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Speed Up Construction Work On Hospitals CM Revanth Reddy

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad October 4 : Speed Up Construction Work On Hospitals CM Revanth Reddy has instructed the officials to speed up the construction work of Osmania Hospital, Warangal Super Specialty LB Nagar and Alwal TMS Hospitals. He said that the requirement of doctors and other staff for these hospitals should be identified and the recruitment process should also be started. In a meeting held with the CMO officials at the Chief Minister's Jubilee Hills residence on the field conditions related to education and medicine in the state, he made several key suggestions. He asked the officials about the construction of major

hospitals under construction in the state and their progress. He instructed the Chief Secretary to take necessary steps to ensure that there is no shortage of staff by the time the construction of the hospitals is completed. By the time the construction is completed, the necessary state-of-the-art equipment should be purchased in the hospitals and all types of medical services should be made available said. On this occasion, the Chief Minister ordered that the district collectors should ensure that they visit the field level. He clarified that the district collectors and officials should visit government schools, social welfare hostels and hospitals at the field level as a matter of course. He said that a review should be conducted on these ev-



ery week at the district level. He advised to be vigilant against seasonal diseases. He said that repair work should be undertaken wherever necessary in schools. The meeting also discussed the arrangements for the Invest Telangana Global Summit to be held in Bharat Future City in December. He advised to prepare detailed plans re-

garding the summit arrangements, guests and investments. He clarified that he would review the arrangements soon. MP Vem Narendar Reddy, Government Advisor Rama Krishna Rao, Government Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, State DGP CV Anand and senior CMO officials participated in this meeting.

The profit-linked bonus for Singareni contract workers needs to be increased by 10%. The IFTU submitted a representation to Minister Ponguleti requesting that the bonus also be extended to coal transport workers N. Sanjeev, Region Secretary Kothagudem

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Bhadrachalam October 4 : A representation was submitted to Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy requesting the announcement of Singareni's annual profits for 2025-2026 and the extension of the profit-linked bonus to contract workers. Struggles have been ongoing for the past year under the IFTU banner, demanding a 40% profit-linked bonus (with a specific call for a 10% share for contract workers). As part of the call given by the Singareni Collieries Contract Workers Union (IFTU) State Committee to resolve these issues, the union submitted the representation to Minister Ponguleti today during his visit to Lakshmidivipalli Mandal. The Minister responded positively, assuring them that he would speak with the Singareni management regarding the matter. State Assistant Secretary Gouni Nageswara Rao, Kothagudem District Region Union Secretary N. Sanjeev, Motor Workers representative L. Maruti Rao, and others were present.



The welfare of Every Poor Person is the Goal of the People's Government - We will implement Every Promise Made from Farmer Welfare to 'Indiramma' houses

Direct Voice Bureau Chief Bhadrachalam October 4: Good news regarding the 'Podu' land issue is coming soon; we will resolve land-related issues in Lakshmidivipalli... "Graduates must register to vote in the MLC elections: Minister Ponguleti Kothagudem: State Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stated that despite financial pressures on the state exchequer, welfare schemes for the poor are being carried forward without interruption. He affirmed that the people's government, led by Revanth Reddy, stands as a pillar of support for every poor family. He noted that since the Congress government assumed power, numerous initiatives have been undertaken for the welfare of farmers, women, and the poor. He assured that land issues in Lakshmidivipalli Mandal would be resolved and land titles (pattas) issued to eligible beneficiaries, adding that positive news regarding the 'Podu' land issue would be announced by the government soon. A Congress party mandal general body meeting was held on Sunday at Regalla Gram Panchayat in Lakshmidivipalli Mandal, Bhadrachalam Kothagudem district. Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy attended the meeting presided over



by Mandal President Deva ragatla Durgaprasad and addressed the party cadre. He criticized the "feudal rule" that prevailed for ten years following the formation of Telangana state, alleging that farmers faced severe hardships and were even afraid to cultivate paddy during that period. He stated that farmers, fed up with such governance, elected a people's government. He highlighted that since the Congress government took office, it has been providing a bonus of ₹500 per quintal for fine-grade rice in addition to the Minimum Support Price (MSP). He noted that the government is implementing the 'Rythu Bharosa' scheme, providing ₹12,000 per acre, and has also executed a farm loan waiver, emphasizing that the government accords top priority to farmers' welfare. Regarding the welfare of the poor, the Minister stated that the

Congress government is providing up to 200 units of free electricity to every poor family a scheme unique to the Congress administration in the country. He mentioned the provision of free RTC bus travel for women and noted that interest-free loans amounting to ₹72 crore have been extended to DWCRA women. He criticized previous governments for neglecting the construction of double-bedroom houses during their ten-year tenure. He stated that under the Congress government's 'Indira Ma Rajyam' (Indira Ma's rule), 4.5 lakh double-bedroom houses were allocated in the first phase, with 2.5 lakh houses already completed. Assurances were given that eligible beneficiaries would be provided with houses in the second, third, and fourth phases. "It was stated that the government is working on a project to construct apartments

named 'Indiramma Towers' in Hyderabad, with the aim of providing flats worth one crore rupees to the very poor." The Minister clarified that every promise made to the public during the elections would be strictly implemented. He assured that measures would be taken to resolve land-related issues in Lakshmidivipalli Mandal and that land titles (pattas) would be issued to eligible beneficiaries. He also promised that good news regarding the issue of 'Podu' lands would be announced by the government soon. "With MLC elections approaching, the Minister advised DCC President Devi Prasanna to take steps to ensure that all graduates in the Mandal register as voters. He directed party cadres to work at the grassroots level to ensure the voter registration of every eligible graduate.

Ramappa's Sculpture Is Amazing. "Appreciation Of Foreign Delegates Yamsani Srinivas Senior Journalist

Foreign delegates showered praise on the architectural splendor of the Ramappa Temple, which is recognized as a world heritage site. They praised the architectural knowledge of the Kakatiyas and the artistic skills of the sculptors as amazing. As part of an international training program, a group of 28 foreign officials and journalists from 18 countries visited the Ramappa Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Mulugu district on Saturday. Under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Program under the auspices of the Union Ministry of External Affairs, a two-week capacity building program was organized by Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy Hu-

man Resource Development Institute, Hyderabad. Ramappa's sculpture is amazing Foreign delegates showered praise on the architectural splendor of Ramappa Temple, which is recognized as a world heritage site. They praised the architectural knowledge of the Kakatiyas and the artistry of the sculptors as wonderful. As part of an international training program, a group of 28 foreign officials and journalists from 18 countries visited the Ramappa Temple, which is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in Mulugu district on Saturday. Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resource Development Institute, Hyderabad, is organizing a two-week ca-

capacity development training under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Program under the auspices of the Union Ministry of External Affairs. The group of delegates undertook a study tour as part of this special training, which is being held from September 28 to October 10. The delegation includes officials and journalists from Algeria, Bhutan, Cambodia, Ecuador, Fiji, Ghana, Liberia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Togo, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe. During the visit to Ramappa Temple, the temple was distinguished. Tourism guide Gorantala Vijay Kumar explained the world's



construction methods to the foreign delegates. The use of sand foundation technology to withstand earthquakes. The construction knowledge of the Kakatiyas, such as the use of light bricks that float on water to reduce the weight in the construction of the temple's dome, surprised the group members. They looked at the vertical sculptures carved with delicate carvings on black stone and the sculptures with dancing figures. Heritage recognition is important. The skill of sculptors They admired the sculpture with holes as thin as a needle's bore. They praised the astronomical and architectural skills of the Kakatiyas, who ensured that the Shivalinga in the

sanctum sanctorum shone evenly even when the light changed from sunrise to sunset. Each sculpture is designed to showcase the talent of the sculptors of that time and the glory of Indian culture to future generations. He praised the technological knowledge, architectural style, and artistic skills of the Kakatiyas as wonderful. The program was attended by the Tourism Coordination Officer, District Public Relations Officer Rafiq, Tourism Coordination Officer Dharmalakshmi Nayak, Assistant Tourism Officer Dr. Kusuma Surya Kiran, relevant officials, tourist police and others.



Rulers Should Be Careful

The High Court has quashed two GOs issued by the Andhra Pradesh government providing 34 percent reservation for BCs in local bodies. This is not just a legal setback. It is a testament to the political culture that has been treating BCs as a vote bank for decades. The orders issued providing 34 percent (August 20) reservation in Panchayat Raj institutions and 33.33 percent (August 19) reservation in urban local bodies did not stand the test of law. Doubts that this decision would not stand up in the courts have come true. The bench held that these GOs are against the Supreme Court's verdict that SC, NT and BC reservations together should not exceed 50 percent. The Supreme Court has already made it clear in the cases of K Krishnamurthy and Vikas Kishanrao Gawali that there is a difference between reservations in education and jobs and political reservations in local bodies. It said that in order to exceed the limit, a scientific and up-to-date statistical study should be conducted by a special commission and reservations should be decided on a local body-wise basis based on the recommendations of the commission. The court found that although the commission report was received on August 14 this year, the government issued GOs the following week without making it public or taking a decision on it. In other words, the coalition government built the building without laying the foundation. In this context, the opposition's criticism that the coalition government cheated the BCs is justified. The real question here is, is the government not aware of these things? Why is the TDP, a key member of the coalition, not putting pressure on the Center? Why are the BJP leaders not responding to this verdict? Why are the saffron leaders, who should have amended the law in Parliament and paved the way for BC reservations, silent? This is the question of Andhra Pradesh. Also, the people know the intricacies of bringing 34 percent reservations to the fore before the local body elections, two and a half years after coming to power. However, the Supreme Court's rulings are not new. The commission was set up in February itself, and it took six months to prepare the report. They brought forward 34 percent reservation for BC votes before the elections. It cannot be assumed that the rulers are so naive as not to know that announcing reservations without taking a decision on the report will not stand up to judicial scrutiny. They made such a decision and made a campaign slogan saying, "We are on the side of the BCs." The BCs are the losers in this political drama. It is the constitutional responsibility of holding elections on time and ordered the government and the State Election Commission to start the process within six weeks. Also, the bench made a key suggestion. The 50 percent limit is not unchangeable in all cases, but strong statistical evidence is needed to cross it. This means that the doors are not closed. If the necessary efforts are made, there is a way to increase the BC quota. Therefore, what the government needs to do is clear. The report of the independent commission should be made public. The backwardness should be calculated scientifically by local bodies. If necessary, pressure should be brought to bear on the Center to increase the limit. Apart from that, it is not right to knock on the Supreme Court's doors again. Also, all the key partner parties in the coalition and the opposition parties should prioritize the rights of the BCs over political gains. This is not a problem limited to one party or one government. In the past, there have been experiences where promises of increased reservations have fallen into legal entanglements and finally the quota has been reduced. Promises before every election, mutual accusations after every verdict. This is being repeated. If the ruling party makes promises, it is always looking for ways to postpone the elections. Also, it is noteworthy that no party has given priority to issues like caste census, scientific data, and the report of the Transparency Commission, which will be of real benefit to the BCs. These developments do not stop here. Even after the five-year term of the Sarpanchs has ended, the villages have been without elected representatives for months. Local bodies are the first step towards political representation for the BCs. If that opportunity is being delayed due to the confusion over reservations, then the rulers should realize that the loss is not to the vote count, but to the voice of the lower classes and the representation of the lower classes in democracy.

Yogendra Yadav, Neha Bora Detained Amid Chants of 'Gyanesh Kumar Murdabad'

New Delhi: All India Students' Association president Neha Bora, psephologist-activist Yogendra Yadav, transparency activist Anjali Bhardwaj and senior advocate Prashant Bhushan were among the dozens of protesters detained on Day 2 of 'Jantar Mantar 2.0'. The protest had barely kicked off when it mutated into a show of force and brute violence by the Delhi police, going by accounts of the day. Even before the majority of protesters had arrived, when only the media and curious bystanders were present on the roads leading to Jantar Mantar, the deployment of security forces was heavy. Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel stood holding tear gas launchers with shell containers slung over their shoulders. The protest - organised to demand chief election commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar's resignation - was due to start at 1 pm, and within half an hour the police had put up a banner on the barricades outside one entry point to Jantar Mantar, announcing that section 163 of the BNSS had been put into force. Typically at protests, as was seen during the last round of protests led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), there is a sea of protesters. There is sloganeering, the holding up of placards and the possibility of camaraderie in the air. But this time, behind the barricades, was a sea of Delhi police, RAF and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel. An RAF officer was also recording protesters and media persons with what appeared to be a GoPro camera. Upon being asked what it was, he did not respond and put it back in his pocket. Other than for a brief few minutes, the afternoon's soundtrack was large-



ly the Delhi police's monotone, mechanical announcements. "Please cooperate with the police and maintain law and order. Police sarkari ko nuksaan alag se kanuni karvayi hogi. Yahan se hat jayein [Obstructing police and officials will invite separate proceedings. Move away from here]." The protesters, largely groups of students from universities in Delhi, were choked, pushed and shoved. After the detentions had taken place, there were only a handful of students who remained. Later, on Saturday evening, journalists held a demonstration outside the Parliament Street police station demanding an FIR against a police officer who is accused of sexually assaulting a woman reporter when she was filming Bora's detention in the afternoon. Unlike on Friday, when thousands of people turned up at Jantar Mantar to demand that CEC Kumar resign, around 150 people turned up at the site on the

afternoon of Day 2. Even as the government deployed a large number of security personnel, it did not shut down metro stations or impose a clampdown on internet access on Saturday. Sarthak, a student from JNU, had his shirt ripped by the police. Mohammad Kaif's phone was snatched from him as he tried to record the violence, and his arm twisted. Kaif is a journalist and works as a cameraperson. It's a very small matter. In a democracy, we are allowed to register our dissent through various means. One of them is peaceful protesting. But the police are robbing us of our mediums. On social media, we are made to feel like criminals for posting. Those expressing solidarity with the workers in Noida have been arrested under the NSA [National Security Act]," said Sarthak. "We are only a democracy in name. Why is the ITBP here? Who is looking after our borders?" Unfazed by the violence, Sarthak said they

would return to Jantar Mantar tomorrow. "Government cannot choose its voters' The protesters marched from Patel Chowk to Jantar Mantar, which was barricaded from all sides. They managed to breach the first layer. The slogans that broke through the thrum of the Delhi police's announcements were "Dilli police vardi utaro, RSS ki chadi dalo" ["Take off your uniform, Delhi police, and wield the RSS's baton instead"], "jab jab Modi darta hai police ko aage karta hai" [Whenever Modi is scared he deploys the police], "Gyanesh Kumar murdabad" [Down with Gyanesh Kumar] and "Gyanesh Kumar istifa do" (Gyanesh Kumar, hand in your resignation), with the latter two referring to chief election commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar. There were sporadic chants of 'Inquilab Zindabad' as well, a reminder that this protest was not by the CJP, who

have prevented protesters from using the term. But just as the protest picked up momentum, as the procession was marching into the Jantar Mantar roundabout, the police began cracking down on the peaceful protesters. At no point in the day did the protesters outnumber the security forces. Initially, prior to the arrival of Bora and other activists, buses were leaving with just three or four people. One group of protesters of about five or six people arrived chained together, their hands connected through a string of steel chains. The idea was to evoke a sense of the collective - they were literally bound together. Two of these protesters then lay down on the ground, which is when the police dragged them by their feet, pulling them towards a bus. The four women behind them were also dragged, and similarly roughhoused. Another protester, who was also part of a chain, stood outside the bus.

The police wrenched him from the ground into the bus through the window, forcing him to clamber in through the gaps between the bars. Many of these detained, including Yadav, Bhushan and Bhardwaj, were taken to Badarpur in southeast Delhi. A couple of protesters at Jantar Mantar noted the lack of organisation. According to them, Bora had sent the call to arrive at the site too late, as a result of which people were unaware of the protest. However, nearly all protesters The Wire spoke to were remarkably well-informed about why they had gathered there. "The election commissioners have opposed the SIR [special intensive revision]. [Former chief election commissioner] S.Y. Quraishi has given plenty of interviews. They have chosen a nuclear option for a small exercise. We have never seen this in the history of India. The EC is supposed to register and facilitate voters," said 25-year-old Deva, a lawyer. Their friend, who did not want to be identified, votes in Asansol. "My name was cut, and I checked the list. Most of the names in my constituency who had been cut were Muslims. So, I came to protest," she claimed. "The SIR needs to be scrapped. The government cannot choose its voters." Anger against the Election Commission and CEC Kumar over the SIR of voter rolls has flared up in the wake of the Indian Express's landmark investigation exposing a measure of dysfunction at the very top of the poll body over the revision exercise. Opposition parties apart from the CJP have also called for CEC Kumar to step down over the newspaper's revelation that commissioners Vivek Joshi and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu objected to or complained about being in the dark over various aspects of the contentious SIR.

LAMBCON 2026 Concludes Successfully in Hyderabad; "Yashodamma Mother's Milk Bank" Launched at Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City

Hyderabad: The 6th UNICEF South Asia Chapter LAMBCON 2026 - a three-day comprehensive Lactation Management, Milk Banking and Breastfeeding International Conference - concluded successfully at Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City, with the participation of over 1,000 national and international healthcare professionals and delegates.

The conference, organised by Sushena Health Foundation (SHF) and Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank with national and international partners including UNICEF India, was held in Hyderabad from October 2 to 4, 2026. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, along with former Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Yashoda Hospitals Group Chairman Sri Gorukanti Ravinder Rao.

"Yashodamma Mother's Milk Bank" Launched

On the occasion, the "Yashodamma Mother's Milk Bank" was launched at Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City, by Hon'ble Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla. The milk bank's nurses have received specialised training in collaboration with the Sushena Foundation and Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank, with guidelines and standard operating procedures adapted from established best practices.



es. By providing safe donor human milk to babies who need it, the milk bank will strengthen the quality of care and support the health and wellbeing of the mother-infant dyad. This marks the 11th human milk bank established by the organisation in Hyderabad.

Theme and Programme

This year's theme was "From Evidence to Impact: Transforming Newborn Care Through Breastfeeding and Human Milk Banking." The programme included basic and advanced lactation and milk banking workshops, followed by two days of scientific sessions. Over 13 workshops were conducted across Hyderabad, including one at Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City, titled "Special Situations

in Breastfeeding," which saw more than 650 delegates registered. Nearly 400 people registered for the conference. The faculty included medical experts from AIIMS New Delhi and PGIMER Chandigarh, along with public health experts from UNICEF and Union and state governments.

Deccan Declaration and Four-Pillar Action Plan

LAMBCON 2026 unveiled India's first breastfeeding revolution with the historic Deccan Declaration, establishing Hyderabad as a Formula-Free City. Hon'ble Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla hailed it as "a beacon of hope," while former Union Health Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey called it "a revolution protect-

ing our youngest citizens." The four-pillar action plan mandates lactation counselors at every delivery point, human milk banks in every NICU, workplace support for nursing mothers, and public breastfeeding spaces.

Call for More Milk Banks

Dr. Santhosh Kumar Kraleti, Founder and Secretary of SHF, emphasised that India requires over 1,000 milk banks across 1,000 hospitals, while currently only 65-70 exist. Dr. Srinivas Murki, Past President of SHF, announced the launch of a lactation helpline at LAMBCON 2026.

Yashoda Hospitals, led by Group Chairman Mr. G. Ravender Rao, committed to establishing the milk bank at Hitech City. UNICEF India's

Chief of AP, Telangana and Karnataka, Zelalem Taffesse, praised breastfeeding as "one of the most cost-effective health interventions." The awards ceremony honoured mothers and healthcare professionals advancing maternal-infant health.

Through partnerships with Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank and CLMC, the foundation advances its vision - "Healthy Mothers, Thriving Future" - positioning Hyderabad as a regional model for breastfeeding-friendly urban development nationwide.

About Sushena Health Foundation and Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank

Sushena Health Foundation began as an initiative of health professionals committed to addressing healthcare gaps through practical, community-based solutions, with a strong focus on maternal and newborn care. One of its key initiatives, Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank, began as a pilot project in 2017 to promote breastfeeding and provide safe donor human milk to babies who need it. The Foundation's leadership includes Dr. Santhosh Kumar Kraleti, Founder and General Secretary, and Dr. Srinivas Murki, President. Team members include Dr. Tejo Pratap (Treasurer and Founding Member), Dr. Chakravarthy Mazumdar, Dr. Srinivas Bulkapuram and Ramakanth Bhuthpur.

Price Hikes In The kitchen!?

Yamsani Srinivas - Senior Journalist

Changes in the climate, erratic rainfall, increasing pressure on agriculture, international wars, fluctuations in fuel and fertilizer prices, all these are showing signs of making the cost of living of the common man more burdensome. Since rainfall, water resources, food yields and supply systems are interconnected, a deficit in one place will ultimately be reflected in the market in the form of prices. The Indian Meteorological Department has already indicated the possibility of El Nino conditions developing in 2026. At the same time, it has also clarified the need for continuous monitoring of weather conditions if the rains do not fall on time and in abundance, the first blow will be to agriculture. If the availability of irrigation water decreases, farmers will have to rely on groundwater. If the boreholes dry up, the investment will increase. Crops will dry up. If the crop yield decreases, the farmer will suffer, and if the supply in the market decreases, the consumer will bear the price burden. The common family is caught between the two. Espe-

cially if the prices of essential commodities like rice, pulses, vegetables, and oils increase, the family budget will be directly affected. Although it cannot be said that there is a food shortage in the country at present, the stability of food prices demands constant vigilance. According to central statistics, the movement of food and beverage prices is recorded separately in the Consumer Price Index. International conditions are another challenge. Events such as wars, disruptions in maritime transport, changes in crude oil prices, and fluctuations in fertilizer supplies can increase agricultural costs. Since India depends on international markets for fuel, fertilizers, and some key raw materials, an increase in global market prices will also have an impact on the domestic economy. Even if efforts are made to reduce the burden on the people by increasing subsidies the pressure on government financial resources will increase. Therefore, food security needs to be viewed not only as a crop production

issue but also as an economic, environmental, and international trade issue. Governments should plan ahead on issues like water storage in reservoirs, groundwater status, crop cultivation area, and market supply. Instead of waiting for the rains to fall a system should be strengthened to efficiently utilize every drop of available water. Priority should be given to the management of ponds, canals, and reservoirs. Farmers should be provided with access to quality seeds, fertilizers, and crop loans. In addition to promoting crop diversification, the system to support farmers in times of crop losses should work more quickly. This responsibility is even more crucial in agriculture-based states like Telangana. On the one hand, there is a need for efficient use of projects, tanks, and groundwater, and on the other hand, there is a need to reduce the investment burden on farmers. Water availability should be assessed in advance and scientific advice should be given on crop cultivation. Coordination on issues like water,

agriculture, and food security is essential, regardless of political differences between the state and the center. Rather than scaring people, it is the responsibility of governments to warn them in advance. If the rains decrease, the harvest will decrease. If the harvest decreases, the supply will decrease. If the supply decreases, the price will increase. Ultimately, it is the common man who will pay the price. That is why, instead of waiting for a food crisis to knock on the door, comprehensive action is needed now, from water storage to market regulation. We may not be in control of when the rains will fall. But it is in the hands of governments to ensure that the fire does not break out in the kitchen of the common man due to lack of rain and that the fire does not go out!



She Team creates awareness on women's safety

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Chief Warangal October 4: The Warangal She Team conducted an awareness programme on women's safety and cybercrime for around 70 female students at the Government Polytechnic Women's Hostel here on Saturday. Addressing the students, She Team SSI Rama Rao said increasing crimes against women could be checked through awareness, vigilance and collective responsibility. He advised the students to exercise caution while sharing personal photographs and information on social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Telegram. He explained the



importance of the T-Safe application for women travelling alone to unfamiliar places and urged the students to make use of the facility for their safety. He also advised them not to share personal information with strangers. Rama Rao asked women to immediately approach the She Team if

they faced harassment or inappropriate behaviour. Cyber crime complaints could be lodged through the toll-free number 1930. Complaints could also be sent to the Warangal Police WhatsApp numbers CP 87126 85257, CI: 871268 5142 and SI: 8712685270. He said the identity of complainants

would be kept confidential and that counselling and legal action would be initiated against offenders as required. Government Polytechnic Women's Hostel Principal Saraswathi, She Team SSI Rama Rao and other staff members participated in the programme.

Chintala Ramesh Unanimously Elected President of Photographers' Union for the 13th Time

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu
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Chief Warangal October 4: Chintala Ramesh Mudiraj has been unanimously elected as the President of the Chityala Mandal Photo and Videographers Association for the 13th time. Leaders and members of the Photographers' Union are expressing their happiness over the re-election of Ramesh Mudiraj as the union's presidential position he has held for the past 24 years. Many photographers praised his commendable efforts in elevating the

union from the mandal level to become a top-tier union at the state level. The elections for the Chityala Mandal Photo and Videographers Association were held on Sunday within the premises of the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, resulting in the unanimous election of a new executive committee. Chintala Ramesh was elected as President; Poshala Raju (Baba Raju) as Vice-President; Kolluri Ashok as General Secretary; Macharla Sanjeev as Treasurer; Bayagani Sandeep as Assistant



Secretary; and Gurram Tirupati as Publicity Secretary. Poshala Raju, Katkuri Raju, Rajender, Ramesh, Sambaiah, and Kiran were unanimously elected as special committee members. On this occasion, Chintala Ramesh was felicitated with shawls in recognition of his 24-year tenure as the association's president. Senior photographers from the mandal including Pulla Raviteja, Merugu Mahender, Satyasai Raju, Teku Ravi, and Satish along with junior photographers and others, participated in the event.

Strict Action for Weighing Fraud Warangal District Legal Metrology Officer K. Manohar

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Chief Warangal October 4: Cases registered against 15 traders in Narsampet. Warangal District Legal Metrology Officer K. Manohar warned that strict action would be taken against traders who violate regulations regarding weights and measures. On Sunday, he conducted surprise inspections at fish, chicken, meat, and fruit shops in Narsampet town. He stated that cases were registered against 15 traders for using weighing and measuring equipment without obtaining timely certi-

fication or the department's official seal. He advised all traders to have their weighing machines and other measuring instruments inspected and officially stamped within the stipulated timeframe. He emphasized the need to provide goods of accurate weight to consumers and clarified that strict action would be taken under the Legal Metrology Act if any fraud regarding weights occurred. He also advised consumers to verify the weight of goods while making purchases.



Municipal Chairman Pulkam Raju Distributes Energy Drinks to Kabaddi Players

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Chief, Vemulawada, October 4: The state-wide Kabaddi tournament, organized under the leadership of Government Whip Adi Srinivas, entered its third day in Vemulawada with great enthusiasm. To boost the physical energy and stamina of the participating players, Rajanna Pharmacy of Vemulawada arranged for special energy drinks. Municipal Chairman Pulkam Raju distributed these energy drinks to the players. Speaking on the occasion, he commended the management of Rajanna Pharmacy for stepping forward to provide the necessary energy



to the players. He praised the athletes for competing on the field with immense enthusiasm and a singular focus on victory. Market Committee Chairman Rondi Raju, ATMA Committee Chairman Musku Mukunda Reddy, PACS Chairman Vakulabharanam Srinivas, honorary councilors, Rural CI Srinivas, SI Prashanth, co-option members, Congress party leaders and activists, and others participated in the event.

Jayashree's illegal confinement is outrageous The struggle will not cease until justice is served to her The government will be held responsible if any harm befalls her Strict action must be taken against her mother-in-law, Meerabai, who confined Jayashree Sanghi Yelender State Assistant Secretary, DHPS and K. Veeraswamy Convener, BC Intellectuals Forum

Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad
October 4 : Sanghi Yelender, State Assistant Secretary of the Telangana Dalit Rights Struggle Committee (DHPS), and K. Veeraswamy, District Convener of the BC Intellectuals Forum, expressed strong indignation that the police have failed to take action even though it has been 13 days since Meerabai illegally confined her daughter-in-law, Guduru Jayashree resident of Ramnagar (52nd Division, Hanamkonda). On Sunday, a protest was held under the auspices of civil society organizations at the house where Jayashree is being held captive. Speaking on the occasion, they asserted that their struggle would continue until Jayashree receives justice and is freed, and declared that the government would be held accountable should any harm come to her. They demanded legal action against Meerabai who locked Jayashree and her minor daughter, Tejaswini,



inside the house as well as against her daughters and sons-in-law; they also demanded the restoration of the house and other assets that had previously been legally transferred to the victim. They announced plans to meet the District Collector and the Police Commissioner to submit a representation seeking justice for the victim. The Joint Action Committee JAC of civil society organizations participated in this program. District Chairman Madasi Suresh, DBF district leader More Ailayya, and leaders Kommula Vijay, Kogila Ramadevi, Sanga Suguna, and Guduru Karthikeya, among others, participated.

Achieving Political Power for the Bahujans: The Goal of the Telangana Sarvajana Democratic Forum

Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice Bureau Chief Jangaon October 4: With the resolve to build an alternative political platform in Telangana and the specific goal of securing political power for the Bahujans, the Telangana Sarvajana Democratic Forum organized an extensive consultative meeting in Jangaon on Sunday. Held at Glory Function Hall on Hyderabad Road, the event ran from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. It was presided over by former T-JAC leader Kanna Parashuramulu, with Prem Chand Naik, Shankar Naik, Chinna Babu Naik, and Mangalampalli Raju serving as coordinators. Pruthvi Raj, the founding president of Telangana Kranthi Dal and the event's chief guest, expressed anguish that while many martyrs sacrificed their lives for the realization of the Telangana state, Bahujans and marginalized sections still lack a rightful place in political power. He emphasized the need to ensure equal opportunities and social justice for all sections of society and highlighted the necessity of delivering accountable governance through active public participation. He clarified that the forum's primary objective is to involve all people in the democratic process transcending barriers of caste, religion, region, and class while focusing on resolving public issues and upholding democratic values. He called upon the Bahujan community to unite and secure political power, asserting that the egalitarian society envisioned by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar can only be realized through such unity. Subsequently, several speakers shared their views on the current political situation. An extensive discussion was held regarding the need for an alternative political platform and its proposed structure. The event saw the participation of a large number of intellectuals, social activists, youth, representatives of various people's organizations, and Bahujan leaders, all of whom contributed to the program's success. Key participants included Telangana Sarvajana Democratic Forum advisor Repalle Narottama Suri; Sevalal Sena State President Angothu Rambabu; All India Mahajana Sena leader Srinivas Yadav; Kaloji TV representative Dasari Srinivas; DSP General Secretary B.

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Durga Prasad; TSTF's Ishlavath Lakshman Naik; Colonel Dr. Macharla Bikshapathi; Dr. Lakshmi Narayana Naik; Gandhi Naik; Telangana Ambedkar Youth Association State Secretary Palamakula Jitender; Telangana Auto Drivers Union State Vice-President Jeripothula Kumar; Telangana Ambedkar Youth Association Jangaon District In-charge Jeripothula Upender; Advocate Ragalla Srihari; Mahajana Galam's Suresh Mahajana; Yasarapu Karnakar; Keerthi Narsayya; B. Balaraju; Dudala Ramesh; Pittala Kumar; Satyam; Dr. Satyanarayana; Swami Naik; Vasu Naik; Lakshman Naik; Sammayya; and others. Finally, the forum announced its future action plan. The organizers stated that they would soon conduct such consultative meetings in all constituencies to create public awareness.

Demolition Brushes – The Poor Man's Tears At a time when words are left orphaned

Giri Prasad - Senior Journalist

When healthcare languishes in the marketplace, struggling amidst semi-starvation... When the roofs of schools are caving in... When the poor writhe in agony, lacking medicines in hospitals... For whom are these grand projects costing thousands of crores? For whom is the paintwork of these new models? Depriving the shelterless of their homes, Amidst the roar of demolition bulldozers... "Can't you hear the anguished cries rising from the depths of their hearts? A home built with drops of sweat..." Does it not break hearts to see it razed to the ground? Cleaning up the Musi River is indeed necessary... but, "Not by reducing livelihoods to ashes!" "Development is not about glass mansions,



"But about providing a sheltering shade for the poor!" "More important than the splendor of edifices..." "Are the education and welfare of the common person!" "It is not just the face of the river that needs to change," "But the plight of the downtrodden poor!" "Set aside the thousands of crores spent on pomp and show..." "Breathe life into education, healthcare, and livelihoods;" "Only then can there be... true, people-centric governance."

Employment is the goal, higher education should be the ultimate goal.IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu



Dayyala Rakesh Bhanu Direct Voice State Bureau Chief Hyderabad October 4 Incubation center in every university Establishment of centers for startups and innovations Achieving skills along with a degree is a new standard IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu revealed 85-2026 celebrated at JNTU H State IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu has called upon educational institutions to completely bridge the gap between the classroom and the needs of the industry. He hoped that the education system should not only develop the thinking power of the youth but also provide them with skills to solve real-world problems. The Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHI) organized a seminar at JNTU, Kukatpally on Saturday.

Unanimous Election of Narsimhulapeta Dasara Festival Committee

Rakam Radhika, Bureau Chief Narsimhulapeta, Mahabubabad – October 4: The Dasara Festival Committee for Narsimhulapeta mandal headquarters in Mahabubabad district was elected unanimously. Erra Venkatram Narsayya was elected as the new President, and Shamakuri Srikanth Goud as the General Secretary. Their unanimous election was announced during a meet-

ing held in the presence of all committee members. Speaking on the occasion, the newly elected President and Secretary pledged to organize the Dasara Navaratri celebrations with great grandeur and in a peaceful atmosphere, ensuring no inconvenience to the devotees. They expressed their special gratitude to the committee members and villagers for placing their trust in them and entrusting them with these responsibilities.



Movement Against Unnatural Deaths Jawahar Nagar Dumping Yard Removal Struggle Committee at the Condolence Programme of Bollam Krishna

Nathari Venkatesh State Bureau Chief Hyderabad Jawahar Nagar, October 04: Leaders of the JAC and constituent organizations of the Jawahar Nagar Dumping Yard Removal Struggle Committee expressed serious concern over the increasing number of people falling ill and dying in the areas affected by the Jawahar Nagar dumping yard. "They stated that the toxic gases, pollution and other harmful effects emanating from the dumping yard are having a serious impact on the health and lives of the people living in the surrounding areas. They demanded that the government take immediate and effective measures to prevent further loss of life. The leaders said that the issue of such unnatu-

ral deaths would be discussed collectively and that a clear action plan would soon be formulated to create public awareness and build a broader people's movement against the pollution and health hazards caused by the dumping yard. The programme was addressed by JAC Chairman Sheikh Shavali and Co-Conveners Gaddam Sadanan dam, State Secretariat Member of CPI(ML) Mass Line, Gadipe Sunitha of POW (Vimukthi), journalist Konne Venu, Sharada, Jyothi, CMS State Convenor, executive committee member Sridevi, City Committee member Vasantha, Alluri Savithri, and others. A condolence programme was held on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at Gabbilalpet and YSR



Nagar under the Jawahar Nagar GHMC area of Keesara Circle, in memory of Bollam Krishna, who died on September 26 after suffering from illness in an area affected by the dumping yard. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders demanded that the State Government take urgent, war-footing measures to immediately control and prevent the toxic gases and pollution emanating from the dumping yard, so that deaths like that of Bollam Krishna do not occur again. They also demanded that the government provide free medical facilities to the people living in the dumping yard affected areas and ensure a continuous supply of safe drinking water. They further called for special medical camps and a comprehensive health survey to assess the impact of pollution on the affected population. The leaders also demanded that the government extend all possible support and immediate financial assistance to the family of the deceased Bollam Krishna. The Jawahar Nagar Dumping Yard Removal Struggle Committee made it clear that the people's movement would be intensified and expanded until a permanent solution is found to the problems caused by the dumping yard. Jawahar Nagar Dumping Yard Removal Struggle Committee (JAC)

Electric motor theft in Narayangiri

Boddu Sharath Kumar reporter Dharmasagar October 4 " Dharmasagar CI Anumula Srinivas said that an electric motor was stolen from Chintalapani Anvesh Reddy's agricultural well in Narayangiri village of Dharmasagar mandal of Hanmakonda district.



Body Handed Over to Medical College... "Handover facilitated by Lions Club" Three bodies handed over within a span of one month

Rakam Radhika, Bureau Chief Mahabubabad October 4 "The body of Mr. Mothkuru Parameswar was handed over to the Manukota Medical College on Sunday. Under the aegis of the Lions Club of Mahabubabad and with the cooperation of the Mandal Goldsmiths' Association, the mortal remains of Parameswar (60) who passed away on Saturday were transferred to the medical college. Parameswar, a resident of the Manukota district headquarters, fell ill on Saturday. He was rushed to the local government hospital, but his condition deteriorated, and he subsequently passed away. His brother Prabhakar, along with the Goldsmiths' Association, came forward to donate the body to the medical college. Senior Lions Club members Kondapalli Keshavarao, Club Secretary Parupalli Ramesh Babu and Parakala Ravinder Reddy; District Goldsmiths' Association President Mothkuru Shankar and Mandal Association Presidents Pammi Sanathana Chari Vangala Purnachari, and Bandoju Upendra Chari handed over the body to Dr. Bharat Kumar, Head of the Anatomy Department at the medical college. The handover took place in the presence of Hospital RMO Dr. B. Jagadeeshwar and CMO Dr. Ramreddy. Meanwhile, organizers from the Manukota Lions Club revealed that they have facilitated the handover of three bodies over the past month. They noted that medical professionals require 15 cadavers annually for medical examinations and training. Urging people to come forward to donate organs and bodies, they stated that Lions Club members would make the necessary arrangements for the process.

No Negligence in Drinking Water Supply will be tolerated: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu

T. Venkat, Bureau Chief, Khammam October 4: School modernization and bridge construction works must be expedited; skill training to be provided to 10,000 women in Madhira town through MEPMA; Deputy CM holds review meeting with officials alongside District Collector Diwakara T.S. "State Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu warned officials that the government operates with the sole aim of public welfare and development, and that no negligence in providing basic amenities to the public would be tolerated. On Sunday, he held a review meeting with officials regarding development and welfare activities across various departments at the Vasireddy Function Hall in Jamalapuram, Errupalem Mandal, alongside District Collector Diwakara T.S. Addressing the meeting, the Deputy CM urged officials to serve the public with a sense of responsibility and accountability. He emphasized that officials must act with full responsibility regarding drinking water supply in villages and stated clearly that any laxity would not be tolerated. He directed



them to take immediate remedial measures whenever drinking water issues arise. It was announced that ₹59.67 crore has been sanctioned to modernize nine schools in the Madhira constituency and transform them into model schools equipped with all facilities; officials were directed to expedite the modernization and infrastructure works to make these schools available to students quickly. Instructions were given to rapidly complete bridge construction projects undertaken by the Roads and Buildings Department without any delays to facilitate smoother transportation. Noting that delays in bridge construction cause public inconvenience, the

Deputy CM emphasized the need to complete these works on a war footing. He also directed officials to take measures to provide skill training to 10,000 women in Madhira town under MEPMA, enabling them to find employment or self-employment opportunities across various sectors. He stated that providing training in high-demand fields would help women achieve economic progress. Officials were instructed to coordinate effectively to expedite the relocation of electricity poles that obstruct road widening and other development projects, ensuring that the removal process does not hinder development

activities. "The Deputy CM further directed that the land re-survey process be completed swiftly and with utmost transparency, leaving no room for public grievances, and emphasized the need for careful record-keeping following the re-survey. The Deputy CM directed officials to complete the set targets within the stipulated timeframe and to strictly adhere to quality standards in the execution of works. NPDCL Directors T. Madhusudan and V. Mohan Rao, CE Gautam Reddy, SE Srinivasa Chari, PR SE Venkat Reddy, Tahsildar Sunitha Elizabeth, officials from various departments, and others participated in the meeting.

Rahul Gandhi Satyagraha "Innovative digital platform for nationwide struggles"

Nathari Venkatesh New Delhi October 4 "Connecting people struggling on various issues Details of movements on a single platform. Digital connectivity to people's problems A special platform to identify struggles Support for people's voices. Rahul says he will stand by them from Parliament to the people in the spirit of Gandhian principles Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday launched a new digital platform called Satyagraha to bring to-

gether details of movements across the country and connect those fighting on similar issues. The platform was launched on the day after Mahatma Gandhi's 157th birth anniversary. Satyagraha It is special to bring. New Delhi, October 3: Rahul Gandhi said that the main purpose of Satyagraha is to record the problems faced by people in different parts of the country, the protests and movements being carried out on them on a single platform. The interconnected map set up on the platform will allow the movements taking place

in different parts to be identified. He explained that this will be useful for individuals and groups fighting on similar issues to know about movements in other parts. People can register details of struggles on issues like education, farmers' issues, women's safety, land rights, health services, social discrimination on the platform. They have been given the opportunity to register the issue they are facing along with their name and group details. Rahul Gandhi said that many people are fighting alone for their rights across the country.

He said that by bringing the movements related to the issues of students, farmers, women, tribals, Dalits and other groups on a single map, there will be an opportunity for mutual cooperation. Rahul Gandhi said that it is his responsibility as the leader of the opposition to stand by the people where truth and justice are being suppressed. He said that he would stand in support of the victims in Parliament, in public movements, and through letters, wherever necessary.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture Ramnath Thakur Interacts with Oil Palm Farmers in Srikalahasti

Srikalahasti, October 4: Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Sri Ramnath Thakur visited oil palm plantations in Vedam village of Srikalahasti mandal and held a face-to-face interaction meeting with farmers under the programme "Face-to-Face with Oil Palm Farmers - Discussion on Farmers' Problems, Suggestions and Cultivation Experiences." The programme was attended by Horticulture Commissioner Dr. Prabhat Kumar, Tirupati District Joint Collector Sri R. Govinda Rao, RDO Sri Bhanuprakash, Additional Director of Horticulture Sri M.K.V. Srinivasulu, DDH (Oil Palm) Sri Jamadagni, District Horticulture Officer Jaya



Bharath Reddy, DMIO Tirupati, as well as Sri Kola Anand, BJP State President Sri Chenchayya Naidu, Market Committee Chairman, and Telugu Desam Party public representatives. General Managers of Godrej Agrovet, FFF Oil Palm and other companies also participated in the programme and explained oil palm cultivation, yields and the technical support being provided to farmers. The Minister inspected the oil palm plantations and discussed cultivation details, yields and income with the farmers. He expressed great satisfaction after learning about the yields achieved and

the income earned by farmer Sri Bala Reddy in particular. On the occasion, Horticulture Commissioner Dr. Prabhat Kumar suggested that farmers can earn additional income by growing intercropping in oil palm plantations. He advised farmers to follow scientific management practices in oil palm cultivation and to utilise available resources efficiently. Additional Director of Horticulture Sri M.K.V. Srinivasulu explained the benefits of oil palm cultivation and encouraged farmers interested in taking up oil palm farming. He also received feedback on experiences, problems and suggestions from farmers already cultivating the crop.

The teachings of teachers are the key to universal happiness, says Pattukomma Mekiri Damodar Social analysts District: Warangal 9573666650. "International Teachers' Day Special Article

The kind words spoken by teachers in the classroom can change the lives of students. And the good path they show can guide a generation." That is why a teacher is not just a person who gives lessons. He is an architect who builds the future. This is the meaning behind the celebration of International Teachers' Day on October 5 every year across the world. The main purpose of this day is to recognize the services of teachers, raise awareness about their rights and responsibilities, and recognize the role of teachers in providing quality education. It is a day that reminds the world of the importance of the teaching profession under the auspices of UNESCO, the International Labor Organization (ILO) and other organizations. "Teachers illuminate the lives of students with their knowledge and teachings, thereby helping to establish values in society. They maintain the respect and prestige of the profession with knowledge, values, and culture. Every word a teacher says in the classroom, every behavior he shows, and every value he follows leaves an indelible impression on the minds of students. That is why what is in the hands of teachers is not just a book. When a generation of future parents give birth to children. Teachers shape their thoughts. When a family raises children. School shapes their personality. That is why no matter how great a person one becomes in society, there is definitely some teacher's inspiration behind his growth. With the encouragement of teachers, students are shaped into citizens with a comprehensive personality. An ideal society will emerge only when the values of the students are enhanced. A good teacher is a teacher who has the great power to change the mind with words. A true teacher is not someone who makes the student memorize the lesson. A true teacher is one who makes the student think on his own. The real meaning of teaching is only when the student's doubt can be transformed into a question, a question into an idea, and an idea into practice. Rather than saying "Study well", instilling confidence in the student by saying "I know you will study well" increases self-confidence. Although praising him when he gives the correct answer with "Well done.. Excellent.. Very good" may

seem like a small thing, it ignites the desire to achieve more. In today's situation, a teacher is not enough to be just a teacher of the subject. He should also play the role of a guide, advisor, counselor, and a friend who greets him with affection when needed. A student facing many challenges, such as family problems, academic stresses, and confusion about the future needs an understanding mind, not a herd mentality. Education is not just about literacy. Understanding the world, discerning good and bad, acting responsibly, and respecting others are also part of education. That is why a teacher should constantly increase his worldly experience and worldly knowledge. A teacher who is constantly learning can create a student who is constantly learning. This is also the important message that International Teachers' Day reminds us of. In accordance with the changing world a teacher should also be a guide for students by constantly learning, adopting new teaching methods, and making good use of technology. The teacher's behavior is the first lesson for a student. No matter how great a teacher teaches, if his behavior is contrary to it, the effectiveness of that teaching will be reduced. Because children observe the way we practice more than the words we say. A teacher who talks about discipline should practice discipline in his life. A teacher who teaches honesty should be a role model for honesty. A teacher who preaches equality should treat every student equally without discrimination. Even if there is a lack of unity among teachers, or if caste, religious, or regional preferences cross the line, it will still affect the students. The school should not be a platform for differences, but a platform for teaching unity in diversity. Every teacher has a uniqueness. That uniqueness is seen in the way he teaches lessons, in encouraging students, or in speaking affectionately. It should be recognized and improved. The success of a teacher is not measured by how many lessons he teaches. How much did he respect the feelings of the student? How much did he recognize his talent? How much did he increase his self-confidence? That is the real measure. The lesson taught by a teacher can bring marks in the exam. But the behavior shown by a teacher can give direction to life. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was respected as a

great teacher, philosopher, writer, and statesman in India. Born on September 5, 1888, he rendered distinguished service in the field of education and later served the country as the President of India. Celebrating his birth day, September 5, as Teachers' Day in India is a symbol of the respect given to the teaching profession. However, September 5 is Indian Teachers' Day, while October 5 is International Teachers' Day. Both these occasions not only commemorate the services of teachers, but also remind them of their role in the education system, professional dignity, rights, responsibilities, and the need for quality education. Not only are garlands and wishes limited to flowers, they also remind society of the responsibility to provide teachers with the necessary respect, resources, training, and support. The teacher-student bond is the foundation of social transformation. Millions of parents entrust the responsibility of raising their children with great love and shaping their future in the hands of teachers. It is the sacred responsibility of teachers to uphold that trust. They should embrace children from different families and backgrounds with affection, recognize their unique talents, and guide them in the right direction. A student who is not interested in studies can be ignited with a thirst for knowledge. A student who is a troublemaker can be identified with creativity and made a genius. A student who is afraid of math can be developed with scientific thinking. This is the greatness of a teacher. Early identification of talent in a student that is not visible to others is a cause for concern, but the situation in which the education sector is being subjected to commercial trends is worrying. It is not right to put unnecessary pressure on students and parents in the name of admissions, ranks, and results. Every teacher in the government and private sectors should protect the sanctity of the profession. The irresponsibility of a few should not bring a bad name to the entire teaching community. If a teacher sees a student only as a "student", he may stop there. But if he instills the belief that "you can achieve", he can climb unimaginable peaks. The teacher shows the direction and the student travels. The teacher

imparts knowledge. The student puts it into practice. This teacher-student bond is the foundation for social transformation. Governments should prioritize education. Society should respect teachers, parents should cooperate with schools and teachers. Teachers should continuously improve their teaching skills and consider the future of students as their responsibility. On the occasion of International Teachers' Day, it is not only a time to express gratitude to all the teachers of the world. It is time for society to think about ensuring that every child gets quality education, every teacher gets a respectful environment, and every school gets the necessary resources. Because only when the future of the student is strengthened, the future of the country is strengthened. If schools only produce students who score good marks, that is only half the success of education. Education is fully meaningful only when it produces good people, responsible citizens, and open hearts. That is why our responsibility does not end with greeting teach-



ers with bouquets of flowers on the day of Guru Puja and International Teachers' Day. Teachers, parents, rulers, and students should collectively take responsibility to build a generation with values, knowledge, and wisdom. Respecting a teacher does not mean just respecting a profession. It means respecting knowledge, education, and the future of society. A teacher is not just a sculptor who carves letters. He is a great sculptor who shapes personalities. In his hands is not only the future of a student. But also the future of society. A teacher is a great sculptor who transforms letters into knowledge. Knowledge into wisdom. Wisdom into values. Values into humanity. That is why respecting a teacher means respecting the future. A single lamp lit by a teacher illuminates the lives of generations!

FPIs Offload Over Rs 35,000 Crore Worth Indian Equities this Month

Foreign Portfolio Investors engaged in hefty selloffs of Indian equities in September and dumped stocks worth Rs 35,861 crore on a net basis. October also began on a negative note, with the selloff standing at Rs 9,232 crore.

The selloff follows robust investments by FPIs in the months of July (Rs 20,200 crore) and August (Rs 29,631 crore) on a net basis. West Asia war's energy shock ripples, weakness of the Indian currency, and US 30-year yield touching multi-decadal high (5.4%) is something that was already established, but analysts have added another to the list: portfolio rotation.

"FPIs turned heavy sellers in September. The positive FPI flows in July and August on expectations of decline in crude prices turned out to be a temporary phenomenon," stated V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments. Here's a closer look at why overseas investors have strayed away from the Indian stock market:

US BOND YIELDS

The 30-year US treasury yield touched a two-decade high, standing at 5.48% roughly a week ago.



Treasury yields have a converse relationship with equities and tend to put pressure on their appeal. At the same time, the US 10-year yield touched 5.3% in the last week.

"Treasury yields hovered near multidecade highs Friday as investors looked past slower-than-expected job creation in the U.S. amid lingering concerns about the long-term economic outlook," said Dheeraj Gaur, Chief Investment Strategy Officer at Choice Wealth.

OIL ON THE BOIL

Crude oil prices have continuously rallied, with only brief bouts of respite. Brent crude prices have remained above \$100 per barrel for the better half of September. The rally took a breather when Saudi Arabia reportedly transported some crude via Strait of Hormuz to com-

pensate for the closure of a key pipeline.

US-IRAN WAR

The primary catalyst for all of this havoc remains the ongoing (and seemingly never-ending) West Asia conflict between America and Iran. The war, which began in February of 2026, has rattled economies, markets and countries (along with their people) across the globe.

So far, there has been little to no indication of truce talks being resumed from either ends, making the conflict an ever bigger overhang for overseas investors and keeping them cautious regarding Indian equities as well.

INDIAN RUPEE'S FALL

The Indian currency weakened against the US dollar substantially, crossing 96 per dollar levels time and

again. The depreciation in the currency has exposed its vulnerability to the oil shock and global yields, as per experts.

PORTFOLIO ROTATION

Lastly, with global investors finding attractive opportunities in dollar assets and parts of the Asian technology heavy markets, India has had to compete harder for incremental foreign capital – the significantly reduced "non-AI" trade, Gaur from Choice Wealth pointed out.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR?

Going Ahead, FPIs are expected to be watchful of some key domestic factors, such as the monetary policy decision and guidance, India's manufacturing growth (PMI data), Q2 corporate earnings and IPO performances; along with global developments in the context of the Iran war, crude oil, global bond yields.

"The most important event is the RBI Monetary Policy Committee meeting from October 5-7, with the policy decision on October 7. A Reuters poll showed around 60% of economists expecting a 25-bps hike, amid rising inflation, crude prices and rupee pressure," Gaur from Choice Wealth said.

Samsung Galaxy Tab S12 Series Prices Announced for Indian Market with Special Deals

Samsung today announced that its Galaxy Tab S12 series will be available in India starting October 7. The Galaxy Tab S12 Ultra and Tab S12+, available in Gray and Silver colours, deliver Samsung's most capable and versatile tablet experience to date, combining breakthrough performance, long-lasting battery life, and the latest Galaxy AI in an ultra-thin design. Built for productivity The Galaxy Tab S12 Ultra and Tab S12+ feature expansive Dynamic AMOLED 2X displays with peak brightness up to 1600 nits. Additionally, the Vision Booster feature on these tabs adjusts brightness in real time to ensure vivid visuals and comfortable viewing in any lighting. With the 14.6-inch Ultra and 12.6-inch Plus model, users can split the screen into three sections in Multi Window layout for seamless multitasking. They can, for instance, take notes in Samsung Notes while streaming a lecture and accessing an AI assistant simultaneously. At just 5.1mm slim, the Galaxy Tab S12 Ultra is Samsung's thinnest Galaxy Tab yet, while the Galaxy Tab S12+ measures a comparable 5.3mm. Both devices pack an energy-efficient 3nm processor that delivers 61%



faster NPU processing, 19% faster CPU performance, and 17% improved GPU power compared to its predecessor. This ensures smooth performance for demanding tasks like rendering creative projects or multitasking with lectures and note-taking. The all-day battery lasts up to 23 hours on the Ultra and 21 hours on the Plus, with rapid charging from 0% to 100% in just 95 minutes using the 45W adapter. Their newly designed 3D Vapor Chamber efficiently dissipates heat for reliable performance during extended use. Engineered for durability, the Galaxy Tab S12 series is IP68-rated for water and dust resistance, ensuring resilience in various

environments. Sound is enhanced with 4-channel spatial audio that delivers a rich, immersive experience for streaming, tutorials, or editing. Both models come with an ergonomic S Pen for precise input. Productivity can be further enhanced with a Pro Keyboard Cover that turns these tabs into a professional workstation, complete with a Galaxy AI Key for instant access to AI assistants. Loaded with apps Running Android 17 with One UI 9, the Galaxy Tab S12 series integrates Galaxy AI for seamless task management. Note Assist summarises notes in real time, while a six-month trial of Google AI Pro provides access to Gemini for instant clarification and

deeper exploration of topics. The Samsung Browser enhances research efficiency by summarising open tabs and surfacing relevant sources. Adobe Photoshop is pre-installed for pro-grade image editing, Goodnotes offers clean note-taking with one year of free access, while LumaFusion enables professional-grade video editing at a 66% discount. Clip Studio Paint provides precision drawing tools for digital art with a six-month trial and 20% off the first subscription, and ArcSite converts rough sketches into precise CAD drawings. Exclusive benefits include four months of free Photoshop mobile plan access and discounts on subscriptions.

Everest Cumin Powder Recalled By FSSAI Over Excess Pesticide Residues

The Food Safety And Standards Authority Of India (FSSAI) recalled the 'Everest' brand of cumin powder of excessive presence of pesticide residues up to levels where it was declared 'Unsafe' under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006., as per a notification from the organisation on Sunday. "The food analyst's report found pesticide residues of Azoxystrobin and Thiamethoxam at levels exceeding the prescribed maximum limits," the notification said. The FSSAI drew a regulatory sample of "pre-packed cumin powder" from the premises of M/s Riverside Resorts & Holiday Homes Pvt. Ltd., Goa. The food business operator (FBO) was given an opportunity to appeal against the food analyst's findings, following which the sample was referred to the Referral Food Laboratory. Following the findings, the entire implicated batch of Everest pre-packed cumin powder,



bearing Batch No. E080668761, was ordered to be recalled immediately from the market. The FBO was also directed to maintain complete records of the recalled product and submit the prescribed recall information and status reports within the stipulated timelines. It was further asked to undertake corrective measures to prevent a recurrence of the incident and submit a report upon completion of the recall. The FSSAI further suspended the license of M/S Creative Bakers And Confectioners Pvt., citing severe hygiene and sanitation issues. The reg-

ulator said severe hygiene and sanitation deficiencies were observed at the premises, including dirt, grease, dust, cobwebs and flies in food production and handling areas. Perishable raw materials were found stored openly, while rusted and inadequately cleaned containers were being used for raw and semi-finished products, it said. Significant pest infestation and inadequate pest-control measures were also observed, including ineffective fly control, absence of proper rodent-control measures and openings and windows without insect-proof mesh.

CANON IN TALKS WITH THOSE ENGAGED IN KEY CHIP PROJECTS IN INDIA

New Delhi: Japanese imaging and optical major Canon had discussions with all those engaged in key semiconductor manufacturing projects in India and plans to bring its technology and service centres to the country, said its India President and CEO Toshiaki Nomura. Canon, a global supplier of lithography systems used in semiconductor manufacturing, said it is looking to support the development of India's semiconductor ecosystem as the government steps up efforts to establish domestic chip fabrication capabilities. The Japanese technology major is sensing a "great opportunity" in the upcoming semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem promoted by the government, and the company will bring its technologies (lithographic machines) to help assist chip manufacturers to produce chips in India, he said. "Now everybody knows semiconductor manufacturing is the buzzword in India. We have a lithographic machine to produce those chips... We bring our technologies to help assist the chip manufacturer to produce chips in India. So that's a great opportunity for us," Nomura told PTI. He said Canon has already engaged with major semiconductor projects that are currently under development in the country.



Asked whether the company has held discussions with semiconductor ventures being established in India, he said, "Yes, we have discussed with all those key manufacturers. The projects are ongoing and, as and when some development is confirmed, we will share it." India has been actively promoting semiconductor manufacturing through incentive schemes and has approved multiple projects across semiconductor fabrication, assembly, testing, marking and packaging segments as part of its broader strategy to strengthen the electronics manufacturing ecosystem. Nomura said the progress of semiconductor projects in India could also pave the

way for Canon to establish dedicated support infrastructure for chip manufacturing customers in the country. "Once the project is confirmed, of course we need 24x7 support to the chip manufacturer. In that sense, we will bring our technologies and service centres in India. That's our plan," he said. On whether India's ambitious timelines for developing a semiconductor ecosystem are achievable, Nomura expressed confidence in the country's capabilities. "I believe in the power of India. We cannot control the timeline itself, as it is the chip manufacturer's responsibility. But this will come in the near future. That's our expectation," he said. The

executive also acknowledged the efforts being made by policymakers and industry stakeholders to develop the ecosystem required for semiconductor manufacturing. "Governments and related parties are working very hard to build up this ecosystem. In the near future, this ecosystem will be available," Nomura said, adding that Canon is keen to support chipmakers as India advances its ambitions to become a semiconductor manufacturing hub. Nearly 12 semiconductor projects are approved under the India Semiconductor Mission to build a domestic semiconductor ecosystem, with projects spanning chip fabrication, assembly and testing. Among the key projects are Tata Electronics' semiconductor fab in Dholera, Gujarat, Micron's semiconductor assembly and packaging facility in Sanand, and projects by CG Power-Renesas and Kaynes Semicon in Gujarat, besides Tata Electronics' semiconductor packaging unit in Assam. Besides its traditional imaging and printing businesses, Canon has been expanding into newer technology segments, including semiconductor equipment, medical systems, and surveillance and security solutions.

DESPITE PRICE HIKE, APPLIANCE MAKERS EXPECT DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH

New Delhi: Despite a 5-8 per cent increase in prices of air-conditioners and other consumer appliances ahead of the festive season, manufacturers are hopeful of recording double-digit growth in sales, led by premiumisation, replacement demand, easy financing and improved consumer sentiment. The latest price increase, the third round of revisions this year, has come ahead of the peak festive season, with higher costs of copper, aluminium, steel and crude derivatives, besides rising freight expenses and currency fluctuations prompting companies to raise prices. The industry, which started the festive season on a positive note with strong sales during Onam in the South, expects the momentum to continue through Navratri and Diwali, aided by premiumisation, replacement demand and easy availability of consumer financing. Consumers are increasingly opting for larger-capacity and feature-rich appliances, including energy-efficient and smart connected products, which is expected to support value growth even as higher prices put some pressure on volumes, industry executives said. Some companies believe that it will have a minimal impact as dealers and distributors have already stocked



inventory purchased at older prices through pre-buying schemes in August and September. When asked if the industry would record double-digit growth despite the price hikes, Haier Appliances India CEO N S Satish told PTI, "Definitely. It will." Haier India expects 30-35 per cent growth in festive sales by value, while unit sales are likely to grow around 20 per cent, he said. "For us, it will be 30-35 per cent growth. Industry should be about 10-15 per cent," Satish said, adding that premiumisation and easy availability of finance would support demand despite price increases. According to Satish, consumers who have

already decided to purchase an appliance are likely to either opt for a slightly lower-capacity product within their budget or use EMI financing to upgrade to a premium model. "The premiumisation story is happening and with the availability of easy finance... we will enable the affordability and premiumisation upgrade story," he said. Haier has raised prices by around 5 per cent on room air-conditioners from October 1 and 2-3 per cent in other product categories such as LED TV and washing machine. LG Electronics India Co-Chief Sales & Marketing Officer Sanjay Chitkara said the company is "very optimistic" about the

upcoming festive season, which begins with Navratri in the second weekend of October. Pre-festive inquiries during the Shraddh period have been encouraging, he said, adding that festivals are increasingly becoming an occasion for new home purchases and home upgrades. Consumers are upgrading not only refrigerators, washing machines, televisions and air-conditioners, but are also exploring categories such as dishwashers, microwave ovens, audio products and water purifiers, Chitkara said. Improved affordability following GST rationalisation, along with special festive EMI schemes, is expected to support demand, while LG's Essential Series is seeing traction among first-time consumers in Tier-2 and Tier-3 markets, he said. The optimism among manufacturers comes despite recent price hikes, with companies expecting premiumisation and replacement demand to support sales and offset some impact of higher prices on volumes. The industry has also been witnessing healthy demand across key consumer durable categories ahead of the festive season. Sony India Managing Director Sunil Nayyar expects overall value growth of around 15-20 per cent during the festive season.

IT Q2 Preview: Strong Deal Wins, AI Pressure, Slow Conversion

India's biggest IT services companies are heading into the September quarter with growth still under pressure as cautious corporate spending, delayed deal approvals and slow conversion of new orders weigh in on revenue. UearthInsight expects the country's five largest IT firms to post sequential revenue growth of just 0.5% to 1% in the July-September quarter, broadly in line with the previous quarter and highlighting the sector's slow recovery. Q2 is not going to be any better than Q1... because we are not seeing any revival in client budgets or spending," UearthInsight Founder and CEO Gaurav Vasu said. He said geopolitical tensions were prompting clients to remain cautious on non-essential technology spending, while lengthy approval processes were pushing back the timeline for signing and executing new contracts. Gartner expects the quarter to be "somewhat stronger" than the previous one, mainly as previously awarded contracts move into revenue-generating phases. However, it said



growth among leading IT services companies is likely to remain modest as clients continue to prioritise productivity, cost optimisation and measurable returns. The earnings season begins with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on October 8, followed by HCLTech on October 12 and Infosys on October 23. UearthInsight expects deal bookings to remain healthy, but said converting those wins into revenue could take longer. Vasu expects lengthy decision cycles to persist for the next 12-18 months. He does not expect significant changes to FY27 guidance, although some companies could raise the upper end of their forecasts by around 0.5 percentage point. The

research firm has retained its FY27 growth estimate of 3-4% for the largest IT companies, with a significant portion expected to come from acquisitions rather than an underlying recovery in demand. The industry has already spent about \$3.6 billion across 14 M&A deals in FY27, Vasu said. Margins are likely to remain under pressure as companies absorb wage hikes, invest in AI platforms and partnerships, and pass some productivity gains back to clients through lower pricing. Gartner expects margins to remain broadly stable, with automation and better utilisation offsetting AI-related investments, wage inflation and pricing concessions.

Kyiv bridge hit in further Russian drone attack as German chancellor makes surprise visit

Major bridges in Kyiv have been hit by Russian drone strikes for four consecutive days, as Moscow ramps up attacks on critical infrastructure in Ukraine's capital. Two people were injured when the Pivnichnyi (Northern) Bridge was struck on Sunday morning for the second day in a row, while the Pivdennyi (Southern) Bridge was hit multiple times earlier in the week. The latest attack came as German Chancellor Friedrich Merz made a surprise visit to Kyiv in a show of support against Russia's continuing full-scale invasion. Russia's military said it would be intensifying strikes on Kyiv and other Ukrainian regions. It earlier said it had hit the two bridges used to transfer Ukrainian troops. Video footage of Sunday's strike, verified by the BBC, shows cars moving on Pivnichnyi Bridge as a drone crashes into it before exploding, creating a ball of fire. A cloud of black smoke can be seen rising above the bridge. Other videos and pictures have emerged on social media showing a gaping hole in the middle of a traffic lane on the bridge. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said two people were injured in the latest Russian attack. He earlier said that the Pivnichnyi Bridge's roadway was hit. Kyiv's eight bridges across the wide Dnipro River link the western (right) and eastern (left) parts, and many of the capital's estimated three million residents rely heavily on the metro lines and trains to travel across the city. Some 500,000 vehicles use the bridges every day. The two



struck bridges are still standing - but the damage and restrictions to traffic and public transport have caused gridlock in parts of the capital at times. "To get from the left bank to the right one and back - it's just hell," Kyiv resident Roman told the BBC on Sunday. Large numbers of commuters cross the river, especially on weekdays. Repair teams are working to fix the damage and officials say they are planning temporary pontoon bridges, ferry services and even a tunnel under the river to keep Kyiv connected. Klitschko also said a separate Russian drone strike had damaged a heating main, adding that there would be a temporary lack of hot water in the north-eastern Desnyanskyi district as a result. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Sunday morning Russian drones had also attacked a warehouse in the north-eastern region of Sumy, killing

one person. Meanwhile, in the central city of Dnipro, six people were injured after a communications facility was struck, he said. Ukraine's Air Force said that overnight Russia had launched 135 drones, including 52 jet-powered ones. It said that 125 projectiles had been shot down. As emergency services responded to the incidents, Germany's Merz met Zelensky in Kyiv. They laid wreaths to Ukrainian soldiers who have been killed in the war. Merz reaffirmed his country's support for Ukraine, writing on X: "Ukraine is facing decisive weeks. That is why I travelled to Kyiv today with the message: You can rely on us. Germany's security also depends on the outcome of this war. That is why we are helping out of our own self-interest as well." Zelensky later said that a new aid package worth more than 1.3bn (£1.1bn; \$1.5bn) had been

agreed with Germany. "These are weapons that will help [us] right now, as well as support for our energy sector ahead of winter," he said. As Merz was visiting Ukraine's Academy of Sciences building badly damaged in a Russian drone attack earlier this week, fresh air alert sirens were heard across the city. Two people were killed in that drone attack. Since Merz became chancellor in May 2025, Germany has become the single largest donor to Ukraine. He said the country "needs all our support in the coming weeks", adding: "If Russia is not stopped, its war machine will sooner or later turn against us." Zelensky said there would be "important agreements" made between Ukraine and Germany. The Ukrainian president has made repeated appeals for Western allies to provide more military support to the country, including supplying advanced inter-

ceptors that can shoot down new jet-powered Russian drones and also ballistic missiles. The Russian defence ministry said on Sunday it would intensify its strikes across Ukraine in response to comments made by Zelensky earlier this week, in which he said Kyiv would ramp up its attacks on Russian oil refineries. Russian President Vladimir Putin had earlier said his military was carrying out retaliatory attacks following Ukraine's strikes on Moscow's energy facilities, despite the fact that it was the Kremlin that had first launched such attacks. Putin began a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, and Moscow currently controls about 20% of Ukrainian territory. The Russian foreign ministry on Saturday repeated a warning for foreign citizens, including diplomats, to leave Kyiv. Responding to the warning, EU ambassador Katarina Mathernová wrote on X on Sunday: "The EU Delegation is staying. Threatening us will not stop Europe's support for Ukraine. It only reminds us why that support matters!" German ambassador to Ukraine, Boris Ruge, reacted to Mathernová's post with: "Amen - we're staying". Earlier attacks on the Pivdennyi Bridge prompted Kyiv's defence council to hold a crisis meeting on Friday. Klitschko warned that the city was now in a "very dramatic situation" as Moscow was battering its "critical infrastructure, logistics, housing" and other key facilities.

Could El Niño mean there are no Atlantic hurricanes this year?

For the first time in more than 30 years, a hurricane has not formed in the Atlantic throughout September - normally the most active month for hurricane activity. With just two months left of the defined hurricane season, there is an increasing possibility that no hurricanes will develop at all. This would make the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season the only one in the satellite era without a hurricane. The biggest reason for this is El Niño, which traditionally stifles activity in the Atlantic but brings a very active season in the eastern North Pacific. The Atlantic hurricane season was predicted to be quieter than normal as a result of this. With a very strong El Niño forecast, the US National Hurricane Center in May predicted a total of eight to 14 named storms. Of those, three to six were predicted to become hurricanes, with one to three becoming major hurricanes. September is typically the most active month for tropical storm and hurricane activity. But, this year marks the latest date on record since the start of the satellite era (1960s onward) where no hurricane has formed in the North Atlantic. There were, however, four named tropical storms that formed in September: Edouard, Fay, Gonzalo and Hanna. All but Edouard stayed out in the open waters of the Atlantic. The National Hurricane Center suggests there is no sign of any tropical storm activity or hurricane over



the next week at least. Forecasters at Colorado State University, who also monitor activity, suggest the strong El Niño is likely to disrupt wind patterns across the Atlantic and "likely result in below-normal activity" over the next two-weeks. As the typical peak of the season has passed and is now on a downward trend until 30 November, a season without a single hurricane is looking increasingly possible. In the historical Atlantic hurricane database, there has not been a year without a hurricane recorded since 1914. However, this was pre-satellite monitoring so it is impossible to say with certainty that none formed. How does El Niño affect tropical development? While El Niño is the natural warming of the tropical Pacific, it can disrupt weather patterns around the globe. As wind patterns shift during an El Niño, upper winds over the Atlantic increase and this leads to more wind shear, where wind changes rapidly with height. Strong winds blowing at different speeds and directions at

higher altitudes rip apart thunderstorms, preventing them from growing into tropical storms or hurricanes. Meanwhile, the Pacific typically becomes more active during El Niño because the sea surface temperatures here are much higher, combined with more favourable wind patterns. The warmer waters give storms more energy to grow into tropical storms and hurricanes. This year, temperature records have already been broken in a key region of the central-eastern Pacific, with daily sea surface temperatures now exceeding the previous record set during the very strong El Niño of 2015. There have so far been 17 named storms in the basin including nine hurricanes, seven of which were major. In terms of the amount of energy these storms have produced - known as the Accumulated Cyclone Energy - this season is around two and half times more active than normal at this point. El Niño is predicted to continue to strengthen with forecasts suggesting it will reach its peak in November or December.

Australia investigating Flydubai co-pilot's links to country



Australian authorities are investigating the links between the country and a Flydubai co-pilot who attempted to take control of a plane travelling to Israel. The co-pilot is alleged to have attacked the captain with a crash axe during a flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv before passengers managed to overpower him and successfully take control of the plane. The Australian authorities have not identified the co-pilot, who has been named by multiple media outlets including Reuters, CNN and The New York Times as Hamam al-Hammami. The prosecutor in the UAE has said it is investigating the incident and any possible motives. In a statement

to the BBC, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) confirmed its investigation into "the man's links to Australia". The investigation involves state police and the country's security agency, it said, adding that an update would be "provided at the appropriate time". Sources familiar with the case, who have spoken to Australian media, have said the co-pilot was issued a student visa in 2014, and studied in Australia between 2015 and 2017, until he left the country. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) said the co-pilot's student visa was cancelled in 2019 as he was no longer enrolled in a course, making him ineligible for it.

WHY CANADA IS PREPARING FOR A (LONG SHOT) US INVASION

Prime Minister Mark Carney admitted last week that he has prepared for a once-unthinkable scenario - a US invasion. Noting the risk was low and the likelihood highly improbable, he told the New York Times he had a responsibility to consider all possibilities as the US-Canada relationship is redefined under the Donald Trump presidency. "That's just risk management," Carney said. Trump's global tariffs and his often-repeated desire to make Canada the 51st state has led Canada to war game an attack by the Americans. In 2025, the US president said it was "highly unlikely" that the US would ever use force against Canada. Instead he said, he would continue to exert economic pressures to obtain political aims. "President Trump has done more than anyone to protect the great people of Canada," the White House told the BBC in a statement this week. Military experts who spoke to the BBC also think an invasion is a long shot,



pointing to the multiple ways the two countries work together on defence. But the issue is clearly weighing on Canadians' minds. In January, after the US captured Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela, a Leger poll suggested that over 30% of Canadians believed that a US invasion was likely. Why it is unlikely to happen A war between Canada and the US would be complicated and almost difficult to imagine, said Lt-Gen Christopher Coates, a former military officer of 34 years with the Royal Canadian Air Force who held various senior positions. "I was involved in military operations for my whole career, and we never

considered the possibility that there would be a military attack coming from US territory," he told the BBC. Coates, who had served on Nato missions, noted that Canada and the US collaborate on many aspects of military defence. They are both members of the north Atlantic defence alliance, which mandates members to defend a fellow member nation should they be attacked. The two countries also conduct joint Arctic defence missions under the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD), and frequently share intelligence. Because of this, Coates said he believes an attack by the US

on Canada would not begin with an armed assault, but rather with more discreet means like cyberwarfare. Not always the best of friends After World War II, Canada and the US became natural allies for the latter part of the 20th Century, and have become heavily integrated economically, militarily and culturally. But it wasn't always this way. In fact, a core tenet of Canada's identity is its resistance of US expansionism in the 18th and 19th Centuries, said Tim Foran, a researcher with the Canadian War Museum. "Fear of the United States is foundational to the political project that is Canada," he said. Canada was formed as a collection of British North American colonies who remained loyal to the British Crown when the colonies in the modern-day US rebelled. Before the formation of Canada, the US had attempted to invade British North American colonies, taking control of Montreal in 1775 and nearly conquering Quebec City.

Cornell president says university 'must do better' after frat house rape allegations



Cornell University's president says the school "must do better" after a woman alleged she was drugged and raped by a group of men at a fraternity house. In an eight-minute video statement released on Saturday night, Michael Kotlikoff described the allegations raised by the woman, identified as Jane Doe, as "deeply disturbing". The alleged incident has raised questions around the culture on campus of drug and alcohol use, and the way investigations were conducted in the case, Kotlikoff said. Jane Doe was a 20-year-old student at the university when she says seven men from its

Chi Phi fraternity assaulted her for hours in an incident involving alcohol and the drug ketamine on 19 October 2024. She said she had reported the incident two weeks after it happened to Cornell University police, which investigated, but no charges were laid. Last month, Jane Doe filed a civil lawsuit against the Ivy League university, in which she alleged Cornell had failed to protect her or adequately punish the men involved. Kotlikoff said Cornell was "committed to investigating" the way the case was handled, and said the school administration and community "must do better".

ETHIOPIAN REBEL FORCES WITHDRAW FROM TIGRAY REGIONAL CAPITAL



Rebel forces in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region have said they have temporarily withdrawn from the regional capital, Mekelle, as fighting with the national army moves towards the city. The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which has been running the region, said its decision to relocate was made because of concerns about risks to civilians. Two residents in Mekelle told the BBC that pro-government forces now control the city and TPLF forces have abandoned it. One resident also said mobile phone services appear to have resumed in parts of the city. Fighting has erupted in recent weeks between the TPLF and federal government forces alongside allied fighters in parts of Ethiopia's northern regions of Tigray, Afar and Amhara.



The development marks a major shift in the conflict and raises concerns among observers that the fighting could further destabilise the Horn of Africa, potentially drawing in neighbouring countries. The US Department of State called for "restraint" and "dialogue" on all sides ahead of a diplomatic meeting about the conflict in Egypt on Sunday with leaders from some of

Ethiopia's neighbours. How fresh fighting in Tigray could spark wider conflict in Ethiopia Tigray residents have been trying to recover from a devastating two-year civil war that ended in 2022 when the African Union (AU) brokered a peace deal, known as the Pretoria Agreement, between the two sides. However, in the last six months there has been a worsening of relations, with both

sides accusing each other of violating the agreement. Last month, the TPLF joined six other armed movements, including the Fano militia from Amhara, to form an alliance whose stated objective is to remove Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government from power. The civil war was one of the most deadly conflicts this century - the AU's mediator estimated some 600,000 people died as the fighting drove the region to the precipice of famine. On Friday, neighbours Ethiopia and Eritrea severed diplomatic relations with each other after Addis Ababa accused Asmara of supporting a new rebel alliance - an allegation that it denied. Ethiopia has also accused Egypt of supporting the rebels, leading to the expulsion of an Egyptian diplomat.

Yemen announces military campaign to reclaim land from Iran-backed Houthis

NTR's First & Furious Reaction to the Chuttamalle AI Video

In the last few hours, an AI-created Chuttamalle morphed video has been circulating on social media. As an example of the adverse effects of technological advancements, the edited clip from the song portrays Jahnvi in a derogatory manner and NTR in an objectionable way. The video has been cut in such a manner, and it is being widely circulated. However, many have reacted with severe outrage and are calling for it to be taken down. NTR has also shared his reaction, expressing his anger over the incident. Taking to X, NTR wrote, "To the scumbags behind this morphed Chuttamalle video, I will not spare any of you. I will take every possible legal action against those

who created it and those who are spreading it." NTR is very serious about the unnecessary sharing of the morphed video, done only for pleasure. He said Matrudevobhava is not just a phrase but part of culture, and urged governments to act strongly and introduce strict regulations against AI misuse. Earlier, a lot of female actors were subjected to deepfake videos and trolling because of the morphed pictures. Each time, the actors urge everyone to stop spreading them, and some have initiated legal action too. In the Chuttamalle case, those who did it crossed every line, and it's simply unacceptable. Chuttamalle is a popular song from NTR and Jahnvi starrer Devara: Part 1, directed by Koratala Siva.



Tears came to my eyes when Roshan was crying on the screen: Bekkam Venugopal



'Tellakagitham' is a movie produced by Krishna Kommalapati under the banner of Arunachala

Creations and presented by Mrs. K. Sridevi. Harsh Roshan and Nakshatra acted as the star couple. The story, screenplay and

words were given by Nandu Savirigana for this movie. This movie is directed by Ramesh Bandreddy. The movie, which hit the

screens on October 2, is getting an overwhelming response. In this background, the movie team organized a success meet.

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT VENKAIAH NAIDU GRACES 'INTERNATIONAL INK BOUND 2.0' AS CHIEF GUEST



The second edition of 'International Ink Bound 2.0', organised by Kasturi Vijaya Publishers, was held grandly on Saturday evening at Prasad Labs. The event was organised under the leadership of Kasturi Vijaya founder Pamarthi Sudheer Pamireddy. Former Vice President Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu, writer and actor Tanikella Bharani, and former Rajya Sabha member Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad attended the event as chief guests. On the

occasion, Venkaiah Naidu unveiled the Telugu, Hindi and English editions of 'Screenplay Master Sukumar', authored by Dr. Praveen Yajjala and published by Kasturi Vijaya Publishers. He also launched 'Avemaina Gnapakala? Marchipovadanika?', authored by renowned writer Vanguri Chittan Raj. Along with these books, the publishers also unveiled 'Ammamma Kathala Khajana', an anthology featuring 48 stories, with the respective

authors participating in the launch. Speaking at the event, Venkaiah Naidu said, "A book is a treasure trove of sweet memories. Chittan Raj has brought many interesting aspects to light through this book. He has also reminded us of our traditions that are gradually being forgotten, including our attire, customs and language. "Interestingly, our traditions are being followed more enthusiastically by Indians living abroad than by people in India.

ACTOR NAVDEEP UNVEILS 'MOHABBAT' TEASER



The teaser of the upcoming film 'Mohabbat', starring Santosh Raja and Shreyas Sen in the lead roles, was unveiled by popular actor Navdeep on Friday in Hyderabad. Produced by Afroz Shaik under the banner of ABS Productions and directed by Mac, the film is set to hit the screens soon. The teaser launch event was attended by hero

Navdeep and director Karuna Kumar as the chief guests. Executive Producer Saleem Shaik, director Mac, cinematographer YS Krishna, writer Kalam, and actors Eshwar Sai, Manoj, Satwik, Shreyas Sen, Santosh Raja, Ajay Ghosh, Santhoshi, Durga, and others were present at the event. Navdeep officially unveiled the teaser.

MANOJ MANCHU PENS A HEARTFELT BIRTHDAY NOTE FOR WIFE MOUNIKA BHUMA MANCHU



Actor Manoj Manchu took to Instagram to wish his wife Mounika Bhuma Manchu on her birthday with an emotional note, expressing his love and gratitude for her unwavering support throughout his toughest times and comeback journey. He credited Mounika's belief in him as a source of strength and appreciat-

ed her vision behind Namasthe World and AIKYA Dhairya Sena Samithi, highlighting her commitment to bringing people together through service. Calling her the heart behind AIKYA, Manoj celebrated the beautiful family they have built together and wished her continued success in achieving her dreams.

CULT PRODUCER SKN UNVEILS THE POSTER OF 'DHARANI I LOVE YOU'

The poster of the upcoming film 'Dharani I Love You' was grandly unveiled by popular producer and Cult Producer SKN. The poster launch event was held in the presence of the film's cast and crew and witnessed a lively atmosphere. Speaking on the occasion, SKN said that the poster of Dharani I Love You looks interesting and that the title itself creates curiosity about the film. He mentioned that director Saikrishna K.V. is making his second film and had earlier worked as an associate with S.S. Rajamouli on Magadheera. He conveyed his best wishes to producer Rajasekhara Maddikunta and the entire team and wished the film great success. Director Saikrishna K.V. said, "I am extremely happy that the first-look poster of our Dharani I Love You has been launched by Cult Producer SKN. He is a producer known for his excellent timing in the film industry. Despite being busy with successive successful films such as Baby and Chennai Love Story, he took the time to launch our film's poster, and I sincerely thank him for that. Many peo-



ple are fans of his entertaining and well-timed speeches on stage, and I am one of them." The producer, hero, heroine and other members of the film team expressed their happiness over hav-

ing the poster unveiled by SKN. They said that the film is being made with the intention of entertaining and connecting with audiences and that more details about the movie will be announced soon.

Ala Sendravanka Lyrical Song from Crazy Kalyanam Released

V K Naresh, Anupama Parameswaran, Tharun Bhascker, and Raj Weds Rambai fame Akhil Uddemari are playing the lead roles in the upcoming film Crazy Kalyanam. The movie is being produced by passionate producer Boosam Jagan Mohan Reddy as Production No. 2 under the Yaro Cinemas banner, with Badrapa Gajula directing the film. The makers have unveiled the second single, Ala Sendravanka, from the movie today. Suresh Bobbili has composed the song with a beautiful melodic tune, while the lyrics by G. Venkanna add to its appeal. The song has been melodiously rendered by Anurag Kulkarni. Ala Sendravanka is a soothing romantic melody that beautifully captures the charm and elegance of the female lead. The poetic lyrics celebrate her beauty through imagery of fragrance, moonlight, blooming smiles, colourful skies, and nature coming alive in her presence. Anurag Kulkarni's soulful vocals, combined with Suresh Bobbili's pleasant composition, make the song an enchanting musical treat.



"Chandrayaan" Is a Meaningful Film with Commercial Elements: Venu Udagula



Following the superhit success of Raju Weds Rambai, producer Venu Udagula is presenting another interesting film titled Chandrayaan. The movie features Shivakumar Dheekonda, Swapna Priyadarshini,

Ravi Shivateja, Vamshidhar, Lokesh and Balagam Satyanarayana in key roles. Produced by Praveen Molaka under the Simba Screen Stories banner and directed by Srinath Chandrasekhar, Chandrayaan is a hilari-

ous adventure film that is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on October 30. The film's glimpse was unveiled at a grand event in Hyderabad, with popular astrologer Venu Swamy attending as the chief guest.