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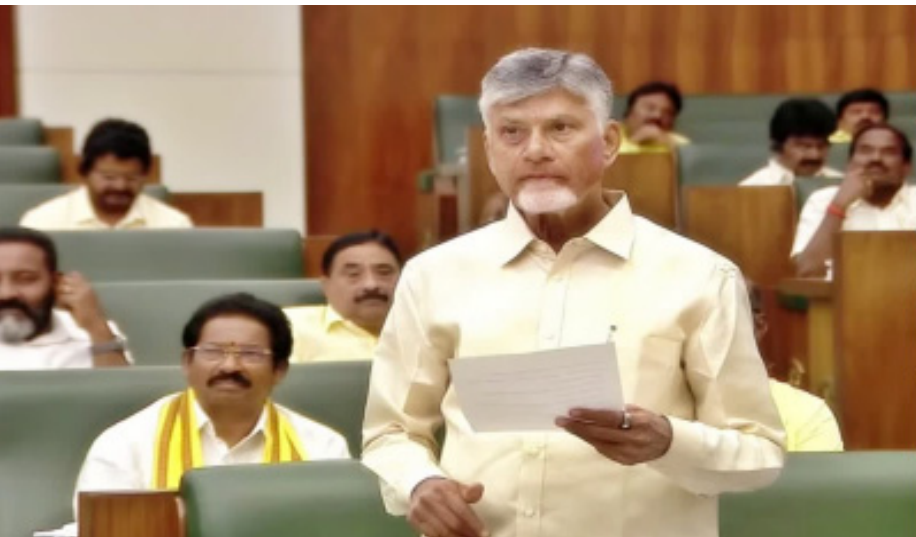
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CM Chandrababu Slams YSRCP for Criticising DSC Without Attending Assembly



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, August 19: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu made strong comments over YSRCP members boycotting the Assembly and Legislative Council. He said there was no precedent in the country's history for boycotting an

Assembly, which he described as a temple of democracy. He said discussions on public issues in the Assembly carry value and recognition. Speaking to the media during an informal interaction in the Assembly lobby on Wednesday, Chandrababu said that whatever YSRCP

members speak while sitting outside would have no significance.

"I Have Never Seen Anything Like This in My Political Career": Chandrababu

The Chief Minister stressed that the Assembly holds the highest position in a democratic sys-

tem. He said he had never seen an entire political party boycott such a platform during his political career. Referring to 1978, he recalled that N. Venkaiah Naidu and S. Jaipal Reddy had strongly raised issues in the Assembly. He said that even when N.T. Rama Rao did not attend the Assembly for some time between 1989 and 1994, they continued to attend on behalf of the party and fight for the people. He added that between 2019 and 2024, even when he challenged the government and walked out, their MLAs continued their fight until the final day.

"Does the Leader of the Axe Party Need Politics?"

Chandrababu said the fight taken up by their representatives in the Assembly over public issues had made everyone think. He said people elect represen-

tatives with the expectation that they will fight for their problems in the Assembly. He questioned whether the leader of the "axe party," which he accused of belittling democracy, had any place in politics. He alleged that YSRCP members were staying away from the Assembly to cover up the Group-1 irregularities while criticising the DSC from outside.

"We Restored BC Reservations"

The Chief Minister asserted that his government had restored the BC reservations that had been cut by the "axe party." He said all sections of society had welcomed the historic decision taken by his government. Chandrababu criticised the leader of the "axe party," saying that people neither believed nor cared about his alleged falsehoods.

Minister Lokesh Hits Back at Criticism Over Data Centres in Visakhapatnam

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, August 19: Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh strongly countered criticism by YSRCP leaders over data centres in Visakhapatnam. Minister Lokesh responded in the Assembly to questions raised by Jana Sena MLA Nagamadhavi regarding the data centres. He said misinformation was being spread about the water consumption of data centres. He emphasised that data centres are crucial for an AI-driven digital economy. He said Google's investment has increased the interest of other IT companies in Visakhapatnam. He revealed that if the data centre ecosystem reaches 6.5 GW, it would require around 3 TMC of water annually.

"Water Meant for City's Needs Will Not Be Diverted to Data Centres"



Minister Lokesh said water consumption by data centres would further decline with the adoption of new cooling technologies. He explained that the water supplied to data centres would come from the industrial allocation of Polavaram water. He made it clear that water allocated for the drinking and other needs of Visakhapatnam city residents would not be diverted

to data centres. He said steps were being taken to make gravity-based water supply from Polavaram to Visakhapatnam city available within 18 months. He added that dedicated pipelines would be established for data centres. He revealed that compared with a 1 GW thermal power plant, a data centre requires only about one-tenth as much water.

Massive Irregularities in Group-1 Exams During YSRCP Rule: CM

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, August 19: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu alleged that large-scale irregularities took place in the conduct of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) Group-1 examinations during the previous YSRCP government. Speaking in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, Chandrababu said the APPSC was constituted under Article 315 of the Constitution. He stated that Group-1 examinations are conducted to select officials for state services and that candidates work extremely hard to secure these jobs. He alleged that such examinations witnessed widespread irregularities during the previous government.

He said the public and job aspirants need to understand these issues thoroughly. The Chief Minister stated that the Assembly is a platform for accountability

and that there is a responsibility to explain the facts to the people from there. He assured that a stringent system would be put in place in the APPSC to prevent such irregularities from recurring in the future. Chandrababu said he had repeatedly stated that the state witnessed destruction between 2019 and 2024.

He criticised the previous rulers for eroding public confidence in various government systems.

Chandrababu said that when the notification for Group-1 services was issued in 2018, 1.14 lakh candidates had applied, of whom 325 were shortlisted. He said answer scripts of Class 10 examinations are transported under tight security and police escort, and therefore, even greater security should be ensured for examinations conducted to select officials who will administer the

state. However, he alleged that the previous government ignored the prescribed rules.

Chandrababu said the High Court had directed that the Group-1 answer scripts be evaluated manually instead of through the digital system. Despite this, he alleged that affidavits were filed in a manner that misled the court. He said that even after the court orders, work orders worth Rs.1.19 crore were issued for evaluation at Hi-Land. He further alleged that interviews were conducted and appointments were made despite court directions. The Chief Minister criticised the APPSC for assigning evaluation responsibilities to private individuals in violation of its rules. Chandrababu alleged that the examination papers written by Group-1 aspirants were evaluated by electricians, drivers, plumbers and security guards.

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, August 19: The displaced families of the Velugonda Project said that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu had provided them with all necessary facilities. They said they would never forget the assistance extended by the coalition government. Expressing happiness that their 30-year-old dream had finally been fulfilled, they said they never thought the project would be completed during their lifetime. They became emotional, saying they were extremely happy to see a project they had once thought they would never live to witness.

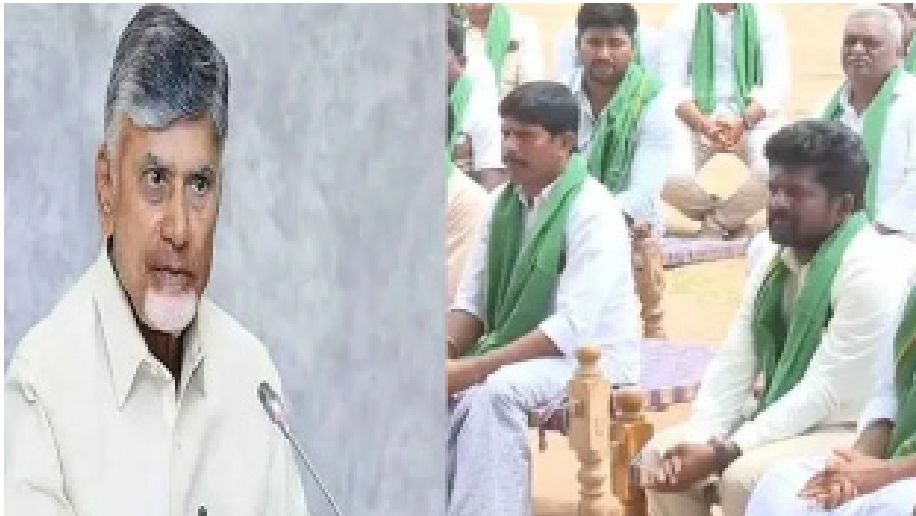
Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu handed over compensation cheques to the displaced families of the Velugonda Project. The project-affected families met the Chief Minister in his chamber at the Assembly on Wednesday.

day. On the occasion, he handed over compensation cheques worth ₹200 crore to them. The displaced families subsequently expressed their gratitude.

"Displaced Families Are as Important as Project Works": Minister Nimmala

AP Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu said the coalition government had completed the Velugonda Project works in a systematic manner. He described it as the "eighth wonder of the world" that Y.S. Jagan had dedicated an incomplete Velugonda Project to the nation. He recalled that then Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan had not paid even a single rupee towards the Rs.900 crore compensation due to the displaced families.

He made it clear that just as completing the Velugonda Project was important, the displaced families were equally important



to the government. He said that of the seven colonies constructed for the displaced families, 100% of the basic infrastructure had been completed in four. The remaining works in the other three colonies would be completed on a war footing, Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu said.

"Remaining Rs.400 Crore Compensation Will Be Paid Soon": Minister Dola

Welfare Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy said the remaining ₹400 crore compensation to the Velugonda Project displaced families would be paid soon. He said water would be released into Nallamala Sagar this August itself. He strongly criticised the "axe party" for allegedly cheating the Velugonda displaced families. He said the credit for dedicating an incomplete

project to the nation went to the leader of that party, referring to Y.S. Jagan. He recalled that, as promised earlier, the government had announced Markapur district.

He also pointed out that Chandrababu, who had laid the foundation stone for the Velugonda Project, was now inaugurating it again. Minister Dola appealed to the displaced families to vacate their villages.

CM CHANDRABABU TURNS PHOTOJOURNALIST



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, August 19: On the occasion of World Photography Day, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu turned photojournalist. The Chief Minister brought all the photojournalists together and took a group photograph. Picking up a camera, he said he would take the picture himself. Photojournalists met Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the Assembly premises on Wednesday as part of World Photography Day celebrations. On the occasion, he extended his greetings to all photojournalists.

"It Is a Great Honour to Meet Photographers," Says CM

The Chief Minister congratulated photographers

for documenting history and preserving memories. He extended his wishes to photographers who transform human experiences into remarkable images. He said he considered it a great honour to meet media and professional photographers. He appreciated their dedication, creativity and relentless efforts.

The Chief Minister said



photographers give a voice through their images to many untold stories. He explained that every photograph preserves a cherished moment in time for future generations. Chandrababu extended his greetings to photographers across the world and expressed his desire for them to capture more timeless moments that provide information and inspiration to people. He shared these remarks in a post on X.

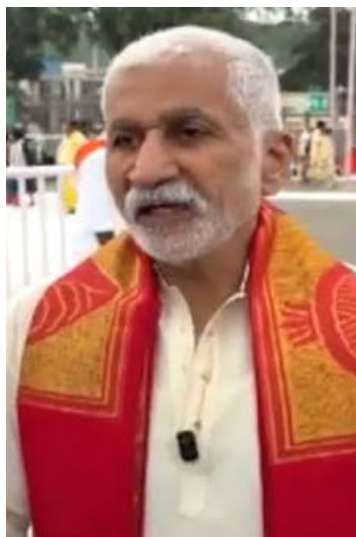
Vijay Sai Reddy Makes Key Announcement on Formation of Political Party

From Our Staff Reporter Tirupati, August 19: Former MP V. Vijaya Sai Reddy visited Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala and offered prayers. After seeking the blessings of the deity, he made several key remarks. Vijaya Sai Reddy said he had decided to launch a political party to strongly raise people's problems and their voices in the legislative bodies. He said he visited Lord Venkateswara to seek blessings in this regard. Vijaya Sai Reddy revealed that he would

soon make a key announcement regarding the formation of the political party. He said he would announce his political plan from Vijayawada later this month. He stated that his political course of action would be formulated in line with the aspirations of the people. He said he would provide clarity in Vijayawada on the formation of the new political party, its objectives and its future course of action.

He also said he

prayed to Lord Venkateswara for



abundant rainfall so

that the state and the country would remain free from drought conditions. He said he prayed for the happiness, prosperity and well-being of all people. Vijaya Sai Reddy's latest remarks have generated considerable interest in Andhra Pradesh politics. Political circles have begun discussing the political plan he is expected to announce. His Vijayawada announcement is likely to provide greater clarity on the party's name, policies, political objectives and future course of action.

Coalition government has given political assurance to BCs with 34 percent reservation



Madanapalle, August 19(Skyline correspondent): TDP constituency BC cell president Musalikutla Nagaiah expressed happiness that the coalition government has provided political assurance to BCs with 34 percent reservation. He participated in a meeting organized at his office on Wednesday along

with BC leaders M u d d i m a d u g u Ramamurthy and Kalicherla Ramamurthy. Speaking on the occasion, Musalikutla Nagaiah said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is a partisan of the weaker sections and the provision of 34 percent reservation in local body elections is proof of this. He

said that this decision will contribute to the political, social and economic empowerment of BCs. He said that 34 percent reservation will become a strong foundation for BCs who are facing backwardness in rural areas. From the level of Sarpanch, ward members, MPTC, ZPTC to municipal He praised that there will be an opportunity for BCs to have increased political representation at all levels, from chairmen to mayors. Similarly, if the nominated positions allocated to BCs are filled quickly, it will have a positive impact on the local body elections. He said that the vote of thanks speech given by Madanapalle MLA Shahjahan Basha in the Legislative Assembly was

wonderful. He praised that he is providing full support to BCs in the constituency. He said that he would like to express special gratitude to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, IT Minister Nara Lokesh, BC Welfare Minister Savithamma and MLA Shahjahan Basha for introducing the BC Reservation Bill. Later, M u d d i m a d u g u Ramamurthy said that Telugu Desam is the only party that is giving a big seat to BCs.

He expressed confidence that the 34 percent reservation bill is a historic decision and such decisions will help BCs realize their statehood in the future.

34% Reservation for BCs Symbol of Social Justice: Former MLC Gunivari Srinivasulu

Ramakuppam, August 18 (Skyline Daily): Former MLC Gunivari Srinivasulu has described the restoration of 34% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies as a significant step towards social justice. In a press release, Srinivasulu said BCs constitute 50.42% of the state's population and deserve political representation in proportion to their population. Recalling the history of BC reservations, he said former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao introduced 20% reservation for BCs in 1987, while TDP supremo N. Chandrababu Naidu increased it to 34% in 1995. He said the 34% quota was successfully implemented for nearly two decades. However, he alleged that after the YSRCP came to power in 2019, the BC reservation was reduced from 34% to 24%, resulting in serious injustice to the community. He said the reduc-

tion deprived around 16,800 BCs of the opportunity to contest local body elections across the state. Srinivasulu appreciated the coalition government for restoring the 34% reservation soon after assuming office and fulfilling its election promise. He said the decision demonstrated the government's commitment to the welfare and political empowerment of BCs. He expressed confidence that the restoration of the quota would provide greater opportunities for BCs in Municipal Councillor, MPTC and ZPTC seats, particularly in Kuppam Municipality and the four mandals of Ramakuppam, Kuppam, Gudipalle and Shantipuram. He further claimed that during the past two years, the coalition government had provided financial assistance of ₹32,534 crore to 1.17 crore BC beneficiaries. He said special welfare schemes were being implemented for today



tappers, weavers, fishermen, Nayee Brahmins and Vaddera community workers. The government was also taking steps to fill more than 70,000 backlog vacancies, he added. "BCs should not be treated merely as beneficiaries of welfare schemes. Our objective is to make them

politically and economically strong. The development of BCs is the development of the state," Srinivasulu said. He added that the restoration of 34% reservation had generated renewed enthusiasm among BC leaders and party cadre in the Kuppam constituency.

We are implementing all the guidelines of the Election Commission



Madanapalle, August 19(Skyline correspondent): As part of the Panchayat and Municipal elections to be held in the district, Annamayya District Collector Nishant Kumar explained to State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha that all arrangements related to the conduct of the elections are being made in a strict manner. In the video conference organized by State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha with the District Collectors and Joint Collectors on Wednesday, District Collector Nishant Kumar and Joint Collector Shiv Narayana Sarma participated from Madanapalle Collectorate. In the video conference, the State Election Commissioner directed the district officials on the

steps to be taken regarding voter mapping, establishment of polling stations, identification of SC, ST, BC voters, assessment of election equipment requirements, identification of sensitive and highly sensitive polling stations, appointment of election officers for each panchayat, mandal and municipality. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that there are currently no problems related to the 411 village panchayats in the district. He said that the poll communication process has been completed and the verification process of police stations is ongoing. He said that the process of identification of SC, ST, BC voters has started and the pace of work will be further increased to complete

the process within the stipulated time. The necessary preparatory work has been completed regarding the ULBs affected by court cases and we are waiting for the next court verdict and the orders of the State Election Commission, the Collector explained. He said that the Election Commission is taking into consideration the issues set by it regarding the identification of sensitive and highly sensitive areas in the district. He said that a meeting was held with the District SP and areas where there is a possibility of clashes were identified, and that surveillance and control measures have been taken against anti-social forces for the last one/ two months to prevent any untoward incidents during the elections. The Collector

said that the ballot boxes required for the conduct of the elections have to be procured from other districts, and for this, officers will be sent and the necessary information will be provided soon. The Collector clarified that all the instructions and guidelines given by the State Election Commission have been recorded and all steps will be taken to implement them as per the rules and conduct the election process effectively. DRO Venkatesh, District Panchayat Officer Radhamma, SGSW District Officer Amarnath Reddy, Madanapalle, Rayachoty, Punganur, B Kothakota Municipal Commissioners Pramila, Ramana Reddy, Madhusudhan Reddy, Ramadevi and others participated in this video conference.



The World Is Looking Towards Andhra Pradesh!

Amaravati, August 19: Minister Nara Lokesh announced that Andhra Pradesh has climbed from 9th to 2nd position among Indian states attracting new investments in just 24 months. He shared this information on Twitter on Tuesday. "It is a matter of pride that under the leadership of visionary leader and Chief Minister Chandrababu, the state is rapidly emerging as an industrial powerhouse. A clear vision, transparent governance and speed of doing business are the pillars of the state's progress. Investors from across the world are coming forward. Now, the entire world is looking towards Andhra Pradesh," Lokesh said.

Direct Election of Mayors, Municipal Chairpersons to Bring Several Benefits: Narayana



Amaravati, August 19: Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana said that directly electing mayors and municipal chairpersons would bring several benefits. He said those elected directly by the people would have a strong public mandate. Speaking in the Assembly on Wednesday, he clarified that councillors and corporators would not be able to influence mayors and municipal chairpersons. This, he said, would enable both to take faster decisions. He also said direct elections would provide an opportunity to implement long-term development plans. Development works could be accelerated through better coordination among various departments, he said. Mayors and chairpersons would also have greater scope to actively promote investors, industries and tourism, Narayana stated. He added that political influence over the two posts would be reduced and that they would have an opportunity to undertake works benefiting people from all sections of society. Earlier, Minister Narayana introduced the Fourth Amendment Bill to the Municipal Laws in the Assembly. The Assembly approved the Bill, which seeks to amend the relevant municipal laws. With this, the mayor and municipal chairperson will henceforth be elected through direct elections. Until now, both posts had been filled through an indirect election process.

Major Corporate Fraud Uncovered in Vijayawada

Vijayawada, August 19: A major corporate fraud has come to light in Vijayawada. The accused allegedly siphoned off Rs.24 crore from Union Bank by providing false information. After obtaining a loan from Union Bank, the accused allegedly diverted the entire loan amount through shell companies without setting up any units. Following this, bank officials conducted inspections and found that only Rs.25 lakh was available against the Rs.23.85 crore that was supposed to be in stock. Union Bank AGM Srikanth Patro, who detected the matter belatedly, lodged a complaint with the CBI. The AGM stated that Omkara Vijayalakshmi Stripes Private Limited had obtained a loan from Union Bank.

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Head Office: Level 3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 Website: www.truhomefinance.in		
Notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal & interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Known as Shriram Housing Finance Limited) and the said loan accounts have been classified as Non-performing Assets (NPA). The Demand Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) on their last known address. In addition to the said demand notice, they have been informed by way of this public notice.		
Details of Borrowers, Securities, Outstanding dues, Demand Notices sent under section 13(2) and the amount claimed there under given as under:-		
Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Name & Address	Property Address of Secured Assets	Demand Notice Date & Amount Due in Rs.
MR.THATHA SURENDRA S/O MR.RAMANAYYA MR.THATHA BHAVANI W/O THATHA SURENDRA DOOR NO 5-67 INDUKURU PEATA NARASAPURAM NEAR TEMPLE NELLORE ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA 524002 Loan Amount – Rs.30655008 & 458287/- NPA Date – 11-06-2026 Account No : SLPHNELR0000799 & SLPHNELR0001047	DESCRIPTION OF ENTIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Sri Potti Sreeramulu Nellore District, Wellore. Registration District, Indukurupet Sub-Registrar Office, Indukurupet Mandal, Narasapuram Gram Panchayat, Somarajupalli Mazara, Narasapuram Village, Survey No.253-3, full of an extent of Ac. 2-68 cents, init an extent of Ac. 2-47 cents of land. Assessment No.599, an extent of 30 ankanams of site and RCC Slab house is bounded by: West: Site of Thatha Suneetha (this side measurements-41-00 feet). East: Street (this side measurements-41-00 feet). North: Site of Thatha Uma Maheswari (this side measurements-53-00 feet). South: Site of Thatha Rajani (this side measurements-53-00 feet), an extent of 30 ankanams 240 Sq. Yards of site and RCC Slab House init an extent of 1478 Sq.Fts including with all easement rights there in.	Demand Notice Date – 12-08-2026 Demand notice Amount Rs.2980983.26/- (Twenty Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three Rupees and Twenty Six Paisa Only) & Rs.484737.86 /-(Four Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Rupees and Eighty Six Paisa Only) as on 31-08-2026 under reference of Loan Account No. SLPHNELR0000799 & SLPHNELR0001047
MR.SAMIDIBOINA SREEHARI S/O MR. SAMIDIBOINA SIDDIAH MRS.SAMIDIBOINA SUNEETHA W/O SAMIDIBOINA SREEHARI FLAT NO 502 KARTHIK PARADISE APARTMENT RITHVIK ENCLAVE SARDAR VALLABHAI PATEL NAGAR A K NAGAR NELLORE URBAN NEAR MUNICIPAL PARK ANDHRAKESARI NAGAR SRI POTTI SRIRAMULU NELLORE ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA 524004 Loan Amount – Rs.1981445/- NPA Date – 03-08-2026 Account No : SMLHNELR0000923	DESCRIPTION OF ENTIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Sri Potti Sriramulu, Nellore Registration District, Nellore Sub-Registrar's office, Nellore, Nellore Bit-1, Survey No.: 2041/1, Vedayapalem, Survey No.: 78/1, 79, Kondayapalem, Survey No.: 458/2, 459, 460,461,462, 463, 464, 465, as per the plan approved by the Director of Town & Country Planning vide L.No.: 17/2003/N.R., 'Rithvik Enclave' layout plot (although it is written as Gayatri Nagar, near by) Presently: Plots No. 147, 148, 149, 150 of the land taluk of Kondayapalem, Survey No. 464, near Door No. 26-2/1420/1 in Nellore city, area 160 ankanam or 1070.24 square meters, boundaries of the land- East : 40 feet wide layout road. South : 40 feet wide layout road. West : 40 feet wide layout road. North : Plot No. 146, 151 In between this 160 Ankanamas and 1/40th of the total space, or 4 Ankanams . 32 square yards of undivided land, SCHEDULE-B In the apartment building named 'Karthik Paradise' constructed on the above mentioned 'A' schedule, Flat No. 02 on the 4th floor (this flat is Door No. 26/3/1418/34) Assessment No. 1031069564) measuring 1103 sq. ft. (including common area) and having the following boundaries:- East: Open to Sky, South: Site of This building (Open to Sky). West: Open to Sky, North: Common Corridor. R.C.C. flat measuring 1103 sq. ft. (including common area) within these limits, the floor area of this apartment i.e. 160 units as per Schedule 'A', 1/40th part of 4 units or 32 sq. yards of undivided area, doors, windows, door frames, railings, electrical fittings, wiring, H.S.C. No.: 3311110093341, service, security deposit, etc., all the equipment installed in this flat, the right to a car parking space in the car parking spaces on the stilt floor of this apartment, the total area of this apartment You shall have a joint share in the common amenities & facilities such as stairs, lift, open terrace, etc., scooter parking right, overhead tank, pipe lines, well, borehole, motor, transformer, generator, power room, underground sumps, water supply lines, drainage systems, etc. You shall have a joint share in and enjoy all the rights and privileges of the said 'Karthik Paradise' apartment, along with all the other owners of the said apartment, and you shall be a co-owner and member of the association and shall pay your share in the maintenance expenses of the said apartment, etc. All rights of ownership relating to this are hereby sold to you and are hereby taken into your possession this day.	Demand Notice Date – 12-08-2026 Demand notice Amount Rs.2132467.70/- (Twenty One Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Seven Rupees and Seventy Six Paisa Only) as on 31-08-2026 under reference of Loan Account No. SMLHNELR0000923
KESAVA MALLI S/O MR.PUTTAIAH MRS.PRASANNA MALLI W/O KESAVA MALLI DOOR NO D/NO: 4-1-83 RALLAMITTA VADDIPALEM NEAR RAMALAYAM KOVUR NELLORE ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA 524137 Loan Amount – Rs.1144588/- NPA Date – 03-Aug-2026 Account No : SLPHNELR0000550	(Description of Property) SPSR Nellore Registration District, Kovur Sub-Registration, within the limits of Rallamitla, Vaddipalem area and Kovur village & Gram panchayat, sy no.1132/3, ward no-4, dno:4-1-83, Asst No. 2048 an extent of 14.50 ankanams 116 sq.yds and RCC Construction and Vacant Site Bounded by: EAST: House of Turaka Ankamma SOUTH: Street WEST: Street NORTH: House oh Malli Chinnaiah Within these boundaries 14.50 ankanams 116 sq.yds of Vacant Site in which R.C.C. Construction 504 Sq.ft and with all appurtunacness and electrical Fittings and HSC No.1132 Sanitary Fittings, water connection and well in half share and all other easement rights relating to this property	Demand Notice Date – 12-08-2026 Demand notice Amount Rs.1140237.60/- (Eleven Lakh Forty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Rupees and Sixty Paisa Only) as on 31-08-2026 under reference of Loan Account No. SLPHNELR0000550
EDURU SUJANA D/O MR.GOLLA SESHAIHA DENAIAH MR.EEDURU HARIKRISHNA S/O EEDURU DENAIAH DOOR NO 3-60 POTLAPUDI NORTH SIDE THOTAPALLI GUDUR POTLAPUDI SRI POTTI NEAR BRAHMAM GARI TEMPLE SRIRAMULU NELLORE ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA 524002 Loan Amount – Rs.699034/- NPA Date – 03-Aug-2026 Account No : SMLHNELR0000951	(Description of Property) The property admeasuring an extent of Ass No.359(As per property tax), SyNo:37, Harijanawada, Potlapudi Village & GP Thotapalli Gudur Mandal, S.P.S.R Nellore Dist Consisting of Residential Builtuparea/Saleable Area 378 sq.ft 208 Sq.yds, comprised in Survey Number(s) 37 situated in Potlapudi village, within the Sub-Registration District of KOVUR bounded on the: West: House of Nakka Sudhakar North: Cement Road South: House of Gonu Suman East: Cement Road Situated within the Sub-Registration District of Kovur and Registration District of Nellore	Demand Notice Date – 12-08-2026 Demand notice Amount Rs.774792.46/- (Seven Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two Rupees and Forty Six Paisa Only) as on 31-08-2026 under reference of Loan Account No. SMLHNELR0000951
H.MEENA W/O MR.H VENKATESH MR.H VENKATESH W/O VEERA VENKATA SUBRAHMANYESWARA RAO SALADI DOOR NO 3-13A PALAMANGALAM SOUTH H W NARAYANAVANAM NEAR MPP SCHOOL KEMPARAPALEM CHITTOOR ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA 517581 Loan Amount – Rs.810752/- NPA Date – 03-Aug-2026 Account No : SMLHTRPT0001173	(Description of Property) Situated within the Sub-Registration District of Puttur District of Tirupati, The property admeasuring an extent of 133 Sq. Yds., bearing house no 5-42 and Assessment No 393, comprised in Survey Number(s) 236/48 situated in No 37, Palamangalam (South side), Kandriga Harijanawada, PALAMANGALAM village, within the Sub-Registration District of PUTTUR bounded on the: West: Gopi House North: Muragesh House South: Street East: Common Pathway RCC Ground Floor 645ft5	Demand Notice Date – 12-08-2026 Demand notice Amount Rs.889733.90/- (Eight Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Three Rupees and Ninety Paisa Only) as on 31-08-2026 under reference of Loan Account No. SMLHTRPT0001173
You the borrowers are therefore called upon to make the payment of the outstanding dues as mentioned hereinabove in full within 60 days of this notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the SARFAESI Act, to enforce the above mentioned securities. Please note that as per Sec 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained from transferring the above referred securities by way of sale, lease, or otherwise without our consent.		
Place : Nellore, TIRUPATHI Date: 20-08-2026		Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited (Earlier Known as Shriram Housing Finance Limited)

YSRCP Protest Over Mega DSC Sparks Tension in AP Legislative Council

Amaravati, August 19: The third day of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly and Legislative Council sessions began on Wednesday. In the Legislative Council, YSRCP members moved an adjournment motion on the Mega DSC. Legislative Council Chairman Koyye Moshen Raju rejected the motion. Following this, YSRCP members staged a protest near the Chairman's podium, leading to chaos in the House. They demanded a discussion on the DSC and surrounded the podium in protest. The YSRCP members also at-

tended the session wearing black scarves around their necks. Due to their protest, the Chairman adjourned the Legislative Council for a short while. **“YSRCP Members Are Not Respecting the House”:** Minister Nadendla Manohar Minister Nadendla Manohar said YSRCP members were not respecting the House. He urged the Chairman to maintain order in the Council. He questioned why the members were raising slogans while banging on the Chairman's table. He said members also had a re-

sponsibility to uphold the dignity of the House. Chairman Koyye Moshen Raju expressed displeasure over Manohar's remarks. He said the minister was well aware of the procedures and rules governing the House. He added that the minister also knew what action could be taken against the members and how it could be taken. AP Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu said the House should function according to established conventions. Referring to the period when Y.S. Jagan was in power, he

said the current Chairman had also served as the presiding officer then. He recalled that opposition members were suspended when they crossed the “red line” laid down in the House. He said the Chairman still had the authority to take similar action. Questioning why action had not been taken despite disruptions to the House for three consecutive days, Atchannaidu said they had no intention of insulting the Chairman and acknowledged that he had the necessary powers.

EDITORIAL

Vande Mataram for Creating Divisions?

The makers of the Constitution, who laid the foundations for the Indian Republic, believed that the country could succeed only by recognising and respecting both “unity in diversity” and “diversity within unity” and by extending equal respect to all. They defined India as a Union of States. Therefore, instead of imposing a single viewpoint on everyone, there must be space for and respect for differing opinions within a framework that is acceptable to all. However, there is criticism that the present Central Government is setting aside the spirit of federalism and forcibly imposing its decisions. One example is the famous national song Vande Mataram, written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay. The song inspired many people during the freedom struggle. The Centre’s decision to make its singing mandatory at all official and national events may be welcomed. But the directive to sing all six stanzas of the song in full has become controversial. The first two stanzas contain words such as sujalam, suphalam, malayaja sheetalam, which are inspirational to every citizen and have not attracted objections. However, the subsequent stanzas contain praise of Hindu deities such as Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati, leading Muslim members to raise objections as early as October 1937. The Congress Working Committee discussed the issue extensively in the presence of Mahatma Gandhi. At the time, there were concerns that the issue could create divisions in the united freedom movement that was being conducted beyond caste and religion. Therefore, those stanzas were withdrawn in practice, and Vande Mataram came to be sung with the remaining stanzas. Although the country was partitioned on religious lines at that time, India subsequently moved forward as a secular, democratic republic. Despite the many internal factors that could have led to further divisions, the leadership of independent India acted carefully and avoided allowing those differences to deepen. It worked tirelessly to build bridges of friendship between different sections of society. Many great leaders who displayed immense courage, sacrifice and determination in breaking the chains of slavery and driving out the British wanted India to belong to every Indian as a birthright. Accordingly, they were able to unite people across caste, religion and social groups and lead them forward on a common path. At the same time, they chose slogans and symbols that respected the diversity of the people.

Although national leaders such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and J.B. Kripalani had many differences of opinion, they did not accept policies that could divide the people. Respecting people’s emotions is one thing; using those emotions to satisfy them or for political gain is another. Democracy does not mean imposing the majority’s decision forcibly on the minority. If that is attempted, the country risks moving away from the principles of democracy. Democracy means respecting differing opinions within a broad constitutional framework and ensuring that people with different views enjoy the same rights as the majority. Attempts to disturb this balance are dangerous steps that could shake the foundations of the Indian Republic. The national flag and the national anthem are both national symbols protected by the Constitution. However, unlike the national anthem, the national song does not enjoy the same constitutional protection. Disrespecting the version of the national song adopted by the Constituent Assembly is considered unlawful. But attempting to extend that protection to every stanza of the song and equate it with other constitutionally protected national symbols could lead to resistance. The government’s directive requiring every citizen to compulsorily sing all six stanzas, including the explicitly religious verses, is therefore becoming a matter of debate. In such circumstances, if a Muslim bureaucrat, a Christian student or a Buddhist citizen is compelled to sing verses praising Goddess Durga or Saraswati, is that practically feasible? Would it not seriously hurt their conscience? Anticipating such situations, the makers of our Constitution incorporated Article 25, which provides protection from such undesirable circumstances. They created a constitutional system capable of bringing diverse civilisations together and moving them forward. True patriotism does not mean that every citizen must pray in exactly the same manner. In this context, the Bijoe Emmanuel case, decided by the Supreme Court in 1986 concerning three students who were expelled from a school in Kerala for not singing the national anthem, is worth recalling. The Supreme Court made it clear that even if the students did not sing the national anthem, it was important that they stood respectfully. Against this backdrop, should we not seek paths that unite people rather than policies that create divisions?

Why A 'Bangladesh' Proposal By Turkish Media Should Worry India

Soon after the Mecca pact between Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Turkey was signed, Turkish media Yeni Safak published a piece about the prospects of Bangladesh joining the pact. Without a byline, the article took full cognisance of India's discomfort at such a proposition but insisted that it would move Bangladesh "beyond bilateral asymmetry (with India)", which would signal a "mature, independent, foreign policy". "Pakistan and Turkiye would welcome this as a natural expansion of Islamic defence cooperation, while India would recalibrate its traditional approach to its eastern neighbour".

The Bangladesh Angle

Now, while not too much should be read into a media piece, Yeni Safak is not just another Turkish publication. It is an Islamist one, and close to the current ruling dispensation in Turkey. One of its most defining features in recent times has been its overwhelming focus on India, highlighting some of the most insignificant events in the country that give Turkey the opportunity to ridicule it. Suffice it to say that in this pursuit, it does not spare India's leadership. Since 2024, the publication has become one of the most ardent supporters of Bangladesh's engineered uprising and is virulently anti-Hasina, only a logical extension of its anti-India stance. Given this background, Yeni Safak's article cannot be entirely dismissed as absurd. In fact, it is quite plausible that Turkey may try to get Bangladesh to join the pact, as its leaders have said that the deal is open to other interested countries. Turkey is also trying hard to develop defence relations with Bangladesh, along the lines of its defence ties with Pakistan. And this is where India should be wary. The Mecca defence deal will be an enabler for Turkey, which is becoming an increasingly big security chal-

lenge for India. **India Need Not Worry About The Saudis** The pact itself need not worry India much. The greatest cohesive element in it, Saudi Arabia, has over the years developed close relations with India, which it is not about to erode, especially now. Bilateral relations between the two nations stand on their own merit. With the Saudis preparing for a post-oil economy and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's ambitious domestic projects, the Kingdom needs India. The Saudis have also committed to investing USD 100 billion in the country. At least 40 Indian companies have established headquarters in Saudi Arabia. Besides, India is one of the major Saudi energy importers, something that matters more than ever, what with the Iran conflict and now its Houthi surrogates tightening their chokehold on the main shipping arteries for Saudi exports. Bilateral relations between India and Saudi Arabia even involve defence, with both sides regularly conducting joint military exercises. The Saudis would not want to jeopardise this crucial relationship - certainly not for Pakistan. In fact, last September, soon after the Saudi-Pakistan Mutual Defence Agreement was signed, a senior Saudi official told Reuters that the agreement was "a culmination of years of discussions". He said, "This is not a response to specific countries or specific events ... Our relationship with India is more robust than it has ever been. We will continue to grow this relationship and seek to contribute to regional peace in whichever way we can." The Saudis did not invoke any NATO-type obligation when Pakistan began a border conflict with Afghanistan soon after the pact was signed, nor did Pakistan enter a combat role when Iran launched attacks on Saudi territory and vital infra-

structure in the current Middle East conflict. There is also no hint of either Pakistan or Turkey starting any joint military intervention against the Houthis, who launched audacious attacks on Saudi Arabia. In fact, clarity seems to be lacking in exactly what would constitute "an attack" on one party to merit others joining in defensive roles. This much, then, can, therefore, be considered more posturing than resolve. However, defence cooperation in bankrolling defence innovation, R&D, and production, is a given. At least Turkey will make sure it is, because this is where it has an upper hand. **Turkey Has The Biggest Win** Turkey's military industrial complex is a formidable one and has been supported by Europe for decades now. The country's defence doctrine is anchored in pursuing a policy that will help it achieve autonomy in defence requirements and, subsequently, become a global defence exporter. But the Turkish economy is struggling, with inflation, price rise, and a plummeting lira. The Mecca pact is, therefore, a lifeline for Turkey in more ways than one. First, it opens up avenues for increasing the export of Turkish-manufactured weaponry to both Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, ensuring cash inflows to its economy. Second, it will open up access to Saudi resources and investments for Turkish defence manufacturing and critical infrastructure. This will shape a new alternative to Western aid, primarily US arms supplies. In this context, the development of TAI KAAN fighter jets is of particular significance. Both Turkey and the Saudis want to acquire the F-35 fighter aircraft from the US, but Israel has been lobbying hard against this. The KAAN, which originally began as a means to replace Turkey's F16 fleet, can, once completed, be a substitute for the F-35. For



the Saudis, this would be a straight buy and also give them some leverage over the craft's manufacturing. Besides, Turkey has emerged as a champion drone and naval platforms producer. Earlier this year, it unveiled its first intercontinental ballistic missile prototype, the 'Yildirimhan', which has a range of 6,000km, with a maximum speed of Mach 25 and a payload capacity of 3,000 kilograms. Ankara's defence industry is growing exponentially, with more countries procuring or expressing interest in buying its defence wares. Certainly, the Mecca pact would also facilitate easier defence procurement from Turkey for the other two members.

The Unusual Allure Of Turkish Ideology Third, the ideological threat. The ideology of Turkey's current ruling dispensation is anchored in political Islam, which makes it an unwavering ally of Islamist groups around the globe, from Somalia to Gaza, including South Asia's Jamaati-Islami, both in Pakistan and in Bangladesh. However, its long, imperial and Sufi heritage, as well as its proximity to

Europe, imbue it with a certain sophistication, such that Turkey can flaunt its ideology even in places where Islamism is frowned upon. The starkest example would be Azerbaijan, as also Central Asia, South-east Asia, Africa, and even some corners of India. While promoting Muslim identity, Turkey hopes to expand its market and defence exports too. Is it a coincidence then that it is Ankara that keeps repeating that the Mecca Pact is open to expansion? The Mecca pact will potentially increase the ideological challenge globally. Both Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have helped the spread of Wahhabism and jihadism around the world. While Saudi Arabia may be promoting reforms and battling radicalism domestically, Pakistan's situation is curious. Turkey, meanwhile, is exporting its ideology by packaging it in more culturally refined terms. Finally, Turkey wins big where trade corridors are concerned - probably its biggest advantage. For a while now, it has been pushing to position itself as a major energy and transit hub.

4,800 Indians Removed, 51,000 ICE Arrests: What's Happening In Trump's America?

Last week, Venkata Vasamsetty, a long-term US green card holder, was arrested by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), three months after a judge dismissed efforts to remove her from the country. Vasamsetty, who's been a lawful permanent resident in the US since 2013, hasn't committed any crime, as is the case with most victims of ICE. The agency wants to remove her because she stayed in India for a few months in 2022 to visit her ailing father, and later contracted Covid. ICE accuses her of abandoning her permanent residency, a charge she denies. Two weeks earlier, the agency arrested another US resident, Pritesh Walia, a jazz musician. He has now been released on bond. Vasamsetty is also hoping to be freed on bond. But this is not the end of their troubles. The threat of deportation remains. Vasamsetty and Walia are among the growing number of Indians affected by ICE's operations, part of US President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown. The US has deported more than 4,800 Indian nationals since Trump took office. As many as 1,273 have been deported already in the first half of this year, and 3,567 were sent back last year, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Last year's figures were the highest in 16 years, but this year's total could be even more. Nationally, ICE arrested 51,000 people in July, a new monthly record. Trump has set a record of 2,000 arrests a day. According to Markwayne Mullin, Secretary of US Homeland Security, ICE

made an average of 4,200 arrests in the first week of August. So, many more Indians could be arrested and deported in the rest of this year. **Indians Are The Most Targeted Group** Although the largest number of arrests and deportations by the US involve nationals of Latin American and Caribbean countries, Indians now top such lists among Asians, according to Stop AAPI Hate, an American NGO that tracks and analyses data on Asian and Pacific Island nations and campaigns against ICE. Between January 2025 and March 2026, almost 28% of the 14,402 Asians arrested were Indians. During the same period, 6,218 Asians were deported; Indians again occupied the top spot, with a 28% share of removals. Stop AAPI Hate told this author that in their analysis of the latest data, which they have not yet released, they found that "Indian people remain the most targeted by ICE, with the highest number of arrests, detentions, and deportations out of all A/PIs (Asian and Pacific Islanders)". Indians are the third-largest foreign-born group in the United States, after Mexicans and Chinese, and there have been numerous cases of immigration and ID fraud involving them. Earlier this month, US authorities filed a case to revoke the American citizenship of India-born Harinder Singh after it was found that he had used a false identity and concealed his earlier immigration history. However, the growing targeting of Indians by US immigration officials is not due to a surge in

such cases. "A broader trend we also see is that the growth of the Indian population in the US, as well as the growing prominence of Indian leaders in politics, business, etc., has spurred a hateful backlash that is being further fuelled by bigoted policies and rhetoric under the Trump administration," says Stop AAPI Hate. **How ICE Became Trump's Most Feared Arm** ICE was formed as part of the US Homeland Security Act of 2002, a response to the 9/11 attacks in 2001. But the agency has never been as controversial as it has been since Trump began his second term as president 18 months ago. Mass deportation was Trump's main election promise, and his administration has granted ICE unprecedented powers and near-impunity to carry out immigration crackdowns and deportations. ICE agents can stop, detain, and arrest people they suspect of being in the US illegally, which is a civil offence. But since last year, they have frequently been accused of overstepping their powers and acting as if they were pursuing hardened criminals. ICE officers have kidnapped people, broken into cars to arrest suspects, and deported people even in violation of court orders. They have also used tear gas, pepper spray, and live bullets on non-violent protesters. At least six people, including three US citizens, have been shot dead by immigration officers since Trump came to office. Fifty-seven people have died in ICE custody since then, according to the NGO National Immigration Project. Thirty-

three died last year, the highest in over two decades. This year, 24 deaths have already been reported, and the total for the year is expected to be even worse. In January, protests against ICE spread nationwide after a 37-year-old US citizen, Renee Nicole Good, was shot dead by its officers in Minneapolis. A day after her killing, Vice President JD Vance declared that the agent who shot Good "is protected by absolute immunity". Later that month, another US citizen, Alex Pretti, was killed by Border Patrol, an immigration agency that works alongside ICE. The authorities have not arrested or charged anyone for the killings, despite national outrage. **Electric Shock Gloves** Last week, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said it planned to purchase special gloves for ICE officers that can deliver electric shocks. Produced by the US firm Compliant Technologies, the gloves haven't even been adopted properly by police forces in the country. They deliver low-voltage electric shocks on contact. The company says the technology in the gloves can inhibit "the subject from performing coordinated muscle movement". The news has alarmed human rights activists and some former officials of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement department. But the Trump administration is happy to proceed with such measures in an attempt to meet its goal of reducing immigration to a bare minimum and deporting all those it deems illegal. Trump's deportation target has been one million each year. How-

ever, ICE's own figures show only 4 lakh people were deported in 2025. This has made many hard-core Trump supporters unhappy, but officials claim many more have left the US voluntarily. The DHS told The Atlantic in a statement that "more than 3 million illegal aliens have left the US because of the Trump administration's crackdown on illegal migration, including an estimated 2.2 million self-deportations". These are staggering numbers, if true. In recent weeks, ICE has widened its net, arresting more suspects. As we have seen in the case of Indian national Venkata Vasamsetty's arrest, ICE's actions now include arresting people over allegations of green card violations or other legal issues, such as asylum applications or expired visas. Earlier, most arrests involved people who had pending final deportation orders. Last month, there were several incidents in which ICE officers boarded an aircraft to arrest a suspect. Airlines are unhappy because such incidents upset other passengers. But perhaps this is what Trump and his team want: a public display of immigration officers' tough approach. Last September, the US Supreme Court's Republican-appointed majority allowed ICE agents to stop people and question them about their immigration status based solely on race and ethnicity, or even on whether they speak English with an accent. This means ICE agents can decide who to stop and detain for questioning, a practice that lower-court judges had earlier found unconstitutional. This alarmed human rights groups and activists in the country.

SpiceJet Bankruptcy Cases To Be Heard Afresh By New NCLT Bench After Lessor Settlement



Mumbai: Bankruptcy petitions filed by aircraft lessors against SpiceJet will now be heard afresh by a new bench after the airline reached a last-minute settlement with one of the lessors, an Indian tribunal ruled. According to a report by Reuters, the decision provides temporary relief to the financially troubled airline but represents a setback for aircraft leasing companies that have been pursuing SpiceJet for outstanding dues for several years. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) had prepared a judgment covering eight insolvency petitions filed against the airline. However, the withdrawal of one petition following the settlement meant that the prepared order had to be revised. **Fresh Hearings Ordered After Lessor Settlement** With one member of the judicial panel scheduled

to retire on Wednesday, the tribunal said there was insufficient time to rewrite and deliver the judgment. As a result, the remaining petitions will have to be considered again by a newly constituted bench. The development means SpiceJet's current management will remain in control of the airline while the bankruptcy proceedings are reconsidered. Following the tribunal's order, SpiceJet shares pared their losses, trading 2.1% lower at Rs 10.95. The airline described the decision as a "positive step" towards resolving its legal and financial issues. A SpiceJet spokesperson said the airline remained committed to working constructively with its business partners to reach mutually acceptable solutions. **Financial Pressure Continues for SpiceJet** The amount claimed by the aircraft lessors was

not immediately available. The legal proceedings come amid continuing financial challenges for the airline. SpiceJet's cash-flow difficulties have previously affected its operations. Reuters reported in June that the airline had delayed salary payments to pilots. The carrier has also secured funding through a government-backed credit programme intended to support the stabilisation of its operations. The airline has suffered a substantial decline in its market presence over recent years. Its domestic market share stood at around 1.9% in June, compared with approximately 15% at the end of 2019. The fresh hearings give SpiceJet additional time to address its outstanding disputes with lessors, although the airline continues to face significant financial and operational challenges.

Escorts Kubota To Invest Rs.2,000 Crore In New Manufacturing Plant In Uttar Pradesh



Escorts Kubota Limited

New Delhi: Farm and construction equipment maker Escorts Kubota on Wednesday announced a Rs 2,000 crore investment to set up a new manufacturing plant in YEIDA industrial area, Uttar Pradesh. The plant to be developed across 154 acres at Sector 10, Gautam Buddha Nagar, in the industrial area of the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), will be one of the largest manufacturing facilities for its promoter Kubota Group across the globe, the company said in a regulatory filing. The new plant will be developed in phases with total indicative investment outlay of over Rs 2,000 crore. It will manufacture tractors, farm implements, construction equipment and engines, and will cater to both domestic and global markets, it added. As part of the phased expansion, there will be capacity expansion of up to 60,000 tractors and 15,000 construction equipment units per annum in the first phase, along with supporting infrastructure and allied facilities, the company said. The project will be funded from the proceeds of the earlier preferential issue of shares to Kubota Corporation and from internal accruals, it added. "India is one of the world's largest and fastest growing tractor markets, and it plays a significant role in Kubota's growth strategy for the year 2030," Kubota

Corporation President and Representative Director, CEO, Shingo Hanada said. He further said, "This greenfield facility and its scale reflect the role we expect India to play. India is no longer only a market for Kubota. It is becoming a manufacturing and engineering hub for Kubota globally." The project is aligned with Kubota Corporation's mid-term business plan 2030, which identifies India as one of the group's growth drivers. The plan also sets out the intent to build a global hub for affordable manufacturing in India, the company said. Escorts Kubota has an existing manufacturing capacity of approximately 1,70,000 tractors and 10,000 construction equipment units per annum, it added. Escorts Kubota CMD Nikhil Nanda said Escorts began in 1944 with a simple conviction, that Indian

farmers and builders deserve machinery built with the same rigour as anywhere in the world. "This is one of the largest investments we have made in our own manufacturing capacity, and a defining moment in that journey. The plant will serve farmers and construction contractors across India and global markets, while strengthening the country's position as a manufacturing hub for the world," he added. Escorts Kubota Ltd Deputy Managing Director, Akira Kato said the new facility will be an integrated manufacturing campus with machining, assembly, testing, engines and a mother warehouse for spare parts sitting on a single site. "We are embedding the Kubota production system, automation and digital quality control from day one, along with energy-efficient utilities and rigorous safety standards," he added.

Income Tax Department Seeks Clarity In International Tax Rules As Cross-Border Transactions Grow More Complex

New Delhi: The Income Tax Department is working to bring greater clarity and consistency to international tax administration as increasingly complex cross-border transactions and multinational business structures create new challenges for tax authorities. Monica Bhatia, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (International Tax), said the department is engaging with taxpayers and other stakeholders through outreach programmes on the new Income Tax Act to identify areas requiring clearer guidance. Speaking at an international conference organised by ASSOCHAM in New Delhi, Bhatia said taxpayers and the department needed to work together to navigate the evolving international tax environment. **Focus on Certainty and Consistent Tax Treatment** Bhatia said developments

such as the Supreme Court's Tiger Global ruling, the new Income Tax Act, dispute-resolution mechanisms and technological changes are reshaping international taxation. She stressed that policy stability, commercial rationale and greater certainty are important factors influencing investor confidence. Referring to steps taken after the Tiger Global judgment, she said the government had sought to provide greater certainty for legacy investments. Bhatia also highlighted India's experience with advance pricing agreements (APAs). The country has signed more than 1,000 APAs, including over 220 bilateral agreements, reflecting efforts to provide greater certainty on transfer-pricing issues. The tax department is examining areas where ambiguity continues and is working towards more consistent in-



terpretation and implementation of international tax provisions. The department also wants to strengthen the expertise of officials handling international tax matters. Bhatia said specialised knowledge and clearer guidance would become increasingly important as officers deal with sophisticated business models, multinational companies

and complex questions surrounding the allocation of taxing rights. The growing digitalisation of the economy is adding another layer of complexity. Digital businesses can operate across jurisdictions without traditional physical structures, requiring tax administrations to develop new approaches to assessment and enforcement. Bhatia

said the department's approach would continue to evolve through engagement with taxpayers, professionals and international counterparts. The broader objective is to balance effective tax administration with greater certainty for businesses and reduce prolonged disputes arising from inconsistent interpretations.

India's Russian Crude Imports Fall 32% In August As Rising Oil Prices Pressure Refiners

Mumbai: India's imports of Russian crude oil have dropped sharply in August, raising concerns for domestic refiners as disruptions to Russian production and exports intensify. The decline comes at a time when India's crude procurement costs are rising, potentially reducing the benefit refiners have received from discounted Russian supplies. According to Kpler data cited in a report by Financial Express, Russian crude deliveries averaged around 1.9 million barrels per day (mbpd) during the first 15 days of August, nearly 32% below the record 2.8 mbpd recorded in July. Imports had steadily increased from 1.6 mbpd in April to 1.9 mbpd in May, 2.7 mbpd in June and 2.8 mbpd in July. **Refinery Maintenance**

Cuts Russian Supplies As Russian supplies declined, Indian refiners increased purchases from traditional West Asian suppliers. UAE deliveries reached around 700,000 bpd in the first half of August, while Saudi Arabia supplied approximately 480,000 bpd. The shift comes as India's crude basket becomes more expensive. The average price stood at \$88.62 per barrel in August, compared with \$82.04 in July and \$83.22 in June. The price was \$89.58 per barrel on August 17. Rising international crude prices are adding pressure, with Brent trading around \$91.07 per barrel and WTI near \$84.99. The reduced availability of Russian crude could force Indian refiners to source more expensive replacement



barrels. According to the report, Rystad Energy has also lowered its forecast for Russian crude production, projecting average output of 8.95 mbpd in 2026, followed by a decline to around 8.6 mbpd in 2027. The consultancy expects Russian refinery through-

put to average roughly 4 mbpd in the second half of 2026, nearly 30% below the historical seasonal average. It estimates Russia could process around 1.4 mbpd less crude than normal during the period. Rystad said increasing drone attacks are now af-

fecting both Russia's refining and upstream operations. With spare capacity limited and ageing oil wells accounting for much of it, prolonged disruptions could eventually force production cuts and permanently reduce some output capacity.

Cabinet Approves Rs.9,450-Crore Railway Projects

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved four multi-tracking railway projects with a total investment of Rs 9,450 crore, which will be completed by 2030-31. The projects include the Kharagpur-Bhadrak (Ranital) 4th Line across a stretch of 173 km covering West Bengal and Odisha; the second project is a 4th line from Bhadrak to Haridaspur across 75 km in Odisha, while the third is the Gummidipundi-Gudur 3rd and 4th line extending across a distance of 90 km in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, a Cabinet com-

muniqué said. The fourth project is the Cuttack to Paradeep (Badabandha) 3rd and 4th lines to cover a 72 km route in Odisha. The increased line capacity will significantly enhance mobility, resulting in improved operational efficiency and service reliability for Indian Railways. These multi-tracking proposals are poised to streamline operations and alleviate congestion. The projects are in line with the Prime Minister's vision of a New India, which will make people of the region "Atmanirbhar" by way of comprehensive development in the area, which will enhance employment op-

portunities, the statement said. The projects are planned on the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan with a focus on enhancing multi-modal connectivity and logistics efficiency through integrated planning and stakeholder consultations. These projects will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods, and services. The four projects covering eight districts across West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 410 km. The proposed multi-tracking projects will enhance con-

nectivity to approximately 6,448 villages with a population of about 60 lakh, the statement said. The proposed capacity enhancement will improve rail connectivity to several prominent tourist destinations across the country, including the Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhitarkanika National Park, Maa Bhadrakali temple, Maa Dhamarai temple, Panchalingeswar Temple, Talsari-Udaypur and Chandipur Beach, Pulicat Lake, Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Lord Veeraraghava Perumal Temple, Gada Kujanga Jagannath Temple, Sarala Temple, Dhableswar Temple and Lalitgiri, a Buddhist site. The proposed

projects are essential routes for transportation of commodities such as coal, iron ore, cement, iron and steel, containers, automobiles, food grains, etc. The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 76 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum). The Railways, being an environment-friendly and energy-efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimising logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (around 13 crore litres) and lower CO2 emissions (around 65 crore kg), which is equivalent to the plantation of 2.60 crore trees, the statement added.

UAE Suspends Trade Ties With Iran After Ballistic Missile Incident

UAE: The United Arab Emirates has suspended trade, commercial exchanges and financial transactions with Iran until further notice following a missile incident that heightened tensions between the two countries. The UAE Foreign Ministry announced the decision early Wednesday, hours after the country's defence authorities detected two ballistic missiles launched from Iran. According to the UAE De-

fence Ministry, one missile fell outside the country's territorial waters, while the other landed within them. Both were assessed to have been aimed at maritime navigation before falling into the sea. No casualties or damage were reported. The UAE government has not yet clarified the full scope of the suspension or whether any exemptions will be permitted. The announcement represents a significant deterioration in

relations between Abu Dhabi and Tehran, which had largely avoided direct confrontation with Emirati territory following a memorandum of understanding that came into effect in June. The latest incident triggered a temporary missile warning for UAE residents. Authorities advised people to move to secure locations because of potential missile threats. The alert was subsequently withdrawn. Iran has not immediately responded to the

UAE's allegations. The escalation comes amid wider tensions across the Middle East and increasing risks to the UAE's energy and maritime infrastructure. Vessels operated by Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) have reportedly faced repeated attacks in recent weeks. The UAE's decision could have implications beyond its bilateral relationship with Iran, particularly for oil shipments and commercial shipping. Iran has maintained that the

Strait of Hormuz will remain closed until an agreement is reached with the United States. The strategically important waterway serves as a major maritime route for vessels leaving Gulf ports, including those operating from the UAE. Any prolonged disruption could therefore affect energy markets and international shipping. The UAE has previously faced substantial attacks during the wider conflict, with nearly 3,000 mis-

siles and drones reportedly targeting the country, more than any other Gulf state. Attacks against Emirati ter-



ritory declined after the June agreement, even as threats continued elsewhere in the region.

NLEP Workshop Strengthens Leprosy Control Measures

New Delhi, August, 19 (PIB): The two-day National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) Review-cum-Capacity Building Workshop commenced today in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Organised by the Central Leprosy Division (CLD), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the workshop aims to strengthen programme implementation, enhance technical capacities and accelerate focused action towards achieving Interruption of Transmission (IoT) of leprosy. The workshop brought together more than 70 participants, including the Additional Director General, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS); Deputy Director General (Leprosy); officials of the Central Leprosy Division; representatives from RLTRI Raipur and Aska Institute; State Leprosy Officers; Chief Medical and Health Officers; District Leprosy Officers from all 51 districts of Madhya Pradesh; District Consultants; technical development partners; and a representative of APAL. The deliberations focused on reviewing the epidemio-



logical situation, assessing programme performance, identifying implementation gaps and sharing field-level experiences and best practices. Particular emphasis was placed on strengthening early case detection, contact tracing, timely initiation and completion of treatment, prevention of disabilities and intensified surveillance as key components of the last-mile strategy for interrupting leprosy transmission. The workshop commenced with a welcome address by the State Lep-

rosy Officer, Madhya Pradesh, followed by a Special Address by the Additional Director General, DGHS. The first day of the workshop featured technical sessions focusing on the epidemiological scenario of leprosy in Madhya Pradesh, focused strategies under NLEP, improving the quality and outcomes of the Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC), and strengthening Retrospective and Reverse Contact Tracing. The session led by Dr. Sunil V. Gitte, Deputy Di-

rector General (Leprosy), highlighted the importance of leveraging programme data to identify priority districts and areas requiring intensified surveillance and targeted interventions. Particular emphasis was laid on implementing focused strategies to bring the prevalence rate below 1 per 10,000 population, while strengthening early case detection, contact tracing, timely treatment and disability prevention as part of the last-mile efforts towards interruption

of transmission. Dr. Rashmi Shukla, National Programme Officer, WHO, led a technical session on “Improving the Quality and Outcomes of Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC)”, focusing on enhancing the quality of campaign implementation and improving the effectiveness of case detection activities. Another technical session, conducted by Dr. Sandeep Jogdand, RLTRI Raipur, focused on “Retrospective and Reverse Contact Tracing”. The session provided technical orientation on strengthening contact-tracing approaches to identify potentially missed or undiagnosed cases and to better understand transmission dynamics within affected communities. The technical deliberations were followed by a brainstorming and experience-sharing session with District Leprosy Officers from across Madhya Pradesh. Districts including Alirajpur, Anuppur, Barwani, Burhanpur and Dhar shared their respective field experiences, highlighting programme perfor-

mance, operational challenges, priority areas and district-level actions being undertaken to strengthen early case detection, timely treatment and prevention of disability. The experience-sharing session also facilitated peer learning among district teams and provided an opportunity to identify practical and replicable approaches for strengthening implementation. The Vice-President of APAL shared experiences and practical insights on strengthening early case detection and community-level action, underscoring the importance of incorporating the perspectives of persons affected by leprosy and enhancing community engagement in programme implementation. The two-day workshop will continue on 20 August 2026, with further deliberations and capacity-building sessions aimed at consolidating district-level strategies, strengthening programme implementation and accelerating focused interventions towards the national goal of Interruption of Leprosy Transmission.

Raksha Mantri to hold bilateral talks with his Japanese counterpart in New Delhi to further deepen defence cooperation

New Delhi, August, 19 (PIB): Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will hold a bilateral meeting with the Defence Minister of Japan Mr Shinjiro Koizumi in New Delhi on August 20, 2026. The meeting is expected to further strengthen bilateral defence relations, enhance strategic trust and cooperation, promote stability & security in the Indo-Pacific region and identify new areas of collaboration. The two Ministers will exchange views on deeper maritime security cooperation and closer defence equipment and technology collaboration under the ‘Make-in-India’ framework, following Japan’s revision of the Three Principles on Transfer of Defence Equipment and Technology. The meeting provides an opportunity to build a roadmap for further advancing bilateral defence and security cooperation. On his maiden visit to India, Mr Shinjiro Koizumi visited the Western Naval Command in Mumbai on August 19, 2026, where he held discussions with the Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan and Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Naval Command Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan. The delegation was briefed on the roles & responsibilities and operational capabilities of the Indian Navy. Upon his arrival, the visiting dignitary inspected a Guard of Honour at the Western Naval Command. He, earlier, laid a wreath at the Gaurav Stambh at the Naval Dockyard. He also paid a visit to the indigenous ship INS Chennai. India and Japan share a common vision of building a free, open, resilient and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. The two-day visit of the Japanese Defence Minister underscores the growing momentum in bilateral defence cooperation and reflects the commitment of both sides to further expand the partnership. The visit comes weeks after Japanese Prime Minister Ms Sanae Takaichi was in Delhi for the Annual Summit with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi where both sides agreed to deepen defence and security cooperation.

Cabinet Clears Rs.3,591-Crore NH-22 Four-Laning Project in Bihar

New Delhi, August, 19 (PIB): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Upgradation of the Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa Section of NH-22 to four-lane Standard in Bihar. The project will be developed on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) at a total capital cost of Rs.3590.73 crore with a total length of 82.578 km. The proposed project holds significant strategic and economic relevance due to its integration with Bihar’s expanding National Highway network. It acts as a key feeder corridor connecting the India–Nepal border at Sonbarsa with economic centers like Muzaffarpur at NH-27 (East–West Corridor). The project will significantly reduce congestion in densely populated areas of Muzaffarpur, Muksudpur, Runni Saidpur, Thumma, Dumra, Bhutahi, and Sonbarsa. The project is expected to enable faster and safer movement of passengers and freight, improve travel efficiency and strengthen regional connectivity. It has been designed for a speed of 100 kmph with an average speed of 80 kmph, having no at-grade median openings, ensuring fast and safe travel. Planned in accordance with the principles of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, the project will enhance multimodal integration by improving connectivity to key economic, social and logistics nodes, including industrial areas and major railway stations. Improved connectivity will facilitate efficient movement of goods and agricultural supply chains, support regional economic growth, and provide better access to important cultural and religious destinations such as the Buddhist Circuit and historic Janaki Punaura Dham Temple, Sitamarhi. The Muzaffarpur–Sitamarhi–Sonbarsa stretch of NH-22 holds significant strategic and economic relevance, ensuring seamless linkage to the national freight grid. It is in synergy with existing corridors such as NH-31 and NH-122 enhances connectivity to industrial zones like Barauni and riverine logistics hubs along the Ganga It also enhances cross-border passenger and cargo movement via the nearby Land Port at Bhihamore. In addition, the project has provision for seven Major Bridges (including a 340m long major bridge over the perennial Bagmati River), three Railway Over Bridges (ROBs), and two Flyovers (1170m & 270m) to maintain cross movement of the traffic and ensure safe, high-speed travel. The project will increase average travel speeds, reduce travel time, and improve overall road safety, fuel efficiency, and vehicle operating costs, thereby enhancing regional mobility and socio-economic development. The project provides seamless connectivity to key economic, social, and logistics nodes across Bihar. Additionally, the upgraded corridor will enhance connectivity to five PM Gati-Shakti Economic Nodes (four Industrial Estates and one Mega Food park), four Social Nodes (Baba Garibnath Temple, Mata Janki Temple, Punaura Dham, Muzaffarpur & Sitamarhi aspirational Districts), and two Logistic Nodes (Muzaffarpur & Sitamarhi Railway Stations), thereby facilitating faster movement of goods and passengers across the region.

NHRC, India takes suo motu cognizance of the reported physical assault on two men from Manipur in Munirka area of Delhi

- Reportedly, one of the victims with serious head injuries has been put on a ventilator at a hospital - The Commission issues a notice to the Delhi Police Commissioner, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks
New Delhi, August, 19 (PIB): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken suo motu cognizance of a media report that two men from Manipur were assaulted by two persons in the Munirka area of Delhi. Reportedly, one of the victims sustained serious head injuries and has been put on a ventilator at a hospital. The Commission has observed that the contents of the news report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of human rights. Therefore, it has issued a notice to the Delhi Police Commissioner, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks. The report is expected to include the investigation and the health status of the injured. According to the media report, carried on 14th August 2026, a dispute over a minor issue led to the attack on the victims.

Today’s Horoscope



Aries

Find the solace in the company of children. The therapeutic powers of children not only those of your own family but even the off-springs of others can give you solace and calm your anxiety. Today, you can take your family members out for a get-together and spend a lot of money on them. Unexpected good news later in the day brings happiness and cheers for the entire family. Today chances of meeting someone who would appeal to your heart would be very strong. Today, you will not feel like working in the office. You will face a dilemma, which won't allow you to concentrate on your work. Today, you can come back from office and get indulged in some of your favourite hobbies. This will calm you down. Today, you will get to spend the best evening of your life with your spouse. **Remedy :-** Health will be wonderful by regularly watering a tamarind tree.



Taurus

Your personality will act like a perfume today. By spending money on essential household items, you will definitely face financial distress today, but this will save you from many future troubles. Time spent with relatives will be to your advantage. Spell of love is all set to bind you this day. Just feel the bliss. Do not enter into any joint venture- as partners will try to take advantage of you. Communication will be your strong point today. Your marriage will see a wonderful phase during this day. **Remedy :-** Donate battery-run toys and dolls to poor and needy children.



Gemini

Friends will introduce you to somebody special who would have a remarkable influence on your thoughts. Improvement in finances will make it convenient for you to make important purchases. Overall a beneficial day but someone you think you can trust will let you down. Love is synonymous to worshipping God; it is very spiritual as well as religious. You will know this today. Do not come under pressure of others when making important business decisions. Resist associating with people that will harm your reputation. The series of disagreements will take its toll and you will find it very difficult reconcile with your spouse. **Remedy :-** To experience continued growth in business/career, minimize, and if possible avoid, the use of black leather shoes.



Cancer

Hectic work schedule may make you short-tempered. New moneymaking opportunities will be lucrative. You will be torn in many different directions if you try to take care of everyone's demands. Interference of others will cause frictions. Journey undertaken for the job prospects would yield positive results. You need to keep your composure and express yourself during interview. You need to remember that god helps those who help themselves. You might feel awkward about an action of your spouse. But later you will realize it happened for good. **Remedy :-** Always keep a yellow piece of cloth in your pocket/wallet/near you for health body and mind. Yellow colour is a great mood enhancer.



Leo

You are likely to impress people around you with your positive outlook and confidence. Those who were going through financial crisis for a long time can attain money from anywhere today, which will eliminate several life problems in an instant. Do not neglect your social life. Take some time from your busy schedule and go out to attend the party with your family. It will not only relieve your pressure but also remove your hesitation. Have you ever smelled chocolate with ginger and roses? Your love life is going to taste like that today. Your work may get suddenly checked thoroughly at the workplace. **Remedy :-** Store water in a red or maroon coloured glass bottle and let it absorb Sun's rays. Then mix this water with your bathing water and have bath for active professional life



Virgo

Your hope will bloom like a rich delicate fragrant and dazzling flower. You know the importance of money very well, which is why the money you save today will be useful in the future and get out of any major difficulty. Festive atmosphere at home would ease your tension. Make sure you also participate in this and not remain like a silent spectator. Even your precious gifts/presents might not bring in the cheerful moments, because it could be discarded by your lover. You should put in your best efforts to reap excellent reward today. Natives of this zodiac sign need to understand themselves a bit better today. **Remedy :-** For a happy and contented love life, present your lover with blue coloured or hued flowers such as orchids, iris, hyacinths, etc.



Libra

Health will be fine despite some mental pressures. You may witness tremendous profit in business today. You can give new heights to your business today. Today you will benefit-as family members will respond to you in a positive manner. The ecstasy of entire universe is held between the two who are in love. Yes, you are the lucky one. Good day for traders and businessmen as they would benefit from growing demand. Today, you would like to do all the things that you used to love during your childhood. Love making is at its best when you can feel the emotional bond with your life-partner. **Remedy :-** Donate Barley equivalent to your weight in any goshala or cowshed and maintain great health.



Scorpio

Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Today, you will understand the importance of money and how unnecessarily spending it can negatively affect your future. Some of you are likely to purchase jewelry or a home appliance. Likely to be rewarded for fair and generous love. Others might demand too much of your time- Before you make any commitment towards them make sure that your work is not affected and also they are not taking advantage of your kindness and generosity. It is good for you to keep up with time, but at the same time, it is important to understand the importance of family and spend as much time as you can with them. The day might become one of the best days of your married life. **Remedy :-** Reciting (Om Namoh Bhagavate Vasudevayaa) 28 or 108 times will be good for professional life.



Sagittarius

Some people might feel that you are too old to learn something new-but that is far from the truth- you will easily learn new things because of your sharp and active mind. Today, you can learn the skill of accumulating and saving money and put it to the right use. Unexpected gifts and presents from relatives and friends. Sharing food with beloved in candlelight. Added knowledge that you acquire today would give you an edge when dealing with peers. You can watch any web series on your mobile in free time today. The day might become one of the best days of your married life. **Remedy :-** For enhanced health, distribute white scented-sweets to poor and needy children, especially young girls.



Capricorn

If possible try to avoid long journey as you are too weak to travel and this could put further weaken you. It should be well understood that in the hour of grief, your accumulated wealth will only help you tackle the situation. Hence, start saving from today and avoid excessive spending. Good time to get involved into activities that include youngsters. Beloved will be in a romantic mood. Your work will be appreciated at work. Efforts made to improve your looks and personality will turn out to your satisfaction. Your spouse will be full of energy and love today. **Remedy :-** Wear a bangle made up of bronze/brass for maintaining good health.



Aquarius

Health remains good. Certain important work will come to a halt due to bleak financial position. People you live with will not be very happy with you- regardless of what you do to please them. You may fall in love at first sight. Controversies or office politics; you will rule on everything today. Travel undertaken for business purpose will prove to be beneficial in the long run. You and your spouse might get a wonderful news today. **Remedy :-** Enrich your financial life by donating pure cotton clothes and namkeens to economically backward section of the society.



Pisces

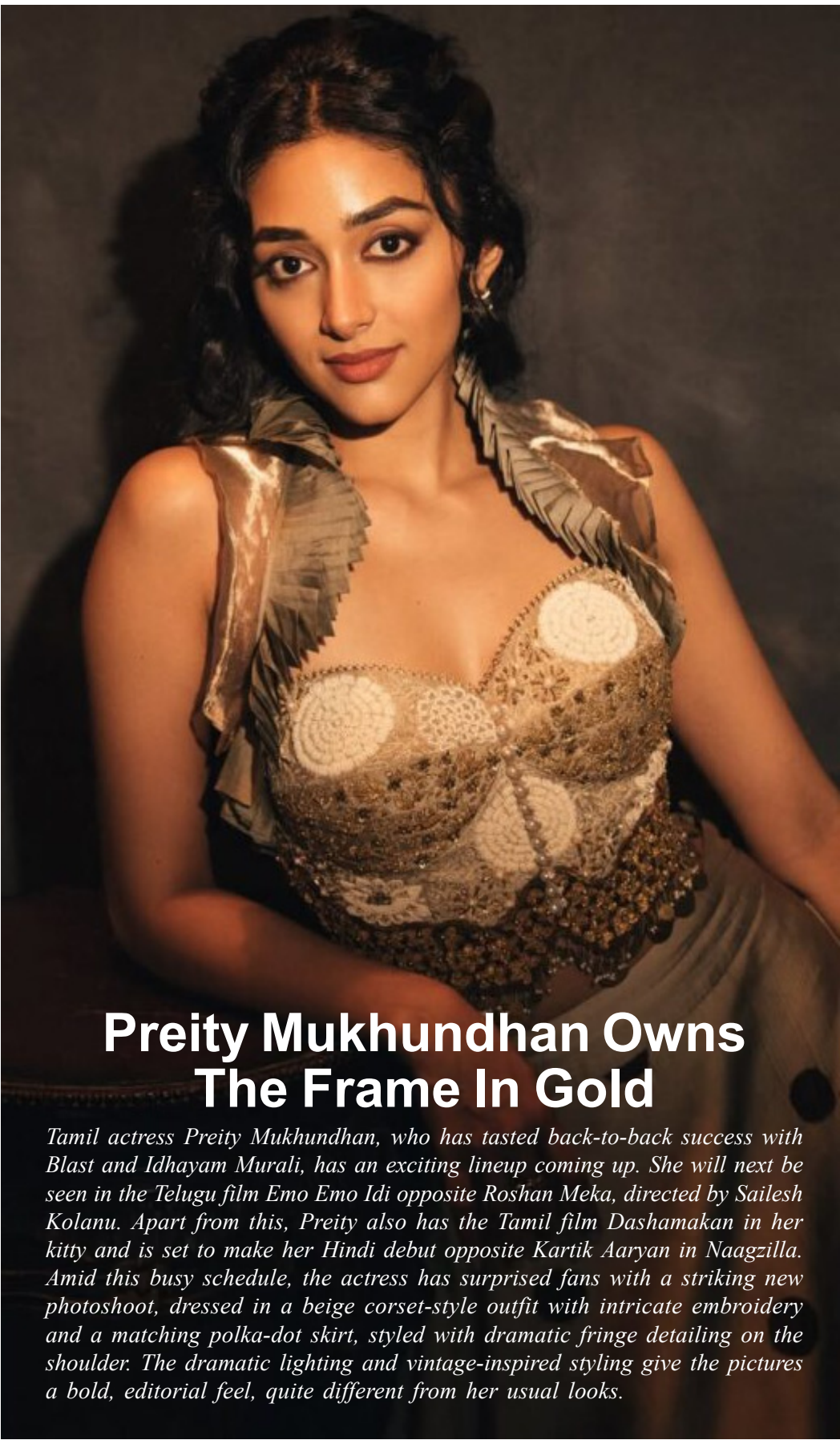
Outdoor sports will attract you- Meditation and yoga will bring gains. Money position improves as delayed payments are recovered. The family's situation won't be normal as you think. Today, there is a possibility of an argument or dispute within the family. Hence, control yourself in such a case. Don't lose heart- failures are quite natural they are the beauty of life. Today you have a tendency to set your objectives much higher than you generally do- Do not get disappointed if results don't come as per your expectation. Choose your words with care when interacting with important people. Your married life will get stressed today due to lack of daily needs' fulfillment. It could be about anything like food, cleaning, other household works, etc. **Remedy :-** Maintain bliss and happiness in your love life by having food without salt once a day.

Fauzi Independence Gift Is Absolute Blast



Rebel Star Prabhas' first look from the craziest Pan India project Fauzi, directed by Hanu Raghavapudi on Mythri Movie Makers, has become nationwide sensation. The actor indeed changed his instagram DP for the first time after 7 years to Fauzi poster. Meanwhile, the makers have paid a powerful Independence Day tribute through a special poster.

Prabhas is seen in a blood-stained, battle-scarred avatar; walking barefoot through a street in Hyderabad, as we can spot Charminar behind him. His battered clothing with two different guns in his two hands suggests a character who has endured the brutality of war. The old man behind him, dressed in traditional attire and carrying a stick, walks ahead of him, while burning structures and debris create a grim atmosphere around them. The makers have accompanied the poster with a thought-provoking statement: "Saluting the spirit of every Fauzi who fought for our tomorrow." Through these words, the makers appear to connect the title Fauzi with the spirit of fighters who stood firm in difficult circumstances and sacrificed for the future. Fauzi marks an ambitious period drama featuring Prabhas in a distinctive setting. Prabhas' mysterious appearance, the war-ravaged surroundings and the historical backdrop collectively create an atmosphere that feels both raw and epic. Fauzi is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on December 3.



Preity Mukhundhan Owns The Frame In Gold

Tamil actress Preity Mukhundhan, who has tasted back-to-back success with Blast and Idhayam Murali, has an exciting lineup coming up. She will next be seen in the Telugu film Emo Emo Idi opposite Roshan Meka, directed by Sailesh Kolanu. Apart from this, Preity also has the Tamil film Dashamakan in her kitty and is set to make her Hindi debut opposite Kartik Aaryan in Naagzilla. Amid this busy schedule, the actress has surprised fans with a striking new photoshoot, dressed in a beige corset-style outfit with intricate embroidery and a matching polka-dot skirt, styled with dramatic fringe detailing on the shoulder. The dramatic lighting and vintage-inspired styling give the pictures a bold, editorial feel, quite different from her usual looks.

SDT's Sambarala Yeti Gattu Joins Sankranthi Race

It is now a wrap for Sambarala Yeti Gattu. Sai Durgha Tej's much-anticipated Pan-India project has completed its entire shooting phase, bringing the lengthy production journey to a close. The team has wasted no time moving into the next stage, with post-production activities currently advancing at a fast pace. The film comes from Primeshow Entertainment, the production banner of K Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy, and is helmed by newcomer Rohith KP. The makers have also declared that the movie being crafted on a massive scale will hit the screens during Sankranthi 202 on January 12. This shows the confidence the makers have in the movie, given the sankranthi will witness several other big ticket movies gracing the cinemas. Sai Durgha Tej appears in one of his most ferocious avatars in the poster. With a blood-stained appearance, thick beard, untamed hair and a weapon in hand, the actor is seen moving forward through a location en-



gulfed in fire. The dramatic flames and smoke-filled backdrop give the poster a larger-than-life action feel. The project is another unique attempt by SDT to explore a distinctive character while combining performance-ori-

ented moments with action and mass appeal. The film's early promotional material has already offered a glimpse into its scale. The response to the Asura Aagamanaglimpse in particular has helped build cu-

riosity. The cast includes Aishwarya Lekshmi, Jagapathi Babu, Sai Kumar, Srikanth and Ananya Nagalla in important roles. A leading Bollywood actor is also part of the project in a crucial character.

Part 1 Was a Disaster, Part 2 Is Heading Towards Blockbuster!

Emraan Hashmi's Awarapan 2 is turning out to be one of the biggest surprises at the box office this year. Despite receiving mixed reviews from critics, the film has opened strongly and is now heading towards super-hit status. Interestingly, the first Awarapan was a box-office failure. However, the film slowly gained a cult following through its songs, emotional story, and Emraan Hashmi's performance, which helped it earn a loyal fan base over time. According to trade estimates, the film has been made on a budget of less than Rs 50 crore by Vishesh Films. In a remarkable start, it reportedly recovered nearly half of its budget on the very first day. Trade



circles are expecting First Weekend collections to touch the Rs 50 crore mark, which would put the film on a strong path. If the current trend continues, Awarapan 2 could recover its entire budget within its first weekend itself, which is huge.

Another surprising aspect is its performance in South Indian cities, especially Hyderabad. Despite facing competition from Vishwanath & Sons, the film is attracting strong occupancy. All eyes are now on its first weekend box office numbers.

Mamitha As Maddy: The New-Gen Hasini

It is already known that heroines often get limited screen time in big-hero films. Be it Srinidhi Shetty in the KGF films, Shruti Haasan's role in Salaar, Alia Bhatt's role in RRR, or even the severe backlash that came for Janhvi Kapoor's role in Peddi, they all had one thing in common that is heroines getting less important roles. Rashmika Mandanna was one of the few actresses who got some memorable episodes in Pushpa, which worked in her favour. Even then, it was Allu Arjun's dominance all over. At a time like this, when female characters are often given less importance, getting a role that offers both performance scope and almost equal screen space with the hero is a big opportunity for any actress. Mamitha Baiju seems to have got exactly that chance with Vishwanath And Sons. Mamitha plays Maddy, a young medical student who enters the life of Suriya (Sanjay Vishwanath) while taking care of his ailing child. She brings a fresh and innocent feel to the role, which makes the relationship and emotional moments work better. This brings back memories of Bommarillu and the character of Hasini, played by Genelia D'Souza. Hasini's innocent, care-free and slightly irritating nature became one of the biggest highlights of the film. In fact, many young audiences remembered Hasini more than Siddharth's character. The dialogues "Anthe



Na?...Inkemi Kavali" and "Veelayithe Nalugu Matalu..Kudirithe Cup Coffee?" became quite popular and went viral among the youth. Mamitha's character in Vishwanath And Sons may not reach the level of Hasini, but in terms of screen presence and importance, she has certainly got a special role. Mamitha was also part of Vijay's Jana Nayagan, where she played an important character. However, the film's negative result did not give her much benefit. The film managed a decent run in Tamil Nadu mainly because of Vijay's image but received a poor response in other markets. VAS, however, delivers the much-needed relief for Mamitha Baiju.

Directed by Venky Atluri, the family entertainer is getting a better response in the Telugu states than in Tamil Nadu. The film could now give Mamitha a much-needed boost in Telugu cinema. With Mamitha's stunning performance and strong screen presence, more Telugu offers could be on the way. Mamitha plays a character who develops a special bond with a young boy while also having several fun moments with Suriya and Radhika Sarathkumar. She has made the most of the role with a lively performance. After her introduction, it is difficult to find many scenes in the film without Mamitha. Her character has become an important part of the story.



Shivathmika Rajashekar's Sage Crop Top Steals Show

Shivathmika Rajashekar, who won hearts last year with her performances in Bomb and Aaromalee, is back in the spotlight with a fresh set of pictures. The actress shared her latest photoshoot on social media, and it did not take long for fans to shower her with likes and comments. In the new pictures, Shivathmika is seen striking relaxed poses by a window, dressed in a soft sage-green crop top paired with flowy black pants. Her wavy, tousled hair and dewy, minimal makeup keep the look effortless, while the soft daylight streaming in gives the frame a warm, candid feel. Shivathmika currently has no film releases lined up, but she continues to stay connected with her fans through regular fashion posts and photoshoots online.

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AISTS India, YIPESU partner to strengthen sports education in Telangana



Hyderabad: AISTS India and Young India Physical Education & Sports University (YIPESU) have entered into a strategic academic partnership aimed at strengthening sports education, developing globally benchmarked academic programmes and establishing Telangana as a leading destination for international sports education. The partnership will establish a long-term framework for collaboration between the two institutions,

with a focus on jointly offering the AISTS India Post Graduate Certificate Programme (PGCP). The initiative aims to create stronger pathways for students through exchange opportunities, internships, industry exposure and placements, connecting learners with the broader Indian and international sports ecosystem. The institutions will also explore

the development of internationally benchmarked programmes across sports management and related disciplines. Mr Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, Hyderabad Metropolitan Area and Department of Sports, Government of Telangana, committed his full support to the partnership to ensure that it benefits a wide cross-section of the youth in Telangana. Dr Kishore Gopinathan, Vice-Chancellor,

YIPESU, said, “Through this partnership with AISTS India, we take a decisive step towards a dream we have long held: placing the Indian sports academic system firmly on the global stage. Together, we will build a cycle of excellence that meets the highest international standards, ensuring our institutions, our coaches and our athletes are never found wanting when measured against the world’s best.” “This collaboration enables the university to move decisively towards its goals, with immediate academic pursuits that can begin without delay and are designed to benefit the students of Telangana directly,” he said. “Through AISTS India’s expertise, our students will gain access to a quality of learning that strengthens the wider sporting ecosystem of the state in a lasting, sustainable way — building the foundation we need as India looks ahead to major sporting milestones in the years to come, including its Commonwealth Games and Olympic ambitions towards 2036,” Dr Kishore said.

PV Sindhu Receives Roaring Welcome As 2026 World Championships Campaign Begins With Victory In Delhi

Delhi: The volume inside the Indra Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Delhi rose sharply as India’s badminton star PV Sindhu walked into the arena for her first match at the 2026 BWF World Championships on Monday. Videos are circulating on social media from the stadium which shows the home crowd cheering for Sindhu. A video shows even small kids are cheering continuously for her. The chants of "Sindhu PV" are being chanted by the crowd non-stop as she dominates the first game against Sophia Noble 21-6. The fans went crazy as she beat Noble in the second game 21-11 and winning the match 2-0. The home crowd welcomed Sindhu with loud cheers as the former world champion stepped onto the court in New Delhi. Sindhu’s latest campaign comes 13 years after she made her World Championships debut in



China in 2013. She is now back at the tournament with a chance to add another medal to her collection. Sindhu has already won five World Championships medals and is aiming for a record sixth. **World Championships return to India**

The 30th edition of the BWF World Championships is being held at the Indra Gandhi Indoor Stadium from August 17 to 23. The tournament has returned to India after 17 years, making Sindhu’s home campaign even more special for the fans watching her in Delhi. Sindhu, the ninth

seed, began her women’s singles campaign against Ireland’s Sophia Noble. The match marks the start of Sindhu’s latest attempt to go deep into the World Championships, with the Indian star receiving strong support from the home crowd from the moment she entered the arena.

Mandhana has ‘incredible willpower’, Harmanpreet is a ‘great competitor’ says Ellyse Perry



Mumbai: Smriti Mandhana’s “incredible willpower” and a “super-strong mind” and India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur’s tenacity are the qualities of the Indian superstars that stand out to her, said Australia legend Ellyse Perry. Perry hailed Smriti’s approach to the game and said she has got all the qualities. “What makes Smriti so successful? Her amazing skill,” Mandhana told

JioHotstar. “She has got incredible willpower and a super-strong mind. The way she approaches the game, the way she prepares, the way she knows herself, the way she thinks about things, and the way that she likes challenges. She’s got it all.” Talking about Harmanpreet, the veteran all-rounder said, “Harman, I think her greatest strength is her tenacity. She’s a great competitor, and when she’s

going, she hits some of the biggest shots in the women’s game.” Perry also gave a thumbs-up to the inaugural ICC Women’s Champions Trophy, which will be held next year. “It is another great opportunity for the women’s game and for all the teams competing,” Perry said. “From my perspective, it’s a new event, so it’s always exciting to be a part of something like that and a new spot on the calendar, which will be great for everyone. You want to play every game well. This tournament will be physically and mentally a huge challenge, and preparing for those matches, everyone is going to have to be spot on. But the mindset remains the same; you just want to win every game.” Perry said her vast experience in the game has helped in her evolution and growth as a person. “You just naturally evolve as you grow as a person. Over the many years, there have been a number of different experiences, things to learn, people to work with, and

new avenues to explore.” “Incrementally, as that happens, you add new things or change the way you do things. Often, they’re only small changes, but over a long period of time, there’s always something new or a way to learn more,” she added. Perry said the landscape of women’s cricket has changed since she began playing and there is a lot that senior players can learn from the younger ones. “The landscape of women’s cricket is really different these days. You walk into a very different environment as a young professional, but those girls are so well prepared for that,” she said. “So I don’t think there is any one piece of advice. It is probably just as much as they would learn from current players, I learn from them. They have got a different experience, a different energy and a different way of going about things. So, it is just about supporting each other and having a really open mind to learn from each other,” Perry added.

Jadeja scripts history, becomes first Indian left-arm bowler to take 350 Test wickets

Galle: Ravindra Jadeja achieved another significant milestone in his illustrious Test career during the ongoing first match against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium in Galle. Jadeja, who returned to the Test side after missing the one-off game against Afghanistan, has become the first Indian left-arm bowler to take 350 wickets in the longest international format.

Jadeja achieved the feat on Day 3 of the first Test at the Galle International Stadium when he removed bowling all-rounder Keshara Nuwantha in the third session of the moving day.

The Indian iconic all-rounder got Nuwantha out with Shubman Gill taking the catch at covers after the Sri Lankan batsman tried whacking a ball towards covers but ended up hitting it to the thigh of an evading Yashasvi Jaiswal at silly point. The ball ricocheted towards Gill, who completed the catch.

In the process, Jadeja became the first Indian left-arm bowler to take 350 wickets in the Test format, with former fast-bowler Zaheer Khan a distant second now with 311 wickets. The 37-year-old is also the fifth Indian overall to have taken 350 wickets, joining the likes of Anil Kumble (619), Ravichandran Ashwin (537), Kapil Dev (434) and Harbhajan Singh (417).

Jadeja is also the third left-arm spinner in the world to



have achieved the milestone, joining the likes of Rangana Herath (433) and Daniel Vettori (362). In the process, he also achieved another significant record.

Jadeja is now only the fourth player in the history of Test cricket to have a double of 4000-plus Test runs and 350-plus Test wickets. Only Kapil Dev (5248, 434), Ian Botham (5200, 383) and Daniel Vettori (4531, 362) have achieved the milestone before him. India managed to put Sri Lanka’s resistance to a halt in the third session after the hosts put up a brilliant fight in the latter half of the first and the entirety of the second

session. Returning to the Test side after three years, Niroshan Dickwella scored a strong 80, while youngster Sonal Dinusha made 89 as they forged a partnership of 146 for the sixth wicket.

The hosts were reeling at 90/5 before the two stepped up and put up a fight. They took the team to 236/5 before Prasad Krishna got the veteran Dickwella. Soon after, Jadeja came and removed Nuwantha for his milestone wicket. India had made 462 in the first innings with Devdutt Padikkal leading the way with his 167, while KL Rahul (82) and Dhruv Jurel (51) also made strong contributions on Day 2.

Another draw keeps Praggnanandhaa in joint second spot at Sinquefield Cup



St. Louis (USA): India’s R Praggnanandhaa played out another draw with GM Levon Aronian of United States in the sixth round of the Sinquefield cup, part of the Grand Chess tour. The Indian GM remained in joint second spot with 3.5 points with just three rounds remaining. Wesley So of United States remained in sole lead on four points that saw just one decisive game out of a possible five in the USD 475,000 prize money tournament. For the record, Wesley drew with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France. GM Praggnanandhaa, along with Vachier-Lagrave and German Vincent Keymer shares the

second spot while the American trio of top seed Fabiano Caruana, Sevan Samuels and Aronian are sharing the fifth spot on three points each.

Anish Giri of Holland is next in queue with World Championship contender Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan while Dutchman Jorden van Foreest is in last spot with just a sole point in his bag.

Praggnanandhaa tried his best to complicate matters against Aronian but the former Armenian was quite up to the task in defending a tricky middle game. The Indian at a point lost two pawns in the middle but made a

Anish Giri was the lone winner of the day at the expense of Foreest. The former launched a decisive middle game attack on the black king and succeeded when his compatriot collapsed one more time.

Results round 6: Anish Giri (Ned, 2.5) beat Jorden Van Foreest (Ned, 1); Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 3.5) drew with Wesley So (Usa, 4); Sevan Samuels (Usa, 3) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger, 3.5); R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 3.5) drew with Levon Aronian (Usa, 3); Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 2.5) drew with Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 3).

Ajit Agarkar Earns Rs 3 Crore A Year?

Know BCCI Chief Selector's Salary As His Term Nears End

Ajit Agarkar has been one of the key figures behind India’s team selection in recent years. The former India all-rounder became the BCCI’s senior men’s chief selector in 2023 after taking charge of a selection panel that has overseen several major changes in Indian cricket. But while Agarkar’s decisions on players often make headlines, there is another question that interests fans: How much does India’s chief selector earn?

Reports from 2023 said that the BCCI increased the annual remuneration for the chairman of the senior selection committee from Rs 1 crore to Rs 3 crore when Agarkar took charge. The figure was reported at the time, although it was not publicly announced as an official BCCI salary figure. Before Agarkar’s appointment, reports said the BCCI chairman of selectors was paid around Rs 1 crore per year. According to Cricbuzz report at



the time, the amount was increased to Rs 3 crore annually for the chief selector.

Senior journalist Devulapalli Ramalingam passes away

Rajamahendravaram, August 18: Devulapalli Ramalingam (60), a senior journalist and editor of Velugu Patrika, who dedicated himself to journalism for about four decades, breathed his last at a hospital in Kakinada on Tuesday. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Born in Kirkampudi in the joint East Godavari district, Ramalingam started his journalistic career in Andhra Bhoomi in 1985. Later, he worked in Deccan Chronicle till 1998. Later, he joined the morning daily as a staff reporter and worked in Mahabubnagar as well as in several districts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

He started Velugu Patrika in Rajamahendravaram in 2002 and continued as its editor since then. His straightforward manner, simple life, courage and ex-



tensive knowledge brought him special recognition.

Ramalingam, who renounced his personal interests for journalism, also used his ancestors' property to run the newspaper. He constantly fought for the rights and welfare of journalists. He dedicated his life to the field of journalism without accumulating wealth. He had close

contacts with prominent figures such as Mudragada Padmanabham, Jakkampudi Rammohan Rao, Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdhury, Adireddy Apparao, former MP Undavalli Arunkumar and others. Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed con-

lences on Ramalingam's death.

Fellow journalists said that the death of Ramalingam, who stood as a symbol of simplicity, honesty, courage and selfless service, is a great loss to the Telugu journalism sector.

A.P state small and medium daily newspapers association has expressed profound grief over the demise of devulapalli Ramalingam and Mr K.S RANGASAYI president of the association said that Mr. Ramalingam was associated with the association since decades and extended his services as a member of district media accreditation committee for a number of years. He added, that the association was in great loss with the demise of senior Journalist Mr. Ramalingam and on behalf of association, conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

Two Festivals for BCs on a Single Day: Shanmugam

Chittoor, August 19 (Skyline Daily): MLC opportunity for Vaddera woman Ramadevi welcomed

34% reservation for BCs termed a historic decision

National BC Welfare Association General Secretary P. Shanmugam National BC Welfare Association General Secretary and State TDP BC Cell General Secretary P. Shanmugam said that it was like having two festivals for the Backward Classes (BCs) in Andhra Pradesh on a single day. Speaking at a media conference held at his office in Chittoor on Wednesday, Shanmugam welcomed the decision to provide an MLC opportunity to Ramadevi, a woman belonging to the BC Vaddera community. He also described the decision to provide 34% reservation for BCs as historic.

Shanmugam said the coalition government had dem-

onstrated its commitment by implementing the promises made to the BC communities. He stated that the key decision on 34% reservations, taken in fulfillment of the election promise, was highly significant for BC communities. He said that providing an MLC opportunity to Ramadevi had further strengthened political representation for BC women. He urged the government to take more measures for the overall development of backward communities while ensuring them adequate political representation. Shanmugam expressed hope that the 34% reservation decision would create more opportunities for BCs in education, employment and politics and would prove beneficial for future generations. He welcomed the steps being taken by the coalition government for the welfare of BCs and urged it to give greater priority to their so-

cial, economic and political development. On behalf of the BC communities, Shanmugam expressed special gratitude to Chief Minister

Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and the Bharatiya Janata Party for providing Ramadevi with the opportunity to become an MLC. He also thanked the coalition government on behalf of the BC community for taking the historic decision on 34% reservations.

He appealed to the government to provide more opportunities to BCs not only in political representation but also in education, employment and economic development. Shanmugam alleged that after the YSRCP government came to power in 2019, former Chief Minister and YSRCP leader Y.S. Jagan



Mohan Reddy reduced the 34% reservations provided to BCs by the Telugu Desam Party to 25%, thereby reducing the political representation of BC communities, which constitute 56% of the state's population. He said that BC communities across the state had taught the YSRCP a fitting lesson in the elections, restricting the party to just 11 seats. Shanmugam warned that if the YSRCP failed to learn from the experience and did not act in accordance with the sentiments of backward communities, it would once again face the anger of BCs.

Teacher Donates New Almirah and 50 Flowering Plants to Vallure Gangamma Thalli Temple

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)

Rayachoti, August 19: Villagers recently installed the newly constructed Potula Raju main entrance (Simha Dwaram) and Bali Peethams at the Vallure Gangamma Thalli Temple in Vallure Vandlapalle village of Rayachoti Mandal. On the occasion, several people extended their support for the development of the temple. N. Srinivasulu, a teacher working at the Vallure Vandlapalle Primary School, demonstrated his spirit of service by donating a new

Almirah and 50 flowering plants for the temple's needs. He handed over the items to the temple priest, Vallure Guruvu Reddy.

On the occasion, the temple priest and villagers felicitated teacher N. Srinivasulu in recognition of his contribution. The villagers expressed their happiness over his efforts to provide essential items to the temple and promote greenery by donating flowering plants. Speaking on the occasion, N.



Srinivasulu said that he considers it his responsibility to serve society, temples, and village development in addition to his duties as a teacher. He said the flowering plants would help keep the temple surroundings clean, green, and pleasant, and added that he would continue to participate in social service

activities to the best of his ability in the future. Temple priest Vallure Guruvu Reddy said that it was commendable for a teacher to have a spirit of service towards society while also educating students. He stated that Srinivasulu's donation of a cupboard and flowering plants to the

temple would serve as an inspiration to others. A large number of villagers from Vallure Vandlapalle and devotees from surrounding villages participated in the programme and contributed to its success. The villagers and devotees appreciated teacher Srinivasulu for his spirit of service.

CBHI Team Inspects Srikalahasti Area Hospital

Srikalahasti, August 19 (Skyline Daily) Officials Ex-

amine CD & NCD Records, Review OP and IP Data A team of officials from the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) visited the Srikalahasti Area Hospital on Wednesday and inspected records related to Communicable Diseases (CD) and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD). The officials reviewed the hospital's daily Outpatient (OP) and Inpatient (IP) records and instructed the hospital staff to ensure that disease details are properly recorded. They also advised the staff to enter the relevant ICD (International Classification of Diseases) codes in the OP and IP records on a daily basis. During the inspection, G. Ramachandra, Deputy Director, Dr. Reddy Prasad, NCD In-charge, Tirupati, and Nagendra, Statistical Officer, examined the hospital records. They emphasized the importance of maintaining records sys-



tematically and recording the appropriate ICD codes daily for proper disease classification and accurate health data. The officials stated that accurate and regular documentation would help improve the quality and reliability of health-related data. Medical Superintendent Dr. Muralikrishna, CSRM Dr. Mani, Nursing Superintendent Ratnakumari, Head Nurse Vijayakumari, CPO Nagaraju, along with other hospital staff, participated in the programme.



Dr. N. Balasubramanyam Receives Award of Appreciation from Madras Library Association



TIRUPATI 19 August: Dr. N. Balasubramanyam, faculty member of Sri Venkateswara University (SVU), Tirupati, has been honoured with an Award of

Appreciation by the Madras Library Association (MALA), Tamil Nadu, in recognition of his valuable contributions to the academic and library fields. The

award was presented during the 85th Annual General Body Meeting of the Madras Library Association, held at the prestigious Anna Centenary Library, Chennai. Prof. S. Armstrong, Vice-Chancellor Committee Member, University of Madras, and Prof. M. Dora Swamy, Former Vice-Chancellor, Dravidian University, Kuppam, presented the award. Speaking on the occasion, the organisers appreciated his continued contribution to the development of library and in-

formation science, academic activities, and professional initiatives. The recognition highlights his commitment to promoting academic excellence and strengthening the library profession. The award is considered a significant recognition of academic and professional contributions. Faculty members, colleagues, and well-wishers congratulated him on receiving the honour and wished him continued success in his academic and professional endeavours.

POSH Act is a Protective Shield for Women's Safety

Gadwal Saleem, Member, District Consumer Commission, Addresses Awareness Seminar at Apollo



Chittoor, August 19: The POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act serves as a strong protective shield for ensuring women's safety at workplaces and educational institutions, said Gadwal Saleem, Member, District Consumer Commission, Chittoor. He was speaking as the chief guest at an awareness seminar

organized by the Internal Complaints Committee of The Apollo University on Wednesday. Addressing the gathering, he explained in detail the laws and regulations related to the protection of women at workplaces and emphasized that every educational institution must constitute an Internal Com-

plaints Committee under the POSH Act. He highlighted that there is strong legal protection for women, citing several Supreme Court judgments as examples. He appreciated The Apollo University for its proactive approach in creating a safe and supportive environment for women on campus. He further

stated that the POSH Act acts as a safeguard for women in workplaces and stressed the need for greater awareness about legal provisions. Gadwal Saleem also advised youth to develop ethical values, stating that discipline and responsible behavior are essential for personality development. He noted that good values play a crucial role in leading a meaningful and successful life. Dr. Himabindu, Chairperson of the Internal Complaints Committee, along with faculty members and students, participated in the program.

Special awareness seminar for computer operators at DPO on e-DAR registration system

Madanapalle, August 19 (Skyline correspondent): A special awareness seminar was organized for computer operators at Madanapalle DPO on Wednesday on the 'e-DAR' registration system to provide speedy insurance compensation to road accident victims. As per the orders of District SP Dheeraj Kunubilli, Additional SP (Administra-

tion) M Venkatadri attended and directed the staff. He clarified that the details of the vehicle and victims should be registered in the online portal without any delay immediately after the accident. DTRB Inspector D Ramesh Babu, NIC Representative S Khalil, and computer staff of all police stations in the district participated in the program.

