institutions to further strengthen the voice of the countries of the Global South. Modi proposed to set up a special ‘Continuity and Implementation Mechanism’ so that the decisions

taken in BRICS are not limited to mere declarations but are implemented at the field level. “Atithi Devo Bhava”. Indian royalty in silver vessels Special arrangements were made to introduce the Indian hospitality tradition to the foreign guests attending the conference. Jaipur-based Arun Group of Companies has designed special silver tableware and cutlery. They have been decorated with traditional designs reminiscent of the banquets of ancient Indian kings. They have designed 50 to 60 types of bowls, plates, spoons, and containers with lids to serve Indian, Chinese, Russian, and other cuisines. Each item has a ten-step coating and finishing process to give it better quality and shine. The company’s CEO Arun Pabuwat said that their tableware has been used in many celebrity events and foreign presidential visits, including the 2023 G20 Summit. MD Antar Pabuwat said that they are giving special priority to coating, design, and finishing without compromising on quality, and the finishing process will be in ten steps from manufacturing to dispatch. “Series of meetings of world leaders with Modi” On the sidelines of the BRICS summit, Prime Minister Modi held bilateral meetings with several heads of state and government. Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed discussed economic ties, defense cooperation, technology transfer, development of the African Union, and the interests of the Global South. Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim discussed semiconductor manufacturing, key minerals, clean energy, infrastructure, and trade expansion. In a meeting with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh

Khalid at Hyderabad House, the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, investment, clean energy, trade corridors, and economic cooperation were discussed. In a meeting with Vietnamese Prime Minister Le Minh Hung, Modi stated that Vietnam is a key partner in India’s ‘Act East’ policy. Maritime security, economic cooperation, and stability in the Indo-Pacific region were also discussed. He discussed with Iranian President Masoud Peshmarga tensions in West Asia, progress on the Chabahar Port project, international maritime security, and the protection of maritime trade. “Modi-Ginseng key meeting” A key bilateral meeting was held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS summit. Modi mentioned the bilateral agreements on border agreements, trade, tourism, business and cultural relations between the two countries. The two leaders believed that the foundation of bilateral relations is to find a just and mutually acceptable solution to disputes, and that mutual respect should be the guiding principle for any differences between China and India. The huge trade deficit and supply issues between the two countries were also discussed. Modi urged that Indian products be given fair access to Chinese markets. It was decided to give further impetus to trade, tourism and cultural exchanges. Prime Minister Modi thanked China for its cooperation in making the BRICS summit a success. The New Delhi Declaration was unanimously adopted and a common position was reached on the West Asian crisis.

Quality Education is Key to the Welfare of Police children - DGP C.V. Anand

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 13 : Providing quality education is a key part of police welfare, said DGP C.V. Anand. He said that if the police do not have to worry about the future of the children, they will be able to focus more on their duties. The foundation stone for the construction of Academic Block 1 of Young India Police School (YIPS) was laid at the Octopus Greyhounds premises in Manchirevu Education with national and international standards.. As per the orders given by the Chief Minister in December 2024, the DGP said that the initiative has been taken to set up a special school for the children of police personnel. He said that the YBP is being developed with national and international standards on the lines of Army and Sainik schools. He said that the school started in April last year with 120 students in a temporary campus and the number of students has now reached 360. He said that if the new building is completed, there is a possibility of 700-720 students next



year. Sports along with meditation.. Discipline: Among students The DGP said that priority is being given to sports and co-curricular activities along with discipline. Drugs and bad habits They said that they will make students responsible and far away. They hoped that education would help students grow not only as limited citizens but also as students who are not only in the curriculum. They said that in addition to cricket, they will also provide training in adventure sports like rock climbing and horse riding. “For children of Home Guards and general students The DGP said that quality education will be provided at low fees so that it is accessible to children of other communities as well as police personnel.

nel. He said that admissions are also being made for children of home guards. He revealed that 50 percent of the seats in the school will also be reserved for general students. Education up to Plus-2 in a single campus: The DGP said that several sub-committees have been formed for the development of the school on academic and other issues. He said that with the support of the government, YIPS is being developed as a full fledged school providing education up to Plus-2 in a single campus. He said that the goal is to develop it into an educational institution with the highest standards in the next two to three years. He suggested that the construction and development work should be completed quickly in coordination with the police personnel.

Police welfare is the foundation of effective policing. The DGP said that the welfare and health of police personnel are closely linked to policing. He said that the police can work more concentrated on their duties if they ensure the education of their children. In this program, DG (Law and Order) Mahesh Bhagwat, DG (Octopus) Anil Kumar, Cyberabad CP Ramesh, IG (P&L) Gajrao Bhupal, E.B.J. Ramana Kumar, Legal and Financial Advisor Sarath Kumar, DCP Srinivas, Additional SP Udar Reddy, ACPs, representatives of various organizations, YIPS Principal Anita Reddy, GM Rajesh, police officers, school staff, students and parents participated. CP

If you lose your Position, you will Lose.. Konda’s Sensational Comments

Dayyala Meena Direct Voice Bureau Chief Warangal September 13 “Former minister Konda Surekha said that positions come and go.. the real leaders are those who are among the people. She spoke at a meeting with activists and key leaders in Warangal for the first time after being dismissed from the ministerial post. She recalled that she rose from the MPTC level to the minister position and that activists stood by her during difficult times. Surekha commented that if she had trusted the leader in the past, that relationship would have continued, but now opportunistic politics has increased. She said that she resigned from the ministerial post without even thinking about it for YS Jagan, and that YS Rajasekhara Reddy saved her family like a blink of an eye. His death Later, some in the party accused them of targeting them. He said that he was the



first to support Revanth Reddy when he did a padayatra for the farmers and that the Congress needed a mass leader like Revanth. Konda Murali made it clear that he had no intention of leaving the Congress. He said that they were not obsessed

with positions and gratitude was in their blood. He said that their goal was to make Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister. He said that his wife had been asked to apologize, but Surekha did not apologize, saying that if she had a position, she would stay. If she had, she

would go. He said that they would stand by their word and that positions are not permanent. The Konda couple said that they would work hard to give tickets to hard-working winning horses in the upcoming corporation elections.





GDP Growth Not Visible In People's lives

Do people eat GDP figures? A scholar asked. The question is a sarcastic one. True. People eat food, wear clothes, shoes, send their children to school, buy medicines to get rid of diseases, use mobile phones. Along with these, they watch television programs. They engage in reading posts on social media, seek a secure life, a happy life – all these are personal consumptions. What is the value of all this consumption? After taking into account the subsidies imposed and given by the government, the sum of consumption, investment, government spending, and net exports (X-M) is the gross domestic product (GDP). The GDP growth rate is very important for the health of the economy. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation recently released the GDP figures for the first quarter of the financial year 2026-27 (April to June). Compared to the first quarter of the financial year 2025-26, the GDP growth rate was recorded at 10.3 percent in nominal (current) prices and 7.8 percent in constant prices. Government economists are expressing immense satisfaction and joy over this period of statistics. There are also skeptics. They are raising many questions. There is currently a heated debate on the reliability of GDP figures. It is better to discuss whether the GDP figures and the benefits of their growth are reflected in the lives of the people than on the proposal of 'one nation, one election' that weakens federal parliamentary democracy. Let us assume that the GDP figures released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation are correct. The compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of nominal GDP and real GDP based on two different base years is as follows: The first number in brackets before the year is the current year. The first number represents nominal GDP at constant prices, and the second number represents real GDP at constant prices in lakh crore rupees: FY 2022-23: (268.90, 161.65); 2023-24: (301.23, 176.51), 2024-25 (330.68, 187.97), 2025-26: (357.14, 201.90). The GDP figures for FY 2022-23 are as follows: FY 2022-23 (261.77, 261.77), 2023-24: (29073, 28094), 2024-25 (317.99, 301.15); 2025-26: (345.37, 324.70). CAGR: 9.68 percent for nominal GDP; 7.45 percent for real GDP. Based on the new base year, nominal GDP in the first quarter of 2026-27 is Rs 88.26 lakh crore while real GDP is Rs 81.36 lakh crore. 2025-26The nominal GDP growth in the first quarter of the current fiscal year was 10.33 percent, while the real GDP growth was 7.82 percent. It is noteworthy that the CAGR for the four fiscal years under consideration is almost the same on the basis of the old and new base years. The growth rate in the first quarter of the financial year 2026-27 is only marginally higher. What can we conclude about the state of the country's economy from this? This is my opinion: The direction of the Indian economy did not change in 2026-27. Its growth did not accelerate. And does the government really have anything to boast about? Nothing. In the estimates based on the old base year prices, GDP in constant prices is very disappointing compared to GDP in nominal prices. However, it is not so in the estimates based on the new base year prices. Why? Isn't that difference very annoying? So, is the GDP growth rate, which is impressive in numbers, reflected in the lives of the common people as brightly? How does that growth look in terms of job creation, wage growth, consumption volume, business transactions, investments, etc.? Some relevant questions: Why is the unemployment rate among youth in the age group of 15 to 29 years high at 16.2 percent? The unemployment rate among graduates in the age group of 29 to 34 years often hovers around 40 to 45 percent. What is the reason? According to a NITI Aayog report, 8.7 crore youth in the age group of 15 to 29 years are neither employed nor in education or vocational training. Why?: The growth in real wages has been very disappointing. The growth in real wages for daily wage earners, salaried employees and self-employed workers has been only 5.5, 1.7 and 33 percent respectively.

By Illandula Vijay Kumar, Education Correspondent, Direct Voice "13th September, Sunday :CM Revanthe Reddy, What Happened to That '100 Days' Promise? Did you forget the promise made as a witness of Ekashila Park exactly three years ago? Will you trample the Supreme Court judgment s? The future of 22,000 families is in darkness. When will Maternity Leaves for women, Health Cards for medical security, and Pay-Scale be implemented? (Govindu Naresh, State In-charge, Samagra Shiksha Employees Union, Telangana) The future of a country or a state depends on its education system. In strengthening government schools in Telangana and successfully implementing education department schemes at the field level, the role of Samagra Shiksha (SSA) employees is invaluable. "Nearly 22,000 employees includ-

ing CRPs, MIS Coordinators, DEO Office Data Entry Operators, Part-Time Instructors (PTIs), IERTs, KGBV and URS staff are working day and night as the backbone of the education system. But unfortunately, what they have got for decades is bonded labour and job insecurity. It is very sad that leaders who were moved seeing the plight of employees when they were in opposition, are now adopting a stubborn attitude towards the same employees after coming to power. "As Witnessed by Ekashila Park: Exactly three years ago, on 13th September 2023, at Ekashila Park in Hanumakonda, Samagra Shiksha employees took to agitation for their legitimate rights. As the then Leader of Opposition, present Chief Minister Revanthe Reddy himself came to the dharna camp and expressed solidarity. "His words that day still ring in the ears of 22,000 employ-

ees: "Within 100 days of us coming to power, before you finish your tea, we will solve all the problems of Samagra Shiksha employees. We will provide security to your jobs. Time has turned. Congress party came to power. Today, exactly 3 years have been completed since that promise. Even after hundreds of days of government formation, that 'tea' mentioned by Revanthe Reddy has not yet come into the cup, and the hardships of the employees have not been resolved. Supreme Court Judgments Say So.. Why This Stubborn Attitude? "Regularization and pay hike of Samagra Shiksha employees is not just a request, it is their legal right. According to the historic judgment of the Supreme Court in the 'State of Karnataka Vs. Umadevi' case, the government should formulate special procedures (One-time regularization policy) for regularization of em-

ployees who have been serving on contract for more than ten years. "Similarly, in the 'State of Punjab Vs. Jagjit Singh' case, the Supreme Court gave a clear judgment that contract employees performing equal responsibilities as regular employees must be given "Equal Pay for Equal Work". Discrimination in pay for the same work in the same department is unconstitutional. "Lack of Basic Medical and Human Rights! Samagra Shiksha employees who travel continuously for education department work have no minimum medical security. If they fall ill, they have to go to private hospitals and take loans of lakhs. Not even granting minimum Health Cards shows government negligence. More pathetically, thousands of women employees are in this department. They are being denied Maternity Leaves as per government rules. Is denying motherhood justi-



fied? "Families of employees who died accidentally or due to illness while on duty are left on the road. Does the government not have the minimum responsibility to immediately pay Rs. 10 lakhs ex-gratia and provide a job to one person in their family? "Immediate Demands: "1. Regularize services of 22,000 employees of all wings immediately as per Umadevi judgment. "2. Till then, implement full Pay-Scale and Equal Pay as per Jagjit Singh judgment. "3. Provide Health Cards and Maternity Leaves. "The Chief Minister should keep his promise given at Ekashila Park. Otherwise, we will intensify the agitation statewide under the aegis of Samagra Shiksha Employees Union. " Govindu Naresh, State General Secretary, Samagra Shiksha Employees Union, Telangana.

Ganesh Chaturthi Greetings to the People of the District District Collector Bhavesh Mishra and District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Nirmal September 13 "On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of the district. He wished that, with the blessings of Lord Ganesha, happiness, peace, good health, prosperity and well-being would flourish in every one's lives. "The Collector urged people to celebrate the Ganesh festivities with devotion, mutual cooperati-

on and unity, maintaining a peaceful atmosphere. He advised the public and festival organizers to follow government guidelines and give utmost priority to safety during the celebrations. As part of environmental protection, he appealed to people to install clay Ganesha idols and give priority to eco-friendly immersion practices. He also advised organizers to take precautionary measures to prevent electrical accidents, fire incidents and other untoward

events. The Collector urged people to conduct idol immersion safely at designated locations and strictly follow the instructions of the concerned authorities. He appealed to everyone to maintain restraint and ensure that the festivities are celebrated peacefully and successfully. District SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, stated that the Nirmal Police Department would always remain available to ensure the peace and safety of the people.



Clay Ganeshas Gain Momentum in Vizag as Artists Lead Workshops To Make Them

The creation of clay idols of Lord Ganesha is gaining momentum in Visakhapatnam, with artists, civic bodies, and government agencies promoting eco-friendly idols ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi. Local artists have been organising workshops to teach people how to make idols using clay. At the same time, they are highlighting the environmental impact of Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols. A free craft class titled "Make Your Own Clay Ganesha Fridge Magnet" is attracting participants, with organiser I. Swarnalata encouraging families to adopt clay as a sustainable alternative. Journalist, cartoonist and artist C.H.V.S. Ramakrishna Rao, who has been sculpting clay idols for more than two decades, is leading the initiative. He is providing free coaching to school-children in making clay idols ahead of Vinayaka Chavithi. Ramakrishna said clay idols dissolve in water, while PoP idols pose a threat to aquatic life. The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB), in collaboration with the Lions Club and Walkers Club, distributed clay idols at Shivaji Park and



M.V.P. Rythu Bazar on Saturday. Officials, including Prof. V.S.R.K. Prasad and Dr. P. Sandeep, have called on citizens to avoid PoP and adopt sustainable practices. Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) commissioner Ketan Garg reiterated this appeal at an event in the GVMC head office, where clay idols have been distributed

to employees as well as the public. Officials point out that the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, emphasise on circular economy by prioritising reduction, reuse, and recycling. They said eco-friendly products help conserve resources and reduce waste generation. ASR joint collector Thirumani Sripooja made a similar appeal in Alluri Sitarama Raju district, urging citizens to worship clay idols to protect water resources. She pointed out that making idols by hand encourages creativity among children while inculcating in them awareness and responsibility towards nature. The various ongoing initiatives reflect the growing efforts in Visakhapatnam to ensure environment-friendly Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations.

56 percent BCs.. Where is their share in the political arena Roundtable meeting at Somajiguda Press Club on political representation for BCs

Yamsani Srinivas State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 13 "A round table meeting was held at Somajiguda Press Club today on the demand for adequate representation in the political arena for BCs, who are the majority of the population. "56%BCs.. Where is their share in the political arena?" Retired IAS officer and BC Intellectuals Forum Chairman Chiranjeevulu presided over the meeting. NGOs, social activists, intellectuals, and representatives of various BC associations participated. Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Sirikonda Madhusudhanachari, former minister Srinivas Goud, BJP leader Taduri Srinivas and others were present as the chief guests of the meeting. Three ministerial posts should be given to BCs immediately: The currently vacant ones The round table meeting unanimously demanded that three ministerial posts be immediately allocated to BCs. It also decided to allocate 5 MLC seats that will soon be vacant to BCs. It demanded that social justice be implemented by providing adequate political representation to BCs in the government on the basis of population. The meeting appealed to provide opportunities to BC castes like Vaddera, Kummari, and Vayi Brahmin, who have not received adequate representation so far, and also to allocate the remaining seats to BCs. The representation of BCs is gradually decreasing. At the meeting, T. Chiranjeevulu gave a presentation with statistics on the political representation of BCs. He explained the situation where the political representation of BCs has been gradually decreasing in the last two decades. Before the formation of Telangana state, in 2009, there were five BCs as ministers in the united Andhra Pradesh, but after the formation of Telangana state, the number has reduced to four in 2014, three in 2018, and now to two in 2026. "If this situation continues, there is a risk that the ministerial representation of BCs will reach one in the future and finally zero. It



is against democracy and social justice for BCs, who are the majority in the population, to become a minority in the administration," he expressed his concern. He also explained with statistics the decreasing political representation of BCs in Khammam, Nalgonda, Nizamabad and other districts. "Majority BCs.. Why in minority rule?": Opposition Leader in the Legislative Council Sirikonda Madhu sudana chari said that it is sad that BCs, who are the majority in the population, are in the minority in political power. He said that BCs need to get a fair share. Former Minister Srinivas Goud said that BCs should unite and exercise political power. "He said that all BCs need to fight for their rights together. He also mentioned the need to allocate a unique code to each caste in the census. Balagoni Balaraju Goud said that he would work tirelessly to support the movement for the rights and political representation of BCs. He strongly criticized the Congress government for showing a dual stance on social justice by talking about "social justice" on the one hand, and appointing people from upper castes as Chief Ministers in four states of the country on the other. He expressed his concern that although BCs are in the majority in the population, they are not getting their due share in political power. "BCs need not just the right to vote share in power on the basis of population," he clarified. Balaraju Goud called for the need for democratic forces from all walks of life to unite and mobilize to increase the political representation of BCs. BJP leader Taduri Srinivas expressed his

concern that attempts are being made to divide BC castes and damage their unity. He called on BCs to recognize their political power and move forward unitedly. Katakam Narasimha Rao said that there is a need to build a movement for BC rights just like the Telangana movement. Guja Satyam said that the coming era belongs to BCs and BC statehood is possible. Vatte Janardhan Yadav said that harassment of Yadavas is increasing in the Telangana government. He demanded that at least one of the three vacant ministerial posts be allotted to Yadavas. Telangana Vittal said that BCs have been subjected to serious political injustice after the formation of Telangana state. He said that BCs do not have adequate representation in Khammam district either, and that it is unfair not to provide representation to the Munnur Kapu community in the cabinet. Speaking at the meeting, BC leaders questioned why BCs, who are the majority in the population, have not received a fair share of power even after almost eight decades of independence. They said that the situation of "We want votes - we want seat s" should not continue and that BCs should not just become vote banks but become participants in political decision-making. The meeting made it clear that in a democracy, BCs should get political representation, social justice, and participation in power on the basis of population. "Major Decisions: "The following main decisions were taken at the roundtable meeting: The three currently vacant ministerial positions should be immediately allocated to BCs. Adequate representation should be provided to BCs in the three MLC seats that will be vacant under the Governor's quota. Priority should be

given to BC castes such as Vaddera, Kummari, Nai Brahmin, etc., which have not received adequate representation so far. "Each caste should be assigned a unique code in the census. 5. Extensive discussion and awareness programs should be organized across the state on the political representation of BCs. "A public movement with statistics should be built on the political injustice being done to BCs. All castes, communities, and intellectuals in BC society should come forward unitedly. Raju Advocate said that for the first time in Telangana, BCs have triumphed in the Bar Council elections. He said that this victory is a testament to the growing consciousness and unity among BC advocates. He expressed hope that conditions are being created for BCs to also take up the post of Bar Council President in the coming days. Ponn am Devaraju said that BC consciousness is surging in the legal profession today. He called on BC advocates to come forward unitedly for their rights, political and social representation. "Erra Satya narayana, Suryana rayana retired DRO Ili Venkanna, Durgayya Goud, Mettu Surya prakash, Byri Shekhar, Karnati Manohar, Chinnaramulu, Mudiraj. Chenna Srikanth, Bongu Prasad, Neeraj Goud, Lingesh Chola Rajeshwar, Yadav and others participated in this program. The meeting made it clear that the struggle will continue until the BCs get political share on the basis of population.

Sambaiah Elected President of Nallabelli Press Club

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Bureau Chief Warangal September 13: Nallabelli The new executive committee of the Nallabelli Press Club was elected unanimously on Sunday. Mittagadapala Sambaiah Sakshi was elected as the Mandal President, and Satla Ramesh Goud Andhra Jyothi as the General Secretary. Members unanimously elected the new committee with the aim of fostering journalist unity and welfare, as well as resolving professional issues. Chirra Ramesh Janam Sakshi was elected Honorary President, Gangishetti Nagabhushan Vaartha as Treasurer, and Samala Veeranna Nava Telangana as Vice President. Several other journalists were elected as executive committee members. "Speaking on the occasion, the new President, Sambaiah, stated that he would strive to further



strengthen the Press Club and work towards resolving journalists' issues with everyone's cooperation.

United Struggles are a Tribute to Yechury News Click Editor Poorka Yastha and Speakers at the Seminar Organized on the Occasion of Yechury's Death Anniversary

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Bureau Chief Khammam September 13 "NewsClick Editor Prabir Purakayastha clarified that united struggles are the true tribute to Sitaram Yechury. He participated as the keynote speaker and addressed a seminar organized by the CPM on Sunday at the Bhakta Ramadasu Kalakshetra in Khammam to mark the death anniversary of CPM leader Sitaram Yechury. "He called for constant vigilance and forging new platforms of struggle to protect democracy and constitutional rights in the current situation. He criticized the rulers who are ruling with fascist tendencies and ideologies for engaging in various conspiracies to remain in power forever. He said that in the past, rigging was seen at polling stations during elections, but today's rulers are openly manipulating voter lists. He expressed his concern that tens of thousands of voters are disappearing overnight in rural areas in the name of amending the special voters' list. He said that the common people are not even aware that their votes have been removed, and that going around the courts and authorities to apply for the right to vote again has become a very difficult task. He called upon the people to be prepared to face the new challenges being thrown by the rulers by changing the power, money, government machinery and even the institutions like the Election Commission in their favor. He said that we have a huge responsibility to protect the democracy that was achieved through long struggles in the past. Purakayastha explained that the main struggle we have to take up in the future is to expose these schemes and mobilize the people at the booth level and sensitize them to protect their right to vote. Several speakers opined that in the current era, cellphones are no longer just a means of communication, but have become an integral part of people's expression, freedom, and lifestyle. Key points were revealed while analyzing the importance of cellphones in the context of the Gen-G protests taking place at Jantar Mantar. "Freedom of expression, political criticism: Like-minded people are not only uniting through mobile phones and

WhatsApp groups, but also expressing their joys, sorrows and protests. He said that this digital tool has given the common man the power to question governments or leaders who adopt authoritarian policies through humor, caricatures (cartoons) and messages. He made it clear that it is not possible for any government to suppress such sensitive expressions. He expressed his concern that today's Gen-G youth have grown up with technology, and that exam paper leaks are seriously damaging their future. Years of hard work and financial burden borne by families for coaching are being wasted. Students' future expectations are getting longer due to cancellations and postponements of exams. He said that the youth are choosing digital platforms as their main tool to protest against the government's failures that are questioning their future. These protest movements make it clear that cellphones have transformed into a powerful public communication tool to overcome the challenges faced in society and to fight for common goals. CPM Central Committee Member Tammineni Veerabhadram said that the true tribute to Sitaram Yechury is to protect secular and federal principles. He said that democracy is not just about winning elections, but also about preserving the secular and federal spirit prescribed by the Constitution. He praised Sitaram Yechury as the most popular communist leader in Telugu after Comrade Sundarayya. He recalled that as a JNU student leader, he was a brave man who stood up before the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during the Emergency and voiced the demands of the students, and that he played a key role in protecting democracy in the country as well as on behalf of the Left during the UPA government. "According to the Constitution, Tammineni clarified that for a democratic system to stand, four key principles - secularism, federalism, economic justice and social justice - must be implemented. Government administration, the education system and political parties should stay away from religion, but he criticized the current central government for politicizing religion by undermining secular values. He said that India is a collection of diverse cul-



tures and languages, and that instead of centralizing powers at the center, funds and powers should be decentralized to the states and panchayats. He said that violating the rights of the states in the name of a double-engine government is against democracy. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar warned that political democracy cannot stand without economic equality, and it is worrying that corporate exploitation has increased and votes are being bought with money. First, he paid tribute to the portraits of Yechury and Mallareddy by laying flowers. In addition, party state secretary Pothineni Sudarshan, district secretary Nunna Nageswara Rao, Khammam division secretary Vikram, leaders B Sarala, P Somaiya, P Venkateswarlu, Bandi Ramesh, Bharathi, Kalyanam Venkateswarlu, Yarra Srinivasurao, Muku nd Satyanarayana, Madineni Ramesh, Bonthu Rambabu, Bandi Padma Bhukya Veerabhadram and others participated in this seminar. Others participated in the portraits of

Ishaq Appointed as CC, Tirupathi as PRO Police Commissioner Issues Orders

Ch Abhinay Bureau Chief, Warangal September 13: Venugopala Rao, the Camp Clerk (CC), and Mohana Krishna, the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Warangal Police Commissionerate, have been transferred. Police Commissioner N. Shwetha appointed Ishaq an Administrative Officer from the Special Branch as the new CC and Constable Tirupathi from the Subedari Police Station as the new PRO. The Commissioner issued orders to this effect on Saturday.

Probe Chikati Gopi's Death Thoroughly, Demand Special Investigation Team

- Register SC/ST Atrocities Case if Allegations Against Police Are Proved
- Provide Government Job to Wife, Permanent House to Family, Free Education to Children and Agricultural Land
- AP Mala Employees' Association Demands

The Andhra Pradesh Mala Employees' Association has demanded a comprehensive and impartial investigation into the death of Chikati Gopi, an SC youth from Ponnakallu village in Tadikonda mandal, who allegedly fell seriously ill while in police custody and later died. Association honorary president Bethala Sudarshanam, state president Nuthalapati Jagadeesh and state general secretary Ambati Anil, in a joint statement, demanded that a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by a senior IPS officer with no connection to the local police establishment be constituted to probe the incident. According to the family members and representatives of various public organisations, Gopi was allegedly taken into police custody for questioning in connection with a theft case and was kept there for nearly two days. His family members have alleged that he was severely beaten and subjected to physical torture during this period. They further claimed that police personnel informed the family after Gopi developed a high fever and obtained signatures on certain documents before asking them to take him to hospital. The association said the veracity of all these allegations must be established through an independent investigation.

Gopi Dies While Undergoing Treatment...

Gopi was initially taken to a hospital in Ponnakallu and was later referred to the Government General Hospital in Guntur,



according to the association. As junior doctors were reportedly on agitation in Guntur at the time, the family took him to Tenali for treatment. The family reportedly informed the association that doctors in Tenali found that Gopi had lost sensation from his waist down to his legs. He was subsequently shifted to Guntur in an emergency condition, where he died while undergoing treatment. The association demanded that the exact cause of death be established through an independent medical and forensic investigation, supported by the post-mortem report and other medical evidence. It also stated that photographs reportedly showing injuries and changes in colour on Gopi's body, particularly on the soles of his feet, were available. However, photographs alone cannot establish the cause of injuries and must be examined along with the post-mortem report, inquest and panchanama records, hospital records, doctors' opinions and forensic evidence, it said. The association said the claim that dengue was the cause of death should not be used to overlook the circumstances surrounding Gopi's time in police custody.

Action if Allegations Are Proved...

The association demanded a full inquiry into the role of the police personnel who were on duty from the time Gopi was taken into custody

until he was shifted to hospital. It sought an independent investigation into allegations against the concerned CI, SI and two constables. If the allegations are proved, appropriate criminal action should be initiated against those found responsible. The association also demanded examination of whether provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act are applicable based on the facts established during the investigation.

Preserve All Evidence...

The association said that since allegations had been raised against local police personnel, an investigation by the same police establishment could potentially lead to a conflict of interest. It therefore demanded that CCTV footage covering the period from Gopi's arrival at the police station until his shifting to hospital, station general diary entries, registers, case records, communication records, hospital documents, medical examination reports, post-mortem video and report, inquest and panchanama records and other relevant evidence be preserved without tampering or destruction. "Police have the authority to enforce the law, but they are not above the law. While questioning a person suspected of an offence is part of a lawful investigation, nobody has the right to subject a person in custody to physical vio-

lence," the association said.

Job, House and Land for Family...

The association said Gopi's family was economically vulnerable and that his wife had studied up to Intermediate. The couple have a young daughter and son. It demanded that Gopi's wife be provided a government job commensurate with her educational qualifications and that the government construct a permanent pucca house for the family. The association also sought free education, accommodation, food and necessary educational support for both children until they complete their studies. It suggested providing them with facilities through a suitable residential school or hostel under the Social Welfare Department. It further demanded agricultural land or equivalent land-based rehabilitation assistance to provide the family with a stable source of livelihood. In addition to all compensation, immediate relief and rehabilitation benefits legally applicable to an SC victim's family, the association demanded Rs.25 lakh as additional ex-gratia.

Protection for Family and Witnesses...

The association also sought protection for family members, eyewitnesses, complainants and others providing information about the incident, stating that they should not face threats or pressure. The leaders said the association had already brought the matter to the notice of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. They urged the State Government to treat Gopi's death not merely as a police case but as a serious issue involving human rights, social justice and police accountability. "Justice for Gopi's family is not merely justice for one family. It is about establishing that every citizen in police custody is entitled to constitutional protection of life. The government must ensure that the law applies equally to everyone irrespective of caste, social status or economic condition. Our association will continue to pursue the issue through democratic means until the truth behind Gopi's death is established, those responsible are held accountable and the family receives complete rehabilitation," the association leaders said.

Two DAs for Employees, Two DRs for Pensioners

- CM Chandrababu fulfils assurance given to employee unions
- AP NGOs president A. Vidyasagar thanks Chandrababu

AP NGOs Association state president A. Vidyasagar welcomed the State Government's decision to release two Dearness Allowances (DAs) for government employees and two Dearness Relief (DR) instalments for pensioners. The orders cover the DA due from July 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025, and the corresponding DR for pensioners. Vidyasagar thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for promptly fulfilling the assurance given during discussions with employee representatives on September 5. He said the decision had brought cheer among employees and pensioners and would further strengthen mutual trust between the government and employee associations. Vidyasagar said the AP JAC and AP NGOs Association would continue to pursue the remaining issues discussed with the Chief Minister. He expressed hope that orders on other pending demands, along with the minutes of the September 5 meeting, would be issued shortly. Employee welfare and resolution of their genuine demands were an ongoing process, he said, adding that the associations would continue their efforts to secure positive outcomes for employees.



December Darshan, Accommodation Online Quota Release Schedule

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) will release online darshan and accommodation quotas for December 2026 as per the following schedule: September 19, 10 am: Srivari Arjitha Sevas — Suprabhatham, Thomala, Archana and Ashtadala Pada Padmaradhana. e-Dip registration will be open till September 21, 10 am. The payment window will be open from September 21 to 23, till noon. September 22, 10 am: Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Arjitha Brahmotsavam and Sahasradeepalankara Seva tickets. 3 pm: Virtual Seva and darshan



slots. September 23, 10 am: Anga Pradakshina tokens. 11 am: SRI-VANI Trust darshan tickets. 3 pm: Tickets for senior citizens, differently abled and chronically ill devotees. September 24, 10 am: Rs 300 Special Entry Darshan tickets. 3 pm: Accommodation in Tirumala and Tirupati.

Andhra Pradesh: Storage Of Water In Srisaillam Reservoir Falls To 121 TMC

Water storage in the Srisaillam reservoir, as of 6 pm on Saturday, has been recorded at 120.9532 TMC, with the reservoir level standing at 864.60 feet. The full reservoir level of Srisaillam is 885 feet and its gross storage capacity is 215.807 TMC. Officials said there are no inflows into the reservoir from the Jurala project, spillway, Sunkesula, the Handri region, or the reservoir catchment area. Power generation is continuing at the left bank power house, which belongs to Telangana. Around 41,075 cusecs of water are being utilised for the purpose. There is no power generation at the right bank power house, which is operated by Andhra Pradesh. With inflows remaining nil and continued utilisation of water for power generation, water storage in Srisaillam is steadily declining. The fall in storage level is a concern, as there is no forecast of any fresh inflow into the Krishna basin in the coming days.



AP To Accept Applications for Renewal of Retail Liquor Shop Licences Till Sept. 21

The Andhra Pradesh government will accept applications from existing licensees for renewal of retail liquor shop licences from Saturday to September 21, excise commissioner Ch. Sridhar said on Saturday. The government issued a notification on Friday for renewal of licences for 3,736 retail liquor shops, including 3,396 in the open category and 340 in the reserved category. Excise authorities collected the gazette numbers from the concerned district collectors for the renewal process. Existing licensees who wish to continue operating their liquor shops for another year have been asked to submit applications within the stipulated period, Sridhar said. If existing licensees do not opt for renewal, the shops will be allotted afresh through a draw of lots. A gazette notification will be issued on September 22, after which fresh applications will be accepted for seven working days. A draw of lots will be held on September 30 to



grant licences to successful applicants. Those applying for fresh allotment will have to pay a processing fee of Rs 1,000 and deposit a non-

refundable application fee of Rs 3 lakh. A minimum of four applications will be required to conduct the draw of lots for a retail liquor shop.

Kia India Opens Pre-Bookings for Carens CNG, Carens Clavis CNG and Carnival Limousine Hybrid; Expands Powertrain Choice



NEW DELHI, India, September 2026: Kia India, one of the country's leading mass-premium automakers, announced the opening of pre-bookings for its Carens CNG, Carens Clavis CNG and Carnival Limousine Hybrid models, further expanding its multi-powertrain portfolio and offering customers greater choice across its product range.

Recently showcased at Kia Inspiration Day, the three offerings reinforce Kia India's commitment to responding to evolving customer preferences through a diversified range of mobility solutions. The introduction of CNG options for the Carens and Carens Clavis, alongside a Hybrid powertrain for the Carnival Limousine, will enable customers to choose what best suits their individual mobility requirements.

- Pre-bookings open for Carens CNG, Carens Clavis CNG and Carnival Limousine Hybrid, through Kia India's authorized dealer network
- Carens CNG and Clavis CNG will feature a factory-fitted CNG kit with 60-litre tank capacity
- Carens CNG will be offered in Premium (O) G1.5 6MT trim, while Carens Clavis CNG will be available in HTE and HTE (O) G1.5 6MT trims
- As part of Kia's B2B (business-to-business) and commercial mobility solutions, the Carens CNG will also be available on the M-Drive G1.5 6MT trim, while the Carens Clavis CNG will be offered on the HTM G1.5 6MT trim
- Carnival Limousine Hybrid will be offered in the Limousine+ G1.6T HEV 6AT trim, expanding powertrain choice within Kia's premium MPV portfolio
- Prices for all models to be announced soon

The Carens and Carens Clavis CNG, based on G1.5 6MT, will feature a factory-fitted CNG kit with a 60-litre tank capacity, combining the practicality and versatility of Kia's three-row models with an additional powertrain option. Both Carens CNG and Carens Clavis CNG variants also feature 16-inch wheels and 16-inch disc brakes, along with CNG-specific engine calibration and modified suspension. A CNG Fuel Change Switch and 4.2-inch Colour TFT MID with CNG DTE Logic further enhance the CNG experience, while a modified third-row Seat-Back Frame improves the recline angle for added passenger comfort in both models.

The Carens CNG will be available in Premium (O) G1.5 6MT, while the Carens Clavis CNG will be offered in HTE and HTE (O) G1.5 6MT. For B2B (business-to-business) and commercial mobility solutions, the Carens CNG will be available on M-Drive G1.5 6MT, while the Carens Clavis CNG will be available in HTM G1.5 6MT.

The Carnival Limousine Hybrid, based on G1.6T HEV 6AT, will be offered on the Limousine+ trim, bringing an electrified powertrain option to Kia's premium MPV portfolio. The hybrid model offers premium comfort, space and convenience, complemented by 18-inch (45.72



cm) Crystal Cut Dual Tone Aero Alloy Wheels, Active Air Flaps (AAF) and Virtual Engine Sound System (VESS). It also features a Smart Pure Air Purifier with AQI Display, Retractable, Height-Adjustable Seat Back Tables with Wireless Charging, Monotone Ambient Lighting and Cup Holders, and Leatherette-Wrapped door trims.

With these new offerings, Kia India takes another step forward in its multi-powertrain approach, bringing Hybrid and factory-fitted CNG options to its portfolio in response to the diverse and evolving mobility needs of Indian customers.

Pre-bookings for Kia Carens CNG, Clavis CNG and Carnival Limousine Hybrid are now open through Kia India's authorized dealer network. Prices for all three models will be announced soon.

Modern Dairies Promoters Convert Rs. 43 Crore Fully Convertible Warrants into Equity Shares

Hyderabad, Modern Dairies Limited, Chandigarh, BSE: 519287 has successfully completed the conversion of 86,00,000 Warrants into equivalent number of Equity Shares which were allotted to

six allottees belonging to Promoters & Promoter's Group. The warrant conversion follows the preferential allotment of 86,00,000 warrants issued on March 13, 2025. Each warrant was convertible into

one equity share of Rs. 10 each at a premium of Rs. 40 each. The price comprised a warrant subscription price of Rs.12.50 (25%) paid upfront and a warrant conversion exercise price of Rs.37.50 (75%) pay-

able at the time of conversion. All warrant holders have exercised their right in full. The Final

Tranche of allotment approved by the Allotment Committee of Directors on September 10, 2026. The newly issued shares are set to rank paripassu with existing equity, ensuring equal treatment for all the shareholders.

The conversion has significantly expanded the Paid-up Equity Share Capital from Rs.23,31,98,610 to Rs.31,91,98,610, further strengthening the company's financial position and capital base. This has resulted into better op-

erational performance and it is expected to improve in future as well. Further, premium of Rs. 40 per share amounting to Rs. 34,40,00,000 will be transferred to the Reserve & Surplus ac-

count of the Company. Following the warrants conversion, the Promoters and Promoter Group now holds 1,92,59,879 shares, representing 60.34% of the enhanced Paid-up Equity Capital.



KV Students Explore Art, Water and Agriculture :



Nizamabad September 2026 : Around 400 students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Nizamabad, participated in an educational tour aimed at providing them with practical knowledge and first-hand exposure beyond the classroom.

As part of the educational programme, the students visited Nirmal to learn about the traditional art of wooden toys, Pochampad Project (Sri Ram Sagar Project) and Ankapur village. The tour was organised to help students connect their classroom learning with real-life experiences and gain a better understanding of the region's art, water resources, agriculture and rural life.

During their visit to Nirmal, the students learned about the traditional process of making Nirmal wooden toys, their unique artistic features and the skills of local artisans. The interaction helped the students understand the cultural and artistic heritage associated with the craft.

The students later visited the Pochampad Project, popularly known as the Sri Ram Sagar Project, where they were briefed about the construction and functioning of the project, the importance of irrigation and the effective utilisation of water resources. The visit enabled them to understand the vital role

played by major irrigation projects in supporting agriculture and regional development.

At Ankapur, the students observed agricultural practices and the rural way of life. They gained first-hand knowledge of modern farming methods and witnessed how agricultural activities are integrated with the everyday life of the village community.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Principal Ramesh said educational tours of this nature provide students with an opportunity to relate academic lessons to practical experiences. Such programmes, he said, help develop students' observation skills, inquisitiveness and social awareness while creating greater interest in traditional arts, agriculture, nature and water resources.

Parents appreciated the efforts of Principal Ramesh and the teaching staff in organising programmes focused on the overall development of students. They said such field visits provide children with valuable exposure and learning experiences that cannot be gained through classroom education alone.

Teachers Abhilash, Ravichandra, Mamatha Gupta, Jyothi Rani, Kavitha, Padma and others accompanied the students throughout the educational tour.

CM Praja Vani Pending Applications Should Be Resolved Immediately: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Nirmal District Correspondent: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed the officials to immediately resolve the pending CM Praja Vani applications in the district.

On Friday, the Collector conducted a review meeting with the officials of the concerned departments at the Collectorate conference hall on the disposal of CM Praja Vani applications. During the meeting, he enquired about the details of pending applications at the mandal level.

He instructed the officials to examine every application thoroughly and resolve them at the earliest in accordance with the prescribed rules. He made it clear that there should be no delay in resolving the applications. He also directed the officials to immediately forward applications that cannot be resolved at the district level and require action at a higher level to the concerned higher authorities.

Wall Posters Unveiled for Rashtriya Poshan Maah

The Collector unveiled wall posters related to the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah programmes being conducted under the Women and Child Welfare Department. Along with DW&CDO Vinutha, he unveiled the posters and directed the officials to conduct the Poshan Maah programmes effectively until October 8.

He suggested that extensive awareness programmes should be conducted on nutritious food, health, and nutrition among women and children.



DRO Rathod Ramesh, RDO Devi Das, Tahsildars, officials from various departments, staff and others participated in the meeting.

Collector Urges Use of Eco-Friendly Clay Ganesha Idols:

Kamareddy September 2026 : District Collector Ashish Sangwan has urged people to opt for eco-friendly clay Ganesha idols during Ganesh Chaturthi as part of efforts to protect the environment and prevent water pollution.

The Collector participated in a clay Ganesha idol distribution programme organised by the Janahita Ganesh Mandal in Kamareddy and distributed clay idols to devotees.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Ashish Sangwan said environmental protection was a collective responsibility and called upon people to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi in an environment-friendly manner. He appealed to devotees to prefer traditional clay idols instead of idols made



with harmful chemical colours and materials that can adversely affect water bodies after immersion.

He said the use of clay idols would help reduce water pollution and enable citizens to make a meaningful contribution towards environmental conservation. He also stressed the need to encourage eco-friendly practices while maintaining the spiritual and cultural signifi-

cance of the festival.

The Collector called upon government officials, voluntary organisations and public associations to work together and conduct awareness programmes to promote the use of environmentally friendly Ganesha idols among the public.

Additional Collector Victor, Additional Collector (Local Bodies) N.Y. Giri, Training Collector Raviteja, TNGOs District President Narala Venkat Reddy, TGO President Dr. R. Devender, Mulk Nagaraju, Baddam Sai Reddy, Mamilla Chakradhar, along with Collectorate employees and district officials, participated in the programme.

Piyush Goyal Urges BRICS Nations To Link Payment Systems, Make Digital Trade More Accessible



New Delhi: Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Friday pitched for India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and urged BRICS member countries to link their payment systems, encourage trade in local currencies, and make digital trade more accessible globally. As India has recently taken significant steps, not only domestically but also internationally, for a digital public infrastructure ecosystem, India called for making market access easier and smoother for businesses across the world.

"India's UPI has crossed over 250 billion transactions a year, representing more than half of the transactions by volume across the world. It requires all of us to work together to translate our work into jobs for our people, wealth and prosperity for BRICS member states, which represent half of mankind and 40 percent of the global GDP," he said while addressing the Opening Session of BRICS Business Forum 2026 here.

The business forum was held on the sidelines of the two-day BRICS summit starting September 12-13, being hosted by India. The summit is taking place against growing global economic uncertainties triggered by the Russia-Ukraine war, US-Iran conflict leading to the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, and the ongoing Donald Trump administration's tariff policies.

"Today, the UPI is also accepted in 11 countries and I would urge the BRICS member countries and partner countries to link our payment systems, trade in each other's local currencies, make digital trade global and build together for the future emerging technologies. The trade amongst partners should be deep, and resilient with diversified supply chains, ensuring that at no point of time trade becomes an impediment to growth and the well-being of the people of each member state," he said.

The minister also highlighted that India brings strong capabilities across many sectors, including agriculture, pharmaceuticals, services, start-ups and digital pub-

lic infrastructure, and that these offer significant scope for joint innovation, technology partnerships and resilient markets. "The BRICS today represents almost one-fourth of global trade. India is an important pillar of the intra-brics trade," he said.

"Engineering goods and electronics account for the largest segment of India's manufactured exports. India is also known as the pharmacy of the world. We see BRICS as an important market for these and other products that India seeks to take to the world as a trusted partner. I urge BRICS member states and partner countries to open their markets while working together to simplify regulatory procedures and facilitate faster clearance of consignments," the minister added.

Meanwhile, commerce secretary Rajesh Agarwal also called for taking steps to bridge trade finance gaps. "With the global trade finance gap estimated at USD 2.5 trillion, we should enable exporters to access affordable working capital based on confirmed orders and reliable payment records," the secretary said, adding that the Jaipur consensus provides an important foundation for exploring a common BRICS mechanism in this regard.

Exports From BRICS

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said exports from BRICS countries have risen from about \$900 billion in 2003 to \$6 trillion in 2024, reflecting the scale of its market and potential. "The share of BRICS nations in global exports has nearly doubled to about 24 per cent," Goyal also said while speaking at the BRICS Business Forum here.

The forum is held on the sidelines of the two-day BRICS Summit, beginning Saturday. "This is the largest BRICS business forum ever held. The forum has taken up issues such as non-tariff barriers impacting global value chains, agriculture and agri-technologies, services trade, women-led enterprises and digital economy," he said.

List Of World Leaders Attending The 18th BRICS Summit In New Delhi



India will host the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12-13, bringing together leaders and senior representatives from the grouping's member and partner countries.

Among the prominent leaders scheduled to attend are Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto are also expected to participate.

Here is a look at the prominent leaders attending the summit:

Xi Jinping — China

Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend the summit and hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Xi has served as China's president since 2013. His most recent visit to India was in 2019, when he met Modi for an informal summit in Mamallapuram near Chennai.

He had earlier visited Goa in 2016 to attend the BRICS Summit and made his first visit to India in September 2014, when he held extensive talks with Modi.

Vladimir Putin — Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin will attend the summit and hold bilateral discussions with Modi.

Putin has been president of Russia since 2012, while Russia is one of the founding members of BRICS. He visited India in December 2025 for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit.

Cyril Ramaphosa — South Africa

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa will participate in the summit and is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with Modi.

Ramaphosa was re-elected president in June 2024 following South Africa's national and provincial elections. He first visited India as president in January 2019 as the State Guest of Honour for the country's 70th Republic Day celebrations.

Masoud Pezeshkian — Iran

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian will attend the summit and hold bilateral talks with Modi. Pezeshkian has served as Iran's president since 2024. His participation comes against the backdrop of the ongoing situation in West Asia, making his visit closely watched in New Delhi and Washington.

Abdel Fattah El-Sisi — Egypt

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi will attend the summit and hold a bilateral meeting with Modi.

El-Sisi paid a State visit to India in January 2023 and was the Chief Guest at the 74th Republic Day celebrations. He had earlier visited India in October 2015 for the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit and again in September 2016 on a State visit.

Prabowo Subianto — Indonesia

Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto will attend the summit, highlighting the close bilateral partnership and centuries-old civilisational ties between India and Indonesia.

Prabowo visited India in 2025 as the Chief Guest at the Republic Day celebrations. Modi last visited Indonesia in July 2026.

Abiy Ahmed Ali — Ethiopia

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali will participate in the summit and is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with Modi.

Abiy became Ethiopia's prime minister in April 2018.

Anwar Ibrahim — Malaysia

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim will participate in the summit and is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with Modi.

Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud — Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud will represent the kingdom at the summit.

Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan — UAE

Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, will attend the summit and is scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting with Modi.

He visited India in February 2026 to participate in the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi and had ear-

lier visited the country in September 2024.

Mauro Vieira — Brazil

Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira will attend the summit. India and Brazil have maintained a strong partnership, including cooperation on issues concerning the Global South.

Other leaders

According to the list shared by the Ministry of External Affairs, other participants include Uganda's Vice President Jessica Alupo, Nigeria's Vice President Sen. Kashim Shettima, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, Belarusian Foreign Minister Maxim Ryshenkov, Vietnamese Prime Minister Le Minh Hung and Kazakhstan's President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

BRICS Expansion

BRICS originally comprised Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The grouping expanded in 2024 to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the UAE and Saudi Arabia, while Indonesia joined in 2025.

Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan and Vietnam became BRICS partner countries last year.

The grouping has emerged as an influential forum of major emerging economies. Its 11 members represent around 49.5 per cent of the world's population, around 40 per cent of global GDP and approximately 26 per cent of global trade.

India's BRICS Chairship

India assumed the BRICS chairship on January 1, 2026, marking its fourth time leading the grouping after previous chairships in 2012, 2016 and 2021.

The Ministry of External Affairs has said India's chairship is guided by the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability", reflecting Modi's vision of a people-centric approach rooted in the spirit of "Humanity First".

The year 2026 also marks 20 years since the establishment of BRICS.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Warns of AI Influencing Elections

Mumbai: The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday hit out at naysayers who continue to cast doubts about India's growth momentum.

Addressing the valedictory session of Global Fintech Fest 2026, Sitharaman used Prime Minister Narendra Modi's term 'Naraz Foofa Ji(s)' to describe such critics who have a persistent habit to view India's demographic expansion through a lens of "perpetual pessimism" and rely on "vibecasting" rather than actual numbers. "A familiar chorus that insists on measuring 21st century economic ambitions through a 20th century lens, constantly questioning whether our growth can keep pace with our movements," she said.

Such people, she said, continued to assess the country's ability to convert its young population into economic growth using outdated benchmarks.

They "are never short of reasons to doubt India's momentum and capabilities. Spending their time debating in television studios whether the demographic dividend has slipped away or turned into a burden." "But while they remain stuck waiting for yesterday's answers, the young minds of this country have simply bypassed their cynicism and gone ahead and built it," she said.

Sitharaman said the younger generation was not waiting for legacy yardsticks to validate its productivity and was already building enterprises, writing code and shaping India's future.

"This generation is not waiting for legacy yardsticks to validate their productivity. They are already writing tomorrow's code, building enduring enterprises, and proving that India's greatest demographic advantage is an active, unstoppable reality," she said.

Citing the example of the audience in the hall, Sitharaman said it represented the 'living reality' of India's demographic dividend.

"I would ask them only to look at this hall. What is here before me is the living reality of our demographic dividend," she



said.

Sitharaman also raised an alarm over the rapid development of artificial intelligence, particularly agentic AI systems and large language models (LLMs), warning that the technology could create new risks ranging from cyberattacks to manipulation of public opinion and election interference.

Sitharaman highlighted the potential of advanced AI systems to operate with increasing autonomy and said their capabilities could extend beyond conventional technology risks. She specifically pointed to the possibility of AI being used to influence people without their awareness.

"The model that I'm referring to is fully capable of influencing opinion on the ground without people even sensing that they are being influenced. Being a minister and being in politics, I'm clearly seeing it capable of influencing elections," she said.

Sitharaman also discussed the challenge of regulating emerging technologies without slowing innovation, particularly in India's rapidly expanding fintech sector.

She said she had raised the issue with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), asking whether a lighter regulatory approach could help address potential risks while allowing fintech companies to continue innovating. "I am therefore glad that just yesterday, September 10, the Reserve Bank of India recognised the Unified Fintech Forum as another self-regulatory organisation for the fintech sector under the SRO-FT framework," she said.

Trump vows Iran will never get nuclear weapons at 9/11 anniversary

Washington: US President Donald Trump pledged on Friday that Iran would never have a nuclear weapon as he marked 25 years since the September 11 attacks and promised that America would never forget the victims of the terror attack which happened 25 years ago.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will never ever have a nuclear weapon," Trump said.

He paid tribute to US troops serving abroad, first responders and the families whose loved ones were killed in the attacks.

"We have to be strong and we have to be smart," he said.

Pentagon Chief Pete Hegseth said the US was tightening economic pressure on Iran and would "finish this fight".

He also said American forces were working to ensure Iran never acquired a nuclear weapon.

The names of the 184 people killed at the Pentagon and aboard American Airlines Flight 77 were read aloud.

Solemn music, a moment of silence and a prayer followed, the pool report said.

"We were all New Yorkers that day," Trump said.

"No one can ever prepare for a day



like 9/11."

He honoured New York firefighter Timmy Stackpole, who returned to work after suffering severe burns, then died responding to the attacks.

Trump recognised his widow, Tara, and members of their family at the ceremony.

He said their children had carried forward their father's example through military service, firefighting and raising families of their own.

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice acknowledged that those in authority had not recognised the danger in time to prevent the attacks.

"We did what we knew to do but by definition, it was not enough," she said.

Rice added that she would always carry "deep personal remorse" for the pain of the victims' families and the trauma the country endured.

She recalled being hurried to a White House bunker and seeing television images of a smoking crater in the Pentagon.

She also described rescuers working for more

than 24 hours with virtually no rest.

Joint Chiefs Chairman General Dan Caine recalled service members and civilians entering smoke and fire to rescue colleagues.

He honoured the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93, who acted to save strangers they would never meet.

"We can't restore what was taken from us that day, but we can make and continue to hold a solemn promise, never to forget," Caine said.

The September 11, 2001, attacks killed 2,977 people.

Hijackers flew two passenger planes into New York's World Trade Centre and a third into the Pentagon. A fourth crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers and crew fought back.

The attacks prompted NATO to invoke Article 5, its collective defence provision, for the first time. The clause treats an armed attack on one member as an attack on all.

Dr. Cheekoti Santosh Kumar Unanimously Elected as President of Rajanna Sircilla IMA

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Rajanna Sircilla, September 13: The Indian Medical Association (IMA), Rajanna Sircilla District Branch, has unanimously elected its new executive committee for the year 2026-27. The election was held at the general body meeting conducted at the district headquarters on Saturday. Newly Elected Office Bearer President: Dr. Cheekoti Santosh Kumar, Eminent General Physician, Vemula wada General Secretary Dr. Thaduka Saikumar, Pediatrician, Sarayu Hospital, Sircilla Treasurer Dr. A. Jail Singh, Senior Consultant Physician & Diabetologist

Mahalakshmi Hospital Vice Presidents Dr. P. Yadagiri, Dr. G. Abhinay, Joint Secretaries: Dr. Venkat, Dr. Mohana Krishna, Dr. Chandana. The election process was conducted by Dr. Manohar from Vemula wada as the Election Officer in the presence of former IMA President Dr. Shobhani. Speaking on the occasion, newly elected President Dr. Cheekoti Santosh Kumar said, "Our main objective is to provide better and quality medical care to the common people across Rajanna Sircilla district. We will regularly organize free medical camps and special service programs to create health awareness



among people in rural areas. The IMA will always stand by the welfare of doctors in the district, protection of their rights and resolution of their professional issues. We will extend full cooperation to the government health sector and further strengthen the emergency medical service system in the district. Senior doctors from across the district conveyed their best wishes to the new committee.

Telangana Liberation Day Should Be Officially Celebrated Celebrations Should Be Held in Every Village: MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Nirmal September 13: MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel demanded that the Telangana Liberation Day be officially celebrated by the government. Speaking to the media at his residence in Bhainsa on Sunday, he said that Telangana attained freedom from the rule of the Nizam one year after India gained independence, and that it was inappropriate for the government not to officially conduct celebrations to commemorate the occasion. He demanded that celebrations be organised at all district

headquarters on September 17 and said there was a need to remember the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He also demanded that a statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel be installed in Hyderabad. He alleged that the Congress party lacked sincerity towards Telangana Liberation Day. He said that the BJP would hoist the national flag in every village on September 17 as part of the celebrations. He said that while the governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka officially observe Liberation Day, it was unfortunate that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was not officially organising



the celebrations, allegedly to appease a particular section. BJP District General Secretary Chinna Reddy, senior leader Samvli Ramesh, BJP District Vice-President Ramesh, and Bhainsa Mandal BJP President and Degam Sarpanch Siram Sushma Reddy, among others, were present at the meeting.

A New Direction For BRICS

Yamsani Srinivas Senior Journalist New Delhi September 13: "India has a future agenda in its hands! World peace.. Human welfare is the goal. Amidst the rapidly changing equations on the global economic and political scene, India is hosting another historic event. The 18th BRICS Summit being held in Delhi is becoming a platform to chart a new direction for world peace and global human welfare. At a time when various sectors around the world are facing severe pressure, the two-day summit is being held with the aim of addressing issues such as food, energy, health, disaster management, and protection of critical supply systems. India is moving forward to demonstrate its leadership as a strong negotiator in a challenging global situation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi described this year's BRICS Summit as historic. He said that the alliance is entering a new phase in the context of completing 20 years of BRICS formation. If the age of 20 in human life is a sign of maturity and increasing responsibilities, then BRICS has also now reached a stage of maturity. He said that BRICS has achieved special recognition on the world stage in the last two decades. Modi made it clear that BRICS is not an alliance that works against anyone, but its policy should be to move forward by including everyone. He said that the time has come to convert unity and consensus

among member countries into tangible results. He said that India's leadership is based on a people-centric, 'humanity first' policy. He revealed that convenience, innovation, fairness and stability are the main priorities. He proposed that BRICS should move forward with a new and ambitious agenda for the next 20 years. He said that reforms in global governance, appropriate representation of the Global South, and changes in international financial institutions should be key in this journey. Modi suggested that a comprehensive roadmap be prepared for reforms in the global governance system. He said that three aspects - representation, responsiveness-accountability, and rule-making - should be the basis for this. He believed that all countries should get appropriate representation in the global system and the decision-making process should be more comprehensive. He said that despite changing global conditions, the system of representation in international institutions has not changed accordingly. He made it clear that the time has come to reform international institutions in line with current global realities. Modi called for the UN Security Council reforms not to be postponed any longer. He suggested that discussions on this issue should not be limited to mere statements but should move forward with a specific time frame and clear results. He said that

countries that are driving the global economy forward should be given a proper role in international economic governance. He said that voting rights, leadership positions, and policy priorities in international economic institutions need to change in line with today's economic realities. He made it clear that countries that are key to global economic growth should also have a proper place in the design of the global economic governance system. Modi said that even though the BRICS presidency changes every year, the pace of institutional activities should not slow down. He said that India is proposing to set up a 'continuity implementation mechanism' for this. He suggested that BRICS programs, decisions, and their results can be continuously monitored through the Troika. He believed that even if the responsibilities change from one presidency country to another, there will be continuity in the implementation of past decisions. The Prime Minister expressed his concern that although the countries of the Global South are facing the impact of global crises at the forefront, they are lagging behind in the international decision-making process. Making it clear that this situation needs to change, he called for 'transforming the pyramid of special powers into a platform for participation'. He said that the global system should change so that every country can

have a voice and every member can participate. He made it clear that human development should be kept at the center of international decision-making. Describing the two-decade journey of BRICS as a new phase, Modi put forward key proposals on behalf of India to make the alliance a more effective, comprehensive and results-oriented platform in the next 20 years. In particular, issues such as reforms in international organizations including the UN, changes in the global economic system, appropriate representation of the Global South, and a special mechanism for the continuous implementation of decisions taken were prominent in his speech. There is international interest in this conference, which is going on with a wide-ranging agenda, from food to energy, from health to disaster management, from the protection of supply systems to global governance reforms. The decisions taken and the actions taken by BRICS on the second day will have a significant impact on the global political and economic equations. What is now interesting is what new direction they will show.



Kusam Raju, Bureau Chief Vemulawada September 13. Thota Lahari, upon her appointment as a member of the Rajanna Sircilla District SC/ST Vigilance & Monitoring Committee, expressed her heartfelt thanks to Vemulawada MLA and Government Whip Adi Srinivas for placing his trust in her and entrusting her with this responsibility. She extended special gratitude for this opportunity, which recognizes the social service activities she conducts through the Annapurna Voluntary Service Organization. She also thanked State Chief Minister and



State Chairman of the SC/ST Vigilance & Monitoring Committee, Enumula Revanth Reddy; District Minister Ponnambhakur; Minister for Social Welfare Atluri Lakshman Kumar; committee members; and Congress party leaders and officials who supported her appointment. Thota Lahari stated, "I will live up to the trust placed in me and work with dedication for the rights, welfare, and social justice of SC and ST communities. I will coordinate with the concerned officials to ensure justice for every eligible person and do my utmost to help resolve issues."

A 10-year ban should be imposed if one changes party Strict measures are needed to curb defection

Yamsani Srinivas Senior Journalist "The Anti-Defection Act, which has not worked as expected, should be completely repealed from the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution. Sensational remarks by senior lawyer Kapil Sibal Rajya Sabha member and senior lawyer Kapil Sibal said that strict measures are needed to curb political defection. He suggested that people's representatives who change parties should be barred from holding gov-

ernment office, public office or constitutional post for ten years. He opined that the current anti-defection law is not working as expected and the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution should be completely repealed and new provisions should be brought. He was speaking at the 'Horse-Trade and Democracy' programme organised by the All India Lawyers Union in Kochi. Sibal said that a ten-year ban should be

imposed on public representatives who not only change parties but also resign and contest by-elections again. Referring to the way the 'spirit' clause was misused in the past in the case of BSP, he alleged that the 'merger' clause is also being misused in the same way. In 2003, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government reminded the people of the removal of the 'spirit' clause in the schedule. Referring to the recent

developments related to AAP, Shiv Sena (UBT) and Trinamool Congress, Sibal said that the merger of public representatives who were elected by the people with the support of one party with another party is affecting the public's judgment. He said that a writ petition has been filed in the Supreme Court demanding that the merger should not only concern the legislative party but also the entire political party.

Yashoda Doctors Successfully Treat Complex Pacemaker Infection

Nathari Venkatesh State Bureau Chief Hyderabad September 13: Doctors at Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda, successfully treated a patient suffering from a persistent pacemaker infection that had not subsided despite undergoing four surgeries within six months. The patient's family approached Yashoda Hospitals after repeated infections caused severe difficulties. After thoroughly reviewing the patient's previous medical history and treatments, senior cardiologist Dr Jagadish Madirreddy identified the underlying cause of the infection



and developed a specialised treatment plan. Following the treatment, the patient has remained free of pacemaker infection for the past two years and has recovered completely, doctors said. Dr Jagadish said pacemaker infections

could become complicated if not treated properly. Controlling the infection and following an appropriate treatment plan are crucial, he said. He stressed that even seemingly minor medical procedures require the right de-

cision from the outset and precise execution. Pullareddy Hospital Managing Director Akuthota Saibabu and Yashoda Hospitals Manager Umesh attended the media conference.

Extends Vinayaka Chavithi Wishes to the People Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai

Dayyala Meena Bureau Chief Warangal September 13: Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai expressed her hope that, with the blessings of Lord Vigneshwar, the remover of obstacles and bestower

of all auspiciousness, peace, and prosperity would abound in the lives of all the district's residents. On the occasion of Vinayaka Chavithi, she urged people to perform prayers with devotion and reverence, and to prioritize

environmental protection by installing and worshipping clay idols of Lord Vinayaka. The District Collector conveyed her greetings to the people of the district ahead of the festival on Monday.





Sumanth's latest outing Mahen dragiri Varahi hit theatres yesterday. While the film opened on a decent note, the response reportedly improved considerably with the evening shows, resulting in a steady rise in collections. Producer Madhu revealed that the film collected Rs 1.20 crore gross on its first day. He said the screen count has been increased by more than 70 from Saturday, with the film also witnessing a rise in the number of screens in Odisha. The producer expressed confidence that the second-day collections could be nearly three times higher than the first-day figure. Director Santossh Jagarlapudi admitted that he had some doubts about how audiences would react to the twists and shocking turns in the narrative, but said the response had exceeded his expectations. "The film draws certain elements from the Mysore Maharaja dynasty, particularly the belief surrounding a royal family affected by a divine curse and struggling to have an heir. The confrontation between Sumanth and Siddhu has emerged as one of the major talking points," he said. Sumanth expressed happiness over the appreciation coming from audiences, friends and well-wishers. He said the film took some time to pick up but has now gained momentum on the strength of positive word of mouth. He further revealed that the film is trending on BookMyShow.



Shriya Saran commands attention in a striking white dress, where bold design meets effortless sophistication. The crisp silhouette beautifully frames her poised presence, creating a fashion-forward look that feels both dramatic and refined. Her brightest smile becomes the centerpiece of the photograph, radiating warmth and confidence. Large pearl earrings cascade beside her face, adding a classic touch to the contemporary ensemble. Every detail; from the sculpted neckline to the luminous styling; works in harmony. There is an undeniably sensuous quality to the portrait, expressed through her confident gaze, graceful posture, and relaxed allure. Shriya turns a statement outfit into a celebration of femininity, elegance, and unmistakable star power, making the frame feel vibrant, polished, and effortlessly captivating.



The teaser of the much-awaited family action entertainer Aadarsha Kutumbam – AK47 has arrived, bringing back the popular combination of Venkatesh and Trivikram Srinivas in a film that promises plenty of entertainment. Featuring an impressive cast that includes Nara Rohith, Nivetha Pethuraj, Satya, Rao Ramesh, Brahmaji, Vennela Kishore, Raghu Babu, Udaybir Sandhu, Yuvina Parthavi, Raj Prajwal and others, Aadarsha Kutumbam – AK47 promises a mix of laughter, action and heartfelt family emotions. The film is scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on October 2, 2026. Packed with action, comedy and family drama, the teaser offers an entertaining glimpse of what appears to be one of the major family entertainers of the year. Venkatesh shines effortlessly as Chittibabu with his trademark comic timing and energetic screen presence, while Srinidhi Shetty impresses as Swarna, a cheerful homemaker who adds warmth and fun to the household. Their chemistry emerges as one of the teaser's biggest highlights. The teaser carries Trivikram's signature style, with witty humour, entertaining character interactions and stylish action moments seamlessly woven into a middle-class family backdrop. Thaman S provides a high-energy background score that adds excitement to the visuals, while Ravi K. Chandran's colourful cinematography makes the teaser even more engaging.

The makers of Thella Kaagitham have unveiled their latest melody, "Telusa Telusa," with sensational hero Vijay Deverakonda launching the song. Presented by Mrs. K. Sridev under the Arunachala Creations banner, the film stars Harsh Roshan and Nakshatra in the lead roles and is slated for a grand theatrical release on October 2. "Telusa Telusa" is a soothing romantic melody that connects through its emotional depth and pleasant composition. Vijay Bulganin's music creates a warm atmosphere, while the heartfelt lyrics penned by Suresh Baniseti capture the emotions of love and longing beautifully. The song is further elevated by the soulful vocals of Anudeep Dev and Lipsika, whose performances bring warmth and tenderness to the track. The lyrical video is visually appealing and shows Nakshatra, adding to the song's overall impact. Thella Kaagitham and dialogues by Nandu Savirigana. Produced by Krishna Komm editing by Karthika Srinivas R. choreography by Eswar Penti, and

