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Kerala made sure no one was left behind.

- | 4677 families received new houses
- 2713 families received land and homes
- | 5646 families received financial assistance for home renovation
- Through Life Mission, every identified family received a permanent, safe home
- Interventions extended to tribal and coastal regions to ensure stability for the most vulnerable

HEALTHAccess and Assurance for All

- | EPEP prioritised food and healthcare for the poorest families
- | Medicine and treatment for 85,721 individuals across 29,427 extremely poor families
- | Palliative care provided to 5777 individuals
- Organ transplant surgery for 7 extremely poor individuals
- | 3615 families received health insurance
- | Kerala's unique human development model ensures health equity

| 345 people received disability cards

FOOD Hunger Eliminated, Nutrition Assured

- Daily food ensured for 20,648 families
- | Cooked meals served to 2,210 individuals
- New ration cards distributed to 5132 extremely poor families

Shri. PINARAYI VIJAYAN

HON. CHIEF MINISTER OF KERALA

| Kottayam and Kannur became the first extreme poverty-free districts

LIVELIHOODFrom Welfare to Empowerment

- | 4394 families were provided with support for self-employment and jobs for livelihood
- | 584 families became members of Kudumbashree
- | 1455 families received employment cards
- | 1043 families were provided with bank accounts
- | Established wide range of
- | Digital literacy initiatives implemented

micro businesses

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

(RFB No. SS-21024/19/2024-GCDO Dt:30-10-2025)

The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh invited applications from the interested firms/agencies to participate in Request for Bid (RFB) for procurement of Stationery kits for the implementation of Vocational Education under Samagra Shiksha & PM SHRI Schemes for AY 2025-26. The details can be seen in the e-procurement portal at https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in from 01.11.2025 by 10.00 AM. DIPR 4535PP/CL, Dt.:31-10-2025 Sd/- STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR, SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

Telangana Trade Promotion Corporation Ltd. erly TSTPC Ltd.) (An Undertaking of Government of Telangana) Regd. Off.: 5-10-174, Shakkar Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Fateh Maidan Road,

Hyderabad - 500 004. Telangana, India. Tel: + 91 040-23237591 io@tgtpc.org, http://tgtpc.telangana.gov.in CIN: U74991TG2014SG095847 GTPC / PROJECTS/ UM-TA/2025 TENDER NOTICE FOR TRANSACTION ADVISOR

(Through Telangana Government e-Procurement Portal only) Telangana Trade Promotion Corporation Ltd., Invites e-Tenders for to identify Transaction Advisor for Development of UNITY MALL at Raidurg

Tender can be downloaded from website: https://tender.telangana.gov.in (NIT No. TGTPC/PROJECTS/UM-TA/2025) from 11.00 AM on 01.11.2025. Last date for submission of online tender on: 15.11.2025 at 2.00 PM. For further clarification if any contact CE (Proj): Mobile No.9391014854

JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR DIPR R.O.No.784-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:31.10.2025

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT VISAKHAPATNAM O.A No. 984/2025

ummons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Deb Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

State Bank of India. Tanuku Main branch.

D No 13-17/1 Yerramilli Vari Street Tanuku West Godavari Dist. A P-534211.

Shri Pulidindi Nageswara Rao To, Shri Pulidindi Nageswara Rao,S/o Pulidindi Veeranna, H.No. 13-80, Ramalayam Street, Near Govt. Boys Hostel, Undraiavaram, Undraiavaram Mandal, West Godavari-534216, Defendants SURSTITUTED SERVICE OF SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PURLICATION WHEREAS, OA/ 984 /2025 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registraron 01/12/2025.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application nder section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.36,81,150.68 / (Application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). n accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

ii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and

disposal of the application for attachment of properties: (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Presiding Officer/Registrar c the application shall be heard and decided in our absence, on 01/12/2025 at 10:30 A.M. failing

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date:- 29/10/2025.

Signature of the Officer Authorized to issue summons Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Visakhapatnam

<u>IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT VISAKHAPATNAM</u>

O.A. No.562/2025 Summons under sub-section(4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-

rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. State Bank of India, Canal Road Branch, D.No.25-11-29, GNT Road

Powerpet, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh-534001, Represented by its Manager.

Sri Kalli Chitra Bhanu

Sri Kalli Chitra Bhanu, D/o Kalli Sudhakar, Plot No.16, Industrial Park, Circa Thota, Machilipatnam, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh-521001. ... Defendants SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION WHEREAS, OA/562/2025 was listed before Registrar on 13/11/2025.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.23,64,791.20/- (application along with copies of documents etc., annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relie praved for should not be granted; (ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets

specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original applications;

(iii) You are restrained form dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment properties; (iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinar course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is create

and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number

3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; (v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course o business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account, maintained with You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof f

the bank or financial Institutions holding security interest over such assets. o the applicant and to appear before Presiding Officer/Registrar on 13/11/2025 at 10:30 A.M. failing the application shall be heard and decided in your abs Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 29/10/2025

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

Opposite Vijayapuri 5th Lane, JKC College Road, GUNTUR-522006, A.P केनरा बैंक Canara Bank **DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR**

M/s Santosh Automotives, Represented by Prop: Marripudi Komali, Plot N 53, Ground Floor, Opp SSN College, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522601 (Borrower) 2. Smt. Marripudi Komali, W/o Srinivasa Rao, Plot No. 506, 1st Line, NGOS Colony, Narasaraopet, Andhra Pradesh - 522601 (Co-Borrower).

Sri. Marripudi Srinivasa Rao, S/o Nageswara Rao, Flat No 506, Srinivasa Construction, NGOS Colony, Narasaraopet pet, Andhra Pradesh - 522601 (Guarantor/ Mortgagor).

Sub: Demand Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 uction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. That M/s Santosh Automotives, Represented by Prop: Marripudi Komali and Sri. Marripudi Srinivasa Rao, S/o Nageswara Rao has availed the following loans/credit facilities from our Narasaraopet-I Branch (8696) from time to time:

Nature of Loan & Loan A/c No.	Liability with interest as on date 28.10.2025	
2000-MSME-OD/OCC A/c No. 125007849302	Rs. 10,22,498.81/-	10.50%

the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on 27.10.2025. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of Rs. 10,22,498.81/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight and Eighty One Paise Only) with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within 60 days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.
Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secure

assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. in respect of time available, to redeem the secured as The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post Ack du to your last known address available in the Branch Record.

The specific details of the asset Mortgaged / Hypothecated are enumerated hereunder:

Narasaraopet (RD), Macherla (SRO), Machelra Municipal Area, Guntur Road, Near Market Yard, Macherla Municipal Block No. 15, Macharla Village D.No.604/1-1 and D.No.604/1-2, in it Northern Side Door No. 15-2-16 and Eastren Side Door No. 15-2-18, an extent of 726.02 Sq. Yards or 606.95 Sq. mts after measurement exact arrived extent) of Vacant Site, is being Bounded by: East: Dondeti Narayana Reddy Site and others - 250 links, South: Narayana Reddy Site and others - 59 links, West: Mandalapu Narsireddy Site - 246 links. North: Guntur to Macharla Road - 62 links. CERSAI ID: 400058584580. Title holder: The property is standing in the name of Sri. Marripudi Srinivasa Rao, S/o Nageswara Rao. Regd. Sale Deed No. 13679/2017 dated 06.10.2017.

Note: The above Secured property has also been mortgaged to limit availed in the name of M/s Lasya Automotives (Prop. Sri. M. Srinivasa

Date: 28.10.2025, Place: Guntur

availed in the name of M/s Lasya Au Rao, overdraft Ac No: 8696261000023) Sd/- Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from APCPDCL for (1). Procurement of 700 Nos 3-Ph 100 KVA Aluminium wound DTRs (5- star Rating) against Tender No: CPMPT-24/25-26, (2 Procurement of 240 Nos **3-Ph 160 KVA Aluminium wound DTRs (5- Star Rating** against Tender No: OPMPT-25/25-26 through AP e procurement. For further details please visit https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in from 01.11-2025. Ph: 0866-2955455 & Email: cgmpmm.cpdcl@apcpdcl.in.

Sd/- Chief General Manager/P&MM, APCPDCL, Vijayawada

TO SUBSCRIBE, VISIT

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Area Office: GUNTUR, D. No: 6-21-21, Ground Floor, Gogul

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited untur Area Office under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read wit Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice calling upon the following borrower/s to repay the amounts as mentioned below with the names & with furthern terest / costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower(s): Mr. POTLURI VAMSI (Applicant / Borrower), S/o. P. Venu Rao, Flat No.110, Ground Floor, D No.18/A, 18/B, 19, Yenugantis Cinderella, Plot No.11 12, 13, LP No. 4/2016/GNT, Opp YNL Park, Near Bhashyam IIT Campus, Agathavarappad Andhra Pradesh-522509. (Loan A/c No. 710800010141) Demand Notice Date: 18.06.2025, Outstanding Amount: Rs.30,26,663.02 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs wenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three and Two Paise Only), for closure of the loa ogether with the future interest from 19.06.2025. <u>Date of Symbolic Possession</u>: 27.10.2025 DESCRIPTION / SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

Property Address Schedule A: All that piece and the parcel of the property bearing sale dec No: 4388/2021 Dated 29/12/2021, Guntur District, Pedakakani Sub District, Agathavarappa Grama Panchayathi Area, Agathavarappadu Grama, D.No.18/A, 18/B, D.No.19, Plot No.11,12,13 The Immovable Residential Property named "YENUGANTIS CINDERELLA" admeasuring with an extent of 2364.80 Sq.yds or 1977.280 Sq.mtrs, on which undivided share of land 39 Sq.yds or 32.60 Sq.mtrs of site. Bounded as Follows: 1st Item; East: 40 feet Wide Road, South: Property of Lanka Ramesh Plot No. 10, West: Property of Others, North: Property of Others and Plot No. 14. Schedule-B: "YENUGANTIS CINDERELLA", Flat No. 110 Ground Floor 1000 sft (Common Area nd Car Parking) Bounded as follows : East : Open to Sky, 40 feet wide Road, South : Open t Sky between this flat and flat no.109, West: Common Corridor North: Common Lift and Open t sky between This Flat and Flat No.111.

Name of the Borrower(s): Mr. BELLAMKONDA EDUKONDALU (Applicant / Borrower Mrs. Bellamkonda Aruna (Co-Applicant/Co-Borrower), Flat No.105, Ground Floor, KAMADHENI, APARTMENT, D.No.77-2, Near Door No. WB3-385, Ward No.24, West Block No.3, Asodivaripalen Road Bapatia, Maruproluvaripalem, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522101, (Loan No.710800005160 Demand Notice Date: 26.05.2025, Outstanding Amount: Rs.12,27,314.64 (Rupees Twelve Lake wenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Rupees and Sixty Four Paisa Only), for closure r with the future interest from 27.05.2025. Date of Symbolic Possession: 27.10.2025

DESCRIPTION / SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: roperty Address Schedule A; All the piece and the parcel of the property bearing Sale deed No 020/2017 Dated 14/06/2017, Guntur District, Narasaraopet Registration District, Bapatla Sub Distric Bapatla Municipality Area, Ward No. 24, West Block-3, Near Door No. WB3-385, D. No. 77/2, The Immovab sidential Property named "KAMADHENU APARTMENT" admeasuring with an extent of 2243.44 Sq.yd or 1884.56 Sq.mtrs, on which undivided share of land 45 Sq.yds or 37.8 Sq.mtrs of site. Bounded as Follows: 1st Item: East: Property of Kotra Siva Shankar Rao, South: Property of Suuda Masthan Rac and Uma Maheswar Rao, West: Property of Suuda Masthan Rao, North: Way to Asodivaripalem Road

Again West: Way to Asodivaripalem Road, Again North: Way to Asodivaripalem Road.

Schedule B: "KAMADHENU APARTMENT Flat No. 105 Ground Floor; 1050 sft (Including Common Area nd 80sft car parking) Bounded as follows: East: Common Corridor, South: Open to Sky bet flat and Flat No.104, West: Open to Sky, North: Lift and Open to Sky between this Flat and Flat No.106

Name of the Borrower(s): Mr. RAJASEKHAR KAGITHA (Applicant / Borrower), S/o K BAKKA MANTHRAIAH, Dr.No.17-2-115/1, D.No. 386/1 Of West Bapatla, Daggumallivaripalem Padamarasatram, Locality No.17, Lukavari Street, Bapatla Municipality, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522101 (Loan No.710800008618); <u>Demand Notice Date;</u> 21.07.2025, <u>Outstanding Amount;</u> Rs. 10,68,055.60 (Ten lakh sixty eight thousand fifty five Rupees and sixty paisa only), for closure of the loan togeth with the future interest from 22.07.2025. <u>Date of Symbolic Possession</u>: 30.10.2025.

DESCRIPTION / SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

Property Address Schedule A; All that piece and the parcel of the property bearing Gift Deer No: 1557/2007, DATED 18/05/2007, Narsaraopeta Registration district, Bapatla Sub District llaka, Bapatia Municipality, Ward No.32, Locality No.17, Daggumallivaripalem, Lukavari Street Near Door No.17-2-115, Bapatia Grama, D.No.386/1, With an extent 340.60 sq. Yards or 286.13 Sq.mtrs. Bounded as Follows: 1st Item: East: Property of Narra Subbaravamma, South Property of Kagitha Prakash rao, West: 18 Links Wide Street, North: Property of Kagitha Kotaia The above borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, mentioned in the notice is hereby given to the

corrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the aid Act read with Rule 8 of the security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002 on the above mentioned dates. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the operty and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance mited for the amount mentioned above with further accrued interest & costs thereon till realization The borrower/s attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, spect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

Date: 27.10.2025 & 30.10.2025, Place: Guntur

Sd/- Authorised Officer, LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details: Name: Sri Y. Mukteswara Rao (Chief Manager), Mobile No.88866 40777

For Property Inspection: 98856 03986

Appendix – IV –A [See Proviso to Rule 8(6) R/w Rule 9(1)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND ECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 REAL WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) R/W RULE 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has bee taken by the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India,** the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "**As is Where is**", **As** is What is" "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis" on 27-11-2025, For recovery of Rs.4,10,70,710/-(Rupees Four Crores Ten Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten Only) as on 31.07.2024 as per demand notice dated 31.07.2024 + further interest and other expenses, costs, charges etc. thereon from 01.08.2024 (less repayments if any) due to the Secured Creditor from <u>B**orrower's:</u> Smt. Vuggirala Lakshmi,** W/o. Srinivasa</u> Rao, Flat No: 401 Block-B, RRSA Infra, Yelamanchili Heights, Nagarjuna Nagar, Mahanadu Road, Vijayawada 520008, Krishna District, Andhra Padesh. <u>Also At</u>: Smt. Vuggirala Lakshmi, W/o Srinivasa Rao, 5-50a Lalupuram, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522017. **Sri Vuggirala Jaswanth,** S/o Srinivasa Rao, Flat No: 401 Block-B, RRSA Infra, Yelamanchili Heights, Nagarjuna Nagar, Mahanadu Road, Vijayawada-520008, Krishna District, Andhra Padesh. Also At: Sri Vuggirala Jaswanth, S/o Srinivasa Rao, 5-50a, Lalupuram, Guntur Andhra Pradesh - 522017. **Sri Vuggirala Abhishek**, S/o.Srinivasa Rao, Flat No: 401 Block-B, RRSA Infra Yelamanchili Heights, Nagarjuna Nagar, Mahanadu Road, Vijayawada-520008, Krishna District, Andhra Padesh <u>Also At:</u> Sri Vuggirala Abhishek, S/o. Srinivasa Rao, 5-50a, Lalupuram, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522017 Sri Vuggirala Lokamanya, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Flat No: 401 Block-B, RRSA Infra, Yelamanchili Height Nagarjuna Nagar, Mahanadu Road, Vijayawada-520008, Krishna District, Andhra Padesh. Also At: Sri Vuggirala Lokamanya, S/o Srinivasa Rao, 5-50a, Lalupuram, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522017.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES

Schedule-A (Description of Site): All that piece and parcel of land an extent of 18806.78 sq yards or 15724.91 sq meters in RS No: 168/2, 3 part of Kanuru, Penamaluru Mandal, Krishna District, within the Jurisdiction o the office of the Sub Registar Patamata, Vijayawada Registration District and within the Following, Boundaries: East: Property of Paryathaneni Prasada Rao and Devineni Seshagiri Rao and Others, South: Property of Duggirala Leela Yugandhar Babu and Others, West: 40 feet wide Panchayath Road, North: Property of Sivamma, Yelamanchali Prasada Rao and Others.

In between the above four boundaries an extent of 18806.78 sq yards or 15724.9 sq meters of site in which Undivided, Unspecified, Joint share of 212 sq yards or 177.25 sq meters of site, and Schedule -B (Description of Flat): Commercial / Residential complex Constructed in A-Schedule Property the name and style of "Royal Green City" in which Five Bed Room Flat No:201 in Block-IV (OPAI BLOCK) in First Floor, being Bounded by: East: Common Corridor, Staircase and Open to Sky, South Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky.

In between these boundaries, Flat having a Plinth and Common area of 5300 sq feets and car Parking area of 600 s feet marked as 201 in Stilt Floor of Block – IV with all fixtures, and with electrical fittings, Service Connection, an Joint rights in Common areas, Lift, Generator, Staircase, Water and Drainage along with other co-owners of the Commercial / Residential Complex and with a Responsibility to pay the maintenance charges as decided by the owners Association and with all easement rights relating thereto belonging to Smt Vuggirala Lakshmi, W/o Vuggira Srinivasa Rao, vide Rigistred Sale Deed Document No: 10414/2019, Dated: 28,11,2019 of S.R.O. Patamata

Reserve Price:Rs.1,53,00,000/- EMD: Rs.15,30,000/- Bid Multiplier Amount: Rs.20,000/-Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the bel

described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been take by the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India,** the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "**As is Where is", As is Wha**t "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis" on 27-11-2025. For recovery of Rs.51.29.839/- (Rupee Fifty One Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) as on 07.05.2024 as per demand notice dated 22.05.2024 + further interest and other expenses, costs, charges etc. thereon from 08.05.2024 (less repayment if any) due to the Secured Creditor from <u>Borrower:</u> Mohammed Akbar Khan, S/o. Mohammad Nabi, Door No.3-56 Main Road, Kondapalli, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, NTR District - 521228. <u>Also at:</u> Mohammed Akbar Khan, S/o Mohammad Nabi, Door No.4-69, Kalyanamandapam Road, Ibrahimpatnam, Kondapalli, NTR District - 521228 **SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY**

All that part and parcel in an extent of 117.68 Sq.Yards or 98.39 Sq.meters along with RCC Building in R S No.287/1, Assessment No.1187013233, Door No.32-158/1 (Municipal Door No.1-32-158/1), Kondapalli Village and Municipality area, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, NTR District belonging to Sri Mohammed Akbar Khan, S/o Mohammad Nabi vide Regd. Sale Deed No.5768/2023, Dated.14.09.2023 of SRO Ibrahimpatnam, NTR Distric and Bounded by: East: Property of Cheruku Suresh, South: Property of Rayudu Parvathi Devi, West: 33 feet Wide Road, North: Property of Dandamudi Kanaka Durga

Reserve Price: Rs. 25, 50, 000/-EMD: Rs.2,55,000/-Bid Multiplier Amount: Rs.10,000/-

Above Mentioned Properties Date of E-auction: 27-11-2025, Time: 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM With auto extension of 5 minutes for each bid till the closure of the auction Date & Time of Inspection of Properties: 01-11-2025 to 26-11-2025 From 10.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER:

1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Credito ebsite www.sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices . For Registration, EMD, Auction Details etc., visit https: /baanknet.com/eauction-psb/x-login of the service provider:M/s PSB Alliance and M/s. Baanknet, e-Auction Portal https://baanknet.com & Toll free Number : + 91 - 8291220220, Mail ID : support.baanknet@psballiance.com 2) The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc nd also all the statutory / non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. Note: Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD with PSB Alliance before the close of e-Auction. Credit of Pre-bid EMD shall be given to the bidder onl

after receipt of payment in PSB Alliance's Bank acount and updation of such information in the e-auction website. This may take some time as per banking process and hence bidders, in their own interest, are advised to submit the pre-bid EMD amount well in advance to avoid any last minute problem. The Sale will attract the provisions of sec 194-1A of the Income Tax Act (For S.No.1).

Date:31-10-2025, Place: VIJAYAWADA

Sd/-Authorized Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA



INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invite tenders in Two Stage Tender System from Eligible Contractors for the below mentioned works.

Office of The Chief Engineer (UWP), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009. Amount Put to Tender Name of Work No **EMD**

No. BWSSB/CE(WWM-West)/ACE(WWM-P-West)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/18/2025-26 Date: 30.10.2025 Work of construction of 100 MLD capacity secondary wastewater treatment plant and 25 MLD capacity tertiary wastewater treatment | Rs. 303.26 Crores

plant at bank of Byramangala Lake and for the operation and Rs. 303.26 Lakhs maintenance (O&M) of the said units for a period of 07 years No. BWSSB/CE(WWM-West)/ACE(WWM-P-West)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/16/2025-26 Date: 30.10.2025 Work of construction of new 100 MLD STP at Mylasandra and Rs. 292.09 Crores

Operation & Maintenance of STP for 7 years. Rs. 292.09 Lakhs

No. BWSSB/CE(WWM-West)/ACE(WWM-P-West)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/04/2025-26 Date: 30.10.2025 Work of construction of new 100 MLD STP at Doddabele and Rs. 266.18 Crores Operation & Maintenance of STP for 7 years.

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on 02.12.2025 upto 16.30 hrs. The Technical bids will be opened on: 03.12.2025 at 16.00 hrs.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (UWP)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For further details contact the below signed office during working hours. DIPR/CP/3522/Zen/2025-26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Ph: 8331011695, E-mail: armvij@canarabank.com E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable & Movable Assets Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset

and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer o branches mentioned below of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" or 20.11.2025, for recovery of amounts mentioned below due to the ARM Branch, Vijayawada of Canara Bank from the below mentione

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 20.11.2025 at 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD: 20.11.2025 before 12.00 Noon EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited paanknet) portal directly or by generating the challan therein to deposit the EMD amount through RTGS/ NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 20.11.2025 at 12.00 Noon.

Borrower/Guarantors & Branch DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES Reserve EMD (10% to ARM, Vijayawada Branch) Price) Property no.1: Guntur Dist., Narasaraopet Registration dist., Phirangipuram Sub-Dist., with in village and panchayat Area of Medikonduru Village D.No.351/B out ARM Branch, Vijayawada M/s. Ravindra Cotton Traders, 13.10 131.00 represented by: 1. Proprietor: f Ac.3.27 cents, an extent of Ac.2.00 cents of Nonlakhs Manam Ravindranath, 2. Agriculture Land and **Boundaries:** As per Deed. **Guarantor: Manam Siva Kumari** Property no.2: Item - 1: Guntur District, Guntur Sub- District presently Koretipadu sub-district with Municipal corporation area of Guntur at 1st line, Ramannapet, Municipal Old Ward no 1, W/o Ravindranath, 3. Guarantor Manam Ravindranath and Present Ward no 10, Block no 8, T.S.No 511, Asst No 6305-1 Door no 4-3-16 of an extent of 144 square yards of site and ir Rs. Sunitha (Legal heirs of M 150.00 15.00 Hymavathi), 4. Guarantor: which RCC daba house therein and **Boundaries**: As per Deed. lakhs lakhs Alapati Dhanunjaya Siva Item - 2: Guntur District, Guntur Sub-District. within

per U.L.C ward no. 1, Block no 8, T.S No.509 of extent of 56 sq yards of site and **Boundaries**: **As per Deed.** + interest + other expenses Date & Time of Inspection of the Property: 18.11.2025 at 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM Branch, Vijayawada, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 8331011695 during office hours on any working day.

Municipal Corporation area of Guntur, Koretipadu sub dist.
Old ward no.1, New ward no.2, Block no 3. T.S No.511 as

* Dues/taxes, if any, known/not known to the Bank are to be borne by the auction purchaser and the same is exclusive of the final bid amount. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.1,00,000/ - for reserve price above Rs.100 lacs. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) n closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder. E-Auction Process and Terms & Conditions, contact Service Provider: M/s. PSB Alliance (baanknet)

web portal : "https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb" (Contact No.7046612345/6354910172/8291220220 9892219848/8160205051, E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com. Date: 28-10-2025, Place: Vijayawada Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

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GUNTUR MAIN BRANCH (0605) केनरा बैंक Canara Bank Guntur, AP-522003, Phone: 8331015700

AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES n Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of F int of Security Interest Act,2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enfor

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Guntur Main-1 Branch of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 20.11.2025, for recovery of Rs. 98,22,89,614/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Crores Twenty Two Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Fourteen Only) due to the Guntur Main-1 Branch of Canara Bank from M/s JLDM TEXTILES INDUSTRIES PVT LTD represented by its Managing Director Sri Jampani Krishna Babu.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 20.11.2025 at 12.00 PM to 01.00 PM (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (baanknet) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 20.11.2025 by 11.00 AM

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES WITH NO ENCUMBRANCES TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BANK:

Property No.1: Item-1: All that part and parcel of vacant site to the extent of 605 Sq yards situate near Door Number 15-17-250, D No 579, Tirumala Gardens, Near NH-16, Ward No.15, Block No.17, Guntu Corporation, standing in the name of Smt Jampani Java Lakshmi w/o Sri Jampani Krishna Babu (Director of the Company) as per sale deed Doc No:462/2014 DT 15/01/2014. Bounded: East: Land of Karlapudi Srinivas. Rao, South: Land of Toluchuri, Dhanalakshmi and Others, West: Road, North: Site of Jampani Jayalakshmi. Item-2: All that part and parcel of vacant site to the extent of 605 Sq yards situated near Door Numbe 15-17-250, D No 579, Tirumala Gardens, Near NH-16, Ward No.15, Block No.17, Guntur Corporation, standing in the name of Smt Jampani Jaya Lakshmi w/o Sri Jampani Krishna Babu (Director of the Company) as pe sale deed Doc No: 463/2014 DT 15/01/2014. Bounded: East: Land of Karlapudi Srinivasa Rao, South: Site of Jampani Javalakshmi, West: Road, North: Site of Jampani Javalakshmi,

Item-3: All that part and parcel of vacant site to the extent of 605 Sq yards situated near Door Number 15-17-250, D No 579, Tirumala Gardens, Near NH-16 Ward No.15, Block No.17, Guntur Corporation, standing in the name of Smt Jampani Jaya Lakshmi w/o Sri Jampani Krishna Babu (Director of the Company) as pe sale deed DOC NO:464/2014 DT 15/01/2014. Bounded: East; Land of Karlapudi Srinivasa Rao, South: Land of Jampani Jayalakshmi, West: Road, North: Site of Jampani Jayalakshmi. Total Extent: 605 Sq.yds Reserve Price: Rs. 1,80,00,000/-EMD Amount: Rs. 18,00,000/-

Property No-2: All that part and parcel of vacant site to the extent of 1113.22 Sq yards, situated near Door Number 19-16-199, S No. 943/A, 943/B, Sudhapalli Donka Extension, Guntur Corporation, standing in the name of Sri Jampani Krishna Babu as per sale deed 9078/2013. dt 26/10/2013. Bounded: East Remaining Property of Badineni Satyanarayana, South: Property of Mekala Bikshalu & others, West: Propert of Badineni Punnamma & Others, North: Plot No 90 to some extent, 30 ft wide road to some extent, Plot No: 75,46 to some extent, 30 ft wide Road to some extent and plot No 45. Total Extent: 1113.22 Sq.yds Reserve Price: Rs. 77,00,000/-EMD Amount: Rs. 7,70,000/-

Property No-3: All that part and parcel of vacant site to the extent of 6292 Sq yards, situated D No. 83/B2C 83/D1, Chowdhavaram, Guntur, Guntur District, standing in the name of Sri. Jampani Krishna Babu. as per sale deed 1516/2006. dt 08.06.2006. Bounded: East: Property of Yeminedi Tirupataiah, South: Property of S Ramaswamy, West: Nagarjuna Sagar Canal, North: Property of Kesam Ramamurthy. Total Extent: 6292 Sq.yds Reserve Price: Rs. 1,55,00,000/-EMD Amount: Rs. 15,50,000/

Property No-4: All that part and parcel of vacant site (38 approved plots with total area of 11,138 Sq.yards) to the extent of Ac 5.344 cents (Total area Ac.8.24 cents out of which Ac. 2.896 cents are deducted for internal roads and for public purpose) situated at D No. 9/1, Plot Numbers 55-92, Shown in the approved Pla T.L.P. 38/20214/G, Piduguralla, Guntur District standing in the name of Sri. Jampani Krishnababu, Regd Doc No.2807/2013, 5490/2013. Boundaries of the Property for Ac 3.00 Cents as per Doc No.2807/2013 Dt.29.05.2013 : East: Property of Sanam Venkateswarlu, South: Property of Gaddam Devaiah, West Karlapadu - Piduguralla Road, North: Property of Chaluvadi Narayana. Boundaries of the Property for Ac 5.24 Cents as per Doc No.5490/2013 Dt.19.11.2013 : East: NSP Canal, South: Property of M/s JLDM Gardens, West: Karlapadu - Piduguralla Road, North: Property of Dachineni Anjaneyulu

Reserve Price: Rs. 3,58,00,000/-EMD Amount: Rs. 35,80,000/ For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website <u>www.canarabank.com</u> or may contact Chief Manager, Guntur Main-1 Branch, Canara Bank, Ph No. 83310 15700 during office hours on any working day.

For E-Auction Process contact Service Provider: M/s PSB Alliance (baanknet), web portal: https://baanknet.com/*, Helpdesk No. 8291220220, E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com Date: 30.10.2025, Place: Guntur Sd/-Authorized Officer, CANARA BANK

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NTR Vaidya Seva services in State

The Hindu Bureau VIJAYAWADA

Talks between Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav and representatives of the Andhra Pradesh Specialty Hospitals Association (ASHA) concluded successfully on Friday with the government agreeing to release ₹250 crore under the third phase and clear pending hospital dues through a one-time payment system.

ASHA representatives also announced that they would resume medical services under Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva immediately follow-Minister's the ing

Speaking to the representatives, Mr. Satya Kumar said he had discussed the issue with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. who approved the onetime payment plan to ensure a permanent solution.

He said until its implementation, funds of ₹250 crore will be released immediately. About 50 doctors are being appointed urgently to verify pending bills, he informed, adding that ASHA representatives will be involved in decisions under the Universal Health Policy. The Minister said in view of the patients' health concerns, the representatives should immediately resume duties.

So far, the government has released ₹488 crore in two phases, and with this new instalment, total payments will reach ₹738 crore. He said the coalition government has paid ₹4,143 crore to hospitals since coming to power, including ₹2,403.92 crore dues left by the YSRCP government. Around ₹2,500 crore dues remain pending. CEO of Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva Trust Dinesh Kumar attended the meeting.

Hospitals to resume | India, U.S. sign pact to boost defence ties

Framework outlines a 10-year road map for strategic collaboration; both sides reaffirm commitment to advance cooperation in defence industry

Saurabh Trivedi NEW DELHI

ndia and the United States have unveiled a 10-year defence framework, marking a new phase in their strategic cooperation aimed at "advancing peace, security, and stability in the Indo-Pacific".

The "Framework for the U.S.-India Major Defence Partnership" was signed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and U.S. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth on the sidelines of the 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Friday. The development came amid strained ties due to Washington's slapping of 50% tariffs on Indian goods.

According to the Ministry of Defence, both sides



Rajnath Singh and Pete Hegseth shake hands after signing a 10-year defence partnership framework in Kuala Lumpur on Friday. ANI

appreciated the continuing momentum in bilateral defence cooperation and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening the partnership.

They reviewed ongoing defence engagements, addressed emerging challenges, and discussed progress in defence industry and technology collaborations, the Ministry said.

Mr. Singh posted on X: "Defence will remain the major pillar of our bilateral relations. Our partnership is critical for ensuring a free, open and rulesbound Indo-Pacific region."

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Aid for women, jobs key in NDA manifesto

Amit Bhelari PATNA

The National Democratic Alliance on Friday released its 69-page manifesto for the coming Bihar Assembly election, outlining 25 promises.

The key promises include creating one crore jobs and one crore Lakhpati Didis, monthly assistance of ₹2,000 to Scheduled Caste students, new

Metro Rail projects in four cities, four new international airports, and seven expressways. Other pledges were assistance of up to ₹2 lakh for women under the CM's Women's Employment Scheme, 125 units of free electricity, free medical treatment up to ₹5 lakh, and construction of 50 lakh new houses.

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YSRCP shielding accused

The Hindu Bureau

Devasthanams by resorting to corruption. Adulteration of the ghee used by the TTD in the preparation of the laddu prasadam during the YSRCP regime hurt the sentiments of devotees, Mr. Naidu said.

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PM announces ₹4,000 crore infusion for DCI

VISAKHAPATNAM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced ₹4000 crore investment for modernisation of Dredging Corporation of India Limited during the recent inauguration of India Maritime Week 2025 at Mumbai, according to an official communication.» PAGE 6

Power restored in 98% of areas hit by cyclone'

VIJAYAWADA

Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar has asserted that more than 98% of the power restoration works have been completed in the areas affected by Cyclone Montha in the State.» PAGE 6

Naidu to seek Central govt. aid to compensate cyclone loss in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said he would talk to Prime Minister Narendra Modi about compensating the huge loss inflicted by Cyclone Montha and directed the tellite imagery.

the cyclone relief and rehameasures, bilitation through a tele-conference on Friday, Mr. Naidu said he told the people's representatives to visit agricultural fields to assess the dam-



Naidu that 60% of the agri- to go up as detailed esticultural fields in the Bapat- mates are worked out. la region were still under water and efforts were under way to drain the water

The Chief Minister said 100 officials who excelled in the implementation of Montha cyclone relief should

The report said the cyclone impact was more in Prakasam, Nellore, Bapatla and Nandyal districts.

A total of 1,434 villages, 48 towns and 249 mandals were affected. About 4,794 kilometres of R&B roads

in Parakamani case: CM

VIJAYAWADA

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has alleged that the YSRCP is trying to protect those involved in the Parakamani case in Tirumala. He said the YSRCP leaders lowered the prestige of Tirumala Tirupati

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CHITTOOR

Friday sentenced five men 2015 double murder of Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders, the then Chittoor Mayor Katari Anuradha and her husband Katari Mohan, terming it "one of the most brutal crimes in recent memory."

Judge Srinivasa Rao handed the death penalty to Sriram Chandrasekhar alias Chintu (55), a nephew of Katari Mohan, M. Venkatesh (49), Jayaprakash Reddy (33), T. Manjunath (37). Venkatachalapathi alias Razor Venkatesh (61). The court also ordered



Jayaprakash Reddy, and Venkatesh, who were awarded death by hanging, in Chittoor on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

them to pay ₹70 lakh in compensation, ₹50 lakh to Anuradha's family and ₹20 lakh to complainant Satish Naidu, who was injured while trying to save Mohan.

The judge described the murders as a "meticulously plotted act carried out with chilling precision."

On November 17, 2015, Chandrasekhar and Venkatesh, entered Mayor's of-

point-blank at Anuradha's head. The others drew maand attacked chetes Mohan.

The marathon trial featured 59 witnesses who testified. The court directed perjury proceedings against those who attempted to mislead the investiga-

While 27 were mentioned as the accused, the court acquitted 22 of them, while one person died during the course of the probe.



Vijayawada/Region



Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla is new FOC-in-C ENC

Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla assumed charge as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command at a ceremonial parade here on Friday, upon superannuation of Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar. Prior to assuming charge as FOC-in-C (ENC), he was the Chief of Personnel at the Naval Headquarters. Vice Admiral Bhalla inspected ceremonial guard and reviewed platoons of Naval and DSC personnel represented by various ships and establishments of the Command. The ceremony was attended by all Flag officers and commanding officers of ships, submarines and establishments.



Naidu, Lokesh praise Indian women's cricket team

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, IT Minister Nara Lokesh, and officials from the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) heaped praises on the Indian Women's Cricket team for their historic win over Australia in the ICC Cricket World Cup Semi-Finals.Mr. Naidu in his post on 'X' platform wrote, "Take a bow, Team India! Proud of our country's women's cricket team for creating history by marching into the finals of the Women's World Cup with a spectacular win over Australia in the semi-finals. Special praise for Jemimah Rodrigues and Harmanpreet Kaur, who played the innings of their lives to chase down a 300-plus total in an ODI World Cup knockout for the first time ever. Keep gunning for glory we're cheering for you all!"

A.P. will be first to implement waste recycling policy'

Andhra Pradesh is set to become the first State in the country to implement the "Circular Economy and Waste Recycling Policy (4.0)" 2025-2030, which aims to turn waste into a resource and promote environmentally sustainable industrial practices, said A.P. Pollution Control Board Chairman P. Krishnaiah on Friday. He was speaking at a brainstorming session at the Anantapur Collectorate, which brought together district officials, municipal representatives, and industrialists. Mr. Krishnaiah said that the policy reflects Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's vision of building a greener, cleaner future.

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CM: YSRCP trying to protect accused in Parakamani case

Naidu alleges adulteration of ghee used by the TTD in preparation of laddu prasadam during the YSRCP regime hurt sentiments of devotees around the world and destroyed temple sanctity

The Hindu Bureau VIJAYAWADA

hief Minister N. Chandrababu Nai-du alleged that YSRCP was trying to protect those involved in the Parakamani case in Tirumala. He said the YSRCP leaders lowered the prestige of the world famous Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) by resorting to

corruption in its activities. Adulteration of the ghee used by the TTD in the preparation of the Laddu Prasadam during the YSRCP regime hurt the sentiments of devotees around the world and destroyed the temple sanctity,

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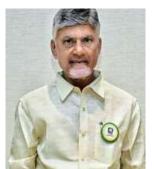
challenges in Junagarh,

Jammu and Kashmir, and

Hyderabad showcased his

vision and determination.

He said after India at-



Mr. Naidu said.

Addressing party leaders at the TDP central office near Mangalagiri in Guntur district on Friday, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu said the YSRCP unleashed false propaganda on the TTD affairs as part of its

political gameplan.

Hinting at the public spat between Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath and Tiruvuru MLA K. Srinivasa Rao, Mr. Naidu said stringent action would be taken against anyone who violates party principles and discipline.

'Conduct matters'

He announced that he would visit the central party office at least one day everv week to remain accessible to party workers. The performance of every leader was being monitored and their future in the party would depend on their conduct, he noted.

Further, Mr. Chandraba-

bu Naidu instructed the party's disciplinary committee to speak to leaders involved in certain controversies, seek their explanations, and submit a report. "Leaders crossing the line will not be spared. Only those who work sincerely for the party will get due recognition," he stated.

On cyclone Montha, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu said the government could mitigate the impact to a large extent by preparing to tackle it in advance. Loss of life and property was reduced.

He expressed regret that the YSRCP politicised the natural calamity instead of playing a constructive role.



Contract workers staging a protest at Dr. Ambedkar Smriti Vanam in Vijayawada on Friday, K.V.S. GIRI

Contract workers stage protest, seek immediate payment of pending salaries

The Hindu Bureau VIJAYAWADA

The contract workers staged a protest near the main gate of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Smrithi Vanam on Friday demanding immediate release of their nine months pending salaries. Supported by leaders of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) and Kula Vyatireka Porata Samithi (KVPS) the workers condemned the government and the contractor for being indifferent to their financial woes.

They alleged that officials from the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) and police tried to bring in sanitation workers to carry out the task of cleaning up the place, but they resisted.

The workers also interrupted a meeting of the officials in progress at the Smrithi Vanam conference hall and demanded clarity on payment of their salaries.

They said they had met senior officials, including Ajay Jain, NTR district Collector Lakshmisha and Director, Department of Culture Mallikarjuna Rao and submitted petitions but none of them took the matter forward.

CPI-(M) State executive committee member Ch. Baburao, KVPS State general Secretary A Malyadri

and All India Democratic Women's Association (AID-WA) district secretary Kaja Saroj expressed solidarity with the protesting workers.

Government flayed

Mr. Baburao criticised the government stating that while it celebrated Dr. Ambedkar's legacy by installing a 150-foot statue, it failed to pay the workers who maintained the site. He accused the coalition government of deceiving workers despite promises of support and said that the authorities were whiling away precious time instead of addressing the problem.

Mr. Malyadri warned that if the 34 contract workers' salaries were not paid immediately, the entire Ambedkar Smrithi Vanam would be shut down and the protest would be intensified.

CITU's central wing president K. Durga Rao, KVPS district secretaries G. Kranthi Kumar and Kaja Saroj, CITU leaders M. Baburao, Y. Subbarao, M. Someswararao, B. Laxman, G. Konda and several contract workers, including P. Sunitha, P. Vijay Kumari, P. Mary, M. Sujatha, Y. Deepika, K. Anusha, P. Satyavati, K. Dhanalakshmi, C.h. Mallika, Haritha, L. Therojamma, and Lakshmi. participated in the protes



Students taking part in "Run for Unity" organised by the South Central Railway on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Vijayawada

Police mark 'Ekta Diwas', pay tributes to Sardar Patel

The Hindu Bureau VIJAYAWADA

The police officers paid tributes to freedom fighter and Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 150th birth anniversary on Friday.

Armed Reserve Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police K. Kotes-Rao and other

trait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and paid tributes to the leader.

officers garlanded the por-

Later, police organised "Run for Unity" from Vyas Complex to the Collectorate to mark Rasthriya Ekta Diwas. Deputy Commissioner of Police S.V.D. Prasad and other officers

participated. Meanwhile in Eluru, Su-

perintendent of Police K. Pratap Shiva Kishore garlanded the portrait of the freedom fighter and paid tributes. Later, the SP flagged off rally organised to mark 'National Unity Day'. Additional SP N. Suryachandra Rao, AR Deputy Superintendent of Police Chandrashekar and other officers participated in the programme.

GRP, CIB and RPF police displaying ganja seized during 'Operation

NARCOS' at Samalkot Government Railway Police Station.

RPF, GRP and CIB police seize 190 kg of ganja in trains and on railway platforms

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Officers of the Crime Intelligence Branch (CIB), Government Railway Police (GRP) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF) seized about 190 kgs of ganja, worth ₹9.79 lakhs in various operations in Vijayawada Division.

Surprise raids were conducted at Rajahmundry, Samalkot, Gudur, Ongole and Bapatla railway stations under 'Operation NARCOS', from October 24 to 30 to check ganja smuggling in trains, said public relations officer Nusrat M. Mandrupkar.

"Acting on the complaints from the informants and passenger complaints received through

'Rail Madad' and intelligence inputs, the enforcement agencies crackdown on Marijuana (ganja) smugglers and seized the contraband," Ms. Nusrat said on Friday.

The Government Railway Police officers registered cases under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropics Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 in concerned stations and investigation is on, an officer investigang the cases told The Hindu on Fri-

day.

"The operation was taken up for passenger safety in moving trains and in the stations, The Crime Prevention and Detection Squads (CPDS) have kept constant vigil on ganja smugglers," Ms. Nusrat said.

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APFSL Assistant Director selected for 'Kendriya Gruhamanthri Dakshita' award

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Andhra Pradesh Forensic Science Laboratory (APFSL) Assistant Director (DNA Wing) Bommakanti Phani Bushan has been selected for the 'Kendriya Gruhamanthri Dakshita Award-2025.

This is the first time that



B. Phani Bushan

an officer from Andhra Pradesh has been selected

for the award, said Director General of Police (DGP) Harish Kumar Gupta, and congratulated Mr. Phani Bushan. The APFSL has won the award for the tremendous support of the government in taking up several reforms, including allocation of funds and technical support, the DGP said in a statement issued

here on Friday. "The award is an-

nounced in connection with the birth anniversary Sardar Patel every year. During his 28 years of service, Mr. Bushan extended good services in serology and DNA sampling and played vital role in solving critical cases," said APFSL director G. Pala Raju.

to over 21,711 hectares, and

668 acres of horticultural

crops like banana and pa-

paya were affected. In all,

33,596 farmers suffered

losses. In Pithapuram con-

stituency, around 2,500

farmers lost their crops, in-

cluding paddy and horti-

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Cyclone Montha: rock walls along coastline soon, says Pawan

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Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan instructed the Kakinada district administration to ensure that all those affected by Cyclone Montha receive proper compensation, and to ensure accurate assessment of crop loss and property damages

Additionally, he emphasised that the coastal villages in Pithapuram constituency should not face any sanitation or drinking water issue.

During a video conference on Friday with officials he shared that a tem-



Kakinada district officials on Friday.

porary rock wall laid recently, protected erosion near Subbampeta and other vulnerable areas along the Uppada coast. of -Ameenabad, Konapapapeta, and Moolapeta along the Uppada coastal area.

structures were planned to be constructed in other coastal villages. Later, the District Col-

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lector, Superintendent of Police, DRO, RDOs, Pithapuram Area Development Authority and officials of the Panchayat Raj, Roads and Buildings, Agriculture, and Electricity Departments, he inquired about the extent of damage caused by the cyclone and the conditions prevailing in Pithapuram constituency. He shared that a temporary rock wall laid recently protected erosion near Subbampeta and the other vulnerable areas of -

Ameenabad, Konapapapeta, and Moolapeta along the Uppada coastal area. He and announced that similar structures were planned to be constructed in other coastal villages. He ordered that government aid should reach every affected individual.

Collector S. Shan Mohan reported that 21 mandals and seven municipalities were affected, and a total of 61 houses were dam-

Approximately, 41,932 families, including 27,624 fishing and 313 weaving families, were impacted by the cyclone.

be constructed in other

Crop damage extended coastal villages.

recently protected erosion near Subbampeta and the other vulnerable areas of -Ameenabad, Konapapapeta, and Moolapeta along the Uppada coastal area. He announced that similar structures were planned to

THE HINDU

'Electric vehicles represent future of mobility'

The Hindu Bureau VIJAYAWADA

Electric vehicles represent the future of mobility due to their potential to reduce emissions, cut dependence on fossil fuels, and improve public health, said International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), India chapter, president Prasanna Ramamurthy on Friday.

He was speaking at the inaugural session of a twoday conference on "Automotive and Electric Vehicles", organised at PVP Siddhartha Institute of Technology (PVPSIT) as

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34°C The weather will be

mostly dry. Day will be warm

Vijayawada City Tomorrow

33°C Morning will be pleasant.

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Guntur Town



International Council on Systems Engineering, India chapter, president Prasanna Ramamurthy being felicitated at a conference at PVP Siddhartha Institute of Technology in Vijayawada on Friday.

part of the golden jubilee celebrations of Siddhartha Academy of General and Technical Education.

Mr. Ramamurthy said

that the automotive sector plays a pivotal role in driving economic growth, innovation, GDP, and employment. The rapid expansion of the EV market, he noted, is being fuelled by government incentives and the growing availability of affordable

CEO and founder of Eff-

tronics India Ltd. D. Rama Krishna stressed on the importance of skilled engineers in designing and implementing solutions across sectors such as infrastructure, energy, healthcare, and technology. He urged students to continuously upskill to stay abreast of technological advancements and remain competitive.

Former chairman of the

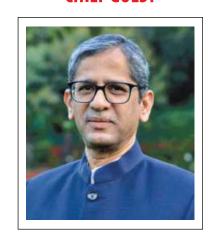
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) J.S.R.K. Prasad said that the automotive and EV sectors hold immense potential, encouraging young engineers to seize opportunities to help India emerge as a global leader in the field.

The event was attended by Siddhartha Academy president M. Rajaiah, vicepresident V. Nagabhushana Rao, vice-chancellor of Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education P. Venkateswara Rao, Principal, Pro vice-chancellor Ratna Prasad, principal K. Sivaji Babu, Heads of departments, faculty, and students.

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Cyclone Montha: road link between A.P. and TG cut off

Many farmers make desperate bid to salvage inundated paddy, maize and chilli crops in the villages; police arranged pickets as a precautionary step at all 'saptas' and low-level bridges

The Hindu Bureau VIJAYAWADA

oad transportation between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana has been cut-off as the streams and rivulets were overflowing on the roads at some places in NTR district on Friday. Crops in some hundreds of acres were inundated in rain water in the border villages, the farmers said.

With rain water overflowing on Lingala bridge, officials stopped traffic proceeding towards Khammam on the second day on Friday.

As the road was damaged between Penuganchiprolu and Old Vemavaram



The Munneru River is overflowing at Lingala in NTR district on Friday due to the impact of Cyclone Montha. G.N. RAO

and Vatsavai, only light vehicles were being allowed, the villagers said.

Police diverted heavy vehicles towards Kambampadu. A few habitations

were cut-off as rain water stagnated in the colonies. Officials were continuing rehabilitation camps, the locals said.

Chilli, maize and cotton

crops were damaged in New Vemavaram, Itavaram, Keesara and Lingala villages, said a farmer V. Koteswara Rao.

"Rainwater inundated Paddy, horticulture and other crops in Vatsavai, Chityala and other villages," said another farmer B. Vasantha Rao of Lingala village, who was trying to drain out the stagnated water from the fields.

Many farmers were seen trying to save the inundated paddy, maize and chilli plantations in the villages by arranging support to the plantations. Police arranged pickets as a precautionary at all 'saptas' and low-level bridges on AP and Telangana borders.

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Andhra Pradesh InFocus

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NUGGETS OF HISTORY

Temple amidst a dense Ancient cave system jungle in Nandyal

Sri Siddeswara Swamy temple at Omkaram, more popularly known as Sri Omkareshwaram temple, is located 14 km from Nandyal. It sits amidst the dense Nallamala forests. Apart from the serene surroundings is the perennial flow of crystal clear water from springs, which also feeds the temple tank. Devotees take a holy dip in the temple pond.

you can explore

Yadiki cave system is located in Konapulappadu, 18 kms from Yadiki. The hillocks, gorges, spring, lake and winding roads attract many. Jeemanugavi cave is 5 km long and visitors can go up to 2 km. The intricate stalactite and stalagmite formations takes the shape of chandeliers, globes, etc. Another cave, Uudamanugavi, is part of the Yadiki cave system.

Rivers crisscrossing Nandyal district

The two main rivers flowing in Nandyal district are Krishna and Kunderu. Kunderu is also called as Kumudvathi, and it rises on the western side of Erramalas, passes through Kunderu valley and flows in a Southern direction. Kunderu flows through Midthur, Gadivemula, Nandyal, Gospadu, Koilakuntla, Dornipadu and Chagalamarri mandals and enters Kadapa district.

The third Goddess Saraswati temple

Kolam Bharathi temple, also known as Kolanu Bharathi, is a known Goddess Saraswati temple. There is a Goddess Saraswati temple in Jammu and Kashmir and another at Basara in Telangana. Kolanu Bharathi temple is the third of its kind in India. This area was dominated ruled by Chalukyas of Kalyana of 11-12th century CE.

Prehistoric wonder near Orvakal airport

Rock paintings from the Palaeolithic era are found at Ketavaram, 18 km from Kurnool. The rock paintings of human and animal forms are a timeless treasure. Visitors can see the paintings of deer, bulls, foxes, rabbits and humans. This prehistoric site is just one kilometre away from Orvakal airport.

Contributed by Hareesh P.

Mission to bring back Great Indian Bustard to Rollapadu

A fall in insect variety owing to modern agricultural practices, cattle grazing and crisscrossing powerlines have made Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary in Nandyal district unappealing to the Great Indian Bustard, but a group of conservationists are banding together to reverse the damage and restore the bird's migration

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fforts to revive the Great Indian Bustard's migration to the Rollapadu Bird Sanctuary in Nandyal district are gaining pace. The Bustard Recovery Programme, the Forest Department and agencies involved in conservation are joining hands to rejuvenate the lost habitat at the dry grasslands at Rollapadu, spread over 6.14 sq.km.

According to Bustard Recovery Programme founder Mandra Linga Reddy, a retired Departmental Member, Telangana VAT Appellate Tribunal and Commissioner GST from Allur, some 20 km away from Rollapadu, the GIB is a critically endangered species, enumerated in Schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. It is one of the world's largest flying birds whose original habitat is the National Desert Park (NDP). Its other ranges include Kutch (Gujarat), Nannaj (Maharashtra), Siriguppa (Karnataka) and Rollanadu

"Today, the GIBs are confined to NDP. They are o longer migrating to other habitats owing to several human-made reasons, primarily due to loss of habitats, intensive modern agriculture and erection of high tension/low tension power lines across the country," says Linga Reddy.

The Rollapadu grasslands are fairly intact and are fully protected by chain link fence except for a gap of 3.5 km, he says. Locals graze their cattle in the grasslands through this gap, spoiling the natural habitat of the bird.

Rollapadu Sanctuary was established in 1988 and is a home to various species of birds, reptiles and mammals and is one of the very few sanctuaries for conservation of the GIB.

Linga Reddy says GIB, an omnivorous, prefers beetles and grasshoppers and other insects. Earlier, crops like ground nut and millets used to be cultivated in the villages adjoining the sanctuary, and these crops provided adequate prey to the GIB. "The stabilisation of water resources in the region led to change in cropping patterns and farmers are now cultivating other commercial crops, which in turn resulted in the drop in prey for the Bustard," he says.

Powerlines turning traps

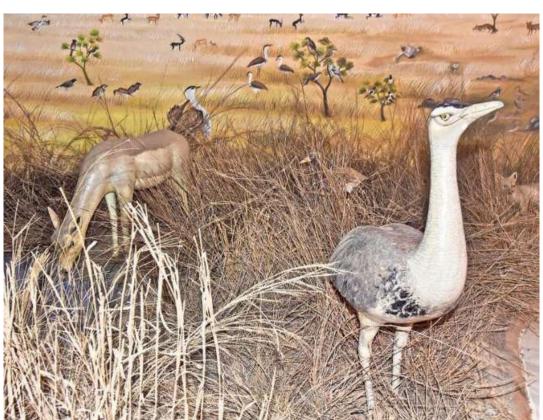
According to Linga Reddy, the power lines erected across the region have also turned into a major threat to the GIBs. "According to a study, at least 16 GIBs are dying every year colliding with the electric lines," he says.

There is a need to install bird diverters to ensure the GIBs don't collide with the power lines. A bird diverter is installed on transmission lines to prevent collision by birds by increasing the line's visibility to birds, says Linga Reddy. The diverters help the birds see the power lines from a distance and thus allows the bird to change its flight path, he adds. "There is a need to instal 90,000 to one lakh diverters," he says adding that the immediate intervention should be plugging the gap in the fencing.

Senior IFS officer B. Vijaya Kumar, who recently took charge as Field Director, Project Tiger Circle, Srisailam, emphasised that Rollapadu sanctuary can once again witness the GIBs with minimum human intervention and within a couple of years. "Our priority would be to erect the fencing. There are gaps at three places and fencing might be needed at an extent of six kilometres," he says.

Having worked as DFO-Atmakur between 2010-2013, Vijaya Kumar carries the experience of studying the behaviour of the GIB. "The GIB, a heavy bird, needs at least one kilometre length of smooth and obstruction-free pathway. The fencing should be of lesser height. Instead of the six feet fencing, it should be of three feet to ensure that the bird don't collide with the fencing





The Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary in Midtur mandal of Nandyal district, which used to be a habitat for the migratory bird the Great Indian Bustard. (Above) A model of the bird displayed at an exhibition in the sanctuary. U. SUBRAMANYAM

while landing or flying up," he says.

Vijaya Kumar opined that Rollapadu grasslands suit perfectly for the GIBs to visit. "The grasslands are perfect for foraging and even for sand bath for the birds," he says, and added that coordination efforts by all departments and people will give results in conserving the habitat of the GIB.

Vijaya Kumar says the first recorded sighting of the GIB at Rollapadu was in 1852. In 1988, the sanctuary attracted 30 GIBs. The numbers, however, started to dwindle and the last time the bird was sighted was in 2020.

Adiseshaiah, a bird watcher at the sanctuary since 1985, says grazing of cattle in the sanctuary should be stopped for the conservation of the grasslands and the sanctuary. "We had last seen the bird around 2020 and once the human intervention into the sanctuary stops and some few corrective measures are taken, we can bring back the bird," he says.

With the efforts of Linga Reddy, the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII) have also stepped in to conserve the sanctuary. "The BNHS has formally consented to establish a camp in Rollapadu. A team has visited the sanctuary recently for field assessment," he says. Linga Reddy aims to restore the grasslands and make it fit for translocation of GIBs by 2028 and establish a Conservation Breeding Centre with the assistance of Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and WII.

Replicating a success

According to Linga Reddy, the Project Great Indian Bustard by the Rajasthan initiated in 2013 involved identifying and fencing bustard breeding grounds in existing protected areas as well as provide secure breeding enclosures outside protected areas. "The project worked, with eggs having been successfully incubated. We are





Mandra Linga Reddy (left), founder of Bustard Recovery Programme, talking about conservation measures.

hoping that such a project will bring back the Bustards here as well," he said.

Both Linga Reddy and Vijaya Kumar concur that a community approach should be adopted to bring back the winged visitors to the sanctuary. Children should be educated and involved in this exercise and Linga Reddy is trying to spread awareness among children in schools.

Region

THE HINDU

'Over 2,000 hectares of crops damaged in Anakapalli dist.'

The Hindu Bureau

Minister for Home V. Anitha said that around 2,000 hectares of crops and 100 hectares of horticultural plantations were damaged across the district. She inspected the cyclone-affected areas here in Anakapalli district on Friday and assured the victims that the government would extend all possible assistance to them. She also promised to sanction permanent houses to all the victims, whose houses

rammapalem village in S. Rayavaram mandal and interacted with the residents and enquired about their well-being and distributed essentials.

Speaking during her visit, Ms Anitha said that due to the timely precautions and guidance of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh, the administration was able to avert loss of lives and property so stated that a new road would be laid in Bangarammapalem within 15 days. She also announced that cyclone relief assistance which was promised by the State government will be extended not only to fishermen but also to other

Further, arrangements were being made to establish solar-powered fishdrying units as part of a pilot project with DWCRA women's groups, she ad-

Vizag SEZ turnover shows 4.34% growth

The Hindu Bureau VISAKHAPATNAM

VSEZ zone has recorded exports to the tune of ₹58,505 crore during the second quarter (July-September) registering a growth of 4.34% over the same period during the previous year, Zonal Development Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone, Srinivas Muppaala said on Friday.

Of this, service exports are ₹43,871 crore and merchandise exports ₹14,634 crore. During the six

months period of April to September 2025, VSEZ zone has recorded exports to the tune of ₹1,17,050 crore, comprising of merchandise exports of ₹30,414 crore and service exports of ₹86,636 crore, registering a growth of 7% over the same period during the previous year.

During the period July-September, three new SEZ unit proposals have been granted approval in Telangana and two new SEZ unit proposals in Andhra Pradesh, the Development Commissioner said.

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MPTB invites offers for "Request for Proposal for Selection of Agency Under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme Under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 for Development, Operations, Maintenance and Management of Tourism Experience: Mandu - A Medieval Wonder" The detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from https://www.mptenders.gov.in/www.tourism. website mp.gov.in. For any other information please Contact. Mob. No.+91-9425184809, +91-9993574567 or E-mail at jdplg. mptb@mp.gov.in. Last Date and Time for online submission of the RFP is 21.11.2025 at 5:00 PM.

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THOOTHUKUDI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

E-TENDER NOTICE

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Dated: 30.10.2025

The Commissioner, Thoothukudi City Municipal Corporation is inviting to sealed Tender for the work of Widening, Construction of RCC lined Canal with Retaining wall and RCC Solid Bridge for Buckle Canal Chainage from 250.00 m to 7410.00 m Under State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) & State Disaster Risk Management Fund (SDRMF) 2025-26

Contract Value	:	Rs.5370.00 Lakhs	
Bid documents Website address	:	https://tntenders.gov.in	
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Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission

INVITATION FOR BIDS NO: IN-TNSHORE-520569-CW-RFB

Title: Construction of International Dugong Conservation Centre at Manora, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu

The Chief Mission Director, Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission, Chennai invites bids from eligible bidders for the work named above. Bids are invited under National Open Competitive Procurement (NCP). The detailed Notice Inviting Bids and bid documents for the above work will be available on the website www.tntenders.gov.in from 01.11.2025 at 15.00 hours. All relevant information and instructions to bidders are provided in the bid

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Chief Mission Director, Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission, Chennai.

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REGIONAL OFFICE, PLOT NO.1, Prasanthi Nagar, Podalakur Road, NELLORE - 524 003. Ph.NO. 0861-2329730, EMAIL: ronlr-ee1@appcb.gov.in ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION In accordance with the notification No.S.O.1533(E) dt.14th September, 2006 and its subsequent amendments thereof by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, we hereby notify Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) on the proposal of M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for setting up a 9 Million Metric Tons Per Annum (MMTPA) capacity Greenfield Refinery and Petrochemica omplex with Associated infrastructure facilities over an extent of 2109.62 ha at Chevur. & Ravuru Villages of Gudluru Mandal, Chennayapalem & Rudrakota villages of Kavali Mandal, SPSR Nellore District with an investment of Rs. 1,03,40,800 Crores. The details of the proposed project are as follows:-Name with the address M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) of the company Dy.General Manager - A.P. Refinery A.P. Refinery and Petrochemical Complex Mumbai - 400 015, Maharashtra. Location of the proposed Chevuru & Ravuru Villages of Gudluru Mandal Chennayapalem & Rudrakota Villages of Kavali Mandal, SPSR Nellore District Extent of land 2109.62 Ha Name of the Authorised Sri Mukka Veera Prasad, Team Member, nerson to be contacted A.P. Refinery and Petrochemical Complex M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), with Address and Mumbai - 400 015, Maharashtra Ph No.9669980222 Phone Numbers Total estimated Capital Rs. 1.03.40.800 Crores Cost for the project 9 Million Metric Tons Per Annum (MMTPA) capacity Line of Activity and capacity Greenfield Refinery and Petrochemical Complex with Associated infrastructure facilities Date/ Time / Venue of Date 05.12.2025 Time Venue : Beside Ramayapatnam Port Road, Public Hearing Near Ramanayapatnam Port, SPSR Nellore District Latitude : N 15° 00' 38.8" Longitude : E 80° 02' 21.8" 8. Places of availability of soft & Hard copies of draft EIA and Executive summaries in telugu and English of the proposed project. O/o. The Collector & District Magistrate, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District ii. O/o. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Nellore & Ongole iii. O/o. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukuru & Kavali , SPSR Nellore District. O/o. The Zonal Manager, Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation(APIIC), AK O/o. The General Manager, District Industries Centre, A.K.Nagar, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District O/o. The Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Environment, Forest, Science & Technology Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat complex, Building No.4, Ground Floor

Velagapudi, Guntur District. O/o. The Joint Director (S), MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada Gree

House Complex, Vijayawada - 520 010 O/o. The Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Coastal Zone Management Authority

(APCZMA), MoEF & CC, GOI, Paryavaran Bhavan, APIIC Colony, Gurunanak Colony, Auto Nagar, Vijayawada The Member Secretary, State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA),

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3rd Floor, Paryavaran Bhavan, N.T.Road, TIRUPATI - 517501. O/o. The Environmental Engineer, A. P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office Plot No.1, Prasanthi Nagar, Podalakur Road, Near Nellore Club, Nellore - 524 003. O/o. The Tahasildars, Kavali, Gudluru and Ulavapadu Mandals, SPSR Nellore District

O/o. The Mandal Praja Parishad Development Officers, Kavali, Gudluru and

Ulavapadu Mandals, SPSR Nellore District O/o. The Panchayat Secretary, Chevuru, Ravur, Salipeta & Yelurupadu villages of Guduluru Mandal: Chennayapalem, Anemadugu & Rudrakota villages of Kavali Mandal, and Ramayapatnam Village of Ulavapadu Mandal, SPSR Nellore District.

Suggestions, views, comments, and objections of the public, if any, are invited with

Environmental Engineer

A.P.Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Nellor

in 30 days from the date of publication of notification from all persons including bonafied resi dents, Environmental groups & others located near project site/sites likely to be affected by the proposed project and plausible stakeholders. The above mentioned persons are requested to send written suggestions/ objections/ opinions/ views to the undersigned officer of A.P. Pollutio Control Board and may also participate in the Public hearing on the date, time and venue spec fied above

: 31.10.2025

Andhra Pradesh



Leopard sighting on Tirumala footpath triggers panic

The leopard scare along the Srivari Mettu footpath resurfaced on Friday, leaving the devotees who were trekking in panic. Devotees trekking along the pathway spotted the big cat crossing it at the 150th step on the route from Srinivasa Mangapuram. The panic-stricken devotees raised an alarm and ran helter-skelter. The on-duty Sulabh workers alerted the TTD security and police personnel, who in no time reached the spot. Forest officials confirmed the movement of the big cat and also collected its fresh pugmarks. The TTD security and police personnel appealed to the devotees not to venture out individually, but move in groups with their children in the middle as a safety measure.

Placement drive for skilled persons in Qatar's O&G sector

The AP State Skill Development Corporation and the Overseas Manpower Company AP, in collaboration with 2COMS, have announced a placement drive for experienced supervisors in Qatar's oil and gas (O&G) sector. The available job roles include Structural Welding Supervisor, Pipe Fitter Supervisor, Painting Supervisor, and Structural Fitter Supervisor. In a statement on Friday, APSSDC Executive Director D. Manohar said the offer was open to male applicants aged up to 45 years, with a diploma or technical certification in the relevant trade. For details, candidates may contact 9988853335, 8712655686, 8790118349, or 8790117279, or email: skillinternational@apssdc.in.

Govt. gives Group-II post to son of slain former MLA

The State government has given appointment on compassionate grounds to Siveri Suresh Kumar, son of Siveri Soma, former MLA, who was killed in extremist violence in 2018. G. Sai Prasad, Special Chief Secretary, issued a G.O. (Ms. No 399) on Friday appointing Mr. Suresh Kumar as Deputy Tahsildar in Zone-1 on compassionate grounds, in relaxation of the relevant rules. The Maoists had killed then sitting MLA Kidari Sarveswara Rao and the former MLA in Araku Valley. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had then offered a Cabinet berth to Sarveswara Rao's son. Now, the government offered Group-II post to Mr. Suresh Kumar.

Govt. sets up Port Proximal **Area Development Authority**

The State government has issued an order constituting a Port Proximal Area Development Authority (PPADA) for each seaport under the control of the A.P. Maritime Board (APMB) in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 15 (2) of the APMB Act of 2018. In the G.O. Ms. No.15 issued on October 30, it was said that the PPADAs would exercise control over an area of up to 10 km measured outward towards the land side from the port's limits but not exceeding beyond its exclusivity limits along the shore, as defined under the respective concession agreements. The PPADAs were tasked with preparing master plans for the respective areas and submitting the same to the State government



San Maritime, Centre sign pact on shipyard project

Kakinada-headquartered San Maritime India Private Limited has signed a MoU with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to set up a ₹200-crore shipyard development project on the Kakinada coast, with a target to kick-start the project in the financial year 2026-27. The pact was signed on October 28 by San Maritime Director Sheik Ahmed Alisha and Shyam Jagannathan, Director-General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, during the India Maritime Week (IMW)-2025 in Mumbai. The IMW concluded on Friday. Union Minister of Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal was present, Mr. Ahmed Alisha told *The* Hindu. "The Ministry will offer subsidy, technical assistance and guidance," he said. It has potential to create jobs for 100 people.

Minister says 98% power restoration works over in cyclone-affected areas

Gales caused extensive damage to electric poles, conductors, and transformers, says Ravi Kumar, asserting that Chief Minister's advanced planning and preparedness helped contain damage

The Hindu Bureau VIJAYAWADA

nergy Minister Got-tipati Ravi Kumar has said that over 98% of the power restoration works have been completed in the areas affected by Cyclone Montha. Addressing the media at

his camp office at Tadepalli on Friday, Mr. Ravi Kumar said that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had anticipated the cyclone impact and immediately alerted the administration, public representatives, and citizens to stay prepared. This helped in mitigating the impact, the Minister said. Around 1,500 staff from the three DIS-COMs were deployed in the affected regions on special duty. Senior officials were assigned to Visakhapatnam, Machilipatnam, and Bapatla, which were the most affected areas, to ensure that people did not face any inconvenience.

Gales caused extensive damage to electric poles, conductors, and trans-



Workers clearing fallen trees and fixing electric poles damaged during Cyclone Montha, in Vijayawada. K.V.S. GIRI

formers. A total of 12,500 new electric poles were installed, 2,900 km of conductors replaced, and nearly 3,000 transformers repaired / reinstalled, the Minister added. Power supply in areas like Nellore, Kavali and Machilipatnam was temporarily shut down as a safety measure and was restored immediately after the conditions improved. He mentioned that household power supply was fully restored

across the State, while agriculture and aqua connections were in the process of being restored in the next 48 hours. He appreciated the employees of the power utilities for working with dedication during the cyclone and pointed out that many of them were on duty continuously for 48 hours without rest.

Yanamala slams Jagan Meanwhile, senior TDP leader Yanamala Ramak-

'Speed up Amaravati capital works'

rishnudu has termed as "ridiculous and unwarranted" the comments made by YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy that Cyclone Montha is a man-made calamity and the government has left the farmers to fend for themselves

In a press release, the former Finance Minister said that Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy should know that natural calamities were the outcome of nature's fury and beyond anyone's control. "The former Chief Minister should do something useful for the masses instead of merely doing eye-wash visits of the cyclone-affected areas," he

Ramakrishnudu Mr. said the steps taken by the government to mitigate the impact were laudable and the relief activities were going on in full swing.

"Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy is caught in his own political calamity of losing out badly to the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance in the 2024 elections. He is yet to recover from it," he observed.

PM announces ₹4,000 cr. for DCI modernisation

The Hindu Bureau VISAKHAPATNAM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced ₹4,000 crore investment for modernisation of Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) during the recent inauguration of India Maritime Week 2025 at Mumbai, according to an official communication by

the company here on

Friday. The ₹4,000 crore investment will focus on fleet modernisation and capacity enhancement to strengthen India's dredging infrastructure.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, Dredging Corporation of India Limited and Chairperson of the Visakhapatnam Port Authority and Mumbai Port M. Angamuthu, expressed gratitude to Prime Minister and the Ministry for their visionary support.

Managing Director & CEO of the DCIL S. Divakar added DCI's current dredging capacity is based on a fleet primarily consisting of 10 Trailer Suction Hopper Dredgers (TSHDs) with a combined hopper capacof approximately 60,000 cubic metres. This fleet enables handling of roughly 50-60 million cub-

ic metres of dredging an-

nually, accounting for nearly 55% of India's total dredging requirement of around 110-120 million cubic metres per year.

Approval of Ministry was already given for procurement three new TSHDs out of which DCI has already placed the order for one 12000 CuM TSHD - DCI Dredge Godavari in March 2022. The vessel was launched recently and is expected to be delivered in July 2026 to DCI in Visakhapatnam.

The DCI will place the order for another 12000 CuM TSHD in next few months and order for another dredger would follow subsequently. Further, DCI also plans to procure one Cutter Suction Dredger, a water injection dredger another TSHD of lower capacity to do shallow draft dredging and also six beavers dredgers of different capacities for dredging in inland waterways/ canals etc.

The total investment for procurement of these 11 dredgers and other initiatives is ₹4000 crore, and would enable DCI would place its foot firmly not only in the maintenance dredging market which it is already leading in India but also in Capital dredging, said DCI CEO.

MLC serves defamation notice on

Y.S. Bharati

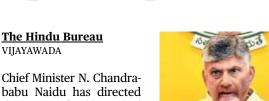
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TDP MLC B. Ravi Chandra has issued a defamation notice to Y.S. Bharati Reddy, owner of Jagathi Publications Limited (Sakshi Group), and its Editor-in-Chief Dhanunjaya Reddy for "attributing false imputations" to him in land transactions in Nellore. He called reports that appeared in the Sakshi media, wherein he was accused of getting properties worth about ₹200 crore belonging to Malepati Subba Naidu transferred to his family members, as "biased, partial and prejudiced." Advocate P.V.G. Umesh Chandra said in the notice dated October 30 that the Sakshi media reported that his client impugned lands near the Ramayapatnam transferred to his family

members when Subba Nai-

du was on death bed.



babu Naidu has directed the CRDA officials to speed up the Amaravati development works and complete them as per the given timelines and top priority to

In a review meeting with officials of the A.P. Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) at his camp office on Friday, Mr. Naidu said the registration of returnable plots allotted to the farmers who had given their lands to Amaravati should be done immediately.

The officials told the Chief Minister that the registration of returnable plots were pending in respect of 2,471 farmers due to technical issues.

Mr. Naidu said he would meet the farmers of the capital region soon to know the problems faced by them, and instructed the officials to accord priority to greenery. He observed that the iconic



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu asks officials to stick to given timelines and accord priority to quality. FILE PHOTO

structures and high-rise towers were essential to give a world-class look to Amaravati capital city.

Municipal Administration & Urban Development Minister P. Narayana apprised the Chief Minister of the status of works and the steps taken to implement the project as per guidelines.

APCRDA Commissioner K. Kanna Babu, Amaravati **Development Corporation** CMD D. Lakshmiparthasarathy Bhasker and other officials were present.

CM likely to visit Pulivendula in Dec.

The Hindu Bureau

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is likely to visit tuency represented by YSRCP president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, in December. Though the itinerary is yet to be cleared, the tentative schedule of the Chief Minister's visit to Kadapa district includes Pulivendula, according to the district officials.

to be ready by December 15, it is expected that the Chief Minister will formally inaugurate the project meant to supply drinking water to the households of Pulivendula municipality. Mr. Naidu will also participate in the annual Gandikota festival. Pulivendula constituency in-charge Ma-

As the water grid is set

dy, popularly known as 'B.Tech' Ravi, has now set his eyes on wresting the municipality from the YSRCP fold. "The municipality, which has given two Chief Ministers to the State, is still reeling under a drinking water crisis. It is the TDP-led NDA regime that has finally solved the decades-old problem," Mr. Ravi said on Friday, while admitting into the party several educated and neutral public, all residents of Y.S. Raja Reddy Street in Pulivendula town.

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Pension disbursal

Meanwhile, all arrangements are in place for Mr. Naidu's visit to Peddannagaripalli village in Sri Sathya Sai district on Saturday for disbursal of pensions under the NTR Bharosa scheme.

Naidu, wife for London today

The Hindu Bureau VIIAYAWADA

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and his wife N. Bhuvaneswari are leaving for the U.K. from Hyderabad on November 1 night on a personal visit. Ms. Bhuvaneswari will be receiving the Distinguished Fellowship Award-2025 of the Institute of Directors (IoD) in London on November 4.

She will also receive the Golden Peacock Award Excellence in Corporate Governance category as the Managing Director of Heritage Foods.

According to an official release, the IoD selected Ms. Bhuvaneswari for the coveted Distinguished Fellowship Award as an eminent personality.

Later, Mr. Naidu will meet industrialists in London and invite them to the Partnership Summit to be in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15. He is also expected to meet the Telugu diaspora there before returning on November 6.

State sees sharp decline in employment under MGNREGS

P. Sujatha Varma VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh has recorded a steep decline in employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the first half of the financial year, raising concerns over shrinking work availability, reduced incomes, and introduction of new digital barriers for rural workers.

As per an analysis by the Delhi-based research organisation, LibTech India, the person-days generated under the scheme fell by 13.6% between April and September 2025, compared to the corresponding months the previous year, and a sharper fall than the 10.4% decline recorded nationally.



recording a fall in employment. NTR district registers the most severe drop at 44.7%, followed by Chittoor at 31.3%. FILE PHOTO

The number of households that received work also reduced from 42.79 lakh to 40.74 lakh, marking a 4.8% drop.

The decline was widespread across the State. Twenty-three out of 26 districts recorded a fall in employment. NTR district registered the most severe drop at 44.7%, followed by Chittoor at 31.3%, while Nellore and Visakhapatnam showed only marginal increases. Despite a rise in the not-

ified wage rate from ₹300 to ₹307, household earnings under the MGNREGS

fell from ₹10,695 to ₹10,178 this year because fewer days of work were provided. The total earnings for workers in the State dropped by ₹435 crore compared to the previous year. LibTech India's Data Analyst Diwakar Mantri said the wage revision had offered little relief because work availability declined at the same time.

"A wage hike has no meaning if employment itself is not guaranteed," Mr. Diwakar said. "Workers earned less this year simply because they received fewer days of work," he added.

SC/STs worst-hit

The report finds that the decline hit the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes households the hardest. The person-days for SC workers fell by 18.7% and by 17% for ST workers, compared to a 11.3% drop among other workers.

Though SCs and STs together make up just 18.7% of the State's population, they constitute 31.9% of MGNREGS workers. This showed how deeply these groups relied on the programme for income stability, the organisation noted.

Digital hurdle

The data revealed not just a statistical change, but a social vulnerability. "SC and ST workers rely on MGNREGS more than any other group, and they have experienced the steepest fall in the person-days. When work availability shrinks, they feel the impact first and the most," Mr. Diwakar said. The report also flags that the Union Rural Development Ministry has Aadhaar-based e-KYC mandatory for workers across the country to continue accessing MGNREGS.

In Andhra Pradesh, only 67.9% of the registered workers completed e-KYC, leaving nearly 38 lakh workers pending. Among active workers -those currently seeking work more than 21.6 lakh have not yet completed the process. LibTech India warns that without adequate facilitation at the field level, the e-KYC prerequisite can block genuine workers from accessing a legal entitlement. "Workers may end up losing access to work not because they don't want employment, but because a digital step stands in the way," said Mr. Diwakar.



Centre allocates routes for seaplane project in Kerala

The Union government has awarded 48 seaplane routes, including in Kerala, under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN. Speaking to The Hindu, a government officer said the Centre directed Kerala to prepare a detailed project report for starting seaplane services from the Idukki dam, Malampuzha dam, Banasura Sagar dam, Mattupetty/Chenkulam dam, and Bekal. "The routes will be clear once the Centre issues a detailed government order," he said.

Shiv Sena leaders barred from entering Belagavi district

Ahead of the Rajyotsava [Karnataka State Day] celebrations on Saturday and the reported plan to carry out a 'black day protest' by Marathi groups, Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Roshan has issued orders prohibiting the entry of Shiva Sena leaders, including MP Dhairyasheel Mane, into the district bordering Mahrashtra. The Deputy Commissioner in his order issued on Friday prohibited the entry of these leaders under provisions of Section 163 of the BNSS.

Degree student ends life; kin allege harassment by lecturer

A 20-year-old degree student allegedly ended his life at his residence under MVP Police Station limits in Visakhapatnam on Friday. The family members and friends of the youth alleged that harassment from a lecturer made the youth, S. Teja, take the extreme step. They staged a protest at the college with the support of student organisations. MVP Police has registered a case and launched an investigation.

(Those having suicidal tendencies can dial 100)

ASHA workers to end strike in front of Kerala Secretariat

The decision comes after the CM said that their honorarium will be raised by ₹1,000; they plan to continue their protest at the district-level to secure daily minimum wages, retirement benefits

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

erala's Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), who have been striking for the last 265 days demanding enhanced remuneration and retirement benefits, decided on Friday to end their strike in front of the Secretariat. They will, however, take their protest to the districts.

ASHA workers will end their strike on Saturday, November 1, Kerala Formation Day, with a rally pledging to continue their struggle to secure daily minimum wages and retirement benefits. The rally will be inaugurated by



Easing stance: ASHA workers having dinner after deciding to call off their day-and-night strike that lasted for 265 days. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Leader of Opposition V.D. Satheesan.

A hike of ₹1,000

The frontline women health workers decided to end their strike after Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, said the monthly honorarium of ASHAs would be enhanced by ₹1,000, among other populist measures.

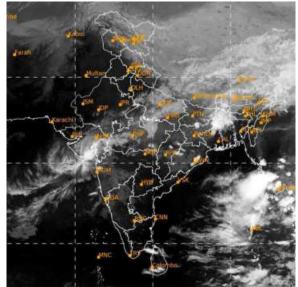
Though the main demands of Kerala ASHA

Health Workers' Association (KAHWA) calling for a hike in the honorarium to ₹21,000 and a lump sum retirement benefit of ₹5 lakh, are vet to be met, the strike in its current form is being ended as several demands have been met, said KAHWA leaders.

"We will continue our agitation to secure the daily minimum wages of ₹700/day and our main demand, of retirement benefits," said M.A. Bindu, general secretary of KAHWA.

Ms. Bindu said that it was after they began their strike that the State was forced to pay their salary arrears and ensure that honorarium payments were made promptly.

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Thunder storm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Odisha

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PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, cough chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Azharuddin sworn in as Telangana Minister

The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

Md. Azharuddin, former cricketer and Congress leader, was sworn in as a Minister in the Telangana Cabinet on Friday. Governor Jishnu Dev Varma administered the oath of office and secrecy, at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad.

He is the 16th Minister of the State. The Cabinet in August cleared the name of Mr. Azharuddin, along with M. Kodandaram, for nomination to the Legislative Council under Governor's quota.

Speaking to presspersons, Mr. Azharuddin said it was unnecessary to react to Union Minister G Kishan Reddy's statements on his induction and the political reasons attributed to it before the Jubilee Hills bypoll.

He said he was ready to accept any portfolio and work in Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's Cabinet.

Speaker seeks time for defection hearing

The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

In a key development related to the disqualification of defected legislators in Telangana, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar's office has approached the Supreme Court seeking an extension of the deadline to complete hearings in the penddisqualification petitions.

The move comes as the three-month period set by the SC for concluding the inquiry expired on October 31. This order followed petitions by the Bharat Rashtra Samithi seeking disqualification of its former MLAs who joined or supported the Congress.

According to sources, the Assembly Secretary, acting on behalf of the Speaker, filed a petition in the top court seeking an additional two months' time to conclude the inquiry. The plea stated that only four legislators have been examined so far.

It is a crucial November for the ⁺ ruling Congress in Karnataka

NEWS ANALYSIS

Nagesh Prabhu BENGALURU

The month of November appears to be crucial for Karnataka politics, as the ruling Congress would complete half of its fiveyear term (on November 20), and the party leaders are keenly expecting an end to the confusion around the much-talkedabout leadership change. The month is also crucial, as Bihar is going to polls in two phases.

Camps of both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) chief D.K. Shivakumar are expected to engage in hectic political parleys both in Bengaluru and New Delhi in the coming two to three weeks.

Dinner meeting

To begin with, Mr. Siddarmaiah and his loyal Ministers are expected to hold a dinner meeting at former Minister K.N. Rajanna's residence in Tumakuru on November 7. After completing a few official programmes there, Mr. Siddaramaiah and Ministers belonging to the AHINDA (Kannada acronym for minorities, backward classes and Dalits) are expected to meet for dinner.

Though Mr. Rajanna downplayed it, sources said that loyalists of Mr. Siddaramaiah are expected to discuss the political game plan to be adopted during talks with the party high command.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shivakumar is set to visit Delhi around November 10 to invite the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha,



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Deputy Chief Minister D H Shivakumar at an event in Bengaluru on October 9.

Rahul Gandhi, to Bengaluru for a foundation-laying ceremony of 100 Congress Bhavans in different districts. He will likely place his demands before Mr. Gandhi then and also meet other top leaders.

The party sources said the Deputy Chief Minister is hoping to put pressure on the party's high command to ensure a smooth transfer of power, as per the pact reportedly agreed upon when the party came to power in May 2023. Mr. Shivakumar's loyalists appear to have been strongly opposing the Cabinet reshuffle as planned by the Chief Minister.

On leadership change

The Chief Minister is likely to visit the national capital on November 15, a day after the Bihar election results, and is expected to stay there for 2-3 days.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, without seeking the confidence of the party's high command, went ahead and declared his intention to serve as the Chief Minister for the entire five-year

During his meeting with Mr. Gandhi and AICC leaders, including party chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Mr. Siddaramaiah is expected to brief them on political developments in the State and seek their nod for the Cabinet reshuffle, citing completion of the two-anda-half-year term.

He has also been issuing statements on the Cabinet reshuffle to provide an opportunity for fresh faces to serve in the government.

The Chief Minister might also press for a change of leadership in the KPCC. He is expected to push the name of PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, a Da-

Mr. Shivakumar's tenure as the State Congress chief was extended, though the high command announced that he would be replaced after the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Kharge's role

Mr. Kharge is expected to play a vital role in this entire process of multiple negotiations, as he is aware of the political developments in the State.

The Congress functionaries claimed that the top brass is expected to clear the uncertainty surrounding the leadership change in November itself, as it has been impacting the governance in the State.

The big question is whether Congress, given the party's reliance on the OBC vote bank, prepared to replace Mr. Siddaramiah, a tall OBC leader.

⁺ TTD plans to upgrade Srivari Seva scheme

The Hindu Bureau

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is set to give its famed Srivari Seva a major upgrade. Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal on Thursday appealed to the authorities to initiate steps to strengthen the voluntary seva service and ensure its reach to the medical field as well as various temples under its fold across the country. Addressing a review meeting, Mr. Singhal underlined the need to conduct advanced training sessions for Srivari Sevaks and supervisors in December this year and Ja-

nuary 2026. The programme will be designed in collaboration with IIM-Ahmedabad and the State Planning Department, featuring modules on leadership, management, Sanatana Dharma, and service excellence.

He directed the officials to ensure steps for rolling out 'Srivari Medical Seva', a noble concept intended at extending advanced medical services to the patients in its key hospitals like Aswini, SVIMS, BIRRD, Ayurveda, and Padmavathi Children's Hospital, besides setting-up an exclusive Medical Seva Cell for better coordination.

Plans are also underway to introduce Srivari Seva at the TTD temples in Chennai, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Kanyakumari, and Bengaluru, ahead of expanding the scheme nationwide and utilise their services in its SV Gosala and other cow protection activities.

The meeting was attended by, among others, senior medical officials of various TTD hospitals.





Work in progress: The TU-142 aircraft museum gets a facelift as part of the beach beautification works in Visakhapatnam on Friday, ahead of the CII Partnership Summit scheduled for November 14 and 15. K. R. DEEPAK

This non-native learner is now a Kannada teacher for thousands of non-Kannadigas

Rishita Khanna BENGALURU

From a non-native, who once struggled to speak Kannada, to building an online community that helps thousands learn the language, 24-year-old Sakshi Baid's journey is all about 'More Than Kannada Gottilla'. Originally from Mum-

bai, Ms. Baid moved to Bengaluru three years ago to pursue her engineering degree. Fluent in six languages already - Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, English, French, and German - she assumed Kannada too would come easily. But once she arrived, the city felt like a new world and language, she said, became the first wall between her and the city. She said there



Sakshi Baid

were no simple resources for beginners, so she decided to teach herself.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Ms. Baid said she ordered nearly 20 Kannada books. But most of what she found was too formal to use in daily life. Written Kannada, she said, was as different from spoken Kannada as Shakespearean English is from everyday English. So, she turned the language into her everyday habits - watching Kannada films with subtitles, listening to how people spoke, and noting down phrases.

In February 2024, Ms. Baid launched her Instagram page, 'More Than Kannada Gottilla', as a way to share simple, conversational Kannada lessons with other non-Kannadigas. Her videos were short and practical - teaching the phrases one might need to talk to a neighbour, a shopkeeper, or a cab driver and help people feel at home in a city that may feel foreign.

Within months, her page grew to over 3.9 lakh followers. Many began helping her correct pronunciations and suggest better phrases, making the page a small online community of learners and teachers, she said.

Ed-tech venture

Over time, the page became more than a hobby, and she has now registered her own company in Bengaluru, 'Bolo Boli', an edtech venture that aims to create learning platforms for regional languages. Through Bolo Boli, she plans to offer online and offline courses. The first module, a foundation-level Kannada course, will cover vocabulary, self-introductions, pronunciation, and numbers.

The long-term plan is to expand to other regional languages, including Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, and Bengali, she said.



Chinese check

China has entrenched itself as the world's foremost factory

hile there may be much relief after the détente in the tariff war between China and the U.S., in Busan, South Korea, following the meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, the uneasy truce has laid bare a structural inversion of power between the two economies. What began in the 1980s as a reluctant embrace of World Bank/IMF-prescribed neoliberal reforms by an overwhelmingly agrarian China, has now evolved into an unimaginable assertion of industrial dominance. A nation that once bartered sovereignty for technology transfer and market access has, through patient accumulation of manufacturing depth, labour arbitrage, and global supply-chain integration, positioned itself as the indispensable node of world production. The irony is sharp. The U.S., whose export and technology corporations once defined global trade cycles, now finds its four-year political rhythms ill-suited to contest a rival that plans in decades. The concessions Mr. Trump has extended to Mr. Xi include some reductions in tariffs, a pause on additions to the "no-trade list" of Chinese firms, and a partial rollback on levies linked to the fentanyl supply-chain dispute. China has promised resumption of purchase of American farm products, particularly soybean, and an easing of export restrictions on critical minerals.

America's tariff offensives since Mr. Trump's first term in 2017 did yield some numerical optics. U.S. goods trade deficit with China narrowed by roughly 30%. But economists across the spectrum agree that this was less a triumph of re-industrialisation than a diversion of trade flows. The deficit was largely re-routed through nearshoring and friend-shoring: Mexico, Vietnam and parts of ASEAN became new intermediaries for supply chains once centred in China. Meanwhile, China's exporters diversified markets and adjusted prices, while the tariffs' direct burden was borne mostly by U.S. importers and consumers. The human geography of the impact was asymmetric: in the U.S., retaliatory Chinese tariffs targeted farm-belt commodities, hurting those very rural constituencies that powered Mr. Trump's rise. Federal subsidies softened the blow, but only temporarily. In China, the pain was concentrated in export-processing hubs such as Guangdong and Suzhou, where migrant and urban workers in electronics, semiconductor, and smartphone assembly absorbed the shock. Yet, the political fallout remained contained, cushioned by Beijing's domestic-stimulus measures and its "dualcirculation" strategy of inward and outward rebalancing. This trade war has thus underscored a decisive shift: the U.S. remains the world's largest consumer market, but China has entrenched itself as the world's foremost factory with global leverage over intermediate goods, high-end technology and critical minerals.

Consent is all

There must be an intolerance of sexual violence, with support for survivors

ometimes, the most manifest gains are won after the most Herculean of battles. For France to establish that "force is the crime" to establish that the use of force without consent causing injury, rape, fear or annoyance is a criminal act, took years; extraordinary courage from one woman, and an uprising where other women stood in solidarity with her. France has adopted a law that defines rape as any non-consensual sexual act, a milestone for the women in the country, but overall, a strike against sexual violence. The law was passed in response to urgent calls from society to infuse consent into the law, and make sure that the law protects sexual autonomy, particularly with reference to women. Last year, Gisèle Pelicot fought her toughest battle when she took the stand in court, in a case accusing her husband of drugging and allowing her to be raped by several men, some complete strangers. In December last year, the court granted 51 convictions in the case, but it was more significant in how it became a watershed moment to establish consent as a pillar of law. It has been well established that survivors of sexual violence have an arduous journey bringing their case to a court of law, and many women from disadvantaged social and economic backgrounds, indeed do not have that privilege. There is a great deal of stigma, and worse, judgement of the survivors in cases of rape, as recent public statements in India by leaders blaming the women have painfully underlined again, and again. Even when a case of rape enters the trial stage, the chances of securing a conviction are not encouraging. According to the NCRB's data, conviction rates for rape were between 27%-28% from 2018 to 2022. And this, despite the fact that Section 129 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita recognises "criminal force".

To establish sexual autonomy as the cornerstone of the judicial process, while a first step, is scarcely all. Preventing sexual violence will also involve shaping community views on gender roles, dismantling rigid patriarchal codes with a measure of law, but also awareness programmes that begin early, and orienting the police force to these principles, besides funnelling resources into assisting survivors cope with the trauma. The road ahead is long and arduous; for the journey of the survivors to be eased, governments should start with a complete intolerance for sexual violence, and a commitment to stand by survivors, employing empathy in the investigation and trial processes. To do any less, would be an injustice that would interrupt the momentum of the women's 'Arab Spring' Pelicot had set in motion.

The case for a board of peace and sustainable security

he tension between the ideals of the United Nations (UN) and the structure created to uphold them has rarely been as evident as it is today as the organisation commemorates the 80th anniversary of its founding. Designed to prevent catastrophic war, the UN Security Council (UNSC) still reacts to conflict but no longer sustains peace. Across continents, conflicts endure for years without resolution not only because they are complex but also because the international system abandons political engagement too soon. Peace agreements falter. Transitions stall. Diplomacy, rather than being an ongoing process, has become a form of crisis theatre -activated too late and withdrawn too early.

This problem is not simply about political divisions. It is about institutional design. The UN has no dedicated body to maintain political accompaniment once violence slows and mediation efforts fade. The UNSC authorises action but is structurally episodic. Peacekeeping missions stabilise ground conditions but are seldom equipped with a political strategy. The Peacebuilding Commission, though a valuable initiative, lacks the mandate and the authority to engage during active political transitions. The UN loses continuity. It loses context. It loses momentum. It forgets.

Structural reform of the UNSC is necessary and long overdue. But waiting for such reform as a precondition for all institutional innovation is a strategic mistake. Functional reform – reform that strengthens the UN's ability to act now, using powers that already exist under the Charter – is both possible and urgent. The UN General Assembly, under Article 22, has the authority to establish new subsidiary bodies to carry out its work. It has used this power before. It can use it

A clearly defined space

A 'Board of Peace and Sustainable Security' would fill the institutional void that now undermines conflict resolution. It would not challenge the primacy of the UNSC in matters of international peace and security. It would not intrude into the sovereign affairs of states. It would not undertake early-warning or pre-conflict intervention – areas that raise real political concerns for many countries. Instead, it would occupy a clearly defined space: providing



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structured political engagement during and after conflict, where today the UN presence dissipates. Its tools would be political rather than

coercive: reinforcing nationally-led dialogue, accompanying peace agreement implementation, coordinating regional diplomatic initiatives and ensuring that peacekeeping operations are tied to achievable political pathways rather than becoming indefinite holding missions. It would work in coordination with the UN Secretary-General and the UNSC, subsume the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) and help align UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding strategies with political outcomes. It would not challenge UNSC authority, or duplicate or encroach on the

Secretary-General's prerogatives under Article 99.

Keep it representative

The credibility of such a body would depend, above all, on who sits at the table. It must be representative but not unwieldy. That means no elite club, but no open forum either. A rotating membership of about two dozen states, elected by the UN General Assembly for fixed terms, would ensure balance and renewal. Regional distribution would be formally guaranteed, with Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and West Asia each carrying weight.

Crucially, regional organisations would not be observers, but participants, reflecting the reality that peace is shaped as much in Addis Ababa, Jakarta and Brasília as in New York. Power would not be inherited through permanent seats, nor paralysed by vetoes. The board would be built not on privilege but participation. Agenda items would be introduced only by a UN member-state, a regional organisation or the UN Secretary-General. There would be no civil society voting role, although they may have consultative participation.

The concept of sustainable security is essential here. It recognises that lasting peace cannot be maintained by security arrangements alone. Stability endures when political agreements are gradually legitimised through governance, inclusion and responsible leadership. Sustainable security is not preventive intervention by another name; it respects sovereignty and emerges from negotiated settlements implemented over time rather than imposed solutions. It links security to political reality (sustainable security combines conflict management with long-term political

stability by aligning peace efforts with governance, development and regional cooperation. It avoids the intervention risks associated with "preventive security" and reinforces nationally led approaches).

Style of functioning

The board would not be another forum for general statements. It would be a working institution. It would stay engaged where others withdraw. It would track commitments long after the spotlight moves on. It would prevent institutional memory from dissolving between mandate renewals. It would reduce the drift that has become common in long-running UN engagements. It would give political shape to international presence when peace is young and fragile.

Its mandate would be modest in appearance but consequential in practice. It would bring a disciplined form of political accompaniment into the heart of the UN system. It would build continuity without expansionism, coordination without confrontation. It would reassure states that sovereignty is protected and reassure societies that peace will not be abandoned at the

UN reform has been discussed for too long in absolute terms. Either one accepts the system as it is or insists on rewriting it entirely. This is a false choice. Institutions do not survive by remaining unchanged; they survive by evolving responsibly. The 'Board of Peace and Sustainable Security' would not solve all that ails the multilateral system. But it would correct one of its most damaging weaknesses: the absence of political continuity in the journey from war to

Reform does not always require new doctrine. Sometimes, it requires remembering first principles. Peace must be sustained. Political commitments must be accompanied. Diplomacy must be disciplined. Institutions must be built not for moments but for processes. The UN once understood this. It can understand it again –if it chooses to innovate where it still can. The 'BPSS' will not redistribute geopolitical power but would improve the UN's ability to manage conflict responsibly. This is where meaningful reform can begin.

The views expressed are personal

Trump drops a bomb, on U.S. nuclear weapons testing

t 89 seconds from midnight according to the doomsday clock and after 33 years of a moratorium on nuclear testing, the United States President, Donald Trump, announced that the U.S. would be resuming nuclear weapons testing. This adds yet another confusing and alarming policy to a growing assortment of such policies under Mr. Trump's

The timing of the announcement is not coincidental. Mr. Trump's post, on Truth Social, came after Russia announced the successful test of a 'nuclear-capable cruise missile'. It also came the same day as Mr. Trump's meeting with China's President Xi Jinping. Given the current state of the international order, the implications of this move are likely to be widespread.

Speculation about the beginning of another arms race has already begun and the state of the global nuclear non-proliferation architecture is likely to be determined by what happens in the months ahead. While the details of what kind of testing the U.S. intends to carry out are unclear, this is likely to be perceived as a massive shift in U.S. nuclear posturing.

Effect on power equations, dynamics

On the obvious power equations, U.S.-China and U.S.-Russia dynamics are likely to be directly impacted. Since the announcement on testing, a spokesperson from China's Foreign Ministry has urged the U.S. to 'abide by its commitments to the comprehensive nuclear test-ban treaty

If the U.S. fails to do so, China and Russia could both potentially resume their nuclear testing. It would allow them to try out new and advanced weapons (such as low-yield 'tactical' nuclear weapons), without being held responsible for being the ones to break the moratorium.

The New START Treaty, which limits the number of strategic warheads and delivery vehicles that the U.S. and Russia can deploy, will expire in February 2026. If the U.S. resumes testing, a successor agreement will become even more challenging to negotiate. Coming to the less



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obvious implications of the resumption of nuclear testing, 50 years of nuclear arms controls are now likely to be under strain. While the CTBT never entered into force, the moratorium on testing served like a tacit agreement, which all major powers (apart from North Korea) have voluntarily abided by since the 1990s. Now, as the U.S. sets a precedent for breaking the moratorium, other countries apart from China and Russia could use this as justification for conducting their own nuclear tests.

This move also undermines the premise of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which bound countries to commit to nuclear disarmament in pursuit of a safer, non-nuclear world. By ratifying the NPT, nuclear weapons states agreed to pursue negotiations towards nuclear disarmament, and non-nuclear weapons states agreed never to acquire nuclear weapons.

Resuming nuclear testing is likely to be perceived as a move in the exact opposite direction and invalidates the so-called 'grand bargain' of the NPT. Non-nuclear states can now openly argue against maintaining their status in the interest of their own security, with nuclear powers publicly breaking their end of the bargain.

Impact on global environment

U.S. nuclear testing will also fundamentally alter the global security environment. With the U.S. potentially working toward the development of more advanced weapons systems, other countries have an incentive to do the same to remain technologically competitive. If China also resumes testing, it will set alarm bells ringing in India. And if India were to decide to test again, the domino effect would push Pakistan in the same direction, leading to instability in the subcontinent. Also, uncertainty may push U.S. allies to question the reliability of its extended deterrence. The hope is that states that have historically advocated for disarmament should reiterate their position. Still, it is more likely that states will also have to reconsider their respective security environments and re-evaluate their

Today, we live in a world that is, by and large, governed by leaders who did not live through the World Wars or witness the horrors in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This distance from history makes it easy to forget the sheer destruction that took place, and become more open to the idea of nuclear proliferation – even if it is at a 'tactical'

Need for a global dialogue

Less-than-subtle threats have become increasingly common in war-time rhetoric, and this latest move, by Mr. Trump, is only another step in a dangerous direction. Instead of a rapid arms race, which many alarmist pieces have already heralded, Mr. Trump's announcement has the potential to be detrimental to non-proliferation and disarmament regimes that took decades to build. But if the situation is managed with good judgment, it can herald the strengthening of the same regimes that Mr. Trump's actions are threatening to destroy.

With the NPT up for review early next year, perhaps a binding commitment from other signatory countries to global no-first use would steer things in a safer direction.

Additionally, with the expiry of the New START soon, the U.S. and Russia, and additionally China, should initiate a dialogue that focuses on trilateral arms control, which can set a precedent for the rest of the world. In order to restore faith in the NPT's 'grand bargain' and reinforce nuclear arms control, there is an urgent need for global dialogue that reiterates a commitment to

One can only hope that President Trump's unfettered access to social media led him to slip up and post something that the U.S. will definitely not implement in a moment of weakness. Yet, in the much more likely event that the U.S. does resume testing, the rest of the world should not fall prey to Mr. Trump's questionable policy choices at the cost of its own stability and security.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India and its Al future It is fine to be talking about India and the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Instead, the focus should be on India's lack of readiness for an Al-driven future. But before India rushes to adopt AI, there need to be hard questions. In many parts of India, there is not even basic education infrastructure. A number of government schools in Bihar have no Internet connection. In Motihari, some schools do not have proper classrooms. In an era of e-education, there seems to be an

over-emphasis on the 'e' while ignoring 'education'. Until we ensure that every child has access to quality teachers, infrastructure and connectivity, talk about AI readiness will remain just another buzzword. Sanchit Kumar. New Delhi

No politics

As a devotee of Sabarimala Ayyappa and as one who has gone on the holy trek for over four decades now, it pains me to see how the divine centre is turning out to be a battlefield for politicians. I join millions of ardent devotees to request the political class to leave Sabarimala alone. The Devaswom Board has greater responsibilities such as providing devotees basic necessities such as trouble-free travel, good food, water and comfortable shelter. Let spiritual scholars decide on the conduct of rituals. T.S. Sanath Kumar,

Thrissur, Kerala

At Navi Mumbai In a high-pressure match where every run counted, Jemimah Rodrigues displayed remarkable

composure, grit, and elegance. Her innings was not just about boundaries and strike rates but also belief, resilience and a sheer love for the game. When wickets fell around her, she anchored the innings with a maturity far beyond her years. Her ability to handle pressure on such a grand stage truly marks her as one

Ben Austin A beautiful boy, a talented athlete and a wonderful

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Indian cricket. Jemimah's

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GROUND ZERO



Forensic personnel and the police at the accident site for investigation at Chinnatekur village in Kalluru mandal of Kurnool district. Nineteen people died when the bus went up in flames. NAGARA GOPAL

Trapped in a burning bus

On the morning of October 24, a sleeper bus caught fire on a national highway, killing 19 passengers and injuring many others. Initial investigations by the Andhra Pradesh police indicate that the bus collided with a motorcycle lying in the middle of the road, which was reportedly driven by a drunken man. **Marri Ramu** and **Hareesh P**. report on the tragedy that has also exposed how the private operator of a "luxury bus" failed to adhere to basic safety norms

n the night of October 23, after holidaying in Hyderabad, Nelakurthy Ramesh, 30, boarded a bus bound for Bengaluru with his wife and two children. Sharing the journey was Ramesh's extended family – his cousin, cousin's wife, and their two children. All of them settled into the berths of the sleeper bus, operated by V-Kaveri Travels, a private "luxury bus service" as per its website.

The bus had started its journey from Kukatpally in north-western Hyderabad around 9.40 p.m. The two families boarded the bus at L.B. Stadium, about 9 kilometres from Kukatpally. There were 44 passengers and two drivers in the bus, according to the travel agency's ticket list. Some of the passengers fell asleep in the AC bus, while others remained glued to their phones, their faces illuminated by the blue glow of screens.

Ramesh recalls what happened hours later. "There was a thud that shook me out of sleep," he says. "I thought a tyre was punctured and the driver would stop, but he continued to drive." He checked his phone. It was 3 a.m.

A few seconds later, thick smoke emanated from the driver's cabin. "Someone from the back shouted, 'Fire! Fire!' We saw flames in the front of the bus," says Ramesh.

The bus halted in the middle of the road. Ramesh peered into the darkness and saw a median on the right side and bushes on the left. He felt a sense of foreboding. He bolted to the front door to open it, but shrank back as the blaze became bigger. "I thought all of us were going to die and wanted to escape somehow," he says.

Ramesh picked up a blunt object and started hitting a window on his left side. Three blows later, the glass pane shattered. Ramesh pushed his two children out and then his wife.

As he did this, he screamed about the fire outbreak to alert his cousin on the upper berth. "By then, thick clouds of black smoke had filled up the whole bus and people were coughing. I wanted to save my cousin and his family but I could not stay in the bus for a second longer," says Ramesh, crying as he remembers the last few moments in the burning bus before jumping out to save his own life.

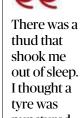
Ramesh's extended family of four were among the 19 passengers who died in the tragedy that unfolded on National Highway 44 near Chinnatekuru village of Kallur mandal in Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh. Several others were injured.

Charred remains

That night, Harish, a techie from Hyderabad, was also heading to Bengaluru in a car with his friends. As the car came close to the standing bus near Chinnatekur, Harish noticed a body lying on the left side of the road. "I first thought a passenger had fallen off the bus. I went closer and realised that the bus had caught fire," he says.

Harish stepped out of the car and ran towards the bus. He picked up a boulder and threw it at the vehicle, breaking a window pane. "People were screaming. I saw a woman holding a child on her lap. There were flames all around her. She gestured to me frantically for help but I was unable to do anything. Some people jumped out through the broken window," he says.

Harish says he could not see the driver anywhere. "It was pitch dark. It was also raining, so we couldn't see much," he says.



tyre was punctured and the driver would stop, but he continued to drive NELAKURTHY RAMESH At about 3.20 a.m., the Kurnool police received a call from a communications professional, Hyma Reddy, who had seen the burning bus from her car from across the divider. The person who attended the call – an officer of the Special Branch – alerted the Inspector of the Ulindakonda police station, about 7 km from the accident spot, after confirming the location with Reddy.

The police rushed to the spot with their teams, recalls Reddy. Firefighters and ambulances also arrived around the same time. They doused the fire and found several charred bodies inside. The police moved the bodies to the Kurnool government hospital for DNA finger printing tests to establish the identities of the dead.

The police also found skid marks on the road 200 metres away from the spot, a bike stuck underneath the bus, burnt sealed boxes of mobile phones inside one of the luggage cabins, and bare front wheels without traces of tyres. These findings, they say, triggered multiple theories about how the bus had caught fire.

The police also found the body of a young man about 200 metres from the bus. They wondered if there had been a head-on collision between the bike and the bus. As they discussed theories and gathered evidence at the spot, the second driver of the bus, Shivanarayana, turned up before the police three hours later.

According to Kurnool Deputy Inspector General of Police, Koya Praveen, Shivanarayana told the police that a man called M. Laxmaiah was driving the bus when he ran over a bike that was "already lying on the road". Laxmaiah panicked. "As the bike got stuck underneath the bus between the two front wheels, it got dragged for nearly 200 metres. This triggered sparks," says Praveen, who interrogated Shivanarayana. "The flames started spreading quickly. Laxmaiah woke up Shivanarayana, who began breaking window panes with a rod. Laxmaiah fled the scene."

Ramesh, however, wrote in his complaint, accessed by *The Hindu*, that the bus rammed into the bike "from behind", instantly killing the bike rider. He says this is what ignited the fire.

A night of revelry and tragedy

After special teams circulated pictures of the dead man on the road and examined video footage from surveillance cameras on the route to the accident spot, the police identified him as Shivashankar, a tile worker from Prajanagar in Kurnool town. The police made inquiries and found that he had returned home on the evening of October 23 from work.

According to an Inspector associated with the investigation of the case, special teams picked up four people with whom Shivashankar had worked that day. One of them said he had transferred ₹100 online to Shivashankar after midnight. The co-worker said he had asked Shivashankar why he needed money in the middle of night and Shivashankar had told him that he was taking a friend to Dhone, a town in Nandyal district. Shivashankar sent his co-worker a selfie of him and his friend.

Meanwhile, investigators found a video clip of Shivashankar getting his bike filled with petrol at a bunk minutes before the accident. They saw a young man riding pillion. When the police sent the image to the co-worker, he confirmed that the young man was the same person in the selfie with Shivashankar. But where had he gone?

Without access to the phone, the police relied on signal tracking and pinpointed Shivashankar's mobile to Tuggali, an area about 90 km from Kurnool. They rushed there and found that the phone was with a young man, Erni Swamy alias Nani, who had accompanied Shivashankar.

Nani admitted that he and Shivashankar had been drinking the night of October 23 at his house in Laxmipuram, about 12 km from Chinna-



All the fire safety norms were violated. There were no hammers to break the window panes and there was no second exit (emergency exit), which is mandatory.

P. VENKATA RAMANA

Director General in charge, Andhra Pradesh Disaster Response and Fire Services

tekur. After getting heavily drunk, they had fallen asleep. "At around 1 a.m. Nani woke up and told Shivashankar that he had missed a wedding at Dhone. Shivashankar said he would drop Nani at Dhone," says an investigator who spoke to Nani.

"Nani says Shivashankar, who was speeding on the road, rammed into a roadside railing. Nani was flung off the bike because of the impact and he landed in some bushes with minor scratches. He walked up to the bike and found his friend dead. He managed to pull the body to the side. He tried to drag the bike lying in the middle of the road to the side as well, but it was too heavy for him," the investigator says.

Minutes later, a bus hit the bike. A few more passed by. Then the sleeper bus ran over the bike and dragged it for 200 m, explains the investigator. "Nani saw that the bus had caught fire and heard screams for help. Scared, he stayed rooted at the spot," he says. After some time, Nani got into a tractor and went to Tuggali, he explains.

Changing structure

The sleeper coach bus was originally registered as a 53-seater bus with the Medchal Malkajgiri Road Transport Office on August 8, 2018. When the original owner decided to sell it, the V-Kaveri Travels management purchased it, explains Raghunandan Goud, Road Transport Officer from Medchal Malkajgiri district.

"Eventually, the new owner got it re-registered in Daman and Diu on March 31, 2023, reportedly after converting it into a sleeper coach. They secured a 'fitness certificate' from there. Later, the bus was once again re-registered with the Odisha government on September 20. The bus was yet to get the new registration number from Odisha," says Goud. The investigators are verifying whether the law permits transport agencies to convert seater buses into sleeper coaches. Even if approvals are secured, changes in seating patterns can compromise safety measures, they explain.

Officials who inspected the bus say the original structure had been modified. The quality of the leather, the seat covers, curtains, plywood and other materials were all of cheap quality, which, they believe, caused the fire to spread rapidly.

Zuber Ali Khan, a Hyderabad-based fire and forensic engineer, who examined the accident spot, says each accident is unique. "In this case, some of the passengers may have choked to death or fallen unconscious before getting burnt. This is because the smoke that emanated from the inflammable material used for the seats and berths was highly toxic," he says.

Jayant Kushwaha, 27, frequently travels between Hyderabad and Bengaluru. He says he had used the same bus service many times. "Maybe the bus was old. It looked old," he says. "The emergency window, the driver's cabin, everything was jammed."

No lessons learnt

In 2013, a private bus heading towards Hyderabad from Bengaluru caught fire. Forty-five people, including a pregnant woman, died in the incident, which also occurred on NH 44 in October.

After that incident, say several police officers, people suggested that video and audio announcements be made before the start of every journey about exits and entry points, emergency doors, and the location of hammers. These suggestions were submitted to the State and the Central governments. However, many survivors of the Kurnool bus accident say they did not know about emergency doors or hammers.

The Andhra Pradesh Disaster Response and Fire Services Department and the Andhra Pradesh Forensic Science Laboratory (APFSL) are conducting separate inquiries to ascertain the cause of the fire and of how it spread.

The Director General in charge, Andhra Pradesh Disaster Response and Fire Services, P. Venkata Ramana, says the travel bus was not run according to safety norms. "All the fire safety norms were violated," he says. "There were no hammers to break the window panes and there was no second exit (emergency exit), which is mandatory." There was one fire extinguisher, which was supposed to be used by the driver. "But he fled."

APFSL is conducting tests of the samples collected from the bus. "As of now, we have conducted DNA sampling of the deceased and sent the reports to the police," says G. Palaraju, Director of APFSL. Palaraju says there were nearly 100 mobile phones in the cabin. "Their batteries seem to have exploded as the fire spread," he says. The battery in the bus also exploded, he adds.

Palaraju says teams have collected 83 samples including burnt luggage, seat covers, damaged cell phones, doors, melted wind shields, and other objects for verification. "Carrying mobile phones in the luggage cabin is a violation of norms," he says. He adds that since the AC was on at the time of the accident, oxygen levels were high in the sleeper coach, which caused the flames to spread rapidly.

The news of the bus accident has shattered the lives of Srinivas Reddy and Vijitha Reddy of Vasthakonduru village in Yadadri district of Telangana. Their daughter, Anusha Reddy, a techie working in Bengaluru, had come home for Deepavali and had left on the evening of October 23.

"She called us around 9.30 p.m. saying she had just boarded the bus," recalls an inconsolable Srinivas Reddy. "She told me she would call on reaching Bengaluru. All we got was a call from the police telling us that she had died."



Family members grieve the death of a loved one in the accident. NAGARA GOPAL

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India, U.S. sign pact to boost defence ties

Building on the 2013 Joint Principles for Defence Cooperation and the 2016 recognition of India as a Major Defence Partner (MDP), the new framework charts a 10-year road map to deepen collaboration across all defence domains – land, maritime, air, space, and cyberspace, a senior Defence Ministry official said.

The framework focuses on maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, enhancing interoperability, and strengthening maritime security to ensure the free flow of commerce. It also seeks to expand cooperation with like-minded partners through mechanisms such as the Quad, prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and bolster defence industrial innovation through advanced technology partnerships, the official said.

Both sides had already launched the COMPACT initiative (Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce and Technology) to drive transformative changes in key areas of defence cooperation.

The new framework underscores a shared intent to respond jointly to common security threats, deter conflict, and uphold the sovereignty and autonomy of regional partners, while laying the foundation for collective peace and prosperity in the region.

The U.S. Secretary of War on Friday reiterated that India remains a priority partner for Washington in defence cooperation.

In a post, Mr. Hegseth stated that the framework advances the bilateral defence partnership, a cornerstone for regional stability and deterrence. "We're enhancing our coordination, info sharing, and tech cooperation. Our defense ties have never been stronger," he wrote.

The defence framework is expected to provide unified policy direction to transform and expand the partnership between the two countries over the next decade, the Ministry added.

Aid for women, jobs key in NDA manifesto

The manifesto was released in the presence of BJP's national president J.P. Nadda, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Bihar BJP election in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan, Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) founder Jitan Ram Manjhi, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) president Chirag Paswan, Rashtriya Lok Morcha president Upendra Kushwaha, Janata Dal (United) working president Sanjay Jha, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary and BJP Bihar State president Dilip Kumar Jaiswal.

"The NDA has promised more than 1 crore government jobs and employment opportunities. We will conduct a 'skills census', create skill-based employment, and establish Bihar as a global learning centre with mega learning centres in every district, "Mr. Choudhary told presspersons after the release of the manifesto.

He also added that special focus has been given constitute over 36% of the total population.

The manifesto also included modernisation of 3,600 km of railway tracks, free ration, and expansion of the social security pension scheme.

It further pledged the creation of a "flood-free Bihar" in next five years with the establishment of a Flood Management Board and rapid construction of river-linking projects, embankments, and canals under the "Flood to Fortune" initiative. Mr. Choudhary also said new international airports will come up in Patna, Darbhanga, Purnia and Bhagalpur. The manifesto also promises an industrial revolution in the State with an investment of ₹1 lakh crore under an Industrial Mission, along

with creation of industrial development centres. Under the KG to PG free quality education programme, all students of poor families will be provided with free quality education, midday meals, nutritious snacks in schools and modern medical lab facilities, the manifesto said.

Sikh pilgrims get visa to travel to Pakistan as Centre revokes ban

Pakistan High Commission issues visa to 2,100 pilgrims to visit Sikh shrines; confusion prevails within the government over whose decision it was to stop and then restart the pilgrimages now; the Kartarpur Sahib corridor still remains shut

Suhasini Haidar <u>Vikas Vasudeva</u>

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH

eeks after he was told his pilgrimage to Sikh shrines in Pakistan, including Nankana Sahib, had been cancelled, Harjindarpal Singh's disappointment turned to unbridled joy on Friday as he received his passport and Pakistani visa. The Hoshiarpur resident is one of 2,100 Sikh pilgrims who were issued visas by the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi after the Indian government reversed its stand, allowing the groups to travel.

"In September, when I received the news that our government was not allowing pilgrims to Nankana Sahib, I was taken aback and disappointed. I had been preparing for this journey for months," the 50-yearold devotee told The Hindu. "This pilgrimage means everything to me. It's not just a trip – it's a spiritual calling," he said.

Mr. Singh, who collect-



Sikh pilgrims bound for Pakistan on a 10-day pilgrimage to Nankana Sahib collecting their passports after visa processing on Friday. ANI

ed his passport with the visa from the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbhandak Committee (SGPC) office in Amritsar, is part of the group that will leave on November 4 crossing the border at Wagah, and return on November 13. These groups, planning to commemorate Sikh-founder Guru Nanak's birth anniversary at his birthplace in Pakistan, will be the first to be allowed to travel to Pakistan since Operation Sin-

SGPC secretary Partap Singh thanked both the Indian and Pakistani governments for facilitating the "smooth issuance of visas to the pilgrims". Of the 2,100 pilgrims issued visas, 1,796 pilgrims are from Punjab, while others are from Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Jammu, and Uttar Pradesh, an SGPC official said.

Meanwhile, confusion prevails within the Centre over whose decision it was to stop and then restart the

pilgrimages now, with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) refusing to comment publicly on the issue. MEA officials said the decision was taken by the MHA, while an MHA official said the applications were processed on the basis of recommendation by the State governments, but added that "it is MEA which decides if the jathas could be given clearance."

On September 12, just as the *jathas* (Sikh groups) were planning their visit to Pakistan, normally timed around Prakash Purb, or Guru Nanak's birthday in November, the MHA sent notices to the State governments involved, to suspend all arrangements for the pilgrims.

Security scenario

"Considering the prevailing security scenario with Pakistan, it would not be possible to send Sikh pilgrims' jathas (groups) to Pakistan," said the MHA's notice to States governments said, prompting calls from the Punjab government and SGPC leaders to reconsider the decision.

Sources said the notice was rescinded in early October, but did not explain the reason for the U-turn.

Both MEA and MHA offi-

cials declined to respond to questions from The Hindu about whether the security situation in Pakistan has now improved sufficiently for the groups to be allowed to cross the border. In addition, while the Pakistan government said that the groups would be facilitated to travel to Kartarpur Sahib as well, the Kartarpur Sahib corridor remains closed. This indicates that they will have to take a longer route to reach the shrines. The MHA website for the Kartarpur Corridor states that, "considering the extant security scenario, the services of Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor is suspended till further directions".

(With inputs from Vijaita Singh)

Congress hid Muslim League's attacks on Patel: BJP

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday alleged that the Muslim League had orchestrated two attacks on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in 1939, claiming that the Congress kept the "uncomfortable truth" hidden for 86 years.

"The Special Court convicted 34 of 57 accused two were given death sentences. But after Independence, Congress historians erased the case from textbooks and archives. No one dared to mention the Muslim League's role or Congress's cowardly silence," it said. In a social media post, the BJP said the first attack was carried out on January 20, 1939, in Vadodara and the next on May 14 in Bhavnagar.

In another post, the BJP said, "For 86 years, this truth was buried to protect political convenience. It took historian Rizwan Kadri to bring it to light – a reminder that even during the freedom struggle, Sardar Patel fought not just the British, but internal betrayal."

Nehru's 'mistake' on Kashmir | Kharge backs Patel's stand caused decades of turmoil and pain for nation: Modi

Press Trust of India EKTA NAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a sharp attack on the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, claiming he prevented Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel from fully integrating Kashmir into the Indian Union.

Addressing national ceebrations on Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary at the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar, Mr. Modi asserted that Nehru's "mistake" on Kashmir led to decades of turmoil and bloodshed in the region.

Mr. Modi referenced "Operation Sindoor" declaring the world has witnessed that India will "strike inside enemy territory" if challenged, underscoring the new reality that the country will "never compromise on its security and honour" and that "this is the India of the Iron Man, Sardar Patel."

He also raised the "grave



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks during the National Unity Day event at the Statue of Unity in Narmada district on Friday. PTI

threat" posed by infiltration to unity and the demographic balance.

"Many may not be aware that Sardar Patel wished for the complete integration of Kashmir, just as he had successfully merged other princely states," Mr. Modi said.

'Create history'

He said independent India's first Home Minister believed one should not waste time writing history, but "we should work hard to create history."

Mr. Modi noted that the Kashmir region was ultimately divided by a separate constitution and emblem, remarking the initial error "engulfed the nation in turmoil for decades." The PM's address focused heavily on unity and security, infiltration, contrasting the "steely resolve" of Patel with the approach of postindependence governments, which he accused of adopting "spineless"

policies.

on banning RSS, compares group's ideology to 'poison'

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Invoking Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's ban on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said that he favoured a ban on the organisation, comparing its ideology with "poison."

Mr. Kharge accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "insulting" the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel by allowing government employees to be associated with the RSS.

He reiterated his party's stance that serving government officials should not be allowed to participate in RSS's activities.

On the need to ban the RSS, as Patel had done after Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, Mr. Kharge said, "It is my personal opinion and I will say it openly, it should be done as most issues and law and order problems arise because of the BJP-RSS."



The Congress chief was responding to a question from reporters who quoted Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav as saying that there was a need for someone like Sardar Patel today to ban the ideology of the RSS.

Patel himself banned government officials from associating with the RSS while in service, Mr. Kharge said. "So naturally he [Mr. Modi] is disrespecting our Vallabhbhai Patel *ji*, who clearly detailed his reasons for the ban, and there is no ambiguity in his language," he said.

Krishnadas Rajagopal

The Supreme Court on Fri-

day asked the Directorate

of Enforcement (ED) to res-

pond to Chaitanya Baghel,

son of former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel, who challenged

the legality of his arrest in a

Issuing notice to the ED.

NEW DELHI

SC seeks ED's reply

challenge to arrest

on Chaitanya Baghel's

Responding to a question on whether allowing government officials to be associated with the RSS would create an atmosphere of disunity, Mr. Kharge said that if anything untoward happened, the ruling dispensation would be responsible. "This is not good for the

country, and it is like tasting poison, whose result is certain death. There is no need to taste poison once again," he said.

BJP flays comments

The BJP criticised Mr. Kharge's remarks comparing them to the language used by the "Popular Front of India, the Muslim League, and the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind." In a statement to the media, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said Mr. Kharge should read the history of the RSS and what great leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Bhimrao Ambedkar, and senior Congress leaders have said about the Sangh.

There is no proof linking us to Delhi riots, Umar Khalid and 2 other activists tell SC

Aaratrika Bhaumik NEW DELHI

Activists Umar Khalid, Gulfisha Fatima and Sharjeel Imam told the Supreme Court on Friday that they had been in jail for over five years without any evidence to show their involvement in the February 2020 Delhi riots, and said the continued incarceration amounted to "punishment without trial".

A Bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N.V. Anjaria was hearing the bail pleas of the three activists, along with Meeran Haider and Shifa-ur-Rehman, in the larger conspiracy case registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The accused



Umar Khalid

have assailed the Delhi High Court's order denying them bail.

Appearing for Mr. Khalid, senior advocate Kapil Sibal submitted that while 751 FIRs had been registered in connection with the riots, his client was named in only one. He said Mr. Khalid was not in Delhi when the violence broke out and there had been no

recovery of incriminating material from him.

Appearing for Ms. Fatima, senior advocate A.M. Singhvi submitted that such "inordinate delay" in completing the trial was a "fatal flaw" in the prosecution's case and emphasised that judicial precedents "must be operationalised".

He said Ms. Fatima was the only woman still in custody in the case. Senior advocate Sidd-

harth Dave, appearing for Mr. Imam, said his client never called for violence. The Bench said that the

hearing would continue on November 3. Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju is expected to argue for the Delhi Police opposing the bail pleas.

'Regime changes in nearby nations due to poor governance'

Kallol Bhattacherjee NEW DELHI

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval said "poor governance" was the reason behind uprisings that led to change of governments in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka over the past threeand-a-half years.

Delivering the Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture on governance on the occasion of the National Unity Day on Friday, Mr. Doval said governance plays a "seminal role" in "nationbuilding process" and in securing the nation-state.

"The rise and fall of the great empires, monarchies, oligarchies, aristocracies or democracies is actually a history of their governance. In the recent

cases of regime change through non-constitutional methods in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and others, these were actually cases of poor governance," Mr. Doval said.

His comments about the neighbourhood came soon after former Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina urged her supporters in the Awami League to boycott the February 2026 election in Bangladesh that is currently being run by an interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus.

"I believe governance plays a seminal role in the nation-building process, as well as in securing a nation and helping it achieve its goals and aspirations," said Mr. Doval.

SC refuses to review order reducing IPS deputation

<u>Vijaita Singh</u> NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has dismissed a review petition filed by the Union government challenging its earlier judgment directing a "progressive reduction" in the deputation of Indian Police Service (IPS) officers to the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

In its October 28 order, a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan said there was no case for review of the judgment dated May 23, 2025. The judgment had stated that deputation posts of IPS officers in the Senior Administrative Grade in the CAPFs should be progressively reduced, "within an outer li-

mit of two years".

a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi raised the point that investigating agencies have been stalling trial proceedings by "endlessly" continuing with the probe, as a result of which the accused continues to languish in prison as an undertrial. Additional Solicitor-

liquor scam case.

General S.V. Raju, appearing for the ED said the



agency had a statutory time of three months.

Appearing for Mr. Baghel, senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the modus operandi of the ED seemed to be first the filing of a complaint and making an arrest, after which it tries to ensure the trial never begins by repeating the litany that there is further probe to be done.

BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION

Nehru insulted Rajendra Prasad, says Adityanath

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru insulted Rajendra Prasad, the country's first President, by asking him not to attend the inauguration of a renovated Somnath temple. The BJP leader made the remark while addressing an election rally in Siwan

district, the birthplace of Prasad. "The Congress has been rejected by the people of Bihar because it has insulted stalwarts like Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Rajendra Prasad, and Karpoori Thakur. Even the party's former president Sitaram Kesri was humiliated," he said. "But, for Rajendra babu, it was a matter of faith. and he said he would choose to give up his post rather than not attend the function," said the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister. PTI



Yogi Aditvanath addressed three rallies in Bihar.

Akhilesh Yadav to campaign for **INDIA bloc**

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav will campaign for INDIA bloc candidates, especially Bhojpuri actor and Rashtriya Janata Dal candidate Khesari Lal Yadav. in the coming Bihar Assembly polls. Mr. Yadav on Fridav launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led NDA over the deteriorating law and order

situation in Bihar and the alleged failures in governance under its watch. The Samajwadi Party, in a statement issued on Friday, said Mr. Yadav will campaign across Bihar from November 1 to 5 in support of INDIA bloc candidates. The party said Mr. Yadav's campaign will begin on November 1 with public meetings in Purnea. Madhubani, and Darbhanga, and will continue through north, central and southern Bihar before concluding in Bhagalpur on November 5. PTI



done through the SIR. There are still five lakh duplicate voters on the rolls, and about one lakh voters whose names are not known SANJAY SINGH

EC seeks report on murder of JSP supporter

The Election Commission on Friday sought a report from the Bihar Director-General of Police on the murder of Jan Suraaj Party supporter Dularchand Yadav in Mokama which led to a flare-up in the area, officials said. The DGP has been asked to provide a detailed report at the earliest to the poll authority. PTI



and Nitishji, NDA is determined to build a developed Bihar. Our manifesto seeks to bring development to every section AMIT SHAH

Ravi Shankar Paswan had unsuccessfully contested the 2015 polls as an SP candidate. AMIT BHELARI

New allies give Independent's Moĥania race a surprising turn

Amit Bhelari

t has been a surprising race for Ravi Shankar Paswan, 44, an Independent candidate in the Mohania constituency in Kaimur district, with the twists and turns coming out in his favour so far.

After Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) candidate Sweta Suman's nomination was unexpectedly cancelled, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav threw his weight behind Mr. Paswan, urging his party workers and voters to extend their full support to the Independent in Mohania, which is a seat reserved for Scheduled Caste

On October 22, the Election Commission (EC) rejected Ms. Suman's nomination on the grounds that she was a resident of Uttar Pradesh, making her ineligible to contest the election in Bihar.

Changing loyalties

Mr. Yadav's declaration of support has completely changed the dynamics of the battle, making it a direct contest between Mr. Paswan and sitting MLA Sangita Kumari. Though she won the last election on RJD ticket she switched lovalties before the Assembly election, joining the BJP in the presence of the party's State chief Dilip Kumar Jaiswal, and is now competing as a BJP

Mr. Paswan himself is not a new face, nor is he a stranger to the changing allegiances of Bihar politics. He is the son of Chhedi Paswan, former MP from Sasaram, who was elected to the Lok Sabha on BJP ticket in 2014 and 2019, though he had earlier been elected as the Mohania MLA on Janata Dal (United) ticket in 2005 and 2010.

Mr. Paswan himself unsuccessfully contested the 2015 election from Mohania as a Samajwadi Party candidate.

Now he is back in the fray with the sudden support of the RJD cadre, obtained without much hard work on his part, though he expressed his sympathies for Ms. Suman's cancelled nomination.

He expressed his confidence that his dedication to the people of Mohania, working with his father for 20 years, will earn him the support of voters as well.

"I am going to win the seat with a very good margin. There is huge anger towards the sitting MLA who is infamous for taking commission in every project. She has cheated her own voters by joining BJP," Mr. Paswan

On Mr. Paswan's allegations that she took commissions, Ms. Kumari retorted: "He will say so because his father has been taking commission throughout his political career."

Anti-incumbency protests

Anti-incumbency sentiment is visible in Mohania, which will vote in the second

When Ms. Kumari went to campaign in Mohanpur village near Kudra block, angry villagers asked why she was seeking their vote when she had not noticed their plight in the last five years. When the protest escalated, the BJP candidate was forced to remain in her car and leave the venue.

"She never came here and now she is remembering us when the election has come. We do not want an MLA who is not bothered about us and only cares about herself," said

Mithilesh Paswan, a villager of Mohanpur. Later, Ms. Kumari termed it a planned protest, condemning the villagers' behaviour

with a woman legislator. The other candidates in the fray in Mohania are from the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Jan Suraaj Party (JSP).

'Change is certain, people are talking about forming a new govt. in Bihar'

Mahagatbandhan will win as people want those who prioritise education, irrigation, medicine and jobs to rule the State, says the RJD leader and chief ministerial face of the Opposition bloc; he rules out any tie-up with Nitish Kumar, and claims that JD(U) will cease to exist after the election

INTERVIEW

Tejashwi Yadav

Amit Bhelari

ashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav speaks on the electoral prospects of the Mahagatbandhan (Grand Alliance), his chief ministerial candidacy, and the BJP's persistent allegations of a 'jungle raj'. Edited excerpts:

How is your election campaign proceeding?

It is going really well. This time, Mahagatbandhan will win. Wherever I go, people say that change is certain. They are talking about forming a new Bihar and a new government. They say that those who talk about education, irrigation, medicine, jobs, and prompt action will form the government. I have full trust that the people of Bihar will elect the government of Mahagatbandhan.

Whenever Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Sha come to Bihar, they taunt the Opposition with the tag of 'jungle

They do not have any other issues to talk about. Be it the Prime Minister or Amit Shah, if you carefully listen to their words, they are full of negative thinking. We are here to do positive, progressive politics. We talk about development and vision.

You and Mukesh Sahani have been officially declared as chief ministerial and deputy chief ministerial faces. Is there any talk about a **Muslim Deputy CM?**

That day, during the press conference, it was clearly said that apart from Mukeshji, there would be another Deputy CM. At the right time, we will make the announcement.

After being declared the CM face, do you think that now you have more responsibilities?

Since the beginning, I had responsibilities. Last time as well, I was made the CM face, and we had almost formed the government, had there been no cheating. However, this time the entire State wants change as the people are really worried about the present corrupt government.

Do you consider the Jan Suraaj Party led by **Prashant Kishor a** potential challenge?

For me the only challenge is to eradicate unemploy-



ment, and I am currently busy with this. Many political parties come and vanish, Tejashwi does not pay attention to such parties. Tejashwi only wants to make Bihar the number one State.

On several seats, there is contest between allies of the Mahagatbandhan.

It has been done strategically. We did this in Jharkhand as well and we won the seats there.

You talk about bringing change in Bihar. What kind of change do you

I want Bihar and the people of Bihar to excel. No Bihari should have to go outside the State for jobs education, or better medical treatment. All the facilities should be available here itself. I want to make Bihar an IT hub, and set up food processing units and agro-based industries.

You have promised government jobs to one member of every family. **Ouestions are being** raised about the feasibility of this.

Let the people raise questions, I will keep doing my work. I will make the impossible possible.

The special intensive revision (SIR) was conducted in Bihar. Do you think it had any impact?

I am really thankful for the decisions taken by the Supreme Court with regard to the SIR. The top court fulfilled our demands and many times, the Election Commission was reprimanded.

Mr. Modi said that you and Rahul Gandhi are out on bail.

Yes, if the PM wishes to file a case against anyone using ED and CBI, he can do it. In that scenario, we have to take bail. Join the BJP, it is a washing machine. They made many such Chief Ministers.

See Maharashtra, they have been rewarded and became Raja Harishchandra. Those who were earlier corrupt in the eyes of the BJP; in Assam, a corrupt man has been made the Chief Minister. Once anyone joins BJP, all sins are washed away.

In the last Assembly election, Chirag Paswan contested alone. This time he is with the NDA.

This time Mukesh Sahaniji is with us, and in the last Assembly election, he not only caused losses to NDA also but Mahagatbandhan.

MY (Muslim-Yadav) is your core vote bank, but recently you seem to be reaching beyond

I consider everyone as my vote bank. I want to make a new Bihar by taking everyone along.

Your elder brother is contesting against the RID candidate. What will you say to him?

In democracy everyone has the right to contest elections. He will not make any impact on the Mahagatbandhan because the

people of Bihar have decidform government.

Is there any possibility of a post-poll alliance with Nitish Kumar?

No, there is nothing as such. We should not believe such rumours. After the election, his party will not even exist. Some will join BJP and half of them will come to RJD.

Why do you think BJP will not make Nitish **Kumar CM again?**

BJP has made him a mask. The entire administration is being controlled by Amit Shah. Everyone, including the Chief Secretary to DGP, is reporting to him. Earlier, it never used to happen. You have seen Bihar for many years - Samrat Choudhary now holds review meetings with DMs and SPs. Nitish*ji* has never allowed such before.

You attack BJP vehemently, but not Nitish Kumar. Why so?

I have sympathy for him. He is at such a stage that I do not like speaking much about him. BJP leaders have ruined him, and more than that, BJP-aligned leaders within his party have caused the most damage, including a few retired

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every village, helping con-

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He said the Nitish Ku-

mar-led government has

provided 75 lakh women in

the State with ₹10,000

each, adding that "if the

NDA is voted to power

again, it will give the wo-

men ₹2 lakh each" to make

"Under the Centre's Ay-

ushman Bharat scheme, 62

crore Indians, including

more than 5 crore Biharis, are being provided ₹5 lakh

health coverage," he said.

Bikram candidate Sidd-

harth Saurabh, Mr. Nadda

said, "He has laid the foun-

dation stone of a trauma

centre, given approval for a

bridge at Naubatpur, which

will help reduce traffic

snarls, and ₹200 crore has

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Congress mocks NDA's Bihar manifesto launch, says ruling alliance afraid to face queries

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Taking a swipe at the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) over its manifesto launch for the Bihar Assembly election on Friday, the Congress claimed that the ruling coalition had wrapped up its press conference in "just 26 seconds".

The Opposition party claimed that the NDA's leaders know they are "not returning to power" and therefore found it a "waste of time" to answer the public's questions.

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh remarked that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar did not utter a single word at the event, suggesting that "it is possible that he himself has not even read his manifesto properly."

Recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent claim that Bihar's youth are making social media reels, thanks to cheap data, Mr. Ramesh remarked, "Perhaps taking inspiration from that, NDA lead-



Congress leaders Ashok Gehlot and Akhilesh Prasad Singh address a press conference in Patna on Friday. ANI

ers too wrapped up their press conference in just 26 seconds."

'Waste of time'

"In fact, it is not really their fault – in the last 20 years, they had nothing worthwhile to count in the name of achievement. They also know very well that they are not returning to power after the election, so discussing the manifesto and facing the public's questions felt like a waste of time to them," Mr. Ramesh said in a post on X.

Senior Congress leader Gehlot slammed the NDA, alleging that Mr. Kumar was "not allowed" to speak at the manifesto release, calling it "an insult to Bihar". "The NDA leaders came

to a press conference that lasted merely 26 seconds. They were afraid to face questions from journalists on the manifesto as well as on their governance," Mr. Gehlot said in Patna.

At the brief event, Mr. Kumar and his deputy Samrat Choudhary, BJP president J.P. Nadda, and Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Jitan Ram Manjhi and Chirag Paswan unveiled the manifesto.

Only the Deputy Chief Minister stayed back to take questions.

Bihar polls a fight between dark rule of RJD and bright era under NDA govt.: Nadda

Press Trust of India

BJP president and Union Minister J. P. Nadda on Friday said the Bihar Assembly election will be a fight between "the dark rule of RJD's jungle raj" and "the bright streak of development" under the NDA.

Addressing a poll rally in Bikram, Patna, Mr. Nadda said Bihar has come on the track of development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, "and we need to keep this track safe and sound".

Hailing the NDA's manifesto, he said that it has promised to give "one crore government jobs" to the youth of Bihar, alongside other employment opportunities if the alliance is voted to power again.

He said the manifesto mentions plans to "rename the Kisan Samman Nidhi to Karpoori Thakur Samman Nidhi" under which farmers will be provided an increased sum of ₹9,000 across the year in three equal instalments. Earlier,



J.P. Nadda

farmers were given ₹2,000 thrice a year.

Alleging that the RJD stands for rangdari (extortion), jungle raj (anarchy) and dadagiri (intimidation), Mr. Nadda slammed party leader Tejashwi Yaday for raising the issue of migration in the State, claiming that his father Lalu Prasad had in the past remarked that "Biharis go outside wearing a gamcha (cotton towel) and return

wearing a tie and suit". Recalling that there was an era when generators were run to power villages and towns of Bihar, Mr. Nadda said, "Today, electricity has reached every

corner of the State." The BJP chief said that

He was expected to address a public rally in Buxar earlier in the day, which "got cancelled due to bad weather", said BJP spokesperson Neeraj Kumar.

News



Zubeen Garg's last film sets record with pre-dawn shows

Assamese cultural icon Zubeen Garg's final film, Roi Roi Binale, broke all opening-day records with pre-dawn shows in many screens across Assam on Friday. An emotional wave swept the State as the late singer-composer-actor's fans thronged theatres for the first show at 4.25 a.m. Roi Roi Binale is a musical love story set against the backdrop of a region recovering from the scars of insurgency. Garg, who plays the lead role of a blind artist in the film, was the producer of the film along with his wife, Garima Saikia Garg and Shyamantak Gautam. Garg died in Singapore while swimming off an island on September 19.

Union Health Ministry sets 3 Guinness World Records

The Union Health Ministry has achieved three Guinness World Records titles under the nationwide Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan (SNSPA) campaign, according to a release issued by the Ministry on Friday. The records include – the most people to register for a healthcare platform in one month (over 3.21 crore), the most people to sign up for a breast cancer screening online in one week (over 9.94 lakh), and the most people to sign up for vital signs screening online in one week at the State level (over 1.25 lakh). The campaign was launched on September 17 in conjunction with Poshan Maah.

Probe agencies cannot force lawyers to reveal client info'

The CJI-led Bench of the SC records that lawyers were not at the beck-and-call of probe agencies; it says their ability to protect their clients without fear was part of their fundamental rights

NEW DELHI

he Supreme Court in a judgment on Friday held that investigating agencies cannot summon lawyers and coerce them to disclose any professional communication made in confidence with their clients.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai said compelling a lawyer to prejudice his or her own client, without the latter's conor knowledge, amounted to an "outrageous" infringement of the client's constitutional right against self-incrimination under Article 20(3) of the Constitution.

"The facts and circumstances of a crime committed, or an FIR registered, is not to be elicited from the advocate who represents the accused, which again is a reflection of the abject failure of the investigating agency. It is for the investigator to obtain independent evidence of the culpability of the accused. The position of trust the advocate occupies vis-à-vis his client cannot be put to test



by an attempt to breach the professional confidence, conferred with a solemn privilege under Section 132; which has reflections of the constitutional protection against self-incrimination," Justice K. Vinod Chandran, who authored the judgment for the Bench also comprising Justice N.V. Anjaria, observed.

Lawyer-client privilege The judgment recorded that lawyers were not at the beck-and-call of probe agencies. Their ability to protect their clients without fear was part of their fundamental rights under Article 19(1)(g) and Article 21 of the Constitution, coupled with the provisions of the Advocates Act, 1961.

The court said lawyerclient privilege was protected in Section 132 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinivam (BSA) of 2023, which mandates that an advocate cannot be coerced into revealing any information with respect to the client he represents or the cause he is engaged to prosecute or defend. The exceptions to this rule are clear. The confidentiality of the lawver-client communication can be waived only with the consent of the client or if it was in furtherance of an illegal purpose or a if a crime or fraud is committed as a result.

The judgment was based on a suo motu case registered by the Supreme Court after two senior advocates were summoned

by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for legal advice they gave their clients. The Bar had risen up in unison against the ED, which had quickly withdrawn the summons. In fact, even the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General had highlighted that the such summons by investigative agencies affect a large body of advocates in the country "whose voice is the voice of the victim, the accused, the marginalised and the downtrodden".

The court held that investigating or prosecuting agencies or the police cannot directly summon a lawyer to elicit the details of the case, unless there was something the investigating officer had knowledge of, which fell under the exceptions [of Section 132]. In such cases, the exception had to be specifically mentioned summons.

The court made it clear that summons issued against a lawyer by a probe officer should be approved by a superior officer not below the rank of a Superintendent of Police, whose satisfaction has to be recorded in writing.

'Navy monitors every Chinese ship entering Indian Ocean Region'

Saurabh Trivedi NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy is keeping a close and continuous watch on every Chinese vessel that enters the Indian Ocean Region, including naval and research ships, Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff Vice-Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan said on Friday.

"We are aware of what they are doing, when they come in, and when they go out," he said, underscoring the Navy's continuous surveillance of extra-regional powers operating in the re-

In September, reports emerged of the Chinese tracking vessel Yuan Wang-5 operating in the Indian Ocean Region. The officer emphasised that the Navy remains fully alert and operationally prepared to meet any contin-

"At any given point of time, there are between 40 and 50 foreign ships operating in the Indian Ocean. We are aware of what they are doing, what they are likely to do, when do they come in, when they go out, etc. Challenges remain but the bottom line remains that the Indian Ocean is the main source of transit



of goods and oil as far as the world is concerned," he said.

Vice-Admiral Vatsayan was speaking at a curtain raiser for three major international maritime events the International Fleet Review 2026, Exercise MI-LAN 2026, and the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium Conclave of Chiefs – to be held at Visakhapatnam from February 17 to 25.

He said 55 countries, including the U.S. and Russia, have confirmed their attendance, making it one of the largest maritime gatherings in the region. "These events align with the MAHASAGAR vision of inclusive growth," he noted.

He said the Navy continues to operate under Operation Sindoor and maintains flexible deployment based on threat assessment and operational needs.

Census self-enumeration trial run to begin in select areas from today

■ Data collection

■ Geo-referencing of

enumeration blocks

Vijaita Singh

The efficacy of the self-enumeration module for the first phase of Population Census 2027 will be tested from Saturday with enumerators visiting the homes of prominent citizens in their areas and helping them fill the details on a senior government official told The Hindu. This will be the first digital Census, and the first to enumerate caste in Independent India.

The details of the selfenumeration website and the mobile application prepared for the pre-test of the Houselisting and Housing Census (HLO) is not being publicised or shared in the public domain as its usability will be checked from November 1-10 and November 10-30 respectively in select areas.

As many as 30 questions on household particulars Taking a count Census 2027, which is the first such digital exercise, will have several new features

(Self-enumeration)

Geo-referenced digital maps to support precise location-based

■ Enumeration of

■ Use of Artificial members of the Intelligence (AI) tools | househole

such as building number, Census house number, predominant material of the roof, floor of the house, name and sex of the head of the household, number of persons residing in the household, main source of drinking water, main source of lighting, access to toilet, main fuel used for cooking, access to radio, TV, laptop, computer, car, main cereal consumed and mobile number are likely to be asked during the pre-

On October 16, the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (RG&CCI) notified that the pre-test for HLO, the first phase of Population Census 2027, will be conducted from November 10-30 in selected sample areas of all States and Union Territories and the option to selfenumerate will be available from November 1-7. Pretest is required to test the efficacy of the entire exercise that will be held in two phases - HLO and Popula-

tion Enumeration from April 1, 2026, to February 28, 2027.

'The enumerator will visit select citizens in select areas from November 1-7 and will share with them the address of the portal where they can fill the questionnaire. Once that is done, they will visit the same households again and also the remaining homes in the select areas between November 10-30," said the official.

The official added that the enumerators will be given a digital district layout map. "On the second visit between November 10-30, the enumerators are expected to find the details of those who self-enumerated on an app developed for

the HLO phase." Both the modules will be linked to the Census Management and Monitoring System developed by the RG for the ongoing Census.

Indian Railways to patronise 'Aabhar' online store in a bid to encourage local artisans

S. Vijay Kumar

In a bid to promote local talent, the Indian Railways will patronise the newly launched 'Aabhar' online store that will showcase a range of exquisite gift items manufactured by indigenous tribes, weavers and others coming under the ambit of One District One Product (ODOP) and Geographical Indication (GI) products.

The online store hosted by the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) sources gift items exclusively from the Central Cottage Industries Emporium (CCIE), Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), and various Central and State Handicraft and Handloom Emporiums.

Promoted with the 'Vocal for Local' campaign, the store would offer a va-



The store would offer a variety of traditional crafts that could be used in official events.

riety of articles and hampers that could be used in official events, ceremonies, and functions. The objective is to promote social inclusion and encourage local artisans and traditional industries.

Promote rich heritage

Sharing details of the website and liaison officers to facilitate the purchase, the Railway Board referred to a

note issued by the Chief Executive Officer, which stated that the purpose of the initiative was also to promote India's rich heritage through handlooms, handicrafts, artisanal goods, etc., by providing market access to local artisans, rural entrepreneurs and women-led enterprises. The GeM is aimed at supporting a sus-

tainable and inclusive eco-

nomic development.

To provide a market for local/ indigenous products and create additional income opportunities for the marginalised sections of society, the railways launched 'One Station One Product' (OSOP) scheme over its network a few years ago where articles, like artefacts made by indigenous tribes, handlooms by local weavers, and handicrafts like chikankari were showcased.

Stray dogs case: court rejects virtual appearance

<u>Aaratrika Bhaumik</u> NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to exempt Chief Secretaries of States and Union Territories from personally appearing before it to explain their failure to submit affidavits in compliance with its August 22 directive mandating the sterilisation, deworming, and immunisation of stray dogs in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, framed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act,

Rejecting Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta's request for permit virtual appearances, a Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said: "No, let them come physically. It is very unfortunate that the court grants time, government frames rules, and yet no action follows."

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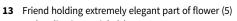
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14 Judge dismisses trials (6)

15 Artfully, I snared fish (7)

18 Bounce back in ring, pounding English boxer's face (7)

20 Unwanted ads in middle of super composition over piano (3-3) 22 Reduce booze finally and run to become more attractive (5)

24 Enthralled by hash, go astray in high spirits (9) 25 Mocked boy penning poem on trip (9)

26 Starter of fish in party, mostly not kosher (5)

27 Thailand's wonderful, beginning to love tour (6) 28 Railway sleeper in sector is damaged (5-3)

Down 1 Reject immature puzzle by fellows (6)

2 Crazy about ring secured by groom - was very expensive (4,1,4)

3 Starting all over again, having made a wrong entry in 1Across?

Rising star consuming hash, over-anxious (7) **6** Want to get hold of suitable trousers (15)

7 Standing in important ceremony on retirement (5)

8 Sick with onset of encephalitis, bitten by insects in archipelago

9 One inspired by songs about spiritual knowledge (6)

16 Utensil used in temple to collect money (9) Chance to win contest and large ornamental band (8)

Faculty head departs to collect money order (6) Mean American knocked back socialist, one taking part in a

Organises caper to conduct jailbreak (6)

23 Bug biting male associate in American city (5)

SUDOKU



Solution to yesterday's Sudoku 8 5 6 7 3 1 9 4 2 4 8 7 1 5 6 3 2 9 6 9 1 8 2 3 7 5 4 3 5 9 4 7 8 1 6

Greatness of Thiruvoimozhi

Nammazhwar's Thiruvoimozhi is a foundational Sri Vaishnava hymn-circle of about 1,100 verses in Naalayira Divya Prabhandham. It conveys the Azhwar's mystical experience of the Lord and is hailed as the Tamil Veda. Before reciting Thiruvoimozhi, it is customary to begin with invocation verses - general ones for guru parampara and specific ones for Nammazhwar. Valayapettai Sri Ramachariar noted in a discourse that, in the specific invocation, Acharya Nathamunigal praises Thiruvoimozhi as nectar for devotees. He describes it as an oceanic Dravida veda that encapsulates the essence of Vedic concepts in sweet, lucid Tamil, accessible to all. Tradition holds that reciting Thiruvoimozhi grants all desired fruits in this world and the next, ultimately leading to moksha, since it originates from the flawless mouth of Sri Satagopa (Nammazhwar) which is exemplary in doctrine and aesthetics.

To further illustrate its greatness, Thiruvoimozhi is often compared to the ocean of milk that was churned to yield the divine nectar. During the churning, all beings saw Lord Narayana and Goddess Mahalakshmi. In the same way, through the churning of Thiruvoimozhi, devotees receive the blessings of the Lord and His consort.

Just as one never grows weary of watching the endless waves of the ocean, so too does one never tire of reciting Thiruvoimozhi. Just as Sage Agasthya once swallowed the vast ocean and later released it for the welfare of the world, Nammazhwar revealed the Thiruvoimozhi for the benefit of mankind. What was born from his deep inner devotion flowed outward as divine grace, guiding all beings toward spiritual fulfilment and everlasting joy.

Across

1 Musical group's back, performing number in bar (4,4)

European in a group beginning to analyse unicellular organism

10 On reflection, portion of arithmetic is absolutely simple (5) **11** Injured near track, becoming active again (9)

12 Shape of a rustic cross (9)



Shanghai-Delhi flights of China Eastern increased

Shanghai-based China Eastern Airlines, which will restart Shanghai- Delhi flights from November 9, said it will raise its frequency from thrice weekly to five times a week from January 2. After the MEA said earlier this month that China and India had decided to resume air services after five years, the airline announced thrice weekly flights. The flights will be operated by Airbus A330-200 wide-body aircraft offering 17 lie-flat business and 245 economy-class seats.

Bank of Baroda Q2 net profit slides 8% to ₹4,809 crore

Bank of Baroda Ltd., for the second quarter ended September 30, reported a 8.2% drop in net profit to ₹4,809 crore. In the same period last year the bank had reported a one-time gain. Net Interest Income (NII) of the bank at ₹11,954 crore, grew 2.7% year-on-year while Net Interest Margin (NIM) declined 15 bps to 2.96%. Gross NPA Ratio improved to 2.16% in Q2FY26 from 2.50% in Q2FY25, while Net NPA Ratio reduced by 3 bps YoY and stood at 0.57% in Q2FY26.

Natco Pharma to sell generic of Novartis' Zortress in U.S.

Natco Pharma on Friday announced the sale of Everolimus, a generic version of Novartis' immunosuppressant Zortress. Towa International's U.S. subsidiary Breckenridge Pharmaceutical Inc., the marketing partner for the abbreviated new drug application, plans to sell the product in the U.S. immediately, Natco Pharma said. Everolimus is an mTOR inhibitor immunosuppressant for the prophylaxis of organ rejection in adults in kidney and liver transplants.

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After 3 month outflows, FPIs net buy ₹14,610-cr. equities

While FPIs' equity buying was a marginal increase compared with the overall selling in the calendar year, they bought debt securities worth ₹3,507 crore in the month of October

Ashokamithran T. MUMBAI

oreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) net bought equities worth ₹14,610 crore in October after three consecutive months of selling, the strongest inflow since July this year.

As of October 31, FPIs sold Indian equities worth ₹1.39 lakh crore, the worst number in three years. FPIs sold about ₹1.68 lakh crore in the 10-month period in calendar year (CY) 2022. The current year



In focus: The pressure on India dedicated flows continues from long-only funds, says Jain of Elara Capital. ANI

continues to be worse than CY2024, when global funds still net bought a marginal ₹6,593 crore. On

a year-on-year basis, however, October 2025, is better than the same month last year when FPIs sold record ₹94,017 crore. While FPIs' equity buying was a marginal rise vis a vis overall selling in the calendar year, they bought debt securities worth ₹3,507 crore in October,

making it the third consec-

utive month of buying. "The pressure on India dedicated flows continues

from long-only funds, which saw a euphoric rise in flows and AUM in 2023-24. This week, long-only funds saw outflows of \$260 million and ETFs inflows of \$98 million," said Sunil Jain, VP, Elara Capital.

'H1 fiscal deficit stands at 36.5% of full-year goal'

Press Trust of India NEW DELHI

The Centre's fiscal deficit stood at 36.5% of the fullyear target at the end of the first half of FY26, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Friday.

The fiscal deficit was 29% of the Budget Estimates (BE) of 2024-25 in the first six months of the previous financial year.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit, or gap between the government's expenditure and revenue, was ₹5,73,123 crore in the April-September period of 2025-26. The Centre estimates the fiscal deficit during 2025-26 at 4.4% of GDP, or ₹15.69 lakh crore.

The government has received ₹17.3 lakh crore, or 49.5% of the corresponding BE 2025-26, of total receipts up to September.

According to the CGA data, more than ₹6.31 lakh crore has been transferred to State governments as devolution of share of taxes by the Central government during the period. The total expenditure incurred by the Central government stood at about ₹23 lakh crore (45.5% of the corresponding BE 2025-26).

Spike in capex

Aditi Nayar, chief economist at Icra, said a welcome 40% spike in capital expenditure widened the Government of India's fiscal deficit to ₹5.7 lakh crore or about 37% of the BE during the first half of the fiscal from ₹4.7 lakh crore in the year-ago period.

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BPCL Q2 net up to ₹6.443 crore

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Bharat Petroleum's Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) Q2 net profit rose more than 2.5 times to ₹6,442.53 crore

Crude contamination | Maruti Suzuki Q2 net contained: HPCL

Saptaparno Ghosh

The impact of the recent chloride contamination is not as bad as anticipated and has been contained, Hindustan Petroleum's CMD Vikas Kaushal stated in an investor call.

Speaking to investors after the announcement of Q2 results earlier this week, Mr. Kaushal said a part of the Mumbai refinery that had to be shut down following the impact of the contaminated fuel is now "fully back and ramping up to full capacity". "Good news is we are al-

New IIP unit to play a

Piyush Goyal

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Equipped with advanced

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cept dealing with some of the contaminated products," he said, adding, "as of last night, the unit which was down is fully back and now we are ramping up to full capacity."

rises 7% to ₹3,293 cr. The Hindu Bureau ding the overall sales vol-

Passenger car market leader Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. (MSIL) for the second quarter ended September 30, reported a 7.3% year-onyear (YoY) growth in net profit to ₹3,293 crore despite a 5.1% dip in wholesales to 4,40,387 units on customers deferring buying from mid-August due to expectation of GST cut from September 22.

Revenue grew 13% to ₹40,136 crore. Exports rose 42.2% to 1,10,487 units, the highest-ever in any quarter, the company said adume grew 1.7% to 5,50,874 units in the quarter. R.C. Bhargava, Chair-

man, MSIL, said, "After a long time, the whole [automobile] industry is optimistic about the future. The timely step of GST reduction has changed the whole perception of the people towards small cars. The mindset of the people has changed and cars in the 18% GST slab will grow faster than the 40% slab."

Stating MSIL had robust sales during the festive season led by small cars, he said the growth momentum would continue.

Khaja Bandanawaz

University CORRIGENDUM

Khaja Bandanawaz University, Kalaburagi Karnataka State) invites sealed tenders from qualified and experienced vendors for the Operation and Management of Coffee Shop located within the University Campus.

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For more details please visit website www.kbn.university/tenders

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AI said to tap Tata Sons, Singapore Airlines for up to ₹10,000 crore

Janaki Krishnan **Aneesh Phadnis**

Loss-making carrier Air India (AI) has sought funds from its promoters, Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines (SIA), to invest in upgrading systems and services, sources said.

The airline is seeking ₹8,000-10,000 crore, according to the sources who added the proposal is currently under the consideration of its shareholders.

Tata Sons did not respond to an email seeking clarification on the matter. A SIA spokesperson



challenging operating environment. REUTERS

said, "As a significant minority shareholder in Air India, Singapore Airlines (SIA) has been working closely with our partner Tata Sons to support Air Inwell as SIA had infused a dia's transformation prolittle over ₹9,500 crore in

gramme. This includes providing our expertise and support to Air India, where necessary." In FY25, Tata Sons as

ment, with the closure of Pakistan's airspace push-

ing up costs. The curbs led to longer routes to the U.S. and Europe and higher fuel burn, resulting in an estimated ₹4,000-crore hit. The Boeing 787 accident at Ahmedabad in June dealt another setback. (The writers are with The

Hindu businessline)



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CAIRO

Three Palestinians killed as Israeli attacks defv ceasefire deal in Gaza



The Israeli military attacked the Gaza Strip for a fourth day on Friday, killing three people, Palestinian authorities said, in another test of a fragile ceasefire brokered by U.S. President Donald Trump. Residents reported Israeli shelling and gunfire in northern Gaza on Friday, as Israel continued to bombard areas of the enclave. REUTERS

PORT SUDAN

Sudan's RSF says fighters accused of abuses in El-Fasher raid arrested



Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) said they had arrested several fighters accused of committing abuses during the capture of El-Fasher, the army's last stronghold in western Darfur. More than 36,000 people have fled the city since Sunday while the fate of about 177,000 civilians still trapped remains unknown. AFP

WASHINGTON

Trump says no plans to conduct military strikes within Venezuela



U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday he is not considering strikes on Venezuela, which fears a major U.S. military buildup in the region is aimed at regime change in Caracas. It has deployed eight Navy ships to the Caribbean, sent F-35 warplanes to Puerto Rico and an aircraft carrier strike group is en route to the region. AFP

GYEONGJU

New Japanese PM says she raised 'serious concerns' with China's Xi



Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said on Friday she raised "serious concerns" on South China Sea, Hong Kong and Xinjiang, in her first meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. China has denied accusations of human rights abuses against Uyghurs, saying

its policies in Xinjiang have eradicated extremism. AFP

Xi takes centre stage at APEC meet, promises to defend global free trade

The Chinese leader asks nations to unite amid volatility, presses for supply chain stability and green energy as Trump snubs the summit; in a statement, Xi adds that his country is open for investment and will uphold the multilateral trading system

GYEONGJU

hinese leader Xi Jinping told Asia-Pacific leaders on Friday that his country would help to defend global free trade at an annual economic regional forum snubbed by U.S. President Donald Trump. Mr. Xi took centre stage

at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit that began on Friday in Gyeongju, as Mr. Trump left the country a day earlier after reaching deals with Mr. Xi meant to ease their escalating trade

Mr. Trump described his Thursday meeting with



All ears: South Korean President Lee Jae Myung (L) with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Economic Leaders' Meeting on Friday. AFP

Mr. Xi as a roaring success, saying he would cut tariffs on China, while Beijing had agreed to allow the export of rare earth elements and start buying American soybeans.

Mr. Trump's blunt dis-

missal of APEC risks worsening America's reputation at a forum that represents nearly 40% of

more than half of global goods trade. "The more turbulent

the world's population and

the times, the more we must work together," Mr. Xi said during APEC's opening session. "The world is undergoing a period of rapid change, with the international situation increasingly becoming complex and volatile."

Mr. Xi called for maintaining supply chain stability, in a riposte to U.S. efforts to decouple its supply chains from China. He also expressed hopes to work with other countries to expand cooperation in green industries and clean ener-

'Invest in the future' In written remarks sent to a CEO summit held in conjunction with APEC, Mr. Xi said China was open for investment and would uphold the multilateral trading system.

"Facts have proven that whoever gains a foothold in the Chinese market will be able to seize the critical opportunity in increasingly fierce international competition," Xi wrote. "Investing in China is investing in the future."

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent, who attended the summit on Mr. Trump's behalf, said a U.S. move to rebalance its trade relationships would ensure that "each country operates on fair and reciprocal terms."

It's Mr. Xi's first visit to South Korea in 11 years.

British Prince Andrew to be stripped of titles and evicted from his Windsor residence

Sriram Lakshman LONDON

Britain's Prince Andrew. late Queen Elizabeth II's second son and younger brother of King Charles III, will lose his titles and honours, Buckingham Palace announced on Thursday.

The former prince had been accused of having had sex with a minor, and had links to sex offender and American financier, Jeffrey Epstein, who died in 2019.

U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer "fully supports" the Palace's decision, Downing Street said.

Virginia Giuffre, an American woman who died by suicide in April 2025, had claimed that she was trafficked by Epstein and his associate Ghislaine Maxwell, and that she had sex, three times, with Prince Andrew, including, possibly, when she was 17 years old.

Ms. Giuffre's memoir was released posthumously last month, contributing to attention on Andrew's links with her and Epstein. Andrew has consistently denied Guiffre's allega tions, including as recently as October 17, when he issued a statement that he and his brother, King Charles, had together decided that he would no longer use the titles and honours given to him. "This normal girl from a normal family has taken down a prince," Giuffre's brother, Sky Roberts, told the BBC.

No titles

Thursday's action by the Palace goes a step further and begins the formal process to strip Andrew of his titles (i.e., he no longer has the option to use these)



King Charles III's decision to strip his brother Andrew (in picture) of his royal titles has received 'full support" from the U.K. govt. REUTERS

The former prince had been accused of having sex with a minor and having links to Epstein

and to evict him from Royal Lodge, his residence in Windsor since 2003.

He will no longer be allowed to use any of his titles, i.e., 'Prince', 'the Duke of York', 'His Royal Highness', 'Earl of Inverness' and 'Baron Killyleagh'.

Thursday's move is the latest in the scandalous fall from grace for the 65-yearold prince, who was considered to be the late British Queen Elizabeth II's favou rite child.

Formal process

"His Majesty has today initiated a formal process to remove the Style, Titles and Honours of Prince Andrew," a statement from Buckingham Palace said, adding that the prince would henceforth be known as Andrew Mountbatten Windsor.

['Mountbatten' refers to Louis Mountbatten, the last Vicerov and first Governor-General of India and a relative of the British royal family; Windsor refers to the House of Wind-

sor, the royals' family namel. The Palace also said that

"formal notice has now been served to surrender the lease" on Royal Lodge. The residence is owned

by the Crown Estate, the profits of which are split by the monarch and the U.K. Treasury and questions had been raised by U.K. lawmakers on the lease arrangements.

New housing

The erstwhile prince is now expected to move to the royal estate in Sandringham, Norfolk, where his housing will be funded privately by King Charles.

The former wife of An drew, Sarah Ferguson, who also lived in Royal Lodge, will have to find her own housing going for-

Ms Ferguson was sacked by several charities last month after it was revealed that she had called Epstein "supreme friend" in a 2011 email.

"Their Majesties wish to make clear that their thoughts and utmost sympathies have been, and will remain with, the victims and survivors of any and all forms of abuse," the statement from the Buckingham Palace said.

Opposition says poll protests in Tanzania left 'hundreds dead'

NAIROBI

Around 700 people have been killed in three days of election protests in Tanzania, the main Opposition party said on Friday, with protesters still on the streets in the midst of an Internet blackout.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan had sought to cement her position and silence critics in her party with an emphatic win in Wednesday's election, in which her main challengers were either jailed or

barred from standing. But the vote descended into chaos as crowds took to the streets of Dar es Salaam and other cities, teartacking police and polling stations, triggering curfew and Internet shutdown.

The main Opposition party, Chadema, said clashes continued between protesters and security forces in the commercial hub on Friday. "As we speak the figure

for deaths in Dar [es Salaam] is around 350 and for Mwanza it is 200-plus. Added to figures from other places around the country, the overall figure is around 700," party spokesman John Kitoka told AFP.

The only official statement came from Army chief Jacob Mkunda who called the protesters "criminals".

My wife is not a Christian, has no plans to convert, U.S. V-P Vance clarifies amid row

Press Trust of India NEW YORK

Amid criticism over comments about his interfaith marriage, U.S Vice-President J.D. Vance said on Friday that his wife Second Lady Usha Vance has no plans to convert to Christianity but added that he hoped "she may one day see things as I do."

Mr. Vance is facing flak for saying he eventually hopes that Ms. Usha, who grew up in a Hindu household, "is somehow moved by the same thing that I

was moved in by church." A post on social media said, "It's weird to throw your wife's religion under



the bus, in public, for a moment's acceptance by groypers." Responding to this, Mr. Vance hit back, saying, "First off, I'm a public figure, and people are curious, and I wasn't going to avoid the question," he posted on X.

"Second, my Christian faith tells me the Gospel is true and is good for human beings. My wife, as I said at the TPUSA [Turning Point USA event], is the most amazing blessing I have in my life. She herself encouraged me to reengage with my faith many years ago.

"She is not a Christian and has no plans to convert, but like many people in an interfaith marriage or any interfaith relationship – I hope she may one day see things as I do. Regardless, I'll continue to love and support her and talk to her about faith and life and everything else, because she's my wife," he

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THE HINDU

MIXED LUCK

Unnati storms into semifinals; Lakshya, Ayush and Kiran exit



Unnati Hooda entered the Hylo Open badminton semifinals but Lakshya Sen, Ayush Shetty and Kiran George exited. Unnati upset fourth seed Hsiang Ti Lin 22-20, 21-13. Alex Lanier beat Lakshya 21-17, 14-21, 21-15 while Ayush went down to Kalle Koljonen 21-19,

12-21, 20-22. Arun lost to Jonatan Christie 16-21, 10-21.

DOMINANT

Shepherd stars with hat-trick as West Indies sweeps T20I series



Romario Shepherd took a hat-trick as West Indies beat Bangladesh by five wickets in the third T20I to complete a 3-0 series sweep. **The** scores: Bangladesh 151 in 20 overs (Tanzid 89, Shepherd 3/36) lost to West Indies 152/5 in 16.5 overs (Chase 50, Auguste 50, Rishad 3/43). Toss: Bangladesh; PoM: Chase; PoS: Shepherd.

POWER-PACKED

Pakistan bounces back to win second T20I, levels the series



Pakistan romped to a nine-wicket win in the second T20I against South Africa in Lahore on Friday to level the three-match series. The scores: South Africa 110 in 19.2 overs (Salman Mirza 3/14, Faheem Ashraf 4/23) lost to Pakistan 112/1 in 13.1 overs (Saim Ayub 71 n.o). Toss: Pakistan. PoM: Mirza.

MILESTONE

Marsh becomes fourth Australian to register 2,000 T20I runs



Mitchell Marsh became the fourth Australian to score 2,000 T20I runs. The captain achieved the feat during his 46-run knock in the second match against India at the MCG. Marsh (2042) trails David Warner (3,277), Aaron Finch (3,120), and Glenn Maxwell (2,833). The 34-year-old reached the milestone in his 78th T20I.

Jemimah conquers the demons of self-doubt and insecurity

The batter's coach Prashant and father Ivan have been pillars of strength; former National women's coach Raman expresses delight at how the diminutive Mumbaikar has overcome her tendency to get carried away at times in the heat of the battle

ODI WORLD CUP

<u>Lavanya L</u> NAVI MUMBAI

ndia! India! India!" Ian Bishop exclaimed as members of the Indian cricket team melted into a pile on the pitch. Under it all was a Jemimah weeping Rodrigues.

The weight of an increasing mound on her was nothing compared to the weight she had been carrying on her shoulders and in her heart for the better part of the last three years.

First memories

At the same time in Thiruvananthapuram, former India fielding coach Biju George was glued to his television screen. His first memories of meeting the talkative, ever-energetic batter are from 2018 at a fitness and fielding camp held at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru.

"I got to see her first in 2018 and she walked right into my heart where she will stay forever," he told the The Hindu.

"Hats off to her coach, Prashant (Shetty). The way he and her father, Ivan, worked with her in every aspect of the game, giving her freedom, trusting her, and always backing her,

has paid off," he added. Prashant was in the stands with Jemimah's parents, watching as his ward



Battling the odds: Jemimah candidly spoke about having a tough year and dealing with a lot of anxiety coming into the mega event. EMMANUAL YOGINI

bowed down in gratitude, looking at them between

She spoke candidly about having a tough year, of crying every day during the tournament, not feeling okay mentally, and dealing with a lot of anxiety. The two ducks early on in the campaign and getting dropped for the crucial fixture against England only further dented her morale.

The seasoned coach set and reinforced 'small targets' to bring back Jemimah's confidence in his daily conversations over the phone.

"We discussed how our game plan should be for the first 10 deliveries. We agreed that it is important to hang in there. Controlling the start was key,"

Prashant remarked.

"We decided that she has to be compact in her approach in the first eight to 10 balls, and once things settled down, she could switch to her natural game. We laid that out for the game against New Zealand, and it paid off," he said, referring to her unbeaten 55ball 76.

Former India coach W.V. Raman, who was watching the semifinal from Chennai, remembers thinking, "Jem, don't do anything now" when she began to take more risks. Moments later, she was handed a reprieve by Tahlia McGrath.

"What I liked about this innings was the fact that she was battling with herself to try and calm down. She was getting a bit restless in between, and she does have the tendency to get a bit carried away sometimes when trying to step on the pedal," Raman said. "It was the same thing I said to her on a bus journey in New Zealand many vears ago. She needed to stop trying to think that the entire side was resting on her shoulders."

Biju revealed that Jemimah was awake well into the morning after the game, the adrenaline still coursing through veins.

Come Sunday, he hopes the 16-year-old Jemimah he saw all those years ago, who just wanted to win games for her team, lives out her ultimate dream.

(With inputs from Shayan Acharya).

Jemimah's match-winning innings a testament to her growing maturity

Amol Karhadkar NAVI MUMBAI

For Jemimah Rodrigues, India's stunning semifinal win over Australia in the Women's ODI World Cup at the D.Y. Patil Stadium was more than just a career-defining innings – it was about redemption, resilience, and a promise that the best is yet to come.

Reflecting on her matchwinning knock, Jemimah said the last month hadn't been easy for her.

"I didn't start well – first match, out for a duck. Next match, got a good start but couldn't convert (got out for 32). Then another duck. Then a 30 (sic). Then (got) dropped," she recalled after playing an instrumental role in setting up a mouthwatering final against South Africa on Sunday.

My best innings

"Every time I thought, okay, now it's going to happen, things just got worse. So this knock is very special because of everything I went through – and to do it in front of my family, my team, my people in Navi Mumbai. It feels like my best innings so far. I am saving one more for the final."

Jemimah's century was not just a statement of form but of mental fortitude. Her calm at the crease, especially after captain Harmanpreet Kaur's dismissal, underlined her growing maturity as a match-winner.

"I remember telling *Harry di* (Harmanpreet) that we both have to finish



Truly special: Jemimah turns emotional after guiding India to its third World Cup final EMMANUAL YOGINI

it," Jemimah said. "We can't leave it for the end, just because we are set. We knew we could take it through."

Sharpening her focus But when Harmanpreet was dismissed for 89, Jemi-

mah's focus sharpened. "When *Harry di* got out, I think it was a blessing in disguise," she admitted.

"I was losing focus because of tiredness, and when she got out, it added more responsibility – that I need to be here, that she is out, so I'll score for her. That again put me in the right zone. From there, I started playing sensibly again."

As India prepares for its third ODI World Cup final, Jemimah's words reflect quiet confidence and unfinished business.

"This innings was special," she smiled, "but I've saved one more – for the fi-

Hazlewood proves too hot to handle for the Men in Blue

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

Press Trust of India MELBOURNE

Josh Hazlewood clinically dismantled the famed Indian top-order with a probing spell to kill the contest as Australia cantered to a four-wicket victory in the second T20 International here on Friday.

In front of a 82,438 strong crowd, India suffered one of its most embarrassing defeats with as many as nine batters failing to reach double digits in a total of 125 in 18.4 overs.

Only Abhishek Sharma stood tall amid the ruins with a combative 37-ball-68 (8x4, 2x6). He added 56 with Harshit Rana (35, 33b, 3x4, 1x6) to take the total past the 100-run mark after Hazlewood (three for 13) left India reeling at 49 for five.

Hazlewood bowled an incredible 15 dot balls in his unchanged four-over



Pure joy: Hazlewood, second from right, is the toast of his teammates after sending back India skipper Suryakumar. AFP

spell to break the back of the Indian line-up. He virtually settled the tie within 20 minutes of start.

In reply, skipper Mitchell Marsh blasted his way to 46 off 26 balls (2x4, 4x6) as the host completed the chase in just 13.2 overs to go one up in the five-match

Abhishek played some outrageous shots on the off-side to race to a 23-ball half-century while the others made a beeline towards the dugout.

Hazlewood softened Shubman Gill (five) with a well-directed bouncer that needed a mandatory concussion test.

Hazlewood produced a short ball that Suryakumar Yadav gloved trying to pull but Josh Inglis grassed it on the second attempt.

The next delivery was pitched up. There was no feet movement from the India skipper and the ball kissed the outside edge of his bat before falling into

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Shubman Gill c Marsh b Hazlewood 5 (10b), Abhishek Sharma lbw b Ellis 68 (37b, 8x4, 2x6), Sanju Samson lbw b Ellis 2 (4b), Suryakumar Yadav c Inglis b Hazlewood 1 (4b), Tilak Varma c Inglis b Hazlewood 0 (2b), Axar Patel run out 7 (12b), Harshit Rana c David b Bartlett 35 (33b, 3x4, 1x6), Shivam Dube c Inglis b Bartlett 4 (2b, 1x4), Kuldeep Yadav c sub (Abbott) b Stoinis 0 (6b), Varun Chaakravarthy (not out) 0 (1b), Jasprit Bumrah run out 0 (1b); Extras (b-1, w-2): 3; Total (in 18.4 overs): 125.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-20 (Gill, 2.4 overs), 2-23 (Samson, 3.3), 3-32 (Suryakumar, 4.3), 4-32 (Tilak, 4.5), 5-49 (Axar, 7.3), 6-105 (Harshit, 15.2), 7-109 (Dube, 15.4), 8-110 (Kuldeep, 16.5), 9-125 (Abhishek, 18.3).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING Hazlewood 4-0-13-3, Bartlett 4-0-39-2, Ellis 3.4-0-21-2, Stoinis 4-0-24-1, Owen 1-0-13-0,

Kuhnemann 2-0-14-0.

Inglis' gloves. Two balls later, Tilak Varma (nought) edged one from Hazlewood to Inglis. Once Axar

AUSTRALIA

Mitchell Marsh c Abhishek b Kuldeep 46 (26b, 2x4, 4x6), Travis Head c Tilak b Varun 28 (15b, 3x4, 1x6), Josh Inglis lbw b Kuldeep 20 (20b, 1x4), Tim David c & b Varun 1 (2b), Mitchell Owen c Samson b Bumrah 14 (10b, 1x6), Marcus Stoinis (not out) 6 (6b), Matthew Short b Bumrah 0 (1b), Xavier Bartlett (not out) 0 (1b); Extras (b-4, lb-1, w-5, nb-1): 11; Total (for six wkts. in 13.2 overs): 126.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-51 (Head, 4.3), 2-87 (Marsh, 7.6), 3-90 (David, 8.4), 4-112 (Inglis, 11.3), 5-124 (Owen, 12.4), 6-124

(Short, 12.5) INDIA BOWLING

Bumrah 4-0-26-2, Harshit 2-0-27-0, Varun 4-0-23-2, Kuldeep 3.2-0-45-2.

Toss: Australia; PoM:

Hazlewood. Australia won by four wickets

with 40 balls remaining to lead the five-match series 1-0. Third T201: Nov. 2, Hobart, 1.45 p.m. IST.

was run out, Harshit and

Abhishek steadied the inwickets here. nings but the total was neving this for quite some time er going to test the Aussies.



Buzzing: Abhishek knows his game and his identity,

'Hope Abhishek sticks to his approach'

Press Trust of India MELBOURNE

Opener Abhishek Sharma has carved out an identity for himself with his aggressive batting and he should stick to his approach, India captain Suryakumar Yadav said on Friday after the visitors lost the second T20I against Australia by four

"Abhishek has been do-

and his identity," said Suryakumar. "He is not changing it anymore and, hopefully, he sticks to it and plays many more knocks like this for us." The India skipper also

now. He knows his game

gave credit to Australia pacer Josh Hazlewood. "The way he (Hazlewood) bowled in the PowerPlay, if you're four down in the PowerPlay it's difficult to recover from that".

Sport



Juventus signs eight-month contract with Spalletti

Juventus hired Luciano Spalletti as its coach on Thursday. The Serie-A club signed Spalletti on an eight-month contract that Italian media reported will be renewed for two years if the club qualifies for the Champions League. The move comes after Igor Tudor was fired.

Honours even between Lazio and Pisa; Cagliari loses

Lazio was held to a 0-0 draw at Pisa, which recorded its third straight stalemate to move out of the Serie-A relegation zone on Thursday. Meanwhile, Cagliari lost 1-2 at home to Sassuolo.

The results: Cagliari 1 (Esposito 73) lost to Sassuolo 2 (Lauriente 54, Pinamonte 65); Pisa 0 drew with Lazio 0.

Rathika enters quarterfinals of North Coast Open squash

Rathika Suthanthira Seelan entered the women's quarterfinals at the North Coast Open squash, a \$6000 PSA Challenger event in Coffs Harbour, Australia. The seventh seed beat Kiwi Maiden-Lee Coe 9-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-2 in the round of 16 on Thursday after receiving a first-round bye. She will next face third seed Bobo Lam of Hong Kong. At the PSA Challenger 12 Pierre & Vacance tournament in Andorra, Tanvi Khanna lost to Nour Khafagy 11-5, 13-11, 9-11, 11-2 in the quarters.

Subrayen stars with a five-for; South Africa-A seizes control

After the off-spinner's fine spell, visiting team's batters extend the advantage; opener Mhatre impresses with a strokeful half-century; skipper Pant flatters to deceive on his comeback

INDIA-A VS SA-A

Tarun Shastry BENGALURU

outh Africa-A offspinner Prenelan Subrayen gave the hosts a taste of their own medicine with a five-wicket haul (22-2-61-5), helping his side seize a 75-run firstinnings lead on day two of the first multi-day match against India-A at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Grounds here on Friday.

Resuming the day at 299 for nine, the visiting team was bowled out for 309 in the sixth over of the morning when medium-pacer Gurnoor Brar's toe-crushing yorker shattered Okuhle Cele's stumps.

India's reply began with a surprise, as B. Sai Sudharsan walked out to open alongside Ayush Mhatre. From the outset, Mhatre oozed confidence, driving a couple of boundaries through the covers and a crisp square-drive that raced to the fence.

Mhatre (65, 76b, 10x4) dictated the tempo, finding gaps with ease, as India cruised comfortably to 71 without loss at lunch.

After the interval, it was all Subrayen – he broke the



 $\textbf{Spinning a web:} \ \textbf{Subrayen had the measure of the India-A batters.} \ \textbf{K.} \ \textbf{MURALI KUMAR}$

90-run opening stand with an innocuous short ball, as Mhatre's flick went straight to mid-wicket.

Devdutt Padikkal followed soon after, mistiming a shot to mid-off to gift Subrayen his second.

Then came Rishabh Pant, true to his trademark style, he charged down the track to his first delivery but missed completely. He soon got off the mark, thumping a fuller delivery over mid-on for his first boundary but his stay was

brief – a short of a length delivery off Cele surprised him, drawing an uncertain poke that lobbed to gully. Soon after, Rajat Patidar

was bowled through the

gate by Subrayen, as India-A slipped to 159 for five at tea. Tanush Kotian and Manav Suthar were the next to

depart - Kotian falling to Subrayen and Suthar to seamer Tiaan van Vuuren. Ayush Badoni and Anshul Kamboj offered some

Zubayr Hamza 66, Rubin Hermann 54, Tanush Kotian 4/83) & 30/0 in 12 overs vs India-A 234 in 58 overs (Ayush Mhatre 65, resistance, adding 36 runs Prenelan Subraven 5/61).

loss, 103 runs ahead.

for the eighth wicket be-

fore both fell to Lutho Si-

pamla. Subrayen then re-

turned to complete his

well-deserved five-for, dis-

missing Khaleel Ahmed to

wrap up India-A's innings at 234. South Africa-A end-

ed the day at 30 without

The scores: South Africa-A 309 in

91.2 overs (Jordan Hermann 71,

It's about reading the game and adapting, says Ayush Mhatre

Tarun Shastry BENGALURU

For most of India-A's batting line-up, Friday was a battle they couldn't win. Against a disciplined South Africa-A attack, wickets kept tumbling - except that of an 18-year-old who refused to back down.

Ayush Mhatre batted with freedom and fearlessness. But when off-spinner Prenelan Subrayen came in, the script flipped in an instant – his five-wicket haul swung the contest in South Africa-A's favour at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Grounds.

At stumps, both players reflected on performances.

"The wicket was looking good, and the idea was to start positively. For me, it's about keeping things simple – play on the merit of the ball and trust your game," said Mhatre, who added that he looks to "play the ball, not the bowler," a mindset instilled by his coach.

"I play my shots freely, but if the team needs stability, I adapt. It's about reading the game and responding to what's needed at that moment," said Mhatre.

Subrayen credited teamwork and leadership for his success. "It was a good collective bowling effort. Credit to the captain for backing me - he just handed me the ball and told me to do my thing," he said.

"It's always special to play in India, and getting wickets here feels great. It was a really good wicket. Both the pacers and the spinners had assistance, and if you applied yourself as a batter, you could score runs. It was a proper, balanced cricket wicket."



Standing tall: Mhatre top-scored for India-A with a fine 65. K. MURALI KUMAR

Can stumbling Tamil Nadu pass the stern Vidarbha test?

RANJI TROPHY

S. Dipak Ragav COIMBATORE

A misfiring Tamil Nadu needs to pull up its socks to get its Ranji Trophy campaign back on track when ikes on reigning champion Vidarbha in the third round Elite Group-A match starting from Saturday here at the Sri Ramakrishna College ground.

The southern side has tripped up in the first two games, going down by an innings to Jharkhand in the opening fixture at this venue and then salvaging just three points after posting 512 for three (decl.) against Nagaland in Bengaluru.

In both encounters, the TN bowlers were guilty of letting the opponents off the hook. TN had Iharkhand on the mat at 157 for six but eventually conceded 419. Similarly, Nagaland was tottering at 160 for five but managed to get 446.

With in-form left-arm seamer Gurjapneet Singh not available, pace spearhead Sandeep Warrier, who has managed just two wickets so far, and left-arm spinner and skipper R. Sai Kishore have to step up.



turnaround in fortunes for TN. M. PERIASAMY

On the batting front, though Pradosh Ranjan Paul and R. Vimal Khumar scored an unbeaten 201 and 189 respectively in the previous game, sterner tests await against the sharper Vidarbha attack.

In contrast, the visitor has kick-started its title defence strongly, breezing past Nagaland with a convincing innings victory and securing the first-innings lead against Jharkhand.

These two sides last met in the quarterfinal earlier this year in Nagpur, where Vidarbha's pacers blew away the TN top-order in **RANJI SCHEDULE - ROUND 3**

Elite: Group A: Odisha vs Andhra (Cuttack), Jharkhand vs Nagaland (Ranchi), Baroda vs Uttar Pradesh (Vadodara), Tamil Nadu vs Vidarbha (Coimbatore). **Group B:** Maharashtra vs Saurashtra (Nashik), Punjab vs

Goa (New Chandigarh), Madhya Pradesh vs Chandigarh (Indore), (Mangalapuram). Group C: Tripura vs Bengal

(Agartala), Assam vs Railways (Guwahati), Gujarat vs Haryana (Ahmedabad), Services vs Uttarakhand (Delhi). Group D: Chhattisgarh vs

Jammu & Kashmir (Raipur), Delhi vs Pondicherry (Delhi), Rajasthan vs Mumbai (Jaipur), Himachal Pradesh vs Hyderabad (Nadaun). Plate: Bihar vs Meghalaya (Patna); Manipur vs Arunachal Pradesh (Ahmedabad), Mizoram vs Sikkim (Anand).

both innings that set up a thumping 198-run win.

This contest will once again boil down to how well the home team's batters tackle Vidarbha's disciplined bowling line-up, especially when facing the new ball.

TN can ill-afford another false step, and a good outing against one of the best teams in domestic cricket could be the booster shot the host desperately re-

Bengal coach Shukla rues unavailability of players due to packed schedule

Santadeep Dey

Just when things were looking good for Bengal the side started its Ranji Trophy campaign with two clinical wins against Uttarakhand and Gujarat at home – a growing list of unavailable players has left

coach Laxmi Ratan Shukla scratching his head. Opener Sudip Chatter-

jee has been sidelined by a knee injury, while captain Abhimanyu Easwaran and pacer Akash Deep are set to miss the third and fourth-round matches for India-A's second 'Test' against South Afric

Bengaluru. To make matters worse, the ACC Rising Stars, starting November 14, is expected to further thin out the squad.

'Hurts momentum'

"It needs to be ensured that these tours are scheduled better.

"It hurts or

tum... Also, Easwaran can't be playing for the Aside any more. He deserves to be in the Test team," Shukla told The Hindu.

Wicketkeeper-batter Abishek Porel will lead the senior side for the first time in Abhimanyu's ab-

I need to improve my power and endurance, says wrestler Sujeet

Y.B. Sarangi KOLKATA

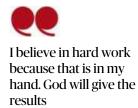
Suieet Kalkal, the newlycrowned World u-23 champion in 65kg freestvle weight class, feels he needs to improve his power and endurance to make an impact in the World championships and Olympics.

The 22-year-old Sujeet who beat some tough opponents including the 2024 champion in 61kg Bashir Magomedov (4-2) of Russia in the quarterfinals, former 57kg World u-20 champion Yuto Nishiuchi (3-2) of Japan in the semifinals and elite Worlds



Sujeet with his reward. UWW

bronze medallist Umidjon Jalolov (10-0) of Uzbekistan in the final - said he wanted a good result in World u-23 championships in No-



vi Sad, Serbia, in order to

gain some motivation. "As my outing in the

elite World championships was a little disappointing, I wanted to do well here to get some motivation. I was down for a few days after the Worlds, but my coach Kuldeep (Singh) and my father (Dayanand, who is also a coach) asked me to

forget it and refocus. I wanted to give my best and stay well prepared for the year-ending National championships," Sujeet, the lone male wrestler to win a medal in Novi Sad, told The Hindu on Tuesday.

About his ambition of winning medals in the Worlds and Olympics, Sujeet said, "I believe in hard work because that is in my hand. God will give the results. Right now I am doing power training and endurance. I will need more power and better endurance to succeed in elite competitions."

Gukesh the player to beat as Arjun, Praggnanandhaa eye Candidates spot

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar ARPORA (GOA)

The sands of the famed Goan beaches will provide the setting and the gentle murmur of the sea winds the background music for the chess pieces over the next four weeks.

Moving those rooks, knights and pawns will be some of the finest players on the planet.

As many as 205 men, and one woman, will be in action at the chess World

Cup, which opens at Rio Resort on Saturday.

Much is at stake in the \$2 million tournament. Of all the individual events the world chess governing body FIDE conducts, it is second only in stature, in the classical format, to the World championship.

And heading the list of seeds is the reigning World champion.

After creating history by winning the World title at the age of 18 in Singapore last year, D. Gukesh has had to cope with some really disappointing games and tournaments, but his





Battle of the brains: Praggnanandhaa will be among the prime challengers to top-seeded Gukesh, who will hope to shrug off indifferent form and corner glory at the World Cup. FIDE

double-gold winning show at the recent European Chess Club Cup is timely.

Seeds No. 2 and 3 are also Indians. Arjun Erigaisi must be especially motiv-

ated, as the tournament offers him the best chance to clinch a place in next Praggnanandhaa, who was the runner-up in the last World Cup, actually starts as one of the strong contenders.

year's Candidates, while R.

Huge Indian presence The top three from here

will qualify for that event, the winner of which will challenge Gukesh for the next World championship. Indian chess' terrific trio, however, will make their appearance only in the second round: the top 50 are given a bye.

Seven rounds will have to be played before the fi-

format is knock-out, each round having two games and a tie-breaker required. There is not surprising-

nalists are identified. The

ly a large India contingent: the country is not just the host, but the game's superpower too. Nihal Sarin, Aravindh Chithambaram, Vidit Gujrathi, P. Harikrishna, Raunak Sadhwani and the local lad Leon Mendonca are among the home players.

Anish Giri is the highestseeded foreigner, at No. 4; other stars from abroad include Nodirbek Abdusattograve, Wei Yi, Ian Nepomniachtchi and Levon Aronian.

rov, Maxime Vachier-La-

Focus on Divya On the opening day, there

will be attention on a lesser seed: Divya Deshmukh. Not merely because she is the only woman in the tournament. She had sensationally won the women's World Cup three months ago.

Don't be surprised if an Indian is crowned champion here, too. After all, that has been the theme of world chess this year.

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Dabang delivers in front of its home fans

Neeraj and Ajinkya shine for the Delhi outfit which endures some tense moments towards the end; Aditya's efforts prove insufficient for Paltan

PKL-12

<u>Vivek Krishnan</u> **NEW DELHI**

n a final that went down to the wire, Dabang Delhi K.C. managed to edge past Puneri Paltan 31-28 at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium on Friday to emerge champion in the 12th season of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL).

Second title

It is Dabang Delhi's second title, having won the eighth edition in 2021-22 earlier.

Neeraj Narwal and Ajinkya Pawar played starring roles for Delhi, which enjoyed the support of a packed house.

While Narwal scored

Neeraj's raids in the opening 20 minutes set the tone for Dabang

nine points, Pawar contributed six to Dabang's victory.

For Paltan, raider Aditya Shinde was exemplary, but his 10 points weren't sufficient to get his side over the line.

Dabang had the better of the exchanges in the first half as it went into the fiveminute break with a 20-14 advantage.

Having edged in front at the start of the half, it maintained a comfortable lead all the way through.

Perfect streak

Neeraj enjoyed a perfect streak through his raids in the opening 20 minutes, setting the tone for Delhi. The 25-year-old's show

made up for the fact that captain Ashu Malik, who seemed to be nursing an injury, wasn't quite at his

In the second half, Paltan narrowed the margin by registering eight raid points compared to Delhi's

As the final neared its conclusion, Delhi had to endure some nervous moments.

The final nail

But once Shinde, who hadn't put a foot wrong for most of the evening, was successfully tackled by Iranian star Fazel Atrachali with less than 30 seconds left on the clock, Delhi's celebrations began.

Tjen eases past Pohankova; Vekic shown the door

CHENNAI OPEN

K. Keerthivasan CHENNAI

Indonesia's Janice Tjen, seeded four, sailed into the semifinals of the WTA 250 Chennai Open tennis tournament here on Friday with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Mia Pohankova of Slovakia while the third-seeded Donna Vekic was shown the door.

Flawless display

Tjen, who seems to have adapted better than most foreigners to the hot and humid conditions here, played a near-flawless game to outplay her opponent, a 17-year-old wild card entrant, making her debut in a WTA 250 event.

It was curtains for Croatia's Vekic as she went down to Kimberly Birrell, the seventh seed from Australia 6-4, 6-0. Birrell will next play Joanna Garland. while Tjen will clash with Lanlana Tararudee of Thailand.

Tough challenge

Earlier, Garland of Taiwan overcame quite a tough challenge from 35-year-old Arina Rodionova of Australia before prevailing 6-2,

Against a taller player like Pohankova, Tjen was more consistent and accurate with her groundstrokes.

Despite the Slovakian producing eight aces, unforced errors and six double-faults cost her.

Garland blew way the Australian in the first set, with a barrage of powerful



B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

groundstrokes. Rodionova, with an uncanny game with little or no backswing either on her forehand or backhand, pushed her opponent in the second set with nice placements.

By drawing her to the net, Rodionova used the lob to good effect. However, Garland held her nerve in the tiebreaker to advance to the last four.

The results (quarterfinals):

Janice Tjen (Ina) bt Mia Pohankova (Svk) 6-3, 6-1; Joanna Garland (Tpe) bt Arina Rodionova (Aus) 6-2, 7-6(2); Kimberly Birrell (Aus) bt Donna Vekic (Cro) 6-4, 6-0; Lanlana Tararudee (Tha) bt Polina Iatcenko (Rus) 6-0, 6-2.

LIVE TELECAST

NZ vs ENG: 3rd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 6.30 a.m. Ranji Trophy: Star Sports Khel &

JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.

Chess: World Cup, FIDE YouTube channel, 3 p.m. Tennis: WTA Chennai Open, Eu-

rosport, 3 p.m. LaLiga: FanCode, 6.30, 8.45, 11

p.m.& 1.30 a.m. (Sunday) Tennis: Paris Masters, Sony Sports Ten 5 & LIV, 7 p.m.

Serie A: DAZN, 7.30, 10 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Sunday) Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 &

LIV, 8 & 11 p.m. Premier League: SS Select 1 & JioHotstar, 8.30 & 11 p.m



Imperial Blue fancied

BENGALURU: Imperial Blue, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Rajyotsava Trophy (1,400m), the chief event of the opening day's races to be held here on Saturday (Nov. 1). There will be no false rails

INAUGURATION PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2.00 p.m.: 1. Honeypot (8) Vivek 62.5, 2. Forever Royal (3) Salman K 62, 3 Forever Royal (3) Salman K 62, 3. Lex Luthor (5) Darshan 62, 4. Feeling Good (7) Aleemuddin 61, 5. Striking Eyes (2) Suhas 59.5, 6. Lorven's Glory (1) Angad 58.5, 7. Wakizashi (4) Vishwa 58 and 8. Southernaristocrat (6) Hindu S 55.

1. FEELING GOOD, 2. STRIKING EYES, 3. SOUTHERNARISTOCRAT

2 KENTUCKY PLATE (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only (Terms), 2.30; 1. Adalard (12) J. Chinoy 57, 2. Larson (8) P. Mani 57, 3, Rocking Star (7) Aleemuddin 57, 4. Allegro Dance (3) Jagadeesh 55.5, 5. Best Of Us (11) Siddaraju 55.5, 6. Cashable (10) Suraj Narredu 55.5, 7. Celestial Flame (2) Narredu 55.5, 7. Celestiai Fiante (2) Rayan 55.5, 8. Khazana (1) Antony 55.5, 9. Mnemosyne (-) (-) 55.5, 10. Solara (4) G. Vivek 55.5, 11. Steffen (9) Rozario 55.5 and 12. Zephyrine (5) Arvind K 55.5.

1. ZEPHYRINE, 2. SOLARA, 3.

**EXECUTION OF THE HEATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 3.00: 1. Final Call (9) Antony 61.5, 2. Night Raider (2) Arvind K 61, 3. Noble Cause (5) Rozario 60.5, 4. Sunshine (1) Pavan 60, 5. Joyful Spirit (6) Vivek 57.5, 6. Larissa (8) G. Vivek 55, 7. Windcleaver (10) Vishwa 55, 8. Imperial Star (3) Vikrant 54.5, 9. Striking Viking (12) Rayan 54, 10. Force Of Nature (11) Shinde 53, 11. Pursuit Of Wealth (7) A. Ramu 53 and 12. Ransomware (4) Angad 53. 1. SUNSHINE, 2. LARISSA, 3. FINAL

BELGAUM PLATE (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 3.30: 1. Excellent Lass (3) Suraj Narredu 60.5, 2. Jersey King (1) Pavan 59.5, 3. Stellantis (4) Shreyas 58.5, 4. Regal Reality (2) G. Vivek 54, 5. Elfin Knight (–) (–) 53.5, 6. Auspicious Queen (7) Shinde 53, 7. Invincible (5) Angad 52.5 and 8. Royal Deccan (–) (–) 50. 1. EXCELLENT LASS, 2. REGAL REALITY, 3. JERSEY KING

5 RAJYOTSAVA TROPHY (1,400m), 3-y-o & over (Terms), 4.00: 1. Galahad (1) Antony 60, 2. Imperial Blue (2) Arvind K 60, 3. Iron Clad (4) Suraj Narredu 60, 4. Kalamitsi (3) G. Vivek 60 and 5. Power Of Beauty (5) Rozario 60.

1. IMPERIAL BLUE, 2. GALAHAD G JAYANT SHAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4.30: 1. Defence Counsel (7) Rozario 60, 2. Small Dreams (3) Aleemuddin 58.5, 3. Rieko (6) Suraj Narredu 57.5, 4. Flight Of Fancy (8) Antony 57, 5. Sassy (1) Vivek 56.5, 6. Elysium (4) Shreyas 56. 7. Stravinsky (2) Angad 56 and 8. Alamgir (5)

1. FLIGHT OF FANCY, 2. RIEKO, 3.

DUDHSAGAR FALLS PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5.00; 1. Sapporo (8) Pavan 60, 2. LG's Star Angad 55, 4. Michiko (3) Salman K 54, 5. Amalure (11) Sai Kiran 53.5, 6. Annabelle (2) Antony 53.5, 7. Jolie's Star (7) Rushal 53.5, 8. Legendary Impact (9) Jagadeesh 53.5, 9. Magestic Persona (6) A. Ramu 53.5, 11. Verrazzano (4) Siddaraju 53.5 and 11. Anzac Parade (10) Rozario 53. 1. SAPPORO, 2. ANNABELLE, 3. LE

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Olympic medallist hockey goalkeeper Manuel Frederick passes away at 78



Frederick was the first Keralite to win an Olympic medal. FILE PHOTO: THULASI KAKKAT

P.K. Ajith Kumar

On that warm summer morning in the northern Kerala town of Kannur, there was one thing the tall 66-year-old man said during a long conversation that struck you especially. "I don't come here often; it is very expensive to travel, you know," he said about the visit to his hometown.

A bus ticket from Bengaluru cost about ₹400 those

At that time, some 12 years ago, Manuel Frederick was the only Olympic medallist from Kerala. He kept goal when India won the hockey bronze at the Munich Olympics of 1972.

Frederick died at a private hospital in Bengaluru hadn't been easy for him. but that day at the St. Michael's Anglo Indian School ground, where he had been giving training to local players, he was reluctant to speak about his troubles. He had sounded disappointed that he could not get the Dhyan Chand Award despite applying for it seven times; he said he could have done with the ₹5 lakh that came with it (he would get it in 2019, as he was ninth-time lucky).

During that interview, Frederick, who was the Indian goalkeeper for about a decade, was glad to talk of the greatest moment of his

"Though we could only win the bronze, we were good enough for the gold,"

on Friday, aged 78. Life he had said. "That team had players like Ashok Ku mar, Ajit Pal Singh, Harcharan Singh, M.P. Ganesh and Kulwant Singh; we had crushed Great Britain 5-0 and Australia 3-1."

He remembered the Munich massacre too. "The incident took place just 60 yards away from where we were staying," he

"We were preparing for our semifinal with Pakistan, which was then postponed by a day. I still could recollect that loud noise of gunfire."

High praise

Frederick had earned high praise from the then Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq after a stellar show in a Test against the archrival.

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East Bengal denies Bagan, progresses

Defiant: East Bengal held its nerve to thwart Bagan. AIFF

SUPER CUP

Neeladri Bhattacharjee MARGAO

East Bengal kept archrival Mohun Bagan Super Giant at bay and the goalless draw earned it a spot in the semifinals of the AIFF Super Cup at the PJN Stadium here on Friday.

East Bengal, level on points with Bagan but having a superior goal difference, had come into the contest needing just a draw; the Mariners, on the other hand, had to win.

But it was East Bengal which shot off the blocks, firing on target in the first minute. Bagan's attempt came in the 40th.

Whenever it had possession, Oscar Bruzon's side deployed Mohamad Rakip as an inverted wing-back and he combined with Miguel Ferreira in the midfield. The two almost led to an early strike when Rakip's pass was shot on target by Miguel; it was, however, blocked by Alberto Rodriguez.

East Bengal had another

opportunity in the 24th minute, but Hamid Ahadad's header struck the woodwork. Bagan's only chance in the opening period came when Liston Colaco set up Apuia, but the latter shot into Prabhsukhan Gill's gloves.

Bagan grew more into the game after resumption,

with Apuia and Colaco combining again in the opening minute but the cross was intercepted. Four minutes later, Tom Aldred headed Colaco's free-kick over the net.

For the Red-and-Gold brigade, Ahadad's shot was palmed out by Vishal Kaith, who also caught Jay Gupta's header.

As the match crossed the 75th-minute mark, Jose Molina, Bagan's coach, got desperate and sent all six Bagan foreign players to the field at the same time. But, Bruzon's boys had one defender marking each of the four players in the final

The results: Mohun Bagan Super Giant 0 drew with East Bengal 0; Dempo 1 (Rawat 25) drew with Chennaiyin FC 1 (Shamik 29).

Does the Cape Verde fairytale have lessons for Indian football?

The archipelagic state in the Atlantic Ocean, off the western coast of Africa, recently became the second-smallest nation, by population, to qualify for the FIFA World Cup. Just how did it script one of sport's great underdog stories? And can India take a leaf out of its playbook?



P.K. Ajith Kumar

t was late 2014. The ISL was finally about to kick off. If there was one hope for the turnaround of the beautiful game in India, this was it.

Just about everything seemed perfect. One of India's biggest business houses, Reliance, was in charge of the league. Big names - it doesn't get much bigger than Sachin Tendulkar – owned the clubs, and several quality players from Europe and Latin America had been signed up. And there was going to be really good money for domestic players.

An era of promise

Those were exciting times for Indian football. You could sense the excitement in Michael

Chopra's voice over the phone. The first player of Indian descent to feature in the Premier League, he had represented England in various age categories. He had also set a record for the fastest goal by a substitute in the Premier League.

Now, he was all set to play for Kerala Blasters in India's brand new league. And he had a bigger goal: he wanted to play for India, as his father was Indian.

"To play for India has been a dream," he told this writer. "Everyone wants to play international football. You want to be able to say that you have played international football against some good teams. And I want to contribute to Indian footThe Blue **Sharks**

have men of dual <u>nationalities</u> <u>from</u> leagues across the gl<u>obe.</u> **Identifying** and

integrating overseas **footballers** of Cape Verde origin is a system that <u>has worked</u> ball; it is one of my concerns now."

He was even willing to give up his British passport for that. "I do want to help Indian football," he stressed. "The only way for me to do that is to give up my British passport and get an Indian one. I am willing to do that; and I have talked to

people about that. You have to make such sacrifices if you want to achieve your goal."

That didn't happen. No real effort was made to explore the possibilities of getting players of Indian origin like Chopra to play for the national team, which could have done with their talent and experience.

India was ranked 159 in the world at the time. Not a particularly impressive ranking for a country which had a population of 1.31 billion, was one of the world's fastest growing economies and had once made the Olympics semifinals. At the same time, in another continent, a country that had a population of just over half-a-million was the World No. 33.

one of the great success stories in sport. The African nation - comprising 10 islands - qualified for next year's football World Cup in North America. Cape Verde made it to sport's most watched

That country, Cape Verde, recently authored

event after beating Eswatini 3-0 at home. The win took the Blue Sharks to the top of their African qualifying group, ahead of continental powerhouse Cameroon. And they became the second-smallest nation behind Iceland – by population – to qualify for the World Cup.

How did they do it? Centre-back Roberto Lopes could give us a clue. Back in 2018, he received a message on his LinkedIn profile in Portuguese, a language he didn't speak. The Dublin-born player, who was, and still is, playing for Shamrock Rovers, ignored the

Destiny-changing message

The man who tried to reach out to him was Rui Aguas, Cape Verde's coach at the time. His message, when translated, read: "I am the coach of the Cape Verde national team. I joining the team. We are renewing the group and we intend to be present at the 2022 World Cup, which would be historic. The team is good, and the environment is good too. I await feedback. I speak English if necessarv." That message had gone out to Lopes because

would like to know if you would be interested in

his father was from Cape Verde. A year later, he made his debut for the Blue Sharks, but they could not qualify for the Oatar World Cup.

The story of Lopes is not an isolated one when it comes to the composition of the Cape Verde team. It has men of dual nationalities playing in leagues across the globe, in countries such as Portugal, Spain, Bulgaria, Romania, Wales, USA, Turkey, the Netherlands, Israel, Saudi Arabia and

This system of looking for overseas footballers of Cape Verde origin and making them a part of the national team has been around for a while. And a striker played a key role: Lito, plying his trade in Portugal's football leagues, was among the earliest players who represented Cape Verde. He was requested by the national federation to help others from Portugal to play for Cape Verde (the country was a Portuguese colony until its independence in 1975).

Later on, players from other countries, including France and the Netherlands, were also roped in. The Dutch port city of Rotterdam alone has

Cape Verde is now 71st in the FIFA rankings, while India is placed 136th. And that doesn't even reflect the state of football in India at the moment

supplied half a dozen players to the Blue Sharks' World Cup qualifying campaign, including top-scorer Dailon Livramento.

Memorably, Verde held a fullstrength Portugal team that included Cristiano Ronaldo, Nani and Deco to a goalless draw in a friendly in 2010. Three years later, the side qual-

ified for the Africa Cup of Nations for the first time. It had been attempting to make it to the World Cup since the 2002 edition. Little wonder, the success that came a couple of decades later was celebrated by the people of Cape Verde all over the world.

For a country that was ranked 182 in the world in 2000, this is indeed a remarkable feat. Well, that is even lower than India's lowest, which was 173, in 2015.

Cape Verde is now 71st in the FIFA rankings, while India is placed 136th. And that doesn't even reflect the state of football in India at the moment: nobody knows when this season's ISL will be held; last season, one team was crowned the I-League champion a fortnight after the last match was played, and then another team, which approached the Court of Arbitration for Sport, was named the champion.

When domestic football is governed inadequately, and with little imagination, the national team cannot expect to produce miracles. And there is no harm in thinking of taking a leaf out of the books of countries like Cape Verde. After all, the tennis federation managed to get Prakash Amritraj, a US citizen, to play for India at the Da-

Diverse roots

Athletes turning out for countries they have connections with, especially when they probably would not have had the opportunit rience international sport otherwise, is pretty common. Remember, England's cricket team at one point used to look more like a delegation of the United Nations.

There have been talks of change in Indian sport of late, though. The National Sports Policy 2025 recommends: "Wherever feasible, promising and prominent Indian-origin athletes living abroad may be encouraged to come back and play for India at the international level.'

Test Bowling

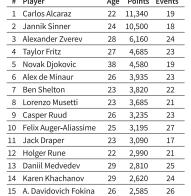
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STACKING UP



1 Carlos Alcara: 2 Jannik Sinne 3 Alexander Zverev

ATP Men's Top 15









WT	A Women's Top 15			
#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	9,870	20
2	Iga Swiatek	24	8,195	20
3	Coco Gauff	21	6,563	20
4	Amanda Anisimova	24	5,887	22
5	Jessica Pegula	31	5,183	22
6	Elena Rybakina	26	4,350	22
7	Madison Keys	30	4,335	21
8	Jasmine Paolini	29	4,325	19
9	Mirra Andreeva	18	4,319	19
10	Ekaterina Alexandrova	30	3,375	27
11	Belinda Bencic	28	3,146	23
12	Clara Tauson	22	2,770	23
13	Linda Noskova	20	2,641	25
14	Elina Svitolina	31	2,595	20
15	Emma Navarro	24	2,515	25







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#	Driver	Team	Points	Wir
1	Lando Norris	McLaren	357	6
2	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	356	7
3	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	321	5
4	George Russell	Mercedes	258	2
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	210	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	146	0
7	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	97	0
8	Alexander Albon	Williams	73	0
9	Nico Hulkenberg	Kick Sauber	41	0
10	Isack Hadjar	Racing Bulls	39	0
11	Carlos Sainz	Williams	38	0

F1 Drivers' standings

4	George Russell	Mercedes	258	2	
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	210	0	
6	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	146	0	
7	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	97	0	
8	Alexander Albon	Williams	73	0	
9	Nico Hulkenberg	Kick Sauber	41	0	
10	Isack Hadjar	Racing Bulls	39	0	
11	Carlos Sainz	Williams	38	0	
12	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	37	0	
13	Oliver Bearman	Haas	32	0	
14	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	32	0	
15	Liam Lawson	Racing Bulls	30	0	
16	Esteban Ocon	Haas	30	0	
17	Yuki Tsunoda	Red Bull	28	0	
18	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	20	0	
19	Gabriel Bortoleto	Kick Sauber	19	0	







F1 Constructors' standings					
Pos	Team	Points	Wins		
1	McLaren	713	13		
2	Ferrari	356	0		
3	Mercedes	355	2		
4	Red Bull	346	5		
5	Williams	111	0		
6	RB	72	0		
7	Aston Martin	69	0		
8	Haas	62	0		
9	Kick Sauber	60	0		

Badminton Men's ranking

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#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	1,12,047	12
2	Anders Antonsen	98,313	17
3	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	96,179	20
4	Li Shi Feng	85,328	19
5	Jonatan Christie	81,344	17
6	Chou Tien Chen	80,619	26
7	Christo Popov	71,740	20
8	Alex Lanier	70,511	15
9	Loh Kean Yew	65,709	19
10	Kodai Naraoka	65,094	22
11	Weng Hong Yang	63,710	19
12	Lin Chun-Yi	60,270	19
13	Toma Junior Popov	56,731	20
14	Kenta Nishimoto	55,782	23
15	Lu Guang 7u	55.050	20







Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events			
1	An Se Young	1,13,770	15			
2	Wang Zhi Yi	1,05,362	18			
3	Akane Yamaguchi	93,464	16			
4	Han Yue	91,350	17			
5	Chen Yu Fei	89,935	16			
6	Pornpawee Chochuwong	71,858	19			
7	Putri Kusuma Wardani	66,170	20			
8	Tomoka Miyazaki	63,064	22			
9	Ratchanok Intanon	61,084	20			
10	Sim Yu Jin	60,559	15			
11	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	59,900	12			
12	Supanida Katethong	56,627	15			
13	Gao Fang Jie	56,550	17			
14	P.V. Sindhu	55,514	16			









Test Batting

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Joe Root	908	932
Harry Brook	868	898
Kane Williamson	850	919
Steve Smith	816	947
Yashasvi Jaiswal	791	858
Kamindu Mendis	781	784
Temba Bavuma	774	806
Rishabh Pant	753	801
Daryl Mitchell	748	804

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#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	882	908
2	Matt Henry	846	846
3	Noman Ali	843	853
4	Pat Cummins	838	914
5	Kagiso Rabada	823	902
6	Josh Hazlewood	815	864
7	Scott Boland	784	784
8	Nathan Lyon	769	812
9	Mitchell Starc	766	807
9	Gus Atkinson	766	766

ODI Batting

10 Ben Duckett

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rohit Sharma	781	882
2	Ibrahim Zadran	764	764
3	Shubman Gill	745	847
4	Babar Azam	739	898
5	Daryl Mitchell	734	751
6	Virat Kohli	725	909
7	Charith Asalanka	716	725
8	Harry Tector	708	767
9	Shreyas Iyer	700	710
10	Shai Hope	690	802

ODI Bowling

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781	882	1		Rashid Khan	710	7
764	764	2	!	Keshav Maharaj	680	7
745	847	3		Maheesh Theekshana	659	6
739	898	4		Mitchell Santner	648	6
734	751	5	,	Jofra Archer	647	6
725	909	6	,	Bernard Scholtz	645	6
716	725	7		Kuldeep Yadav	634	7
708	767	8		Josh Hazlewood	628	7
700	710	9)	Matt Henry	627	6
690	802	1	.0	Adil Rashid	616	6
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T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	926	931
2	Phil Salt	849	881
3	Tilak Varma	819	845
4	Pathum Nissanka	779	779
5	Jos Buttler	770	794
6	Travis Head	743	885
7	Tim Seifert	718	727
8	Suryakumar Yadav	698	912
9	Kusal Perera	692	786
10	Mitchell Marsh	681	681

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Adil Rashid	686	747
Nuwan Thushara	676	714
Abrar Ahmed	675	703
Jacob Duffy	663	750
Kuldeen Yaday	648	737
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Weekend Sport



The 43-year-old manager has the south coast club punching well above its weight in the English first division. With a disruptive, hard-running, high-pressing style, Iraola's Bournemouth has started the Premier League season strongly and is proving a serious threat for the big teams

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fter securing its highest position ninth – and biggest points tally – 56 – in Premier League history last season, Bournemouth appeared to pay the price for overperformance.

Its players attracted the attention of Europe's heavy-hitters, and the club lost almost its entire first-choice back-line - centre-backs Dean Huijsen (Real Madrid) and Illia Zabarnyi (PSG), leftback Milos Kerkez (Liverpool) and goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga (Arsenal) – in the summer. The reasonable expectation was that the Cherries would struggle this season.

Sitting pretty

And yet, ahead of Sunday's trip to Manchester City, Bournemouth (18 points) sits in second place after nine rounds of fixtures. With five wins, three draws and one defeat, it has two more points than City and three more points than Liverpool.

This unexpectedly good start is impressive in Bournemouth is up against, its standing is extraordinary.

In football, there is a strong correlation between a club's league position and the amount it spends on player wages. The top teams recruit the best players, who demand high salaries. So, the larger a club's wage expenditure, relative to the others, the more likely it places high on the table. Bournemouth, as per several sources, is in the bottom five of the Premier League, in terms of player wages. But it is in the top two on the table,



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punching well above its weight.

Manager Andoni Iraola deserves huge credit for Bournemouth's success.

Last season, he proved he can produce results in the most adverse conditions. When the club sold striker Dominic Solanke to Tottenham Hotspur in the summer of 2024, it didn't merely lose its top-scorer; it lost the contributor to 35% of its league goals in 2023-24, the highest percentage in England's top-flight that season.

In addition to Solanke's absence, Iraola also had to contend with a serious injury crisis in 2024-25. And still he very nearly secured Bournemouth a spot in Europe. Moreover, he did it in some style. Last season, his side registered statement wins over City, Arsenal and Manchester United, mauled Newcastle at St. James' Park, one of the toughest places to travel to, and caused champion Liverpool all sorts of problems.

So perhaps it isn't all that surprising that Bournemouth has started this season so well. The manager's methods, the club's acumen in buying the profiles that fit his needs, and his success at integrating new players, bringing them up to

Evanilson, signed from Porto as Solanke's replacement, returned an impressive 10 goals last term before injury cut his season short. This season, 19-year-old striker Eli Junior Kroupi, who played for Lorient in the French second division in 2024-25, has already scored four times in six Premier League appearances. As for the back-line, replacements Adrien Truffert (leftback), Bafode Diakite (centre-back) and Djordje Petrovic (goalkeeper) have transitioned seamlessly from Ligue 1 to the Premier League.



Asked about having to deal with so much churn in the squad, Iraola said: "I think we have obviously the disadvantage that we have a lot of new players, especially a lot of new young players, that have to adapt to the rhythm of the Premier League. But also we have a big advantage in that we have a lot of players that have been with us for two seasons.

"Those players help us a lot to integrate new ones. Sometimes they are the first ones to correct [tactical mistakes of new players], even live during exercises and training, because they've been there before and they know the normal struggles when you start. This is a big advantage. So I think this is sustaining us in moments where we need clarity on the pitch."

Elite tactician

Much like Real Madrid manager Xabi Alonso and Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta – his teammates at Basque club Antiguoko when they were boys – Iraola, too, has a reputation for being a cuttingedge tactician. City manager Pep Guardiola, one of the most influential minds in the game's history, picked out Bournemouth as a team that plays "modern football".

Iraola's influences include former Barcelona manager Ernesto Valverde and Marcelo Bielsa, a messianic figure credited with shifting the paradigm of football coaching. He also draws from his experiences as a player in America, where he studied the tactics in the NBA and NFL. But his approach is uniquely his own: a disruptive, hardrunning, high-pressing, direct style.

Iraola's Bournemouth adapts the orientation of its press to the opposition's methods, looking to win the ball high up. From there, the side shifts play as swiftly and directly as possible. Perhaps nobody embodies this style better than star winger Antoine Semenyo, who works incredibly hard off the ball and is a driving menace on it.

"This is something we can't lose, it's part of our identity," said Iraola. "We like to prioritise this type of volume in our runs. Most of the games we win are the more open ones, where there are more chances, where we can exploit one-on-one situations on the outside and find wider spaces, because attacking small spaces is probably not our strong suit."

The Bournemouth ownership merits praise for hiring Iraola in 2023 and backing him through a string of poor results. He had shown glimpses of his potential at Rayo Vallecano, earning the team promotion to LaLiga and getting the better of Real Madrid and Barcelona, but his top-flight experience as a young manager was limited. The Bournemouth ownership took a long-term view, which includes modernising the club's facilities, and it is paying off spectacularly.

Even as the south coast English club pursues further progress, it faces a challenge keeping hold of its transformational manager. Iraola's contract is up next summer and has been linked with bigger clubs, including Manchester United, in recent months. But the 43-year-old Spaniard insists that there will be plenty of time to negotiate his contract; his focus is on the season.

Just the start

"It's unbelievable the start, but it's just the start," he said. "This season, the differences between teams are so small. It's going to be difficult for us to earn more points, but we have to try. The standings are almost an anecdote, it is not significant. I value how we are competing in every game and are efficient, but it is too early

"I'm very happy how the new players have understood the collective purpose of everything that we are doing. I think, even not just on the pitch, off the pitch, they understood well how we want to train, how we want to live together. There are going to be mistakes from those players, from the other players.

"There are going to be ups and downs and this is still a work in progress. Every week presents a new game to relish, and I believe this is the mindset we should adopt."

GAME THEORY

Zimbabwe's Blessing this year

Blessing Muzarabani has had a prolific 2025 with the ball in Test cricket. The 6'8" seamer leads the year's wickets table with 42 scalps at a commendable average and an excellent strike-rate. With other teams scheduled to play Tests over the next two months, Muzarabani could lose his top spot. But the Zimbabwe pacer deserves recognition for a standout year







MOST TEST WICKETS IN 2025						
Bowler	Team	Tests	Wkts	Ave	SR	
Blessing Muzarabani	Zimbabwe	10	42	26.80	42.80	
Mohammed Siraj	India	8	37	26.91	42.56	
Noman Ali	Pakistan	4	30	17.50	30.83	
Mitchell Starc	Australia	7	29	17.24	30.65	
Jomel Warrican	West Indies	6	24	19.20	42.54	
Nathan Lyon	Australia	6	24	24.04	43.37	
Jasprit Bumrah	India	6	23	23.43	47.34	
Shamar Joseph	West Indies	3	22	14.95	28.18	
Sajid Khan	Pakistan	4	21	25.00	41.04	
Josh Tongue	England	4	21	32.04	43.42	
Pat Cummins	Australia	5	20	15.65	37.65	
Ben Stokes	England	5	20	24.05	45.40	
Taijul Islam	Bangladesh	4	20	26.75	50.80	
Prasidh Krishna	India	4	20	31.30	39.60	
Keshav Maharai	South Africa	4	19	24.42	50.47	

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Rings of fire

This image, created using a starburst filter, portrays action from the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Jakarta.

The weeklong marquee event, which ended last Saturday, featured gymnasts from 75 countries. The official website describes the competition as one "where power meets poise, expression meets precision, and artistry meets ambition on a global stage". This year's edition, through its tagline 'Move to Inspire', sought to promote a

healthy lifestyle "in the face of

the rapid growth of an instant gratification culture". In artistic gymnastics,

athletes perform short routines on different apparatus. These include the floor, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, horizontal bar, uneven bars and balance beam. The competition dates back to 1903 in Antwerp,

where only male gymnasts competed. Women's events were introduced in the tenth edition in Budapest in 1934.

Vitaly Scherbo (12 gold, 7 silver, 4 bronze) and Simone Biles (23 gold, 4 silver, 3 bronze) are the most decorated male and female gymnasts in the competition's history.