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# Cyclone Montha makes landfall; rain batters several parts of A.P.

- 35,000 people evacuated; crops on 43,000 hectares submerged
- Power infrastructure, including substations, suffer massive damage
- Twenty trains and more than 50 flights cancelled

**T. Appala Naidu**
**Nellore Sravani**
KAKINADA/VIJAYAWADA

The severe cyclonic storm Montha began its landfall near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh around 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The storm triggered very heavy rain in the State as well as Odisha.

In Andhra Pradesh, Ulavapadu in SPSR Nellore district recorded the day's maximum rain of 167 mm.Kakinada received only light showers till 7 p.m.

Twenty trains and over 50 flights were cancelled.

The IMD withdrew red alerts issued for a few districts for Wednesday, and issued orange alerts for the districts of Srikakulam, Parvathipuram Manyam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Alluri Sitharama Raju, Anakapalli, Eluru, NTR, Krishna, Guntur, Palnadu, Bapatla, and Nandyal.

Two days of heavy rain left crops on over 43,000 hectares submerged and affected 83,000 farmers, as per the initial assessment by the agricultural department. Paddy and cotton were the worst-hit.

The estimated loss to the power sector crossed ₹2,200 crore, with massive damage to substations, transformers, and power lines. The Kakinada district administration opened 401 relief camps. At least 35,000 people have been evacuated so far.



A house damaged by high tidal waves in Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday. K.R. DEEPAK

## North Tamil Nadu sees widespread rain; tanks full

CHENNAI
Widespread intense rainfall lashed many parts of Chennai and its surrounding districts from Monday night, as Cyclone Montha moved closer to the coast. Ennore in Chennai recorded the highest rainfall of 13 cm. Rainfall is expected to subside from Wednesday. Several irrigation tanks in Chennai are nearly 95% full.

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## Reorganise districts with due care: Naidu

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said that reorganisation of districts in A.P. must ensure administrative convenience and fulfil the aspirations of the people. » PAGE 6

## State to file review plea on SC TET order

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Minister Nara Lokesh on Tuesday announced that the State government will file a review petition in the Supreme Court challenging its recent verdict on the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET). » PAGE 6

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## Traffic suspended on national, State highways

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

The police suspended movement of traffic on all national and State highways in Andhra Pradesh after Cyclone Montha hit the coast on Tuesday.

Heavy rains accompanied by gales lashed Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam, West Godavari, Eluru and other districts.

The APSRTC officials also stopped bus services at many bus stations as a precautionary measure. All transport and other vehicular movement was suspended on the highways. In response to Real-Time Governance Society's (RTGS) alerts of severe cyclone impact in Krishna, Eluru, East Godavari, West Godavari, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema districts, and in Chinturu and Rampachodavaram divisions of Alluri Sitharama Raju district in the evening, the government ordered the suspension of vehicle movement in all seven districts from 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday until 6 a.m. on Wednesday.

The District Collectors and Superintendents of Police concerned were instructed to stop the traffic on all roads. However, vehicles were allowed only for emergency medical services. In Visakhapatnam, police imposed traffic restrictions on the entry of heavy vehicles into the city limits from 7 p.m. onwards as a precautionary measure. Meanwhile, the authorities appealed to the public to remain indoors and venture out only in emergency. They urged that people also should not try to cross the brimming canals and causeways.

# INDIA bloc's Bihar manifesto offers govt. jobs, free power

**Amit Bhelari**
MOHANIA

In a poll manifesto focussed on jobs, the INDIA bloc promised to enact a law within its first 20 days in power to ensure that one member of every family in the State is given a government job and give permanent government employee status to all contractual and outsourced employees and Jeevika community mobilisers.

Higher financial aid for women, 200 units of free power, and the restoration of the Old Pension System and the agricultural mandi system are other highlights in the 32-page manifesto released on Tuesday.

The Opposition's Chief Ministerial candidate and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader, Tejashwi Yadav, released the manifesto along with Congress leader Pawan Khera, Vikassheel Insaan Party chief and Deputy CM candidate Mukesh Sahani, CPI (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, and other leaders of the alliance.



Tejashwi Yadav with the INDIA bloc's manifesto. PTI

**Fixed salaries, loans**

The Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project, known as Jeevika, largely works through women's self-help groups facilitated by community mobilisers. Apart from permanent government employee status, the manifesto promised to give these Jeevika mobilisers fixed salaries of ₹30,000 per month and two-year interest free loans. Jeevika cadre members were promised an allowance of ₹2,000 per month for performing other tasks.

The manifesto also promises to waive forms and examination fees for competitive exams, and provide free travel to and from examination centres. Strict action will be taken to prevent paper leaks and a domicile policy will be implemented to ensure priority in employment for Bihar residents.

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## Tata Trusts divided over return of trustee

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

The rift in Tata Trusts, the philanthropic parent of Tata Sons, the holding company of Tata Group, intensified on Tuesday with three trustees – Chairman Noel Tata, former Defence Secretary Vijay Singh and TVS Motor Company chairman Emeritus Venu Srinivasan – disapproving the reappointment of fellow trustee Mehli Mistry whose current three-year tenure ended on Tuesday.

As per a decision on October 17, 2024, soon after former Tata Sons chairman Ratan Tata's death, the reappointment of each trustee has to be unanimous and for lifetime "if they are renominated".

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## Centre clears capital aid for PCB project

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has approved capital support under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) for Syrma SGS's ₹765 crore multilayer Printed Circuit Board (PCB) manufacturing project at Naidupeta in Tirupati district. The approval clears the way for setting up India's largest PCB facility, backed by both Central and State incentives. IT Minister N. Lokesh thanked the Centre for its support.

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# IIP growth dips to three-month low of 4% as mining, consumer non-durables slip

**T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan**
NEW DELHI

Industrial activity dipped marginally to a three-month low of 4% in September. The data also show that the growth in industrial activity during the first half of the financial year was the slowest in at least five years.

Growth in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, stood at 3.2% in September last year. However, growth had since accelerated to 4.3% by July 2025, following which it slowed again.

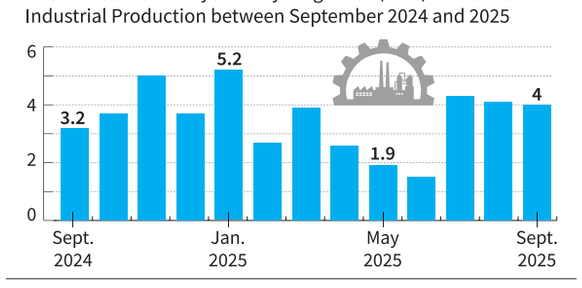
The overall index grew 3% in the April-September period, the first half of the financial year 2025-26. This is the slowest in at least five years, the period for which data are readily available. The index grew 24% in the first half of 2021-22, owing to the low base of the previous pandemic-affected year 2020-21. In the first half of 2022-23, the index grew 7%, which slowed to 6.3% and 4.1% in the corresponding periods of 2023-24 and 2024-25.

In September, the slowdown in industrial growth was mainly led by the mining, primary goods, and consumer non-durables sectors. Activity in the mining sector contracted 0.45% in September 2025 from a growth of 6.6% in August 2025 and a growth of 0.2% in September 2024.

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Industrial slowdown

The chart shows the year-on-year growth (in %) in the Index of Industrial Production between September 2024 and 2025






# A.P. is fully prepared for cyclone impact, says Lokesh

As many as 1,328 villages have been identified as high-risk areas; residents evacuated to safer zones and 1,906 temporary shelters have been set up with all essential supplies across State

**The Hindu Bureau**
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Minister for HRD, IT, Electronics and Communications and Real Time Governance Nara Lokesh on Tuesday said that the entire government machinery and all departments were fully prepared and functioning with 99% real-time accuracy in data and response to Cyclone Montha.



Minister for HRD, IT, Electronics and Communications and Real-Time Governance Nara Lokesh monitoring the updates on Cyclone Montha at the RTGS Centre, in Vijayawada on Tuesday. PTI

In a statement, the Minister said around 40 lakh people were likely to be affected, particularly in Kakinada, Konaseema, West Godavari, Krishna, Bapatla, Prakasam, and Nellore districts, which are under red alert. The State government's primary goal was zero loss of life. As many as 1,328 villages were identified as high-risk areas; residents had been evacuated to safer zones and 1,906 temporary shelters had been set up with all essential supplies.

A total of 3,465 pregnant women were shifted to safe locations and provided with nutritious food, while a holiday had been declared for 14,798 schools and premises of 364 schools were being used as relief camps.

Informing about rescue and relief forces, he said 11 NDRF teams, 12 SDRF teams and reserve teams were kept on standby. The Army in Hyderabad was ready to be deployed, if required, 145 wood-cutting teams had been mobilised to clear uprooted trees and 325 medical camps and 876 rapid response teams were operational for health emergencies.

Referring to the infrastructure and restoration measures, he said 11,347 electric poles and 1,210 transformers were pre-positioned for quick restoration, 772 restoration teams were ready to restore power immediately after landfall, 1,037 diesel generators had been sent to vulnerable areas to ensure uninterrupted power to hospitals and essential services and 7,289 earth movers, cranes, and vehicles had been kept ready by the Roads and Buildings Department for road clearance.

Referring to monitoring mechanism, he said the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) Command Centre at the Secretariat was operating 24x7 and the Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had conducted 12 review meetings and teleconferences since October 23.

Mr. Lokesh said the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) was kept informed about the developments in the State and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had assured all possible help from the Centre.

The Minister said after landfall, drone and low-altitude aerial surveys would be conducted to assess crop, property, and housing damage, relief and rehabilitation would be launched on a war-footing.

He said all the MLAs, MPs and Ministers were stationed in the field to oversee local operations.

# Cyclone Montha: 13,000 shifted to 232 shelters in Krishna district

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA



Eluru SP K. Pratap Shiva Kishore interacting with the people shifted to cyclone camp at Kaikaram on Tuesday.

As many as 232 rehabilitation camps have been set up in Krishna district in view of Cyclone Montha and more than 13,000 people have been shifted to these camps.

Krishna district Superintendent of Police V. Vidyasagar Naidu on Tuesday visited the rehabilitation camps in Koduru, Avanigadda and Nagayalanka mandals and urged the villagers to shift to cyclone shelters and rehabilitation camps.

"Instructions have been given to the police to intensify patrolling at beaches, fishermen villages and along the riverbed habitations," the SP said.

Revenue officers, teachers and medical teams visited the colonies and asked the people staying in huts and old houses to shift to the rehabilitation and relief camps in Krishna district.

Meanwhile, Eluru Superintendent of Police K. Pratap Shiva Kishore visited the cyclone rehabilitation centre set up at Kaikaram village, Unguturu mandal on Tuesday. He interacted with the cyclone victims and enquired about the facilities.

# Couple, two agents arrested for duping customers in trading scam

**The Hindu Bureau**
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Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhar Babu displaying the valuables seized from the accused, in Vijayawada on Tuesday. K.V.S. GIRI

The Central Zone police busted a private trading company for allegedly collecting money from customers and duping them. They arrested a couple and two agents belonging to the firm, on Tuesday.

Police arrested Tadepalli Sri Venkata Aditya, his wife T. Sujatha and agents Gadamsetti Balakrishna Murthy and his wife, G. Nagalakshmi Kumari, all natives of Vijayawada.

During the investigation, it was revealed that Aditya established Advika Trading Company in 2022, and collected close to ₹400 crore from 1,450 customers, said Police Commissioner S.V. Rajashekar Babu.

The accused had absconded by closing the company recently. Following a complaint by a customer, the police registered a case and arrested the accused, the Police Commissioner said.

# Govt. help sought for exemption from TET

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

Leaders of Andhra Pradesh Primary Teachers' Association (APPTA) have urged the State government to file a review petition in the Supreme Court (SC) seeking exemption from Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) for in-service teachers

In its judgment delivered on September 1, the apex court ruled that all serving teachers across India, except those who are within five years of retirement, must compulsorily pass the TET within two years from the date of the judgment, in order to continue in service or become eligible for promotions.

In a representation submitted to the Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) Nara Lokesh, the association's State president E.G.S. Ganapathi Rao and State general secretary K. Prakash Rao said that several states, along with APPTA and other teachers' associations, had already filed review petitions in the Supreme Court requesting exemption for teachers who are currently in service. However, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had not yet filed any such petition.

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## INBRIEF



## Education must be a tool for transformation: APSCHE chief

Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) Chairman Kotha Madhu Murthy observed that the graduates should let their education be more than a means to earn, and let it be a tool for service, leadership, and transformation. Delivering a keynote address at SRM AP-University's fifth convocation ceremony organised here at Amaravati in Guntur district on Tuesday, Mr. Madhu Murthy emphasised that with Andhra Pradesh becoming a key player driving India's AI transformation, a highly skilled workforce is pivotal to lead the country's tech future and encouraged all graduates to undertake proactive roles to attain technological self-reliance by 2047. The university conferred the degrees to 1,877 graduates and 39 doctoral scholars.

## 'Every minute counts when it is a stroke'

**The Hindu Bureau**
GUNTUR

Indian Stroke Association (ISA) president Dr. P. Vijaya emphasised that every minute counted when it came to brain stroke, and that immediate recognition and hospital care could save both life and livelihood, on the occasion of World Stroke Day 2025, here on Tuesday.

Observed globally on October 29 by the World Stroke Organisation (WSO), the day highlights one of the most critical medical emergencies, the brain stroke (paralysis), which affects nearly 18 lakh Indians every year, with more than half either succumbing to the disease or living with long-term disability. Alarmingly, 20 to 30% of patients are below 50 years of age, the ISA president observed.

A stroke, often called a "brain attack", occurs when blood flow to part of the brain is blocked or a vessel ruptures, Dr. Vijaya said on Tuesday. She said that, ten modifiable risk factors, led by hypertension, air pollution, smoking, and high cholesterol account for over 80% of strokes worldwide.

### Text & Context and Science

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| RISE | 12:25 | SET | 23:50 |
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| RISE | 06:04 | SET | 17:38 |
| RISE | 13:08 | SET | 00:00 |
| **FRIDAY, OCT. 31** | | | |
| RISE | 06:05 | SET | 17:38 |
| RISE | 13:49 | SET | 00:45 |

| Vijayawada Weather | max | min |
|---|---|---|
| Machilipatnam | 26 | 25 |
| Guntur Town | 27 | 24 |
| Vijayawada City | 29 | 25 |

**Vijayawada City Today**
**28°C** The weather will be comfortable. Spell of light rain and thundershower with strong winds may occur.

**Vijayawada City Tomorrow**
**30°C** Morning will be pleasant. Day wil be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Mostly dry weather to prevail.

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Director Excise & Prohibition invites **"Request for Proposal (RFP)"** for the manufacturer and supplier of Paper-based Excise Adhesive Labels (EALs) and for the Service Provider towards Track and Trace system. The complete RFP document available in e-procurement portal: **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in/**. The details are available in RFP document. Bid Closing Date & Time: **17.11.2025, 5:00 PM. Contact numbers:** Officer on Special Duty (Distilleries), O/o the CPE: **9550709991**. Assistant Secretary (Labels) O/o the CPE: **9951854189.**
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The interested parties can download tender from the Bank's website **https://bank.sbi/web/sbi-in-the-news/procurement-news**. The completed applications in sealed cover should be submitted at **"Regional Manager, State Bank of India, Regional Business Office-I, Suryarappeta, Vijayawada -520022" from 08-11-2025 by 3.00 PM.**
**Date: 29-10-2025** **Sd/- Regional Manager**

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BWSSB invites tenders in Two Stage Tender System from eligible Contractors for the following Works.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Works | Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount |
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| **Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-East), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.** | | |
| **IFT No.:BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/982/2025-26** | | **Date: 28-10-2025** |
| 1 | Work of Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 90 MLD STP at Bellandur for the Period of 5 Years. | **Rs. 1471.34 Lakhs** / **Rs. 15.00 Lakhs** |
| **IFT No.:BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/980/2025-26** | | **Date: 28-10-2025** |
| 2 | Work of Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 15 MLD STP at Yelemallappachetty, 5 MLD ISPS at Sadaramangala and Maintenance of Pumping Line of 450 mm Dia DI Pipeline from Sadaramangala ISPS for 3.5 kms for the Period of 5 Years. | **Rs. 1246.04 Lakhs** / **Rs. 15.00 Lakhs** |

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**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable & Movable Assets Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 6(2) 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 of branches mentioned below of the Canara Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **15.11.2025**, for recovery of **amounts mentioned below** due to the **ARM Branch, Vijayawada of Canara Bank** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). Description of the immovable properties with no encumbrances to the knowledge of the bank.

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**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 amount through RTGS/ NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 15.11.2025 at 12.00 Noon**

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(Doct.No.1652/2003). **Bounded by: As per Deed. 3.** All that piece and parcel of agricultural land in Old Survey No.211 as per present Revenue Records an extent of Ac.0.37 cents in R.S.No.21-4 and Ac.0.34 cents in R.S.No.211-5 as per Revenue Records or Ac.0.77 cents as per measurements and old document, equivalent 0.312 hectares delineated and shared in red colour in plan annexed herewith and situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra pradesh. (Doct.No.1653/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 4.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.0.50 cents equivalent 0.202 hectares out of full extent of Ac.0.50 cents, delineated and shaded in red colour in plan annexed herewith, and comprised in R.S.No.209-2(A) situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doct. No.1654/2003) **Bounded by: As per Deed. 5.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent as per revenue records of Ac.0.02 cents, as per measurements 2174 square links out of Ac.0.02 cents in R.S.No.209-2 (c) an extent of as per Revenue records of Ac.0.02 cents as per measurements 2174 square links out of Ac.0.02 cents in R.S.No.209-2(D) total extent of Ac.0.07 cents equivalent 0.028 hectares or 339 square ,283.44 square meters of vacant site, delineated and shaded in red colour in plan annexed herewith, situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra pradesh. (Doct.No.1655/2003). **Boundaries: As per Deed. 6a.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.0.24 cents out of full extent Ac.0.58 cents in R.S.NO: 209/1 situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra pradesh. (Doct.No.1656/2003). **Boundaries: As per Deed. 6b.** All that piece and parcel of land of Ac.0.35 cents out of Ac.2.26 cents in R.S.No.208-1 situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doct. No.1656/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 7.** All that piece and parcel of vacant site of an extent of Ac.0.19 cents, 0.076 hectares or 920 square yards or 769.23 square meters out of full extent Ac.0.19 cents in R.S.No.203-9 delineated and shaded in red colour in plan annexed herewith, situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra pradesh (Doct. No.1657/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 8a.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.1.13 cents out of full extent Ac.2.26 cents in R.S.No.208-1, at lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doct.No.1659/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 8b.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of full extent of Ac.0.34 cents in R.S.No.208-3, at lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doct.No.1659/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 8c.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of full extent of Ac.0.41 cents in R.S.No.208-5 at lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doct. No.1659/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 8d.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.0.40 cents of full extent of Ac.7.05 cents in R.S.No.216 at lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh(Doct.No.1659/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 9.** All that piece and parcel of land of full extent of Ac.0.40 cents in R.S.No.208-4 is equivalent 0.162 hectares delineated and shaded in red colour in plan annexed herewith, situated Lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh (Doc. No.1660/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 10.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.0.90 cents equivalent 0.365 hectares, delineated and red colour in plan annexed herewith and comprised in R.S.No.209-3(D) situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra pradesh. (Doc. No.1678/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 11.** All that piece and parcel of land of full extent of Ac.0.76 cents equivalent 0.307 hectares delineated and red colour in plan annexed herewith and comprised in R.S.No.209-3(A) situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doc. No.1679/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 12.** All that piece and parcel of land of extent of Ac.0.78 cents out of full extent of Ac.2.26 cents in RS No.208-1, an extent of Ac.0.24 cents out of full extent of Ac.2.43 cents in R.S.No.208-2 and full extent of Ac.0.26 cents as per revenue records. Ac.0.28 cent as per measurements in R.S.No.209-3 (c) total extent of Ac.1.28 cents as per revenue records, Ac.1.30 cents as per measurements is equivalent 0.527 hectares, delineated and red colour in plan annexed herewith and situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doc. No. 1680/2003) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 13.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.1.00 cents as per Revenue Records equivalent 0.405 hectares out of full extent of Ac.2-43 cents and comprised in R.S.No.208-2 situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doc. No.134/2004) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 14.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.0.45 cents out of full extent Ac.1.62 cents in R.S.No: 210-3 equivalent to 0.182 hectares situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra pradesh. (Doc. No.311/2004) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 15.** All that piece and parcel of land of extent of Ac.0.25 cents equivalent 0.101 hectares out of Ac.2.50 cents in Full extent of Ac.7.05 cents, in R.S.No.216 situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra pradesh. (Doc. No.678/2004) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 16.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.0.99 cents as per Revenue Records or Ac.1.00 cents as per measurements equivalent 0.405 hectares out of full extent of Ac.1.98 comprised in R.S.No.209-3 revised cents new as R.S.No.209-3(B) situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doc. No.845/2004) **Boundaries: As per Deed. 17.** All that piece and parcel of land of an extent of Ac.0.99 cents as per Revenue Records or Ac.1.00 cents as per measurements equivalent 0.405 hectares out of full extent of Ac.1.98 cents and comprised in Old Survey No.209-3 revised as new R.S.No.209-3(B) situated at Lankapalli, Ghantasala Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Doc. No.846/2004) **Boundaries: As per Deed.**<br>***Note:*** Total extent of land: Ac.13.83 cents covered by above sale deeds situated in Sy. Nos 203/9; 208/1,2,3,4,5; 209/1,2A, 2B, 2C, 2D,3A, 3B,3D;210/3;311/3,4,5 AND 216 of Lankapalli Village, Ghantasala Mandal, Challapalli Sub registry, Krishna district, Andhara Pradesh and in that land anengineering college was constructed with name and style of Sri Sunflower College of Engineering & Technology with Door No. 5 51/2 (14 nos College buildings with small structures such as Temple, Guest house, 2 Generator Sheds, Water plant and Shed, Open shed) **Boundaries of the land : As per Deed.**<br>**Property No.2:** Lab Equipments, Computers and Furnitures & Fixtures situated at R.S.No.203/9, 208/1,2,3,4,5, 209/1,2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3D, 210/3, 211/3, 4, 5, & 216, "Sri Sunflower College of Engineering & Technology, at Corner of lankapalli- Majeru, Polimeru Donka &Machilipatnam Road, Lankapalli village & Gram Panchayat, Ghantasala Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh-521131. |
| **Reserve Price (in Rs.) : Rs.1767.00 Lakhs** | **EMD (10% of Reserve Price) : Rs.176.70 Lakhs** |

**Date & Time of Inspection of the Property : 13.11.2025 at 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.**
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**Date : 22-10-2025, Place: Vijayawada** **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

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## STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

(₹ in Crores)

| Sl. No. | Particulars | Standalone | | | Consolidated | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quarter ended | Half-Year ended | Quarter ended | Quarter ended | Half-Year ended | Quarter ended |
| | | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2024 |
| | | (Unaudited) | | | (Unaudited) | | |
| 1 | Total Revenue from Operations | 1,338.37 | 2,688.54 | 1,288.84 | 1,521.02 | 3,054.41 | 1,486.04 |
| 2 | Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional item) | 186.92 | 372.60 | 175.70 | 201.80 | 400.93 | 193.20 |
| 3 | Net Profit for the period (before tax) | 186.92 | 372.60 | 175.70 | 201.80 | 400.93 | 193.20 |
| 4 | Net Profit for the period (after tax) | 140.27 | 278.62 | 130.64 | 152.75 | 300.69 | 143.84 |
| 5 | Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] | 151.99 | 291.86 | 139.06 | 175.41 | 330.68 | 162.24 |
| 6 | Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Re 1 each fully paid up) | 21.01 | 21.01 | 21.01 | 21.01 | 21.01 | 21.01 |
| 7 | Earnings Per Share (EPS) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (Face value of Re 1/- each) (not annualised) (in Rs.) | | | | | | |
| | (a) Basic | 6.68 | 13.26 | 6.22 | 7.18 | 14.24 | 6.78 |
| | (b) Diluted | 6.68 | 13.26 | 6.22 | 7.18 | 14.24 | 6.78 |

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone and consolidated financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and on the Company's website www.sundram.com. The full financial results can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided below.

2 The statutory auditors have carried out a limited review for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025 and have issued an unmodified review report thereon.

For Sundram Fasteners Limited

Suresh Krishna
Chairman

Place: Chennai
Date : October 28, 2025

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1. **Self Biometric Aadhaar Authentication** through the mobile app of your Oil Marketing Company (IOCL/BPCL/HPCL, as applicable). (Please scan the QR Code to download the mobile app of the OMC and UIDAI's Aadhaar Face RD app). *Alternatively, Visit :* **https://www.pmuy.gov.in/e-kyc.html**
2. **Through your LPG delivery personnel** or by contacting your LPG Distributor to complete Biometric Aadhaar Authentication (eKYC).

PMUY beneficiaries, including those who have previously completed Biometric Aadhaar authentication, must complete it **once in each financial year** if they wish to avail **Targeted DBT subsidy (₹ 300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder) on the 8th and 9th refills of 14.2 kg cylinders (or proportionate 21st refill onwards in case of 5 kg cylinders).**

- Targeted DBT subsidy is applicable only up to 9 refills in a financial year (₹ 300 per 14.2 kg cylinder or proportionate for 5 kg cylinders)
- Targeted DBT subsidy for the **8th and 9th refills** will be kept in **abeyance** and released only if biometric authentication is completed before 31st March of that financial year.
- If biometric authentication is not completed by **31st March,** the withheld subsidy for those refills taken during the year will **lapse permanently.**
- Supply and delivery of LPG refills will **not be disrupted in any manner for want of biometric authentication;** beneficiaries can continue to book refills seamlessly up to the prescribed annual capping limit.
- Targeted subsidy of ₹ 300/cylinder is applicable for upto 9 refills of 14.2 Kg (and proportionately for 5 kg cylinders)
- PMUY Beneficiaries who have already completed biometric Aadhaar authentication once in a financial year need not repeat it again in that year.

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### EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

(₹ in crore)

| Sl. No. | Particulars | STANDALONE | | | | | | CONSOLIDATED | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | SIX MONTHS ENDED | | YEAR ENDED | QUARTER ENDED | | | SIX MONTHS ENDED | | YEAR ENDED |
| | | 30.09.2025 | 30.06.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 31.03.2025 | 30.09.2025 | 30.06.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 31.03.2025 |
| | | Audited | Audited | Audited | Audited | Audited | Audited | Audited | Unaudited | Audited | Audited | Audited | Audited |
| 1. | **Total income from operations** | **20069.09** | **18692.61** | **14447.53** | **38761.70** | **34812.81** | **71093.43** | 20039.86 | 18692.74 | 14429.11 | 38732.60 | 34794.56 | 71075.19 |
| 2. | **Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)** | **994.29** | **(80.10)** | **(857.37)** | **914.19** | **(387.73)** | **208.10** | **981.93** | **(63.58)** | **(861.57)** | **918.53** | **(377.45)** | **248.66** |
| 3. | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 994.29 | (80.10) | (857.37) | 914.19 | (387.73) | 208.10 | 981.93 | (63.58) | (861.57) | 918.53 | (377.45) | 248.66 |
| 4. | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 731.55 | (56.62) | (629.49) | 674.93 | (286.89) | 173.53 | 719.19 | (40.10) | (633.69) | 679.27 | (276.61) | 214.09 |
| 5. | **Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]** | **739.67** | **(49.99)** | **(635.38)** | **689.68** | **(294.45)** | **164.55** | **727.31** | **(33.47)** | **(639.58)** | **694.02** | **(284.17)** | **204.74** |
| 6. | Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - ₹ 10 each) | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 | 148.91 |
| 7. | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) | | | | 8154.77 | 4748.18 | 7539.55 | | | | 8427.26 | 4932.58 | 7807.70 |
| 8. | Securities Premium Account | | | | 250.04 | 250.04 | 250.04 | | | | 250.04 | 250.04 | 250.04 |
| 9. | Networth | | | | 8553.72 | 5147.13 | 7938.50 | | | | 8826.21 | 5331.53 | 8206.65 |
| 10. | Paid up Debt Captial / Outstanding Debt (Bonds / Debentures) excluding Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares | | | | - | 810.00 | 810.00 | | | | - | 810.00 | 810.00 |
| 11. | Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares (2025: Nil {2024:50,00,00,000} Non-Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of ₹ 10 each) (Not listed) | | | | - | 500.00 | 500.00 | | | | - | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 12. | Debt Equity Ratio | | | | 0.22 | 0.81 | 0.39 | | | | 0.22 | 0.79 | 0.38 |
| 13. | Earnings Per Share (of ₹. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (i) Basic (₹ / share) | 49.13 | (3.80) | (42.27) | 45.32 | (19.27) | 11.65 | 48.30 | (2.69) | (42.56) | 45.62 | (18.58) | 14.38 |
| | (ii) Diluted (₹ / share) | 49.13 | (3.80) | (42.27) | 45.32 | (19.27) | 11.65 | 48.30 | (2.69) | (42.56) | 45.62 | (18.58) | 14.38 |

**Note:**

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The same is also available on the company's website www.cpcl.co.in

2 For the other items of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to stock exchanges (BSE and NSE) and can be accessed on www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Rohit Kumar Agrawala
Director (Finance)
DIN: 10048961

Place : Chennai
Date : October 27, 2025

**RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED**

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Balia, Balasore

***"e" - Procurement Notice for Road Work***

**Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 40 for 2025-26**

Letter No: - 3784 Date: - 23.10.2025

1. Name of the Work : (MMSY-CMRL)
2. Total No. of Work : 33 Nos. of work.
3. Estimated Cost : As per annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contactor : As per annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure
6. Other Details :-

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From | Availability of Tender On-line for bidding To | Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification | Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore: Technical Bid | Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore: Financial Bid |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore. | NCB No.-40 of 2025-26 | 30.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. | 15.11.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M. | 14.11.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M. | 17.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. | Will be intimated later |

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Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.

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| 252613 005200 | BCTMP Hardwood 80 - High Yield Pulp for Unit - I. | 10.11.2025 |
| 252613 005266 | Procurement of Filler Grade Precipitated Calcium Carbonate (In Jumbo Bags) for Unit - I. | 04.11.2025 |
| 252623 003017 | Procurement of Cooking Aid for Continuous Digester for Pulp Mill of TNPL Unit - II. | 14.11.2025 |

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KSNDMC invites tenders for the following through e-procurement portal on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tenders are invited for Supply, Installation and Comprehensive Annual maintenance for five years of Telemetric Rain gauge stations in 1530 locations in Karnataka. Tender No. KSNDMC/2025-26/IND0002. Last date for submission: **28.11.2025,** pre bid meeting: **10.11.2025 at 11.00AM at KSNDMC.** Further the tender document details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of GoK.

**Sd/- Director**



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was the steadfast heart of her family
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and nurtured all in love and prayer.

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W/o (Late) Sri NUTHALAPATI RAJA MANOHARAM Garu

# Chief Minister stresses gathering of real-time ground reports on impact of Cyclone Montha

Wind and rainfall intensity should be forecast in advance for timely response, says Naidu, adding that speed and efficiency must be ensured in relief and rehabilitation measures in cyclone-hit areas

**G.V.R. Subba Rao**
VIJAYAWADA


Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu chairing a review meeting on Cyclone Montha, at the Secretariat in Amaravati on Tuesday.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday instructed officials to take all necessary preventive and precautionary measures as Cyclone Montha began its landfall along the Andhra Pradesh coast.

Reviewing the situation from the RTGS Command Centre on Tuesday, Mr. Naidu stressed the need for round-the-clock monitoring and utmost vigilance in all vulnerable districts.

The officials must ensure that the mistakes committed during the previous cyclones must not be repeated, he said.

Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan, Ministers Nara Lokesh, V. Anitha, P. Narayana, Anagani Satya Prasad, Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, and senior officials from various departments participated in the review meeting.

The Chief Minister directed that NDRF and SDRF teams be deployed in and around Kakinada, where the cyclone is likely to make landfall. Wind and rainfall intensity should be forecast in advance for a timely response.

He emphasised the need for preparedness with emergency machinery, communication systems, and field-level coordination.

Mr. Naidu instructed the officials to alert residents in low-lying areas, obtain real-time ground reports through village and ward secretariats, and ensure immediate evacuation where necessary.

He said the government must ensure speed and efficiency in relief and rehabilitation.

He directed the officials to keep sufficient fodder ready for livestock and to deploy drones to identify flood-hit areas, uprooted trees, and damaged power lines for prompt restoration.

Mr. Pawan Kalyan directed the officials to ensure that fallen trees, electric poles, and road damage do not obstruct village connectivity.

Minister Nara Lokesh briefed the Chief Minister that all district Collectors, SPs, and field officers were actively coordinating on the ground to manage the situation.

Officials briefed the Chief Minister that the cyclone is moving closer to land and is expected to make landfall south of Kakinada around midnight. Heavy rains accompanied by strong winds have already begun lashing Kakinada, Machilipatnam, Visakhapatnam, and other coastal regions.

Officials informed that heavy rainfall was recorded across Visakhapatnam, Konaseema, Srikakulam, Anakapalli, West Godavari, and Nellore districts in the past 24 hours. Alerts about heavy rain warnings were sent to 1.92 crore people through mobile messages.

As a precautionary measure, 2,703 generators have been deployed and essential commodities stocked at the village secretariats.

**Wireless network**

The Police Department also established a wireless network with 81 towers to maintain uninterrupted communication during emergencies. Earthmovers and other heavy machinery are being tracked through an app to monitor field operations.

Mr. Naidu asked the Agriculture Department to update the mobile app, allowing farmers to directly

# Preliminary estimates put loss to power infrastructure at ₹2,200 crore

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA


Of the 267 11KV feeders affected statewide, 254 have already been restored, according to power utilities.

Cyclone Montha has caused extensive damage to Andhra Pradesh's power infrastructure, crippling transmission and distribution networks across several districts.

According to the three power distribution companies in the State–APEPDCL, APCPDCL, and APSPDCL–the total estimated loss to the power sector would be around ₹2,200 crore, with large-scale damage done to power substations, transformers, poles, and power lines.

As per preliminary estimates, the APEPDCL reported losses of around ₹1,000 crore, while it is about ₹500 crore for APCPDCL, and nearly ₹700 crore for APSPDCL.

The officials said that restoration work was progressing rapidly, despite heavy rains and flooding in several coastal areas. With teams working round the clock and power being restored in a phased manner, the authorities hope that supply to all urban centres and essential installations would be normalised within the next 24 hours.

As per the data, a total of 15,401 11KV feeders, 3,596 33KV substations, and more than 19 lakh service connections were affected. The eastern districts under APEPDCL bore the brunt of the cyclone, while severe damage was later reported in parts of the coastal and Rayalaseema regions under APCPDCL and APSPDCL.

Srikakulam, Anakapalli, East Godavari, and Konaseema circles of the APEPDCL recorded heavy infrastructure losses, including broken poles and snapped conductors.

The Central region, comprising Krishna, Guntur, and Prakasam districts, also reported major feeder and line disruptions.

The southern region under APSPDCL, covering Nellore, Tirupati, Kadapa, and Annamayya districts, suffered significant damage to distribution transformers and low-tension networks.

The utilities reported that of the 267 11KV feeders affected statewide, 254 have already been restored, while work is in full swing to bring the remaining 13 feeders back on track. Similarly, 26 damaged 33KV substations have been rectified.

Around 11,761 engineers, linemen, and contract workers have been deployed across the State to restore power supply, supported by over a thousand contractor batches and special maintenance teams.

Officials said that emergency materials including poles, conductors, DTRs, and cables have been mobilised from district stores and private centres located between Srikakulam and Narasaraopet.

More than 50,000 poles and several kilometres of AAAC and XLPE conductors are being diverted to the most affected districts to expedite repairs.

For information related to power outages due to the cyclone, the public has been urged to contact the toll-free number 1912 or local control room numbers.

## INBRIEF



### 401 relief centres readied along Kakinada coast

As many as 401 relief camps have been readied for the people being evacuated along the Kakinada coast as Cyclone Montha is likely to make landfall by Tuesday night. "In total, 35, 115 people have been shifted to 76 relief camps. The number of people to be evacuated is expected to rise as 67 villages, five towns and Kakinada city have been identified as the cyclone-affected area," Kakinada District Collector S. Shan Mohan said in a relesas. Nearly 1600 school buses are deployed for the evacuation of the people. Those living in the thatched houses are being evacuated to prevent loss of life, said Kakinada MP Tangella Uday Srinivas. Meanwhile, 49,000 tonnes of paddy and eight tonnes of jaggery are made available for the relief operation.

### Cyclone Montha: IMD outlines naming rules

The name of the current severe cyclonic storm Montha has been suggested by Thailand, one of the 13 member countries of the Regional Special Meteorological Centre (RSMC) managed by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in New Delhi. In Thai, Montha means fragrant flower or beautiful flower, and it is part of the revised naming list approved in 2020 by the IMD-RSMC. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has six such RSMCs. The IMD managed RSMC is responsible for naming cyclones in the northern Indian Ocean region that consists of Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. The IMD-RSMC's 13 member countries include India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh among others, according to Cyclone Warning Centre-Visakhapatnam senior meteorologist S.V.J. Kumar. Mr. Kumar further said naming the cyclone helps in avoiding confusion when multiple cyclones are active over Bay of Bengal or the Arabian Sea, and ensures quick, clear and consistent communication. "Names should not be political, religious, cultural and gender-related and should not insult or offend any community across the world," he said while adding that a cyclone name once used should not be repeated. The naming is based on a rotation of the sequential list of names. The next name of the cyclone after Montha will be Senyar, as provided by the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

# Train and flight services disrupted by cyclonic storm

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A deserted platform at the Visakhapatnam railway station as many train services were cancelled on Tuesday. V. RAJU

A total of 20 trains, 10 originating in Visakhapatnam and 11 operating from various divisions of South Central Railway (SCR) in Andhra Pradesh and one from Bhubaneswar, passing through Visakhapatnam, have been cancelled due to heavy rains and gales under the impact of Cyclone Montha on Tuesday.

The trains cancelled are 12727 Visakhapatnam-Hyderabad Godavari Express, 22203 Visakhapatnam- Secunderabad Duranto Express, 20811Visakhapatnam-Nanded Express, 12739 Visakhapatnam -Secunderabad Garib Rath Express, 20805 Visakhapatnam-New Delhi AP superfast express, 17220 Visakhapatnam - Machilipatnam Express, 18519 Visakhapatnam LTT (Mumbai) Express, 17244 Rayagada- Guntur Express, 11020 Bhubaneswar- CST Mumbai Konark express, 12861 Visakhapatnam - Mahabubnagar Express.

Train no. 18515 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul night express on Oct 28 and 18516 Kirandul - Visakhapatnam Night Express on October 29 have been cancelled.

Train no. 12703 Howrah-Secunderabad Falaknuma Express, leaving Howrah on October 28, will run in a diverted route via Vizianagaram, Titlagarh, Lakholi, Raipur, Nagpur and Ballharshah.

Meanwhile, South Central Railway (SCR) has announced the cancellation of 11 trains, including four trains scheduled to operate from their originating station on October 29.

The four trains cancelled on October 29 are 17248 Dharmavaram - Narsapur, 17256 Lingampalli - Narsapur, Lingampalli - Kakinada Town and Dharmavaram - Machilipatnam. The remaining trains cancelled on Oct 28 are: 17210 Kakinada Town - SMVT Bengaluru, 07060 Anakapalle - Secunderabad, 17247 Narsapur - Dharmavaram, 17255 Narsapur - Lingampalli, 12737 Kakinada Town - Lingampalli, 12755 Kakinada Town - Lingampalli and 17215 Machilipatnam - Dharmavaram, according to a statement issued by SCR PRO Nusrat M. Mandrupkar.

Eleven other long-distance trains have been rescheduled.

**Flights cancelled**

Meanwhile, 32 flights from Visakhapatnam airport were cancelled on Thusday. The Vijayawada-Vizag-Vijayawada IndiGo flight has been cancelled on Wednesday. The other flights from Visakhapatnam to various destinations are expected to operate normally on Wednesday, said airport Director N. Purushottam.

The Gannavaram airport near Vijayawada has also cancelled 16 flights, while the Tirupati airport saw four cancellation on Tuesday, according to sources.

Meanwhile, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has directed the railway officials to take all precautionary measures and mobilise all resources to deal with exigencies.

# Agony of losing homes to the giant waves

**T. Appala Naidu**
UPPADA


Houses battered by tidal waves under the impact of Cyclone Montha at Sooradapeta in Kakinada district on Tuesday. K.R. DEEPAK

Bondhi Trimurthulu and his wife Kondamma left their house facing the sea at Uppada village in Kakinada district with a heavy heart. The Cyclone Montha took away their deram house they built with their sweat and blood.

The high tide triggered by Cyclone Montha ate away half of their house before the sunrise on Tuesday.

Their neighbour, Jami Pydamma, abandoned her house last monsoon.On Tuesday, Ms. Pydamma rushed to her house only to see it being engulfed by the giant waves.

In Uppada panchayat, which was once abandoned by the handloom weavers, a majority of the fisherfolk families had a history of losing a house to the sea over the last two decades, owing to copastal erosion. "Every boulder of our house, now swallowed by the sea, carried a piece of memory. Two decades ago, we bought the house. We raised our two daughters there. Our family is now living in a rented house. We cannot return to our house as it is destined to be eaten away by the sea anytime," says Ms. Pydamma, who ekes out her livelihood by selling fish.

On Tuesday, a row of houses was swept away by the waves, leaving their occupants helpless in front of nature's fury. The Uppada panchayat's population is 14,680 (2011 Census) with 4,987 families as per the panchayat authorities.

Since the release of Uppena (cyclone), a Telugu movie that was shot along the Uppada coast, nearly 250 houses have been washed away by the sea. Those houses were once part of the habitations of Jaggampeta, Sooradapeta, Mayapatnam, Kothapeta, Pallipeta, Subbampeta and Ameenabad.

"We cannot go far from the sea as we depend on it for our livelihood. Many of our fellow fisherfolk who lost their houses are living in rented houses," said Trimurthulu, who owns a traditional boat.

According to the State Department of Survey, the Uppada coast had lost 1,360 acres of land since 2020 at the rate of 1.23 m per year.

The Uppada village had lost 126.58 acres while Subbampeta lost 129.48 acres to the sea erosion since 1980s as claimed by a study (2012) by A.P. State Remote Sensing Agency and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (Kakinada).

In 2010, a 1,463-meter-long geotextile tube was set up along the Uppada coast to prevent coastal erosion. However, it could not withstand the waves by 2015.

Recently, the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), Chennai, has proposed a seawall along the Uppada coast at a cost of ₹323 crore.

Upon a request by Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan, the NCCR experts have completed their technical investigation.

In a meeting with the fisherfolk of Uppada coast in October, Mr. Pawan sought 100 days to convince the Centre for the grant of ₹323 crore for the seawall project.

# Standing crops in over 43,000 ha inundated

**G.V.R. Subba Rao**
VIJAYAWADA

Cyclone Montha has inflicted extensive damage on agriculture across Andhra Pradesh, with the preliminary assessment by the Agriculture Department revealing that over 43,000 hectares of crops have been submerged, affecting nearly 83,000 farmers across 292 mandals and 1,712 villages.

Preliminary estimates paint a grim picture of widespread crop damage in the coastal and adjoining districts.

According to the department's data, paddy and cotton are the worst hit, together accounting for more than 80% of the total damaged area.

Paddy fields in 31,267 hectares were inundated, while cotton crops over 15,680 hectares suffered extensive damage due to continuous rainfall and flooding.

Among the districts, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema reported the highest crop damage with 10,099 hectares being submerged, followed by Prakasam (8,299 ha), Y.S.R. Kadapa (3,767 ha), East Godavari (3,195 ha), and Bapatla (2,928 ha).

Other coastal districts including West Godavari, Kakinada, and Eluru also registered significant crop damage. The data indicate that low-lying areas and paddy-growing belts along the coast are the worst hit due to incessant rainfall and flooding triggered by the cyclone.

In addition to paddy and cotton, maize over 4,393 hectares and blackgram in 3,004 hectares were damaged, while bajra, redgram, and soybean suffered partial losses. The report noted that 53 hectares of nurseries were affected in several regions, compounding the impact on farmers' livelihoods.



Fire service personnel clearing branches after trees got uprooted in gales, in Konaseema district on Tuesday.

## 145 NDRF, SDRF teams deployed in 14 districts

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) 10th Battalion and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel began evacuating people from the coastal habitations in view of Cyclone Montha.

The NDRF and the SDRF, in association with the Fire Services and Police were alerting the people living along the coast and in the fishermen villages in West Godavari, Krishna, Eluru and other districts.

"We have deployed 145 teams in 14 districts. Thirty teams are positioned in Kakinada, 20 in Konaseema, 15 in Anakapalli and ten teams each have been deployed in East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna and NTR districts," said AP State Disaster Response and Fire Services incharge Director General P. Venkata Ramana.

"Seven persons were rescued from heavy rains and the teams were equipped with 1,200 life jackets and other rescue material," Mr. Venkata Ramana said on Tuesday.

NDRF 10th Battalion Commandant V.V.N. Prasanna Kumar said that teams were positioned in Nellore, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Konaseema, East Godavari and other districts. "Teams headed by Deputy Commandants Zafrul Aslam, Sukhendu Datta, Dil Baag Singh and were taking up rescue operations in the cyclone-hit areas," he said.

# Incessant rain wreaks havoc in Nellore, Prakasam districts

People from both districts, especially daily wage labourers, face severe problems; two electric poles, a transformer, and a palm tree falls down at 14th division in Balaji Nagar in Nellore

**The Hindu Bureau**
NELLORE



Vehicles wading through waterlogged roads, in Ongole on Tuesday. KOMMURI SRINIVAS

With the impact of Cyclone Montha, incessant rains were witnessed in SPSR Nellore and Prakasam districts from Monday midnight. People from both these districts, particularly the daily wage labourers, faced severe problems due to the downpour.

Ongole Municipal Corporation (OMC) Commissioner K. Venkateswara Rao informed that a blocked drainage near railway-under-bridge (ROB) area was cleared by removing the grill at Balaji Nagar in Ongole. He said that the drain works were being done at NTR Colony to avoid inundation.

The continuous rains in the catchment areas and steady inflows from upstream led to rising water levels in Penna river and Somasila reservoir in Nellore district. The reservoir's present level is 67 tmcft, while the full storage capacity is 77 tmcft.

The drains and canals were also overflowing in Nellore city, while few trees and electric poles fell down on the roads causing traffic jams. TDP leader Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy, along with the municipal staff, inspected the canal desilting works at 19th division of Nellore Rural constituency.

Two electric poles, a transformer, and a palm tree fell down at 14th division in Balaji Nagar. On receiving the information, the local corporator Kartham Prathap Reddy reached the area and inspected the scene. He directed the concerned municipal authorities to resolve the issues.

Nellore Municipal Corporation (NMC) Commissioner Y.O. Nandan is touring extensively in the city. He said that 14 cyclone rehabilitation centres were set up in the NMC limits.

Due to Cyclone Montha, the highest rainfall is being recorded in coastal mandals of SPSR Nellore and Prakasam districts. Kavali and Jaladanki mandals in Nellore, and 13 mandals in Prakasam district have received about 100 mm of rainfall by Tuesday evening.

**Shifted to shelters**

Meanwhile, a seventh-grade student was washed away in a stream on Monday. The boy was identified as Konanki Teja (12), son of K. Jayaramiah from Ramanaidupalli village in Marripadu mandal of Nellore district. About 65 rehabilitation centres have been set up in Prakasam district. Around 2,900 people have been shifted to these centres, sources said.



A damaged Keelapattu bridge at Nagari municipality in Chittoor district, following the impact of Cyclone Montha, on Tuesday.

## Heavy water logging reported in eastern mandals of Chittoor

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHITTOOR

Normal life was hit in the eastern mandals of Nagari, Vijayapuram, and Nindra in Chittoor district under the influence of Cyclone Montha on Tuesday, leading to waterlogging in several villages and streams overflowing.

The region witnessed moderate rainfall of over 20 mm by Tuesday evening, submerging roads and inundating low-lying areas in the Nagari division. Approach roads were inundated, while heavy runoff from the Nagari hills entered agricultural fields, causing concern among farmers due to freshly sown Rabi crops.

At Keelapattu bridge in Nagari, floodwater was seen overflowing the retaining walls, prompting the police and Irrigation officials to erect barricades and divert traffic. Six relief teams were deployed to maintain round-the-clock vigil, expecting a fresh spell of rain overnight. Over 50 irrigation tanks across the three mandals received heavy inflows, while the officials released excess water into nearby streams.

**Annamayya battered**

Meanwhile, heavy rains battered large parts of Annamayya district on Tuesday, triggering flash floods, swelling rivers, and damaging road networks in the eastern mandals. Rajampeta bore the brunt, recording 210 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours.

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TDP MLCs Alapati Rajendra Prasad and Bhoomireddy Ramgopal Reddy, along with former MLC A.S. Ramakrishna, submitting a representation to HRD Minister Nara Lokesh at the Secretariat on Tuesday, seeking exemption for in-service teachers from TET.

## State to file review petition in SC on TET order, says Lokesh

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

Minister for Human Resource Development Nara Lokesh on Tuesday announced that the State government will file a review petition in the Supreme Court challenging its recent verdict on the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET).

According to a press release, the Minister made the announcement in response to a plea from a delegation of TDP MLCs Alapati Rajendra Prasad, Bhoomireddy Ramgopal Reddy, and former MLC A.S. Ramakrishna, who met him at the Secretariat and conveyed the deep concern and distress among in-service teachers over the apex court's order making TET qualification mandatory. The MLCs urged the Minister to have the government file a review petition on behalf of teachers, particularly those appointed through DSC before October 23, 2010, who are already in service and facing anxiety over the new requirement.

Following the Supreme Court's order, the State government had issued instructions that all Secondary Grade Teachers (SGTs) and School Assistants who are in service and not yet qualified in TET – and have more than five years left for retirement as on September 1, 2025 – must compulsorily clear TET to continue in service. A TET notification was subsequently issued on October 24, 2025.

The delegation explained that the directive has caused serious concern among teachers who have already put in 20-25 years of service, as those failing to qualify in TET would be rendered ineligible to continue as teachers. They also noted that even those with less than five years of service remaining would need TET qualification to be eligible for promotion.

Responding to their representation, Mr. Lokesh assured them that while the government would go ahead with conducting TET in compliance with the Supreme Court's orders, it would simultaneously file a review petition reflecting the concerns and aspirations of the teaching community.

He further assured that all necessary steps would be taken to safeguard teachers' interests and ensure that their service conditions are protected.

# District reorganisation must reflect public aspirations, says Naidu

The Chief Minister directs officials and Ministers to resolve issues that arose from the previous government's unscientific district formation and to ensure that no new complications occur

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu emphasised that the reorganisation of districts in Andhra Pradesh must ensure administrative convenience and fulfill the aspirations of the people.

Chairing a review meeting with the Cabinet Sub-Committee on district reorganisation at the Secretariat on Tuesday, the Chief Minister directed officials and Ministers to resolve issues that arose from the previous government's unscientific district formation and to ensure that no new complications arise.

The Chief Minister noted that a seven-member Cabinet Sub-Committee had been constituted on July 22 to review the matter. The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Ministers Anagani Satyaprasad, Narayana, Nadendla Manohar, Satyakumar, Anitha, Nimmala Rama Naidu, and B.C. Janardhan Reddy. The Ministers informed the Chief Minister that a preliminary report had been prepared after consulting District Collectors, local public representatives, and the general public.



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan discussing a point after a meeting on reorganisation of districts, at the Secretariat on Tuesday.

Mr. Naidu criticised the previous government's unplanned decisions, stating that they had caused regional disparities and ignored public opinion. The reorganisation should take into account future delimitation of Assembly constituencies and that revenue divisions should be restructured accordingly. The officials have to study the situation of submerged villages after the completion of the Polavaram project to determine their appropriate inclusion in revenue divisions and constituencies, he said.

Highlighting the long-pending demand for the creation of Markapur district, the Chief Minister said it would be considered as part of the reorganisation process.

Mr. Naidu stated that the Cabinet Sub-Committee would meet again within a week to continue discussions on the proposals based on inputs and observations received during this review.

## Cotton procurement centres open today

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA

Agriculture Minister K. Atchannaidu has directed officials to commence cotton procurement across the State from Wednesday through the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI).

The Minister issued instructions to immediately operationalise 30 procurement centres to ensure that farmers do not suffer losses due to the cyclone's impact and fluctuating market conditions. Mr. Atchannaidu stated that cotton was cultivated over 4.56 lakh hectares in the State during the 2025-26 season, with an estimated yield of nearly 8 lakh metric tonnes.

**MSP price**

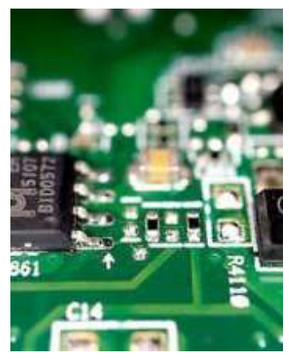
The government would ensure that farmers receive the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of ₹8,110 per quintal as fixed by the Centre. The Minister advised farmers to follow the prescribed procedures for selling their produce.

Farmers must first register their details through Village Agriculture Assistants (VAAs) using the CM App at Rythu Seva Kendras. Subsequently, they should book slots through the "Kapas Kisan" app with the assistance of VAAs and sell cotton only through CCI-approved procurement centres (via ginning mills) that meet quality standards.

Mr. Atchannaidu instructed district agriculture and marketing officials to guide field-level staff and ensure full cooperation to farmers during the procurement process. The sAgriculture Minister emphasised that strict monitoring should be maintained to complete cotton purchases smoothly and transparently across all centres.

# Centre sanctions capital support for ₹765 crore PCB project in State

**The Hindu Bureau**
VIJAYAWADA



IT Minister Nara Lokesh thanks the Union government for extending support to the project . REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has welcomed the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MeitY) approval of capital support under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) for Syrma SGS's multi-layer printed circuit board (PCB) manufacturing project at Naidupeta in Tirupati district.

The sanction marks a major milestone in advancing India's largest PCB facility and strengthening the country's electronic components ecosystem.

In a press release on Tuesday, Minister for Information Technology Nara Lokesh expressed gratitude to the Centre, saying that on behalf of the State government, heartfelt thanks were extended to the Union government and MeitY for swiftly sanctioning capital support to Syrma under the ECMS.

"This timely approval, combined with the State's policy framework, gives Syrma a world-class launchpad in Naidupeta to build India's largest PCB and copper clad laminate (CCL) ecosystem, deepen domestic value addition, and create high-quality jobs," he said.

Andhra Pradesh, he added, is committed to partnering closely with the Centre and industry to make India a global hub for advanced electronic components.

With the Central subsidy now cleared, Syrma SGS's ₹765-crore ECMS-backed project moves into execution, complementing the ₹856-crore incentive package earlier approved by the State government. The facility will manufacture multi-layer and HDI/flex PCBs and integrate upstream materials such as CCLs, catering to high-growth sectors like automotive, renewable energy, telecom, and defence.

In September, the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet sanctioned a comprehensive support package that includes 12.56 acres of land at a 75% subsidised cost in the Naidupeta industrial area – strategically located near Chennai's electronics hub to leverage logistics and supplier networks.

The initiative falls under the State's Electronics Components Manufacturing Policy (4.0) 2025-30, which offers capital subsidies, power support, and tax-linked incentives to attract large-scale investments. Andhra Pradesh is extending early-bird capital subsidies, matching ECMS disbursements, electricity duty exemption, tax reimbursements, and recruitment assistance to ensure accelerated commissioning.

The project is expected to position Andhra Pradesh as a leading destination for high-value electronics manufacturing and significantly advance the Make in India mission in the strategic components sector, the release added.

## INBRIEF

### Governor, Pawan invited for Sai Baba centenary fete

The Managing Trustee of the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, R.J. Rathnakar, along with Trustee I.S.N. Prasad, extended a cordial invitation to Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer for the forthcoming birth centenary celebrations of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The trustees also called on Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan, who holds the portfolios of Panchayati Raj, Rural Development and Rural Water Supply, and Environment, Forest, Science & Technology, and invited him to the celebrations. The meetings were marked by warmth and goodwill, with fruitful discussions on the schedule of events, ongoing preparations, and various initiatives planned to commemorate the momentous occasion. Both the Governor and the Deputy Chief Minister appreciated the Trust's dedicated efforts in upholding Bhagawan's humanitarian and spiritual mission and graciously accepted the invitation, according to a press release.



### BJP leader congratulates CM on Google investment

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national committee member S. Vishnuvardhan Reddy called on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at the Secretariat in Amaravati on Tuesday. During the meeting, Mr. Vishnuvardhan Reddy congratulated the Chief Minister for securing one of the largest foreign IT investments in the country, with Google set to establish major operations in Visakhapatnam.

## TTD to provide 10-day Vaikunta Dwara Darshan

**The Hindu Bureau**
TIRUMALA



Over 7.5 lakh devotees had darshan during the previous Vaikuntha Ekadasi. FILE PHOTO

Ending weeks of speculation, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Tuesday announced that the Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan of Lord Venkateswara will be held for 10 days from December 30.

Briefing the media after a marathon meeting of the Board of Trustees, TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu said that any move to reduce the darshan period would hurt the religious sentiments of devotees and deprive lakhs of them of the opportunity to have the Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan. Over 7.5 lakh devotees availed themselves of the facility during the previous Vaikuntha Ekadasi. The announcement assumes significance amid reports that the TTD was considering curtailing the event to just two days in the wake of the stampede-like incident during the last Vaikuntha Ekadasi in January, which claimed six lives and left over 40 devotees injured.

YSRCP leader and former TTD Chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy had on Monday strongly criticised the proposed move to shorten the darshan period, stating that the 10-day format had been approved during his party's rule after consultations with over 28 Peetadhipatis. TTD Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal informed that a special committee would be constituted to finalise the modalities for ticket distribution–whether through online mode or counters in Tirupati. The committee will submit its recommendations within two weeks. Other key resolutions included approving the construction of a Lord Venkateswara temple in Chennai at a cost of ₹14 crore, to be funded through donations, and sanctioning Brahmotsavam bahumanams to employees. The Board also cleared several pilgrim-centric development works at Kanipakam, Ontimitta, Kadapa and Karimnagar temples, besides recommending an Anti-Corruption Bureau inquiry into alleged irregularities in the procurement of Melchat Vastrams.

## 'Rising sea surface temperatures leading to more cyclones'

**Sumit Bhattacharjee**
VISAKHAPATNAM

Since 2010, Andhra Pradesh has borne the brunt of at least 10 major tropical cyclones, some of them categorised as severe and very severe cyclonic storms. Not only Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Odisha also were also affected by these storms.

In all these storms, meteorologists have identified a common element–the high intensity of the storms and the trails of destruction they left after landfall –and they blame the rapid rise in sea surface temperature (SST) over the last few decades for this. According to Prof. S.S.V.S. Ramakrishna, former Head of Department of Oceanography and Meteorology, Andhra University, the Bay of Bengal has recorded a consistent rise in the SST. Sea temperatures have regularly exceeded the 20°C to 30°C mark, creating an ideal environment for the formation of tropical cyclones. "As the water gets warmer, latent heat energy increases, increasing the possibility of cyclones. In the last 50 years, studies conducted by IITM Pune have indicated that the SST in Bay of Bengal has gone up by 0.5°C to 1 °C," he said. Prof. O.S.R.U. Bhanu Kumar, former HoD, from the same department, attributed the changing factor to global warming and climate change.The warming of the atmosphere increases the capacity of the air to hold moisture, which leads to heavier rainfall during cyclones and intensified wind speeds. That is why we have seen cyclones, where the winds varied from 110 kmph to 200 kmph, he said.

Both experts cautioned that deforestation and degradation of coastal ecosystems , have reduced the natural buffers, amplifying the damage by cyclones.

### Cyclones to hit A.P. in the last 15 years

In the recent times, positive Indian Ocean Dipole and La Niña have contributed to more favourable conditions for cyclonic formations over the Bay of Bengal, says expert



People running away as high tidal waves lash the shore at Uppada village in Kakinada district on Tuesday. K.R. DEEPAK

| Name | Category | Date | Landfall | Wind speed | Death toll |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phailin | Extremely Severe | Oct 8 to 14, 2013 | Gopalpur, Odisha | 260 kmph | 45 |
| Helen | Severe Cyclonic | Nov 20–23, 2013 | Machili-patnam, AP | 130 kmph | Nil |
| Hudhud | Very Severe | Oct 7–14, 2014 | Visakha-patnam, AP | 150-180 kmph | 124 |
| Titli | Very Severe | Oct 8–13 2018 | Near Palasa, AP | 195 kmph | 89 |
| Michaung | Severe | Dec 1 To 6, 2023 | Near Bapatla, AP | 120 kmph | 17 |

## Minister inspects cyclone-hit areas

**The Hindu Bureau**
NUZVID

Minister for Housing, Information and Public Relations Kolusu Parthasarathy on Tuesday visited cyclone-affected areas in Eluru district to assess the situation following heavy rains triggered by Cyclone Montha.

Accompanied by district and local officials, the Minister inspected Nekkalam Gollagudem and Agiripalli villages in Agiripalli mandal, where several irrigation tanks were reportedly breached due to incessant rainfall. Mr. Parthasarathy reviewed the extent of damage and interacted with officials and residents to understand the challenges on the ground. He directed officials to take immediate measures to prevent further damage and to launch relief and restoration works on a war footing.

# Tata firm opens facility to make Safran engine parts

New aero engine rotative components manufacturing facility has been set up in Telangana with an investment of ₹425 crore and is expected to generate employment for about 500 people

**The Hindu Bureau**
HYDERABAD

Tata Advanced Systems in collaboration with globally leading commercial and military aircraft engine manufacturer Safran Aircraft Engines has established a facility in Adibatla, Hyderabad, to produce complex rotating parts for the CFM LEAP engine, including cutting-edge machining and special processes under one roof.

After IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu participated in the inauguration function organised in the city on Tuesday, his office said the new aero engine rotative components manufacturing facility has been set up with an investment of ₹425 crore. It is expected to generate employment for about 500 people.

The facility will manufacture Bearing Housings and Low-Pressure Turbine Shafts – critical components for LEAP engines used by Airbus and Boeing, the office said.



IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu at the inauguration of the Safran Aircraft Engines facility in Adibatla, Hyderabad.

**Aero engine capital**

Mr. Sridhar Babu said the State government has set a target to make Telangana the 'Aero-engine capital of India' by 2030, backed by a comprehensive roadmap to attract global and domestic aerospace investments.

Telangana is determined to position itself as a global hub for aerospace, defence and space technologies. "Hyderabad is no longer just the City of Pearls – we are reshaping it as the city of propulsion, precision and progress," he said.

"If you wish to build the future of flight – build it in Telangana,' he said, encouraging investments across engines, components, MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul), aircraft conversions, space technologies, drones, digital systems and AI-driven manufacturing.

"Rotative aeroengine components represent the pinnacle of aerospace technology and this world-class facility reflects our commitment to building advanced manufacturing capabilities in India and our proven ability to industrialise complex global aerospace programmes, Tata Advanced Systems CEO and MD Sukaran Singh said.

Safran Aircraft Engines Senior V-P Purchasing Dominique Dupuy said, "beyond its state-of-the-art infrastructure, this plant lies at the very heart of Safran Aircraft Engines' supply chain strategy [of] manufacturing closer to our markets, strengthening supply chain resilience, and delivering to customers the highest standards of quality, safety, performance and sustainability."

# Two senior Maoist leaders surrender

**The Hindu Bureau**
HYDERABAD

Two senior leaders of the banned CPI (Maoist) – central committee member (CCM) Pulluri Prasad Rao alias Shankaranna alias Chandranna and Telangana State committee member (SCM) Bandi Prakash alias Prabhath – surrendered before Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) B. Shivadhar Reddy in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

Both leaders, who spent over four decades underground, decided to renounce violence and rejoin mainstream society following Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's recent appeal to Maoists to lay down arms and participate in the State's development. Chandranna, 64, carrying a reward of ₹25 lakh, had been part of the Maoist movement for 45 years and served as a CCM guiding the Telangana State committee. Once considered one of the senior-most ideologues of the CPI (Maoist), he cited ill-health, chronic knee ailments, ideological rifts and sustained pressure from security forces as reasons for leaving the organisation.

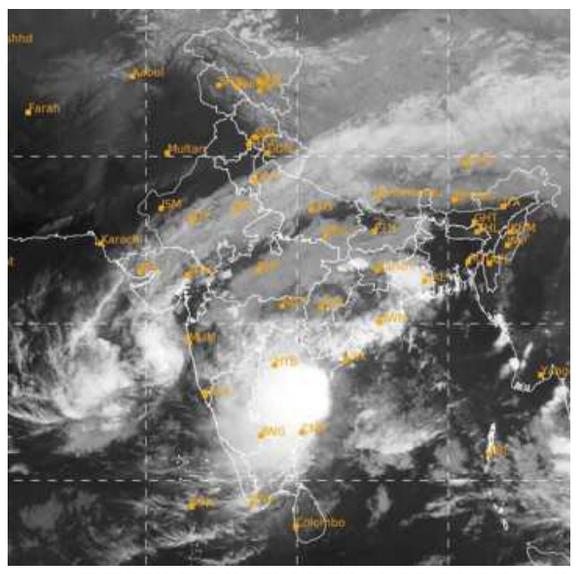
Prabhath, 55, who carrying a reward of ₹20 lakh, was a SCM in charge of the party's press team and the Singareni Coal Belt Committee. He had spent over 40 years in the underground network. He too attributed his surrender to deteriorating health, disillusionment within the organisation and desire to prioritise family.

As part of the government's rehabilitation programme, Chandranna, who carried a reward of ₹25 lakh, and Prabhath, who carried ₹20 lakh, were handed over demand drafts for the respective amounts. Both will also receive further benefits under Telangana's reintegration policy for surrendered extremists.

The DGP described the surrender as a 'moral victory' for the State's policy against the CPI (Maoist), noting that 427 underground cadres, including two central committee members, eight State committee members, two divisional committee secretaries, eight divisional committee members and 35 area committee members, have surrendered in 2025 alone.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

**Forecast for Wednesday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Gujarat, Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Kerala and Mahe

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | — | 34.5 | 24.2 | Kozhikode | 23 | 29.0 | 24.0 |
| Ahmedabad | 6 | 26.3 | 21.4 | Kurnool | 19 | 25.0 | 23.6 |
| Aizawl | — | 31.7 | 19.3 | Lucknow | 3 | 25.4 | 19.9 |
| Allahabad | — | 29.6 | 21.5 | Madurai | 0.4 | 33.5 | 24.1 |
| Bengaluru | — | 24.3 | 19.9 | Mangaluru | 2 | 29.5 | 23.1 |
| Bhopal | — | 25.4 | 20.4 | Mumbai | 2 | 32.8 | 24.7 |
| Bhubaneswar | 18 | 28.7 | 24.0 | Mysuru | — | 28.6 | 21.0 |
| Chandigarh | — | 32.5 | 16.6 | New Delhi | — | 26.4 | 20.0 |
| Chennai | 8.8 | 24.6 | 22.9 | Patna | — | 31.7 | 26.2 |
| Coimbatore | 1 | 28.8 | 22.3 | Port Blair | 1 | 29.5 | 25.0 |
| Dehradun | — | 28.3 | 16.2 | Puducherry | 4.8 | 32.0 | 24.6 |
| Gangtok | — | 15.7 | 14.4 | Pune | 95 | 31.1 | 22.5 |
| Goa | 25 | 30.8 | 22.6 | Raipur | — | 29.2 | 24.1 |
| Guwahati | — | 31.5 | 22.6 | Ranchi | — | 29.3 | 20.6 |
| Hubballi | — | 24.0 | 21.0 | Shillong | — | 23.8 | 13.8 |
| Hyderabad | 5 | 28.4 | 22.2 | Shimla | † | 22.8 | 12.3 |
| Imphal | — | 30.9 | 23.1 | Srinagar | — | 23.4 | 4.0 |
| Jaipur | 7 | 21.8 | 18.4 | Thiruvananthapuram | 10 | 30.0 | 23.4 |
| Kochi | 27 | 30.6 | 22.6 | Tiruchi | — | 31.1 | 25.4 |
| Kohima | — | 28.2 | 17.9 | Vijayawada | 8 | 28.8 | 24.6 |
| Kolkata | — | 34.2 | 25.8 | Visakhapatnam | 191 | 29.1 | 24.5 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | .11 | ..16 | 54 | ..... 11 | ....24 | |
| Bengaluru | .10 | ..30 | 44 | ..... 68 | ....86 | |
| Chennai | .15 | ..14 | 37 | ..... 34 | ....61 | |
| Delhi | .27 | ..47 | 48 | ... 346 | ...276 | |
| Hyderabad | .15 | ..17 | 41 | ..... 77 | ....90 | |
| Kolkata | ...7 | ..17 | 46 | ... 116 | ...102 | |
| Lucknow | ...7 | ..57 | 75 | ... 129 | ...137 | |
| Mumbai | ..— | ..26 | 25 | ... 141 | ...107 | |
| Pune | ..— | ..37 | 43 | ..... 36 | ....61 | |
| Visakhapatnam | ...7 | ....8 | 10 | ..... 24 | ....36 | |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bahadurgarh, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 347 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

**Air Quality Code:** Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, 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

# Karnataka HC stays GO restricting use of public properties

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

While staying the Karnataka government's recent order that restricted the use of public properties, including roads, parks, playgrounds, etc., without prior permission for a gathering of 10 or more persons, the High Court on Tuesday said the restriction "*prima facie* is violative of Article 13(2) of the Constitution of India".

The government order was interpreted by some as an attempt to curb the activities of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), as the Cabinet approved the G.O. a few days after Karnataka's Minister Priyank Kharge wrote a letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seeking a ban on activities of organisations such as the RSS on public properties.

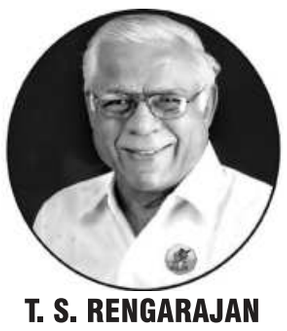
Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order and stayed all consequential orders, notifications or circular, if any, issued by the government.

The court pointed out that this Government Order (GO) has sprung when the regulation of assembly of people is governed under the Karnataka Police (KP) Act, which regulates the conduct, behaviour and action of persons constituting assembly and processions in public place, etc.

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| Description | Date & Time |
|---|---|
| Pre-Tender Consultation Meeting through Off line and Online **Venue: CMRL, 12th floor, Meeting Hall: Marutham, Nandanam, Chennai- 600035** | **03.11.2025 at 11.00 Hrs** |

Pre-Tender Consultation Meeting link will be shared in MTC and CUMTA official website. For visit MTC websites **www.mtcbus.tn.gov.in** and CUMTA website **www.cumta.tn.gov.in.**

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The details can be downloaded from **29.10.2025 at 11.00 AM** onwards at ap e procurement market place in **www.apeprocurement.gov.in**

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| Sl. No. | Description | Qnty (Nos) | Date of publishing Tender | Last date of submission | Platform of tender publication |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bulk Milk Coolers 3 KL | 22 | 30-10-2025 | 20-11-2025 | www.assamtenders.gov.in |
| 2 | Bulk Milk Coolers 5 KL | 21 | 30-10-2025 | 20-11-2025 | www.assamtenders.gov.in |
| 3 | Bulk Milk Coolers 10 KL | 02 | 30-10-2025 | 20-11-2025 | www.assamtenders.gov.in |

If any corrigendum is issued, it will be published on www.assamtenders.gov.in on or before the last date and time of submission of bid. No separate notification for publication of corrigendum or extension of last date of bid submission will be made through Newspaper advertisement.

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Letter No. 4748 / Date : 15.10.2025 //

1. Name of the Work : Road Work in the District of Mayurbhanj for the year 25-26
2. Total No. of Work : 34 Nos (Thirty Four)
3. Estimated Cost : Rs.197.13 Lakhs & Rs.1420.77 Lakhs (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From | Availability of Tender On-line for bidding To | Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification | Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W.Circle,Baripada. Technical Bid | Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W.Circle,Baripada. Financial Bid |
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| Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada. | Road On-line N.C.B. No. 394 | Dt.30.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. | Dt.18.11.2025 up to 5.00 P.M. | Dt.17.11.2025 up to 5.00 P.M. | Dt.19.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. | Will be intimated later |

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**CHANGE OF NAME**
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**DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 15.11.2025 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: 15.11.2025 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 (baanknet) 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 15.11.2025 at 12.00 Noon.**

| Borrower/Guarantors & Branch Details (All Accounts Transferred to ARM, Vijayawada Branch) | DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES | Reserve Price (in Rs.) | EMD (10% of Reserve Price) |
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| **ARM Branch, Vijayawada** **M/s Lakshmi Vinayaka Traders** **Prop: Mr. Sanam Koteswara Rao, S/o Ramana Rao** **Total Liability : Rs.4,87,24,740.50 Ps + interest + other expenses** | **As per regd. Relinquishment Deed dated 11-12-2003 vide Doc. No.11708/2003:** Guntur District, Guntur Sub-District, Guntur Municipal Corporation area, Town unsurveyed R.Agraharam D.No.27, Block No.9 Patta No.1053, Paimayishi No.80, and as per the survey of U.L.C Dno.27/2C, 2E Site to an extent of 1000 Sq.Yds or equals to 836.13 Sq.Mts. **Boundaries: As per Deed.** With in the above Site to an exetent of 1000 Sq. Yds or 836.13 Sq. Mts., | **Rs. 447.00 Lakhs** | **Rs. 44.70 Lakhs** |

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Date : 24-10-2025, Place: Vijayawada Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

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| **ARM Branch, Vijayawada** **Borrower:** **Sri Gogisetty Siva Naga Raju,** **Co-Borrower: Smt. Gogisetty Sirisha** **Total Liability : Rs.42,63,982/- + interest + other expenses** | **Schedule -A: Site:** Guntur District, Nallapadu Sub District, as per the GO vide GOMs No 279 dated 12.07.2012 Pothuru Panchayat was merged with New Municipal Corporation Area, Pothuru Village, D No 399/1C1, total extent of Ac 23.73 cents, of which having got right in an extent of Ac 0.88 cents, which was converted into plots, barring some site left for road an extent of 796 sq yds of site covering plot no 12 relating to a venture by name "Sri Sai Radha Madhava Brundavanam" Apartment is under construction being **Boundaries: as per Deed. Schedule -B: Flat:** An undivided, unspecified and indivisible share of site to an extent of 36 sq. yds or 30.09 sq mts of site along with a semi-finished flat bearing no. 304 situated in 2nd floor of said "Sri Sai Radha Madhava Brundavanam" to an extent of 1010 Sq.ft including common area with all joint easementary rights including car parking and two wheeler parking facility in stilt floor being **Boundaries: as per Deed.** | **Rs. 19.20 lakhs** | **Rs. 1.92 lakhs** |

**Date & Time of Inspection of the Property : 04.11.2025 at 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.**

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# Missed opportunity

## India could have made better use of the ASEAN Summit

Since 1995, when India became a dialogue partner of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and 2002, when it was upgraded to Summit level, the annual ASEAN summit has been an opportunity for India to reconnect with a region with historical linkages, and now increasing geopolitical importance. In addition to the ASEAN and ASEAN-India summits, the annual East Asia Summit (including the U.S., China, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, India and the ASEAN countries) is a chance for the Indian leadership to interact with the most powerful countries on Indo-Pacific issues. The rebirth of the Australia-India-Japan-U.S. 'Quad', for example, took place in 2017, after a decade-long hiatus, on the sidelines of the ASEAN summit. Underlining this importance in his virtual speech at the ASEAN-India summit in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the 21st century "the century of India and ASEAN", and committed to India's support to "ASEAN Unity, ASEAN Centrality, and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific". He also announced that 2026 would be the year of ASEAN-India maritime cooperation, with a focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster response, maritime security and the region's blue economy. The summit – External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar represented India – came at a time of increased geopolitical turbulence, including the economic turmoil unleashed by the U.S.'s tariff policy, China's constraints on crucial exports, and maritime tensions. At the East Asia Summit, Mr. Jaishankar called the times "complicated", taking aim at the U.S. for constraining energy trade with Russia and applying its principles "selectively", and China for supply chain reliability and market access issues. India and ASEAN also committed to finalising the review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) soon.

The strong statements and commitment to cooperation did not, however, sufficiently cover for Mr. Modi's absence from the Summit – he was absent in 2022 also. Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said Mr. Modi had expressed his inability to attend due to festivities in India, but the explanation was unconvincing as the ASEAN engagement had been planned months in advance. While some pointed to Mr. Modi's campaign schedule for the Bihar Assembly polls, others cited U.S. President Donald Trump's presence and India-U.S. trade deal tensions as a possible reason for his staying away. A few even suggested a lingering strain in the India-Malaysia relationship over Malaysia's diplomatic support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, and a visit by the Pakistani Prime Minister to Kuala Lumpur earlier this month. Mr. Modi may have had international, domestic or bilateral reasons, but the no-show was a missed opportunity, especially when other global players including the U.S. and China demonstrated their commitment to regional stability, by simply being there.

# Relief, rehabilitation

## India's east coast invariably bears the brunt of cyclones

Historically, October and November mark the period when the Bay of Bengal throws up devastating cyclones. Of the 12 such cyclones during the 18th Century CE-20th Century CE, nine were recorded in these months. They include the severe cyclone which made landfall near Nizampatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on November 19, 1977, and the super cyclone, which crossed the Odisha coast near Paradip on October 29, 1999. The human toll in both disasters was about 10,000 each, according to an India Meteorological Department (IMD) publication in 2021. Memories of such events get rekindled whenever a cyclonic storm develops in the Bay, an example being Cyclone Montha, which began to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm on October 27-28, 2025. Though not as strong as the ones in 1977 and 1999, this does not provide much comfort to the authorities in the three coastal States, including Odisha. Parts of north coastal Andhra Pradesh, especially Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli and Srikakulam districts, and also Ganjam and Gajapati of Odisha have received significant rainfall. In Andhra's Kakinada and Konaseema regions, nearly 10,000 people were evacuated. The Odisha government made arrangements for the evacuation of people from vulnerable places amid inclement weather in several southern districts where there was a "red alert". National Disaster Response Force teams were also deployed.

Over the years, the preparedness of the Union and State governments has improved to an extent where the prospect of thousands dying in cyclones has become a thing of the past, if the last 20-odd years are an indication. However, there is still damage to public and private properties, affecting the livelihood opportunities of the underprivileged sections in particular. Likewise, milch and draught animals and poultry are severely impacted. When Cyclone Gaja struck the Tamil Nadu coast near Vedaranayam in November 2018, Nagapattinam district and Thanjavur saw large-scale losses of cattle and poultry. Several coastal States have been taking measures, structural and non-structural, to mitigate the effect of cyclones. Notwithstanding improvements to their knowledge and skills, the authorities in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha will have to demonstrate in action all that they have learnt so far while undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures. The political leadership should not lag behind and must ensure that all affected people are safeguarded and treated in an impartial way.

# Rethinking immigration in the age of exclusion



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The arrival of Columbus in the New World marked the beginning of a long history of human migration, driven by the universal quest for survival, hope and dignity. Yet, in a grotesque inversion of history, contemporary politics in the United States, particularly under the Trump administration, has perversely transformed immigration into a toxic battleground of fear, exclusion and ideological warfare. By erasing this brutal history, successive governments in the United States have perpetuated a myth of exceptionalism, even as it denies the humanity of those seeking refuge on its shores.

As schoolchildren, many of us were asked to write an essay on the theme, "What if Columbus had not discovered America?" Understandably, the very framing of this question is steeped in colonial ideology that assumes that Columbus's landing was a historic necessity, a great leap for civilisation rather than what it actually was. Our answers, drawn from textbooks that valorised explorers and erased victims, inevitably celebrated Columbus's courage and navigational daring. We were taught to admire the predator, never to mourn the prey.

**The destruction of vibrant civilisations**

But what if Columbus had not landed in the Bahamas in 1492? What if the Arawaks, the generous, peace-loving people he first encountered, had been allowed to live in peace? What if the Americas had been allowed to evolve on their own terms, with their own cultures, languages, and knowledge systems flourishing unmolested? The Iroquois Confederacy, for instance, had developed a sophisticated democratic system that inspired elements of the U.S. Constitution, though that influence is often buried or denied. These were not "primitive" societies awaiting rescue. They were civilisations with libraries, roads and astronomy, all destroyed in the name of gold and god.

From the early waves of European colonisation in the Americas and Africa to the apartheid regimes of South Africa, migration has not merely been a matter of movement. It has also been a means of conquest, expansion and domination. Settler colonial projects thrived through the forceful displacement and systematic downgrading of native populations, manifesting in overt and subtle ways through systems of oppression that are deeply ingrained in societal structures that perpetuate racial disparity and injustice. The U.S., frequently celebrated as an ideal for the "tired, poor, huddled masses", was itself forged through the expurgation of native peoples and the abuse of enslaved labour. By denying entry to migrants, powerful nations conveniently obscure their own complicity in creating the conditions that drive people to flee.

> The future of immigration policy is linked to a willingness to confront the dark past and the brutal realities of the present

The intricate dynamics of historical memory and its distortion are starkly illustrated in the U.S.'s approach to immigration and counter-terrorism. Let us for a moment go back to the distressing example of "Geronimo", the code word said to have been used in the 2011 mission ("Operation Neptune Spear") to eliminate Osama bin Laden. By appropriating the name of the legendary Apache leader, Geronimo, the U.S. military inadvertently highlighted its historical amnesia. Geronimo was a complex figure, a warrior who resisted Mexican and U.S. military forces, seeking to preserve Apache sovereignty and way of life. Labelling him a terrorist overlooks the nuances of his struggle and reduces it to simplistic binaries.

But this is no isolated misstep, for it is symptomatic of a deeper sickness in the dominant historical narrative; a narrative that begins in 1492 with the mythic arrival of Christopher Columbus. This moment is still described in textbooks, museums and mindless school rhymes as the "discovery" of America. The truth, of course, is far more brutal. Columbus did not discover a new world. He invaded one, and that invasion set in motion one of the most ferocious chapters in human history. Columbus's arrival heralded not discovery, but genocide. The devastation was total.

**What mainstream historians miss**

Mainstream historians seldom dwell on the mass enslavement, the sexual violence or the cultural annihilation. To question Columbus's legacy is to invite accusations of being "anti-American" or "revisionist". But if revision means restoring truth to the record, then revisionism is a moral obligation. The problem is not that we remember too little; it is that we remember too selectively.

The Columbus myth, far from being a harmless fable, is the ideological blueprint for centuries of colonial expansion, white supremacy and racial capitalism. It legitimises the pillaging of the Americas, the enslavement of Africans, and the later interventions of American imperialism under the guise of spreading "freedom". The mentality that justified the extermination of the Arawaks is the same that rationalises drone strikes today.

Fast-forward to the 21st century, and the brutal calculus of migration remains unchanged: flee war-torn Syria, economically ravaged Venezuela, or climate-ravaged sub-Saharan Africa, and you will be met with suspicion and hostility at the borders of the Global North. The Trump presidency has been a zenith of this xenophobic fervour, pathologising immigration as an existential threat to American identity. The border wall, family separations, and the Muslim ban are not just policy aberrations but ideological manifestos that codify cruelty and exclusion. These measures are not pragmatic responses to complex issues; they are declarations of war on the most vulnerable.

Moreover, the resurgence of exclusionary nationalism, a hallmark of Trump-era politics, has biased the discourse around belonging and citizenship. It designates the immigrant not as a fellow human in search of security but as an economic burden, a cultural contagion or a national security risk. What emerges, then, is a moral paradox of nations founded on violent migration and colonisation but now busy erecting moral and legal barriers to those seeking refuge.

If settler colonialism is justified under the banner of "civilising mission", why should today's migration be framed illegitimate? The glaring disparity between the revered pioneers of the past and the vilified migrants of today lays bare the insidious role of race, power and historical amnesia in shaping the immigration narrative.

**A fundamental aspiration**

Clearly, the future of immigration policy hinges on our willingness to confront the darkest chapters of our past and the brutal realities of our present. We need to excavate the buried subtexts of empire, capitalism and racial domination that continue to shape mobility, and forge a new path forward informed by historical reckoning and a commitment to human dignity. The right to seek safety, to move across borders, is not a privilege to be doled out to the few, but a fundamental human aspiration that must be recognised and protected.

To imagine, therefore, a world in which Columbus had not made landfall is not to indulge in idle fantasy, but to confront the brutal reality of a collective past. It is to consider the possibility of a world unshaped by genocide, a world where Indigenous peoples flourished on their own terms, where empires did not build their foundations on loot and plunder. The truth about history is not a matter of nicety, but a fundamental requirement for justice, accountability, and a future that does not replicate the wrongs of the past.

# A quip that stings but also inspires



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Many have now formed their opinions about the 2025 Nobel Economics Prize and how its focus signals to the world, the criticality of the economics of innovation and growth. However, what was also curious was the quip by the 2025 Laureate Joel Mokyr (one of the three winners) that 'economic historians don't win the prize'.

The discipline often undervalues the slow, evidentiary craft of archival work. Yet, when the world grows noisy, amid disruptions by Artificial Intelligence, inequality, fiscal overhangs and geopolitical shocks, policy debates turn to long-run narratives that economic historians assemble.

**Growth as social technology first**

Mokyr's central lesson, sharpened by the pedagogy of scholars such as Carnegie Mellon economic historian David Hounshell, is that modern growth is a social technology before it is a mechanical one. The achievement of the Industrial Enlightenment did not rest on a single genius or gadget; it relied on civic machinery that made useful knowledge travel – printers, coffee houses, learned societies, dissenting congregations and guilds that were sometimes cartels but often repositories of tacit know-how. Apprenticeships, shop-floor heuristics and rule-of-thumb engineering formed the codebase of progress. Where guilds faced contestable markets and porous cities, they incubated capability. Where they ossified, they throttled entry. In sum, Schumpeter's creative destruction works only when the social plumbing allows new ideas to displace entrenched privilege.

This is where the contributions of Mokyr's fellow Laureates, Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt, complement rather than contradict Mokyr's narrative. Their Schumpeterian growth framework provides dynamic microfoundations: innovation rents attract entrepreneurs; incumbents litigate and lobby; and policy can either harden moats or protect the process that makes churn productive. The engine misfires when experimentation is costly and entry blocked; it hums when institutions tilt toward contestability and diffusion. Mokyr shows how societies built a working engine. Aghion and Howitt show how to keep tuning it under pressure.

> Economics Laureate Joel Mokyr's line, that 'economic historians don't win Nobel Prizes', captures a professional unease

The quip about Nobels persists because the field sometimes treats history (in fact the economics Nobel itself was an afterthought) as an anecdote rather than a mechanism. Archival material can, however, illuminate incentives more vividly than elaborate regressions adorned with robustness checks and identification strategies. And as a literal claim, Mokyr's line is likely to be wrong. Other scholars have won the prize building on economic history. Douglass North and Robert Fogel were honoured for placing institutions and counterfactuals at the core of economics. Claudia Goldin received the prize for a sweeping historical account of women's labour markets. Simon Kuznets' national accounting was inseparable from historical measurement. Their work demonstrates that economic history is no sideshow. It is the lab where rules, culture and technology are tested as drivers (or brakes) on growth.

**What grips the world now**

Consider three current anxieties. First, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and jobs. Mokyr's work cautions that technology shocks rarely act as one-for-one job killers. They reprice competencies and reorganise tasks. The social question is transition management: who bears the cost of moving from old tasks to new ones? Here the Aghion-Howitt injunction to protect process rather than incumbents becomes policy-relevant fast. Portable benefits, credible skills bridges, interoperability and data portability in digital markets. All of these protect workers and entry, not the last generation of firms.

Second, high public debt. History also sobers exuberance and fatalism alike. The Dutch and British states that populate Mokyr's studies did not become credible borrowers through austerity alone. They built civic capacity – tax systems, representative institutions, enforceable contracts – that enabled a rollover of obligations and the financing of long projects. In an era of swollen balance sheets, that lesson is not antiquarian. Fiscal sustainability is institutional, not merely arithmetic.

Third, inequality. Guild history also clarifies how privilege often hides behind claims of quality control and safety. The counter is not iconoclasm but contestability. Lower the costs of entry and diffusion so insiders' rents are bid down by capability, not pedigree. In digital markets, this maps to pro-competitive procurement, open standards, and limits on self-preferencing. These are perhaps modern analogues of the coffee house and the cheap pamphlet.

Digitisation itself invites a reality check. Sussex economic historian Nick Crafts' revisions to the British Industrial Revolution show that general purpose technologies (steam, ICT, AI) appear late in macro data because they require complementary investments and firm reorganisation. Meanwhile, Jared Diamond's wider lens (geography, ecology, diffusion barriers) offers a further reminder – technology is embedded in landscapes and path dependencies. Together, the history bench is a vaccine against both euphoria and despair. It directs attention to institutions, complementarities, and time.

**As a documentation**

Why, then, does Mokyr's quip still feel true? Because prizes, like productivity statistics, are lagging indicators. The frontier of research may periodically swing toward identification strategies, but the problems that preoccupy the public (automation, debt, social mobility, geopolitical realignment) are historical in essence. They demand causal stories that unfold over decades, with actors who learn, bargain, and sometimes entrench. That is economic history's comparative advantage. It documents how societies learn to argue productively and build forums and rules where better ideas defeat old power.

The deeper point, therefore, is not about medals but about machinery. The question is whether societies are protecting the engine – the open, critical, experimental process that moves ideas from discovery to diffusion – or leaning toward merely the owners of the last engine.

History's answer is blunt: prosperity is the exception. It must be argued for, institutionally and incessantly.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Revision, phase two**

The Election Commission of India's move to go ahead with the second phase of the special intensive revision of voters lists, in 12 States and Union Territories, stems from a sense of infallibility that has begun to corrode democratic accountability (Front Page, October 28). Recent experiences in Bihar with the special intensive revision offer a sobering warning: politically-tinted deletions left thousands disenfranchised, while their constitutional voice was muted by clerical discretion. If this pattern spreads, the Election Commission risks presiding not over elections, but exclusions. Instead of pausing to review and restore confidence, the ECI seems to be intent on doubling down on its 'mission', shielding opacity with procedure and replacing transparency with hauteur.

For an institution that was once held up as a robust guardian of Indian democracy, this drift towards self-righteous bureaucracy is tragic. The right to vote is not a concession of the state. It is the citizen's last equaliser.

**M. Jameel Ahmed,**
Mysuru

**The stray dog issue**

We seem to be spending way too much on maintaining stray dogs in our communities. From vaccination against rabies, to tagging with microchips, to allocating budgets and segregating spaces for them to feed, these are moves that could grow bigger. The issue of dog bites is lost.

**S. Kamat,**
Mysuru

**Corrections & Clarifications**

Zubeen Garg passed away on September 19, 2025, and not September 13 (Opinion page – 'State of Play' – Assam, October 28, 2025).

In a report, "Dominant Norris wins Mexican GP, takes a one-point lead over Piastri" ('Sport' page, October 28, 2025), the Constructors' Championship standings should have said Ferrari has 356 points and Mercedes, 355 points.

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# Math is not a tool for cultural nationalism



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In August, the University Grants Commission (UGC) released the draft undergraduate curriculum for nine subjects, including mathematics, as part of the National Education Policy (NEP). The next month, 900 Indian mathematicians signed a petition calling for the UGC to withdraw the draft math curriculum.

**Concerns**

They argued that it is "riddled with grave defects" that could harm students' academic and career prospects. They raised concerns about the limited coverage of core subjects, the neglect of applied math, and the poorly conceived design of elective courses. They also voiced reservations about the promotion of a political agenda related to ancient Indian knowledge systems – the draft curriculum includes courses on *Kala Ganpana* (traditional Indian time calculation), *Bharatiya Bijganit* (Indian algebra), *Shulba Sutra* (maxims of fire-altar measurements), among others.

One of the key promoters of the NEP and of the draft curriculum is Manjul Bhargava, winner of the 2014 Fields Medal, and a Professor of Mathematics at Princeton University. He said at a talk in New Delhi on September 4, "It is not about trying to put down or belittle other cultures or civilisations and glorify your own. Every civilisation has made important contributions to math that we can be proud of. We must own ours and be proud of them. It acts as an inspiration to the current generation". He argued that proponents of "western math" often downplay the immense contributions of non-Western civilisations. In doing so, they leverage math – perceived as universal and objective – as a tool for culturally marginalising these foundational contributions.

Though this critique carries some element of truth, it raises a crucial question: are we not committing a parallel error by forcing math into a nationalist mould? To focus a singular "Indic" lineage in the teaching syllabus for the subject requires an equally problematic distortion of its universal character, selectively highlighting one cultural contribution while ignoring the indispensable role of others. This approach replicates the very colonial logic it seeks to oppose.

> The UGC's draft undergraduate math curriculum appears to be a top-down imposition of a nationalist ideology

While the social and historical context of math is undeniably cultural, the truth of its statements is universal. The proposition that 2 + 2 = 4 is not a "Western" truth; it is a mathematical truth, independent of the culture that discovers or uses it. In this light, the project of cultural nationalists in India, who seek to highlight mathematical contributions as belonging exclusively to a single civilisational lineage and as evidence of its cultural superiority, commits the same error as that of the Western colonialists they often accuse. Both attempts aim to monopolise math culturally, which undermines its status as an objective, universally accessible pursuit of truth.

Thus, many critics are wary that a nationalist or revivalist agenda could overshadow historical accuracy and academic rigour. The fear is that the narrative could become "India invented everything first," which is not only historically inaccurate but also counterproductive to the spirit of scientific inquiry. Politicians often provide fodder for this concern. For instance, a politician from the ruling party recently declared in a school that a Hindu deity was the first to travel to space; this is part of a continuing sequence of such pseudoscientific pronouncements.

**A collaborative effort**

The foundations of mathematical thought emerged from a transcontinental endeavour. It was shaped by transactions and exchanges among cultures such as the Babylonian, Egyptian, Indic, Chinese, Arabic, Persian, and Greek. In the remnants of buildings, water facilities, and aqueducts left by the Harappan settlers, which predate the composition of the Vedas, one can see engineering math in a visible form. To confine mathematical thoughts to a distinct "Vedic" category in a college-level syllabus is, therefore, ahistorical and pedagogically unsound. Early formulations naturally contained immature ideas and assumptions incompatible with scientific methods, reflecting an imperfect understanding of the world. While it is valuable to study this evolution from a sociological or theological perspective, any such teaching module must incorporate all major ancient schools of mathematical thought and emphasise their interactive nature; it should not be mixed up with a modern math syllabus.

Trained in conventional pedagogy and content, most math teachers lack the training in Indology required to teach ancient Indian math texts (such as those of Aryabhata and Brahmagupta) with an objective lens. Would they be capable of imparting training free of ideological bias to students? To expose students solely to one stream of historical math, with all its imperfections, as an instrument to establish cultural superiority is to do them a profound injustice. This approach obscures the bigger picture: that math is a universal human achievement, refined across centuries and continents through collaborative efforts. It is also unclear what measurable math skills students will gain from this study component that they wouldn't gain from a standard curriculum. Will it improve their problem-solving abilities, logical reasoning, and analytical skills, and make them globally competitive in a world that AI, machine learning, and data science will dominate?

The initiative appears to be a top-down imposition of a nationalist ideology on the education system. The debate is no longer just about what is taught, but about the purpose of education and the safeguarding of scientific reasoning as the cornerstone of a democracy.

# When healthcare becomes a business

## Andhra doesn't need more medical colleges, and not under the PPP model

STATE OF PLAY

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A political storm is brewing in Andhra Pradesh over the State government's decision to run 10 new government medical colleges under the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched a 'one crore signature campaign' to oppose the privatisation of medical colleges. The head of the State Congress, Y.S. Sharmila, has also spoken against it.

A PPP model in healthcare is not new. Protests are also underway in Maharashtra and Karnataka against a proposed PPP model for medical colleges. Critics feel such a model will dehumanise and desocialise medical education.

In Andhra Pradesh, amid opposition from public health experts and political leaders, the State government on September 9 issued a Government Order (GO) approving the establishment of four medical colleges – Adoni, Markapuram, Madanapalle, and Pulivendula – under the PPP model. These projects are to be awarded under an Annual Concession Fee model using a Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer framework. Six more medical colleges will be developed under the PPP model later.

All the 10 colleges were part of a set of 17 new medical colleges announced by Mr. Reddy in 2020, together pegged at ₹8,480 crore, to decentralise healthcare services and improve public access. But by the time of the 2024 Assembly elections, only five colleges had become functional. The




responsibility of completing the remaining fell on the shoulders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. Alleging that the previous YSRCP government spent only 18% of the total amount, the TDP-led NDA government, which is already cash-strapped, said the only way to give shape to these colleges is by developing them under a PPP model.

While governments may differ, the overwhelming consensus is that PPP is a gateway to privatisation. The Minister for Health, Family Welfare, and Medical Education, Satya Kumar Yadav, has clarified that the PPP model does not equate to privatisation, and that the land, seats, fee, and regulations will remain under government control under the PPP model. However, health activists have not bought into this argument.

According to official information from the Department, 50% of seats in these medical colleges, each offering 150 MBBS and 24 post graduation (PG) seats, will be under government control. Many believe that the fee for the other 50% of seats will skyrocket, making medical education inaccessible to many from the lower economic strata.

Amid the demand from Opposition parties and health activists for the withdrawal of the GO, it is pertinent to question whether the State, which has a total of 38 medical colleges, needs an additional 17. According to the National Medical Commission, 6,785 seats are offered in these colleges. In November 2024, in response to a question asked in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, J.P. Nadda, said Andhra Pradesh has 1,05,805 allopathic doctors. The State also has the fourth highest number of doctors, after Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.

Recently, doctors from primary health centres held Statewide protests demanding that the quota allotted for them in PG courses be increased. After completing PG, they come back to work in the government sector as specialists. The State government has not made a decision regarding this demand, citing a lack of vacancies in specialist positions. Adding new colleges will not introduce additional posts for them.

In hospitals attached to these medical colleges, 70% of the 625 beds will be brought under Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva, a scheme under which people receive free treatment in government and private network hospitals. The remaining 30% will be governed by market rates. The ongoing strike called by private network hospitals on October 10, due to pending dues from the State government, indicates how this may work out. About 85% of the people in the State are Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva cardholders. Most of them have to postpone their treatments or visit government hospitals due to the strike.

This year, the government allocated ₹19,264.63 crore for the health sector. Instead of spending crores of rupees on new medical colleges, it should instead focus on fulfilling its promise of allocating 2.5% of the Gross State Domestic Product for healthcare.

# India's metro network and ridership quadrupled in the last decade

## The country is now home to the world's third largest metro train network

DATA POINT

**The Hindu Data Team**

India's metro train networks have significantly developed in just over a decade. In 2014, India's metro network covered 248 km across five cities; by 2025, it covered more than 1,000 km across 23 cities. That makes India home to the world's third largest metro train network, behind only China and the U.S., according to the Press Information Bureau.

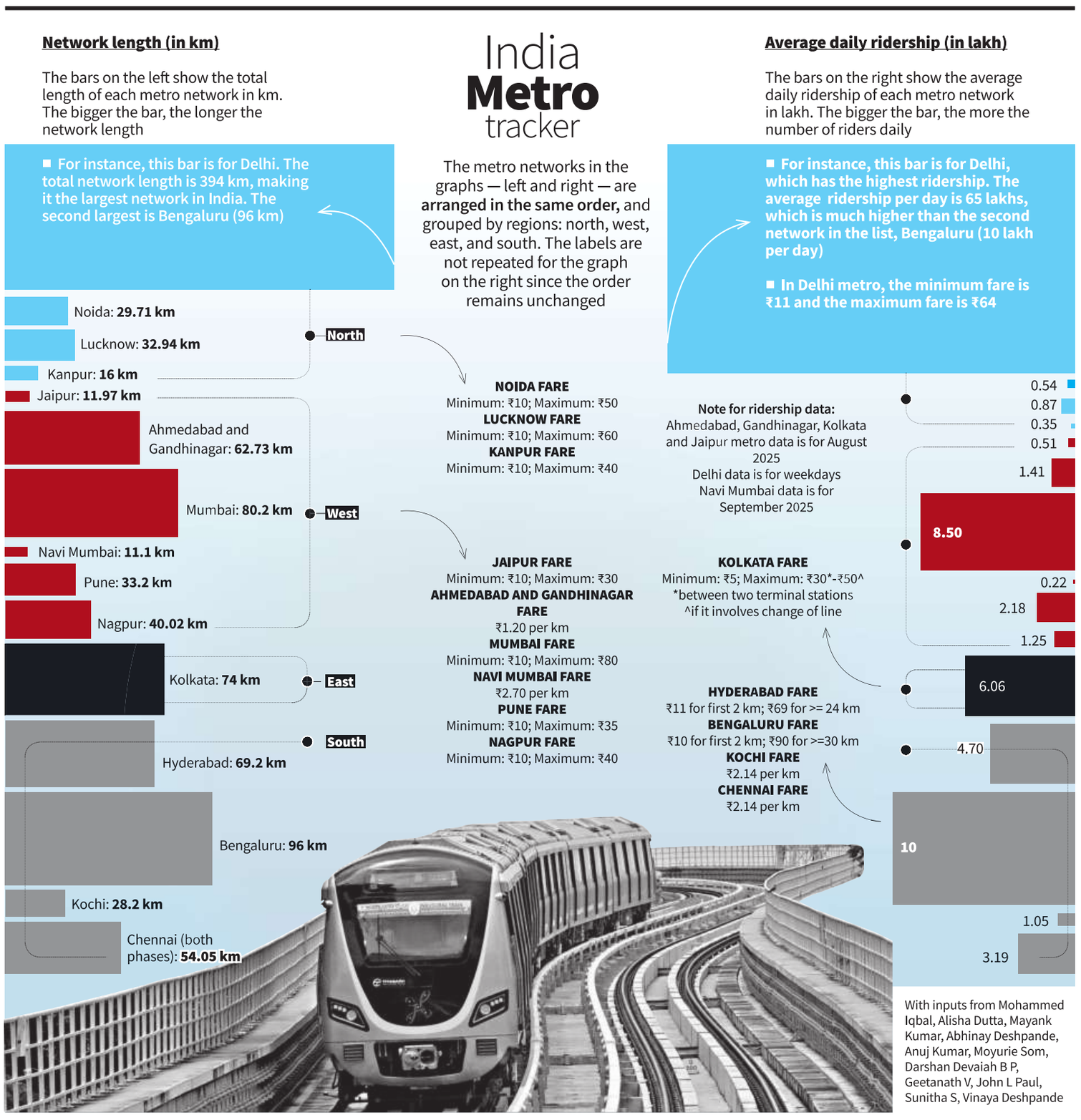
Delhi leads with a sprawling 394 km network, followed by Bengaluru (96 km), Mumbai (80.2 km), and Kolkata (74 km). Many of the newer, smaller networks, such as in Nagpur, Lucknow, and Pune, are also expanding at a brisk pace.

Consequently, the average daily ridership has quadrupled over the past decade, from 28 lakh in 2014 to 1.12 crore in 2025.

The Delhi metro alone carries about 65 lakh passengers each weekday, while Bengaluru handles around 10 lakh and Mumbai about 8.5 lakh daily. Kolkata, one of the oldest metro systems, carries more than 6 lakh passengers daily. In 2024, Kolkata launched India's first underwater metro tunnel.

Networks such as Pune (carrying 2.18 lakh passengers daily), Chennai (3.19 lakh), and Hyderabad (4.7 lakh) are seeing steady growth in patronage. Smaller metros such as Lucknow, Nagpur, and Jaipur record between 0.5 to 1.5 lakh commuters a day.

Fares vary widely, though the minimum base fare is generally ₹10 across most metro systems. Many metro systems also charge customers on a per km basis. For instance, in the Chennai metro, the base fare is ₹2.14 per km and in the Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar metros, it is ₹1.2 per km. For longer distances, most metros have a fare cap; for instance, the Bengaluru metro caps fares at ₹90 for journeys of 30 km or more.




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**FIFTY YEARS AGO** OCTOBER 29, 1975

## Indo-Pak. dialogue: Moves to bring about resumption

New Delhi, Oct. 29: A rather strange nonetheless beneficial combination of international influences is at work these days providing the necessary encouragement for an early resumption of the Indo-Pakistan dialogue to facilitate the process of normalisation in the sub-continent.

The External Affairs Minister, Mr. Y.B. Chavan, returned from his recent visit to Washington with the feeling that the United States which in the past pursued policies that tended to hinder and not help the settlement of Indo-Pakistani disputes is now taking a less partisan view of the situation in the subcontinent.

The Soviet Union, in turn, has been exerting some healthy pressures on Pakistan to shed some of its pet obsessions and strengthen its own bargaining position by grasping and not spurning India's hand of friendship which held out the promise of an honourable reconciliation. A reassuring feature of the present-day superpower rivalries in South Asia is the mutual recognition of the basic reality that without some degree of tranquillity in the sub-continent the Indian Ocean region will become a hotbed of tensions despite the detente in Europe.

Though the United States and the Soviet Union have not so far carried forward their new spirit of moderation to the point of developing a common interest in making a combined contribution through some joint initiative to speed up the process of normalisation in the sub-continent, there is no doubt now that the two super powers are becoming increasingly aware of the dangers of allowing a country like China to impede the process of Indo-Pakistan reconciliation.

**A HUNDRED YEARS AGO** OCTOBER 29, 1925

## Submerged Asiatic city

Moscow, Oct. 28: A Soviet merchantman bound from Baku to Persia which was unintentionally deflected from its usual course has discovered, near Shihova, the sandbank of an ancient submerged city, whose streets and buildings of ancient Asiatic architecture were clearly visible. The city is near the remains of previously discovered submerged city, whose old name was Harabashager and where there was a sub-aqueous passage connecting with the fortress of Baku.

From Page One

## Cyclone Montha makes landfall in A.P.

"The number of people to be evacuated is expected to rise as 67 villages and five towns and Kakinada city are falling in the cyclone-affected area," said Kakinada District Collector S. Shan Mohan. Nearly 1,600 school bus services have been deployed to evacuate people.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu directed the NDRF and SDRF teams to be deployed in and around Kakinada.

**Trains, flights cancelled**

Twenty trains, 10 originating in Visakhapatnam, and 11 operating from various divisions of South Central Railway (SCR) in Andhra and one from Bhubaneswar, passing through Visakhapatnam, were cancelled due to heavy rain and gales on Tuesday.

A total of 32 flights from Visakhapatnam were cancelled. The other flights from Visakhapatnam to various destinations are expected to operate normally on Wednesday, said airport director N. Purushottam.

The Vijayawada airport cancelled 16 flights, while four flights from Tirupati were cancelled on Tuesday.

## Govt. jobs, free power in INDIA bloc's manifesto

The INDIA bloc vowed to generate skill-based employment by creating IT parks, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), and encouraging dairy-based industries, agro-based industries, healthcare, agriculture, food processing, renewable energy, logistics, manufacturing, and tourism, with special attention for fisheries and animal husbandry.

A labour census will be conducted to provide monthly financial assistance and skill training, while a dedicated department will be set up for the welfare of migrant workers.

**Restoring OPS, mandi system**

While Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has provided 125 units of free electricity, the Opposition has promised to give 200 units of free electricity to every household.

One of the Opposition's most popular promises, to implement the Old Pension Scheme (OPS Scheme), is also in the manifesto.

To woo farmers, the manifesto promises to reinstate the APMC Act (Agricultural Produce Market Committee), better known as the mandi system.

It vows to immediately hike the MGNREGA daily wage from ₹255 to ₹300 per day, and to increase the 100-day guarantee of work to 200 days.

## Tata Trusts divided over trustee's reappointment

"Renomination is not compulsory. If their term is renewed then it is for lifetime, subject to periodic renewal," a person familiar with the process said.

Thus Mr. Mistry, a close friend of Ratan Tata and one of the executors of his will, will cease to be trustee from the early hours of Wednesday. But it is learnt that he may move the courts to get reinstated citing the October 17 circular.

On Tuesday, there was no voting per se and the approval process was conducted electronically, a person familiar with the development said. While three trustees approved, anther three gave it a pass thus breaking the unanimity clause in the by-law, the person said.

It was on Mr. Mistry's and other trustees' unanimous approval that Mr. Srinivasan was recently reappointed. According to people close to Mr. Mistry, the approval for Mr. Srinivasan's reappointment was conditional that he (Mr. Srinivasan) must approve the reappointment of Mr. Mistry. But since Mr. Srinivasan stayed away, his nomination would be made null and void.

As per legal opinion believed to have been sought by the Trusts, Mr. Mistry's contention is not legally trainable. "There is no such provision for conditional approval. It is either you approve or abstain which means no. If one trustee says no, there would be no renomination of that particular trustee. So, Mr. Mistry has no case," a person familiar with the development said.

## IIP growth dips to three-month low of 4%

The consumer non-durables sector continued to contract for the second consecutive month in September 2025, by 2.9%, compared with a contraction of 6.4% in August 2025, and a growth of 2.2% in September last year.

According to Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at the Bank of Baroda, this could be due to the fact that the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate cuts were implemented late in the month. "As the GST cuts have targeted this industry, it can be assumed that the real impact will be seen in October-November as dealers have been facing a challenge of selling products with older price labels," he said.

The primary goods sector saw growth slowing to 1.4% in September 2025 from 5.4% in the previous month and 1.8% in September last year.

Growth in the manufacturing sector accelerated to 4.8% in September 2025 from 3.8% in the previous month and 4% in September 2024.

# Centre approves terms of 8th Central Pay Commission

The panel, headed by Justice Ranjana Desai (retd.), will make its recommendations within 18 months of its constitution; it will propose changes in salaries of Union government employees

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet has approved the Terms of Reference of the eighth Central Pay Commission (CPC), the body in charge of deciding the pay structure and retirement benefits of Union government employees, the government announced on Tuesday.

The government had announced the formation of the CPC in January this year to examine and recommend changes in the salaries and other benefits of Central government employees.

**'Formed in quick time'**

"As you know, the in-principle approval for the formation of the eighth Central Pay Commission was granted only recently in January, and within a short span, the commission has now been formally constituted," Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said at a press conference announcing the Union Cabinet's decisions here.



**Major step:** Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw briefs the media on decisions taken by the Union Cabinet in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

"This is a major step that involves extensive consultations. Several Ministries with large numbers of Central government employees, such as Defence, Home, Railways, and the Department of Personnel and Training, were part of the process," he said.

The Commission will comprise one chairperson, one part-time member and one member-secretary. It will make its recommendations within 18 months of the date of its constitution. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd.) will act as the chairperson.

Professor Pulak Ghosh of the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, has been appointed a part-time member, while Petroleum Secretary Pankaj Jain will serve as the member-secretary.

"There are about 50 lakh Central government employees, and consultations were also held with many State governments, most of which extended their cooperation," Mr. Vaishnaw added.

The government said the CPC would have to keep several factors in mind while coming up with its recommendations. These included the economic conditions in the country and the need for fiscal prudence, the need to ensure that adequate resources are available for developmental expenditure and welfare measures, the unfunded cost of non-contributory pension schemes, the impact of its recommendations on State finances, as well as the current emolument structure, benefits and working conditions of employees of Central public sector undertakings and the private sector.

# Cabinet increases fertilizer subsidy for winter crops

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Subsidy approved for 2025 rabi season is higher by ₹14,000 crore from the previous rabi season**

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday decided to provide ₹37,952 crore as fertilizer subsidy for the ongoing rabi crop of this winter season. The subsidy on phosphorous (P) and sulphur (S) fertilizers was increased by ₹736 crore, while the subsidy for nitrogen (N) and potash (K) will remain the same as the kharif (summer) crops.

"The subsidy approved for 2025 rabi season is higher by about ₹14,000 crore from the previous rabi season (2024). During the last rabi season, the subsidy was about ₹24,000 crore," Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told presspersonjs after the Cabinet meeting.

The subsidy for phosphate will be increased to ₹47.96 a kg from ₹43.60 a kg in the 2025 kharif season; the subsidy for sulphur will be higher at ₹2.87 a kg, up from ₹1.77 a kg (kharif); and the subsidy rate for nitrogen and potash will remain ₹43.02 a kg and ₹2.38 a kg, respectively.

The rates will be applicable from October 1, 2025 till March 31, 2026.

The Centre had fixed the subsidy rate considering the import price, and other factors, including nutrient requirement, subsidy burden, and maximum retail prices, Mr. Vaishnaw said.

The Centre had provided a special package to ensure adequate availability of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and triple super phosphate (TSP) to farmers, he added.

Union Minister for Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi on behalf of all farmers for increasing the subsidy.

# As SIR expands, questions on EC's power to conduct it, check citizenship pending in SC

NEWS ANALYSIS

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission's authority to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls remains under question in the Supreme Court, even as the poll body announced the SIR's second phase that will cover 51 crore voters in 12 States and Union Territories, including Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, and Puducherry.

The Supreme Court, in a July 10 order, had highlighted the basic questions posed by petitioners challenging the first phase of the SIR exercise in Bihar. These primarily included whether the Election Commission (EC) has the "very powers to undertake the exercise".

Second, the court had flagged the petitioners' objection to the "procedure and the manner in which the SIR exercise is being undertaken".

**Violating voters' rights**

The court recorded the petitioners' argument that the SIR, notified on June 24 under Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, broke that law as well as the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, apart from violating the fundamental rights of the voters.

However, later orders of the court on the SIR had diverged into ensuring that voters were not arbitrarily excluded from the electoral rolls in Bihar.



CEC Gyanesh Kumar

Though the court did not stay the Bihar SIR exercise, it made several timely interventions to infuse more transparency into the process, order the inclusion of Aadhaar as a 12th document of proof, and to ensure the publication of the draft electoral roll, among other steps.

**Learning experience**

An October 9 hearing gave the first indication that a pan-India SIR had more or less become *fait accompli*, though the court has agreed to hear arguments on the constitutionality of SIR exercise from November 4.

Addressing the EC's counsel and senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, Justice Surya Kant, who headed the Bench, orally observed that "you [EC] have decided to carry out SIR on a pan-India basis. So, this experience [with Bihar] would have made you wiser now... The next time you introduce a SIR module, owing to what you experienced now, you would also bring some improvements."

The second phase of the SIR in 12 States and U.T.s has indeed introduced modifications, such as the inclusion of Aadhaar as a proof of identity and the exemption from filing documents in the enumeration stage. The onus to be included on the voters' list, however, continues to be on the elector. The process of enumeration itself does not have the benefit of any statutory backing.

Again, the question about the EC's jurisdiction to delve into the citizenship claims of an already registered voter without any formal objection lodged against the person continues to remain open.

A cardinal point raised by petitioners was whether citizenship comes under the EC's purview when specific statutes like the Citizenship Act and the Foreigners Act address the issues of acquisition of Indian citizenship and illegal aliens, respectively.

## Centre has 'deceived' Agniveers, says Congress

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday criticised the Centre over a purported Home Ministry notification proposing that retiring Agniveers be absorbed into the country's top private security agencies. The party accused the government of betraying its promise to provide pensionable jobs to Agniveers in government services.

There was no immediate reaction from the government to the claims.

Colonel Rohit Chaudhry (retd), Head of the Congress's ex-servicemen department, said the government had "deceived" soldiers who served the nation. He reiterated party leader Rahul Gandhi's criticism of the scheme.

## Women vital for peace that is sustainable, says MP in UN

**Kallol Bhattacherjee**
NEW DELHI

India was among the first countries to recognise the role of women in building "sustainable peace", Rajya Sabha member P. Wilson said at the UN Peacebuilding Commission on Monday.

Presenting India's statement, Mr. Wilson, who is leading the Indian delegation at the Commission in New York, said sustainable peace required "full and equal participation" of women.

"What sets India's peacekeeping legacy apart is not only the scale of our contributions, but our early recognition of women as indispensable agents of sustainable peace," said Mr. Wilson, who started his statement with the Tamil greeting '*vanakkam*'.

"Long before Resolution 1325, Indian women medical officers served in the Congo in 1960s, marking one of the earliest instances of women serving in UN peacekeeping operations," the MP added.

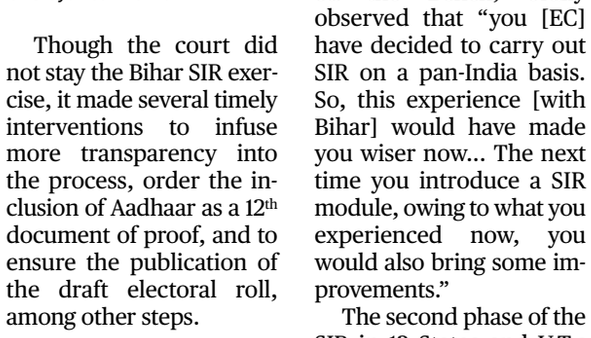
# 'Moving villagers from tiger reserves must be voluntary'

**Abhinay Lakshman**
NEW DELHI

The Union Tribal Affairs Ministry has mandated that the relocation of forest-dwelling communities from tiger reserves must be an "exceptional, voluntary, and evidence-based measure".

The Ministry's new policy framework also spells out the mechanisms that allow communities to continue living in the forests and the procedures to be followed for obtaining their consent for relocation. The policy calls for a National Framework for Community-Centred Conservation and Relocation, through which the Environment Ministry and the Tribal Affairs Ministry can jointly set procedural standards, timelines, and accountability.

It also suggests a National Database on Conservation-Community Interface to record and track relocations, compensation, and status post-relocation. It recommends annual independent audits of relocation projects by empanelled agencies that assess compliance with the Forest Rights Act, the Wildlife Protection Act, and human rights standards.



The Tribal Affairs Ministry's new policy spells out the mechanisms that allow communities to continue living in the forests. K.R. DEEPAK

Communities may choose to continue living in the "traditional forest habitats" while exercising their Individual Forest Rights or Community Forest Rights under the FRA, the policy says, emphasising that this must be an option for villages located within the reserves.

**Serious concerns**

This brief, titled "Reconciling conservation and community rights: a policy framework for relocation and coexistence in India's Tiger Reserves", was sent last week to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change from the office of the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

The Tribal Affairs Ministry noted that it has been receiving several representations from State governments and Gram Sabhas, flagging "serious concerns" about the non-implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Last year, the National Tiger Conservation Authority's directive to States asking them to prioritise relocation of villages in core areas of tiger reserves drew protests from several Gram Sabhas and forest rights activists.There were 591 villages and 64,801 families within the core areas of tiger reserves, according to the NTCA.

## Firm on Naga political demands, says Muivah

**The Hindu Bureau**
GUWAHATI

Less than 48 hours before his scheduled departure from his birthplace in Manipur's Ukhrul district, NSCN(I-M) general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah said his group would not budge from its position on the Naga political issue.

The armed group wants New Delhi to recognise the Naga national flag and the Naga constitution, which it claims were part of the deal when the Framework Agreement was signed in August 2015.

"They [Government of India] started giving ultimatum... We were forced to tell them, come what may, we will stand our ground. We know who the Indians are and their history," Mr. Muivah, 91, told presspersons from the Gethsemane hall in Somdal on Tuesday.

"...We will not come taking your (India's) history to surrender to you. We will never do that... Whether it is today or tomorrow, Nagas are Nagas and Indians are Indians," Mr. Muivah, the chief negotiator in the peace talks, said.

"If you don't come to understand us and appreciate, then there is no point for us going to you," he said, insisting that the peace negotiators representing New Delhi understood his position.

**APPEAL**



Yakesh is 12 years old suffering from "Relapsed Acute Myeloid Leukemia" and is advised to undergo Chemotherapy followed by Bone Marrow Transplantation at **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research** Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs. 8,00,000/-. His father is a farmer with poor earnings and their family cannot afford this huge expenditure. Please help him to undergo the treatment. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/M.O/ NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT. Your e-mail ID is requested.

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# BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION

## Notice to Kishore over name in lists of Bihar, Bengal

The Election Commission on Tuesday served notice on Jan Suraaj Party (JSP) founder Prashant Kishor over his name being reportedly registered as a voter in his home State of Bihar and in West Bengal.

The notice has been issued by the returning officer of the Kargahar Assembly constituency of Rohtas district, where Mr. Kishor has been registered as a voter. The poll commission has directed him to respond within three days.

According to official records, Mr. Kishor is enrolled as a voter in West Bengal at 121 Kalighat Road, the address of the Trinamool Congress headquarters in the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency of Kolkata, which is Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's seat, an official in West Bengal said.



The EC has directed Prashant Kishor to respond to the notice within three days. ANI

## Opposition is twisting Shah's words: Chirag

Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan on Tuesday said the naming of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav as the chief ministerial candidate of the INDIA bloc has revived memories of "jungle raj" in Bihar.

Mr. Paswan said the move has taken away even "a sliver of a chance" the Opposition alliance had in the elections. He made the remark while responding to questions from presspersons about Mr. Yadav's jibe at the NDA's alleged inability to name its own CM candidate.

The Hajipur MP said, "How many times does it need to be said that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is the NDA's face. When Union Home Minister Amit Shah simply spoke about the due procedure, the Opposition is twisting that out of context". PTI



"The public is confident that Rahul and Tejashwi will fulfil their promises. Those who want to see fragmentation are the ones losing elections

**PAWAN KHERA**
Congress leader

## Why can't Bihar have a Muslim CM, asks Owaisi

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday kicked off the poll campaign of his party and asked why Bihar could not have a Muslim Chief Minister despite the community comprising 17% of the State's population. He slammed both the NDA and INDIA bloc for allegedly "giving a raw deal" to the Muslim community. PTI



"Announcements of the *Mahagatbandhan* are fake...Nitish will return as the CM of Bihar. The *Mahagatbandhan* is being wiped out

**KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA**
BJP Bihar election co-incharge



VIP chief Mukesh Sahni with RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav. *Mahagatbandhan* has decided to project Mr. Sahani as its deputy chief ministerial candidate. ANI

## *Will Mukesh enthuse EBCs to vote for the Grand Alliance?*

**Sobhana K. Nair**
DARBHANGA

The decision of the *Mahagatbandhan* (Grand Alliance) to project Mallah leader and Vikashsheel Insaan Party (VIP) president Mukesh Sahani as its deputy chief ministerial candidate has drawn a mixed response from the community. The Mallahs, an Extremely Backward Class (EBC) community constituting around 2.6% of Bihar's population according to the latest caste survey, remain divided between the NDA and the Opposition alliance.

Mr. Mukesh, who calls himself the "Son of Mallah", claims he can consolidate the community's vote. The Grand Alliance, led by the RJD, keen to win over the EBCs – traditionally loyal to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar – had hoped Mr. Sahani's nomination would be a game-changer, with its impact trickling beyond the Mallahs. But so far, it has not triggered a significant shift.

At Darbhanga's fish market, Sushil Sahani is a fish trader. October and November are particularly good months for him, when he manages to catch prawn which is sold for up to ₹800-900 a kilogram.

"We want change," Mr. Sushil says. But the change is not so much about who will come to occupy the Chief Minister's post in Patna, but more about overthrowing the incumbent legislator from the Darbhanga Assembly constituency, the BJP's Sanjay Saraogi, who has won four consecutive elections since 2005. Mr. Sushil voted for the BJP leader in those elections. He clarifies that his latest decision is not linked to Grand Alliance's move to nominate Mukesh Sahani as its deputy chief ministerial candidate.

### 'Not familiar'

"Umesh Sahani [the VIP's candidate for Darbhanga] filed his nomination on October 17, the last day for nominations. I had decided long back that I would not vote for Sanjay Saraogi," he says. He is not very familiar with Mr. Mukesh "I have no time to pore over my phone. Where will I hear him," he asks.

Mr. Mukesh, a school dropout, left Bihar when he was 19 for Mumbai where he worked in films, climbing the ranks to become a set designer. While his party, VIP, is only seven years old, he has been trying to carve out a political space for himself since 2010 when he began the Sahani Samaj Kalyan Sanstha.

There are many who would rather take comfort in what is familiar. Joginder Shahani, a daily wage labourer, is clear the BJP legislator is seen around but the VIP's candidate from Darbhanga is contesting his first election. "They [the government] have provided *buniyadi suvidha* (basic amenities). Plus, I have been voting for the BJP for a long time, I don't see why I should change now," he says. He lists the achievements of the Nitish Kumar government – the Darbhanga AIIMS, bypass, regular power supply and so on – to justify his choice. The rapid urbanisation in Darbhanga is taking its toll, with piling garbage, narrow roads and long traffic jams, but Mr. Joginder is all for "vikas" (development).

### Small margin

The local RJD leadership is not perturbed by the lukewarm response. At Mr. Umesh's election office, Mohan Yadav introduces himself as the local RJD spokesperson.

"This seat has 32,000 Mallah voters. Even if we manage to wean one third of them, we will win," he says. In 2020, the victory margin for Mr. Saraogi was a little over 10,000 votes.

# As campaign peaks, Bihar narrative revolves around old and new strands

Nitish is popular but voters discuss his health; Modi's leadership finds many admirers; Tejashwi is burdened by his parents' legacy of 'lawlessness' but enjoys popularity among youth; no groundswell in favour of the JSP visible on the ground; after decades, the Congress is back in the reckoning

GROUND REPORT

**Amarnath Tewary**
PATNA

The verdict of the Bihar Assembly election will be pronounced in a little over a fortnight, on November 14, but the campaign's momentum has given way to Chhath festivities on October 27 and 28. The campaign is not just on the ground but also on social media. And from the heat and dust of it has risen a handful of dominant themes in voter conversations.

First, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar still appears more popular than other political leaders in the arena but his failing health is a talking point, especially among men. The "*Dus Hazaria*" scheme of the ruling National Democratic Alliance, a reference to the ₹10,000 transferred to "*Jeevika Didis*" under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana, has gained huge traction and accolades.

Mr. Kumar has been, for a long time, assiduously carving a caste-neutral women's vote bank, with several welfare schemes crafted especially for women under his baton. Women voters (at 48%) are almost equal in number to male voters in Bihar.

A group of women voters from the Extremely Backward Class (EBC) told this correspondent in Samastipur on October 22 that they would all vote for Nitish Kumar.

Men of the same group, sitting nearby, sounded more cautious. "We have heard he [Nitish Kumar] is not well these days. He should give up his position before things take a turn for the worse," one of them said.

### Tejashwi's burden

Second, voter conversations centre on Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav burdened by the legacy of "lawlessness in Bihar" from his parents' regimes. NDA leaders have targeted him over the years of "misrule and misgovernance" under the RJD, a focus Mr. Yadav has struggled to shrug off.

RJD chief Lalu Prasad has declared his younger son his political heir, and Mr. Yadav has announced several welfare schemes for women but voters frequently recall the "jungle raj" that became a byword for the RJD era in Bihar's governance. "It's okay that he [Mr. Yadav] too has announced something for us, but who can forget the total absence of law in the RJD regime," a voter in urban Darbhanga said.



**All hues:** A vendor sells election campaign materials of various parties in Patna on Wednesday. ANI

At 36, Mr. Yadav is popular among younger voters. "He is young, and has proved he means what he says in the 17 months during which he was a *Mahagatbandhan* [grand alliance] Deputy CM," said one among the students returning from a coaching institute in Darbhanga as they prepared to write exams for government jobs. The RJD leader had promised one government job per family if he were to be voted to power.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is still the most popular leader across age groups in both urban and rural constituencies of the State, irrespective of their caste affiliations. Voters speak of Mr. Modi as a "strong leader who is tough, and at the same time takes care of every section of society". "We need a leader like him," Ramesh Kushwaha of Vaishali district said.

Mr. Modi has campaigned extensively in Bihar. "He is more appealing for us than any other leader either in Bihar or the country," said Sanjay Bind, stopping his bicycle on the Mahua-Samastipur road in Vaishali district.

### Enthused Congress

The Congress, which was pushed into something approaching a political coma in the State when Mr. Prasad led the RJD to power in 1990, has finally found its stride with the success of Rahul Gandhi's 14-day, 1,300-km-long Voter Adhikar Yatra across 24 districts.

Congress leaders and supporters have received a fresh lease of life, and the party's Bihar headquarters is buzzing with activity after a long time.

Enthused party leaders have even pressured the RJD to let the Congress contest more seats.

The lack of traction for the newly launched Jan Suraaj Party, founded by former poll strategist Prashant Kishor, has become evident. The JSP is contesting all 243 seats, with three candidates withdrawing their nominations. But despite the hype on social media and in some sections of conventional media, there is little evidence of interest in the party on the ground.

"It [the JSP] is doing well only on social media. It is overhyped publicity of the kind Mr. Kishor was doing for other political parties as an expert on elections, nothing else," Rajesh Kumar, 55, an engineer-turned-stock broker from the Kumhrar constituency in central Patna, said.

Several smaller parties have had a little impact in some constituencies on the ground. The AIMIM has caught the attention of voters in some constituencies of the Seemanchal (border) districts of northeast Bihar, where its presence may be impactful in the results.

# Modi-Nitish govt. stifled aspirations of Bihar's youth, says Rahul Gandhi

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday accused the "Modi-Nitish" government of crushing the dreams of youth in Bihar, leaving the State neglected and trailing on almost every development indices.

In a post on social media platform X, Mr. Gandhi shared a video of his recent interaction with young people from Bihar, where he discussed education, healthcare, and employment. "There is only one culprit for the deplorable condition of Bihar – the BJP-JD(U) government," the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha said. Renewing the *Mahagatbandhan's* (Grand Alliance) commitment to justice, he said the time for change had come.

"The youth of Bihar are well aware of how, over the past 20 years, this Modi-Nitish government has strangled their aspirations, left the State abandoned, and pushed it into the abyss on every parameter," he said.

Citing government data, Mr. Gandhi said Bihar ranked 27th out of 29 States in dropout rates for Classes 9 and 10, 28th in enrolment for Classes 11 and 12, and 28th in female literacy. On the employment front, Bihar stood 21st in the service sector and 23rd in industry and manufacturing, he said.



**Close connect:** Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi being greeted by people during the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar. PTI

**He shared a video of his interaction with youth, where he discussed education and employment**

In health indicators, the State ranked 27th in infant mortality rate, 27th in insurance coverage, and last in access to household toilets. He said Bihar was 27th in the Human Development Index (HDI) and 25th in per capita income. "These are not just numbers; they are a mirror reflecting how far the so-called 'double engine' government has dragged Bihar backwards," Mr. Gandhi said.

### 'Failed structure'

The Congress leader said during his recent Vote Adhikar Yatra, the kind of "natural intelligence" that he witnessed in Bihar was not visible elsewhere. "But the structure had completely failed. Bihar is not being built together," he said.

Praising the youth of Bihar as talented and hard-working, the Opposition leader accused the government of giving them "unemployment and despair instead of opportunity". "Now is the time for change, to rekindle Bihar's pride," he said, urging support for the grand alliance's vision of justice and progress.

During his meeting with students from Bihar studying in Delhi, Mr. Gandhi asked whether they had been forced to leave the State for education, to which many agreed, citing poor conditions in local institutions. Some students also spoke about discrimination, saying that "Bihari" was often used as a slur in universities.

Sharing a lighter moment with the students, Mr. Gandhi also tried speaking in Bhojpuri to wish the people of Bihar on the occasion of Chhath festival.

# 32% candidates in Phase 1 polls have criminal cases: ADR

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Around 32% of candidates contesting Phase 1 of the Bihar Assembly election have declared criminal cases against themselves. Out of them, 27% have serious criminal cases of murder and crimes against women, according to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The analysis by ADR and Bihar Election Watch considered the affidavits of 1,303 out of 1,314 candidates, who are contesting the first phase of the elections.

Out of the 1,303 candidates analysed, 423 (32%) have declared criminal cases against themselves. A total of 354 (27%) candidates have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.

### Crime against women

There are 33 candidates with cases related to murder and 86 candidates have declared cases of attempt to murder.

A total of 42 candidates have declared cases related to crimes against women, out of which two have declared cases related to rape. As far as parties were concerned, the CPI(ML) had the largest number of candidates with criminal cases (93%) followed by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (76%) and the BJP (65%).

**The CPI(ML) (93%) had most candidates with criminal cases, followed by the RJD (76%) and BJP (65%)**

### Case numbers

Among the major parties, 50 (44%) out of 114 candidates analysed from the Jan Suraaj Party, 18 (20%) out of 89 candidates from the BSP, 53 (76%) out of 70 candidates from the RJD, 22 (39%) out of 57 candidates from the JD(U), 31 (65%) out of 48 candidates from the BJP, 12 (27%) out of 44 candidates from the AAP, 15 (65%) out of 23 candidates from the Congress, 13 (93%) out of 14 candidates from the CPI(ML), seven (54%) out of 13 candidates from the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), all five (100%) candidates from the CPI and all three (100%) from the CPI (M) have declared criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits.

## INBRIEF



### At least 2 killed, 10 injured as bus catches fire in Rajasthan

At least two persons were killed and 10 injured when the private sleeper coach in which they were travelling caught fire after hitting a high-tension power line near Manoharpur on the Jaipur-Delhi National Highway on Tuesday. The bus was carrying over 50 labourers from Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh to a brick kiln. Gas cylinders and two-wheelers kept on the roof of the bus touched an 11-kV electricity line when the vehicle was crossing an internal road. Six critically injured persons were referred to Sawai Man Singh Government Hospital in Jaipur, while others are receiving treatment at the sub-district hospital in Shahpura. Investigation is under way, Deputy Chief Minister Prem Chand Bairwa said.

### Cough syrup deaths: medical representative held in M.P.

A medical representative of Sresan Pharmaceuticals, the Tamil Nadu-based manufacturer of an adulterated cough syrup linked to the death of 25 children in Madhya Pradesh, has been arrested in Chhindwara district, officers said on Tuesday. Satish Verma was arrested in the early hours of Monday in connection with the fatalities, the police said. The children died of renal failure after allegedly consuming the 'Coldrif' cough syrup. With the arrest of Mr. Verma, a total of six people have been held so far in the case, including the owner of the pharma company, G. Ranganathan, and Dr. Praveen Soni, who prescribed the medicine.

### Bihar policeman suspended after 'misconduct' video

Station House Officer Ram Chandra Mandal was suspended on Tuesday for allegedly misbehaving with a man and his sister at a restaurant in Katihar. Superintendent of Police Shikhar Chaudhary has ordered an investigation. The suspension order was shared through a press release posted by the Katihar police on X. The video of the incident, which took place on October 24, went viral on social media, with users questioning the conduct of the police amid the Assembly election in the State. The SHO arrived at the restaurant for an election check after reports of anti-social elements, the police said.

### Pilots' body slams move to dilute High Court order

On the day Air India informed its cockpit crew of a diluted version of the rest and duty norms mandated by the Delhi High Court in April, and documents showed the DGCA had granted exemptions to some airlines, a pilots' group called the move a "breach of law" and sought its immediate withdrawal. "The reported grant of extension to airlines amounts to a deliberate departure from the timeline affirmed before the Hon'ble Court, undermining the sanctity of judicial proceedings and eroding the confidence of stakeholders in the regulator's adherence to the rule of law," the Federation of Indian Pilots wrote in its letter to the DGCA.

# Trade talks with EU reduced 'outstanding issues', says Goyal

Foundation laid for balanced and robust agreement, says Minister after meeting with counterpart; high-level EU team to visit India next week

**Sriram Lakshman**
LONDON



Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal meeting EU Commissioner for Trade Maros Sefcovic in Brussels on Monday.

India and the European Union have "significantly" reduced the gaps in their negotiating positions after three days of trade discussions in Brussels, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Goyal and his EU counterpart, Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič, held discussions to provide a political push to help get the negotiations for an India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) over the finish line.

"The talks have significantly reduced our outstanding issues and allowed us to create the framework that will help deliver a win-win for our economies," Mr. Goyal said on X, describing the discussions as "intense" but "very productive".

Mr. Goyal posted a video statement by the two Ministers, in which Mr Šefčovič characterised the talks as having occurred in an atmosphere of "full transparency and trust". The Commissioner also said that "further work is required". He said substantial progress had been made in a number of areas and the sides had given specific guidance to their teams on industrial tariffs.

Mr. Šefčovič confirmed that a high-level EU trade delegation led by Director-General Sabine Weyand would be in New Delhi next week to conclude "technical tariff negotiations". A trade delegation from the European Parliament is in New Delhi this week to better understand the challenges and opportunities presented by the trade negotiations. Some of the sticking points have included tariffs around agricultural products, a sensitive area for both sides and particularly for India. Tariffs on European automobiles being sold in India have also been under discussion in recent weeks. Regulatory issues, including the EU's carbon tax on imports (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism), have been contentious issues to work through.

"The negotiations and discussions have laid the foundation for a robust and balanced agreement," Mr. Goyal said.

# HAL signs pact with Russian firm for civil aircraft production

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU



Officials from HAL and Oleg Bogomolov sign an MoU for making of the aircraft SJ-100.

Aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) and the Russian company United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) have signed a memorandum of understanding for production of the civil commuter aircraft SJ-100.

The SJ-100 is a twin-engine, narrow-body aircraft. As on date, more than 200 aircraft have been produced and are being operated by more than 16 commercial airline operators.

HAL said the SJ-100 would be a game changer for short-haul connectivity under the UDAN scheme in India. Under this arrangement, HAL will have the rights to manufacture SJ-100 aircraft for domestic customers.

**Production in India**

"This collaboration between HAL and UAC is the result of mutual trust between the organisations. This will also be the first instance wherein a complete passenger aircraft will be produced in India. The last such project was HAL's production of AVRO HS-748, which started in 1961 and ended in 1988," HAL said.

It is estimated that over the next 10 years, the Indian aviation sector will require over 200 jets in this category for regional connectivity and an additional 350 aircraft for the Indian Ocean region to serve nearby international tourist destinations, it said.

"The manufacturing of the SJ-100 aircraft marks the beginning of a new chapter in Indian aviation industry. Manufacturing will also strengthen the private sector and create direct and indirect jobs in the aviation industry," the Bengaluru-headquartered PSU said.

The MoU was signed in Moscow on Monday by Prabhat Ranjan from HAL and Oleg Bogomolov from UAC.

# Cloud-seeding trials done in Delhi to tackle air pollution

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Amid surging pollution levels, the Delhi government, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, on Tuesday conducted two cloud-seeding trials to induce rain. However, negligible rainfall was observed till late in the evening. The first such trial was conducted on October 23.

"Today, the clouds had very little moisture content. We are doing a sortie tomorrow morning and the clouds are expected to have higher moisture content than today, and there are better chances of rainfall," Manindra Agrawal, Director, IIT-Kanpur, said.

He said they were generating data from the trials. "We are learning a lot, as cloud seeding has never been done for pollution control in Delhi or India before this."

As per officials, 0.1 mm rainfall was observed in Noida and 0.2 mm in Greater Noida around 4 p.m.

Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said more trials would be done in the coming days. He said the humidity on Tuesday was only 15% to 20%.

# NDRF posted teams in five States ahead of cyclone landfall

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Teams are equipped with boats, cutting and communication equipment, to carry out relief operations**

Ahead of Cyclone Montha's landfall on Tuesday night, the National Disaster Response Force deployed 25 teams across Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu, while another 20 teams were on standby.

"The Director General, NDRF, has directed all formations to maintain a high level of readiness to provide immediate response for search, rescue, and relief operations," the organisation said in a statement.

Each team is equipped with boats, cutting equipment, communication equipment, and other specialised rescue tools to carry out evacuation, relief and restoration operations.

Coordination meetings are being held with the National Disaster Management Authority and their State-level counterparts and district administrations. The NDRF teams are also conducting public-awareness campaigns and community-sensitisation activities in vulnerable areas through local administrations to ensure timely evacuation and adherence to safety advisories.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw also reviewed the Indian Railways' preparedness to deal with the aftermath of the cyclone. The meeting assessed readiness along the east coast, focusing on passenger safety, train regulation and coordination with local administrations.

# UN report finds countries' emission reductions short of goal set in Paris

**Jacob Koshy**
NEW DELHI



The report says countries will cut emissions by only 17% by 2035, far below the 1.5 degrees Celsius limit. GETTY IMAGES

Ahead of the Conference of Parties (COP 30) in Belem, Brazil, next month, the United Nations made public a "synthesis report" on Tuesday that finds countries are poised to reduce emissions by only 17% of 2019 levels by 2035 – well below what is required to keep earth from heating up by 1.5 degrees Celsius or even 2 degrees Celsius by the end of the century.

To keep temperatures below these limits, countries must cut emissions by 37% and 57%, respectively, of 2019 levels by 2035.

The synthesis is based on countries' updated nationally determined contributions (NDC), which are promises to cut fossil fuel emissions or plant forests (to capture carbon dioxide) until 2035. Tuesday's report is only a partial picture as only 64, out of a potential 190 countries, have submitted updated NDCs until September 30. India is among the countries that is yet to submit updated NDCs, after its last submission in August 2022.

While conversation in the lead-up to climate COPs generally end to weigh heavily towards emissions reductions, the NDCs that have been submitted so far are also stressing two other important pillars of climate action – adaptation and resilience, with 73% of the new NDCs including an 'adaptation' component, the report notes. Adaptation refers to steps that must be taken by countries to adapt to ongoing and future impact from warming.

"All NDCs go beyond mitigation to include elements, inter alia, on adaptation, finance, technology transfer, capacity building and addressing loss and damage, reflecting the comprehensive scope of the Paris Agreement," the report notes.

With regard to greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reductions, the total GHG emission level resulting from the implementation of Parties' new NDCs is projected to be around 13 billion tonnes of $CO_2$ equivalent in 2035, which is 6% below what they promised in their previous NDCs (submitted from 2020-2022).

**Domestic pledges**

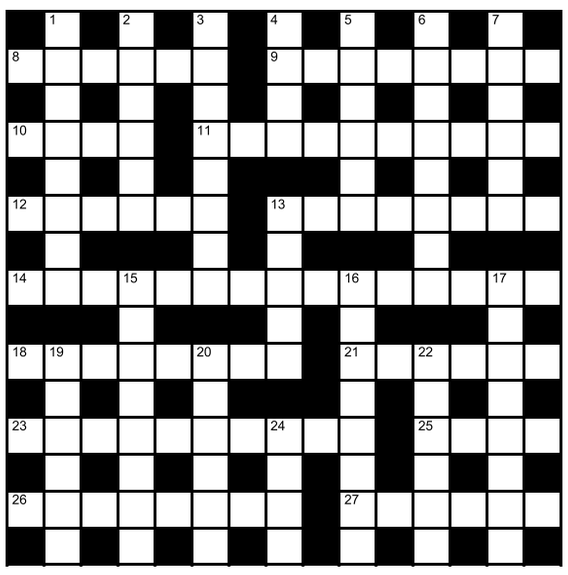
Afforestation, reforestation and adding solar energy were identified as the options with the greater need for support. Some Parties have announced domestic pledges and projects, such as tripling global renewable energy capacity by 2030, enhancing low-carbon hydrogen production and expanding Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) capacity.

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**13** Pompous mastery over playing organ (8)
**14** Olympian hero Remo, mostly fighting for what was founded by Charlemagne (4,5,6)
**18** First show of enduring conjugal support (8)
**21** Leaving hoodlum regularly involved in sex trafficking (6)
**23** Resident of popular hotel - a scrap worker (10)
**25** Occasionally shouts hard to silence (4)
**26** Disloyal tailless ape, eating plants essentially (8)
**27** Labour has no time to check out small spouted bottle for lubrication (6)

**Down**

**1** Success and other brews so far! (8)
**2** Boost dopes could be unsupported (6)
**3** One I turn magically into a lepton (8)
**4** Bamboo shoot uprooted for herbivore (4)
**5** Austria persisted, holding back restoration (6)
**6** Showing enthusiasm for Putin age, surprisingly! (6,2)
**7** Stone age tomb of diseased old soldiers (6)
**13** Benefit from bit of travails (5)
**15** Regulars in type love resistance, enrolled in various reserves (8)
**16** English king going back into violent action (8)
**17** Philosopher arouses, transforms you in the end (8)
**19** X numbers backing a verse (6)
**20** Time for grieving at Sankara hospital (6)
**22** Barely done, hot and seasoned in suspension (2,4)
**24** Not in favour of gas bombing? Could be against! (4)

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

# The Lord of Thiruvellarai

Lord Narayana is identified by His lotus eyes. And He has lotus eyes no matter what avatara He takes, elaborated K.B. Devarajan in a discourse. When Hanuman meets Sita, He has to convince Her that he is genuine and is not one of Ravana's asuras in disguise. So He describes Rama, to show Her that he has indeed seen Her Consort. Here Hanuman uses the words – *Ramaha kamala patra aksha* – Rama's eyes are like the petals of a lotus.

When Krishna chooses to stay with Vidura, instead of in the Kaurava palace, Duryodhana says to Him, *kimartham pundareekaksha* – why oh lotus-eyed One? His eyes in the archa form are celebrated by Thiruppanazhvar. In his Amalanadipiran, Thiruppanazhvar sang of the beauty of Lord Ranganatha of Srirangam, including His long eyes. In the Thiruvellarai temple, He is known as Pundareekaksha – the One with lotus-like eyes. The Goddess in the temple is known as Sengamalavalli and Pangayachelvi. The vimana is vimalakruthi. There are many sacred teerthams in this kshetra.

King Sibi, who established the temple, wanted to settle 3,700 Sri Vaishnavas here. Unfortunately, one of them died. The Lord suggested that the king include Him as one of the Sri Vaishnavas, to bring the count to 3,700 as he had wished. So the Lord became one among His devotees. This reminds one of the occasion when Lava and Kusa sang before Rama. Rama was so impressed by their singing, that He forgot Himself, rose from His throne and sat among the citizens of Ayodhya. Just as the quality of *sauseelya* was evident in the Lord's Rama avatara, it is also evident in His archa form, as we see in Thiruvellarai.

## INBRIEF




### MCX operations delayed due to technical glitch

The Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) faced disruptions to operations due to a technical issue on Tuesday, forcing it to commence trading over four hours late and shift operations to its disaster recovery site. "Operations were shifted to the Disaster Recovery (DR) site, and trading started at 1.25 pm," MCX said in a regulatory filing. The commodities bourse noted that an investigation into the issue had been initiated on priority. PTI

### TVS Motor Company Q2 net profit rises 42% to ₹833 crore

TVS Motor Company on Tuesday reported a 42% increase in consolidated net profit to ₹832.76 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, 2025, riding on robust vehicle sales. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹588.13 crore in the corresponding quarter last fiscal, TVS Motor Company said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated revenue from operations in the second quarter stood at ₹14,051.22 crore as against ₹11,197.19 crore in the year-ago period, the company added. PTI

### 14th round of commercial coal mine auctions today

The coal ministry will launch the fourteenth round of commercial coal mine auctions on Wednesday. Other than offering a fresh set of fully and partially explored blocks for auction, it will, for the first time, introduce provisions for underground coal gasification within the framework. This innovative step is expected to reduce dependence on imported natural gas and crude oil, while unlocking newer avenues across related sectors, the ministry said.

## BPCL, OIL to explore tie-up for proposed refinery in A.P.

**The Hindu Bureau**
HYDERABAD

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Oil India Limited (OIL) signed an MoU on Tuesday to explore collaboration for BPCL's upcoming greenfield refinery and petrochemical complex near Ramayapatnam Port in Nellore district, A.P.

The companies will evaluate opportunities for collaboration, including the possibility of OIL taking a minority equity stake in the proposed joint venture, for the proposed 9-12 million tonnes facility to be established with an estimated investment of ₹1 lakh crore ($11 billion).

"By joining hands with OIL, we are combining complementary strengths to create a project of strategic scale and sustainability," said Sanjay Khanna, BPCL's Director (Refineries), who holds additional charge as CMD.

BPCL, OIL and Numaligarh Refinery signed an MoU to facilitate evacuation of petroleum products following NRL's expansion from 3 MTPA to 9 MTPA.

The agreement covers joint construction of a 700-km product pipeline from Siliguri to Mughalsarai, at an estimated investment of ₹3,500 crore.

BPCL also signed an MoU with Fertilisers & Chemicals Travancore for supply and trading of Fermented Organic Manure and Liquid Fermented Organic Manure from its upcoming MSW-based CBG Plant near Kochi Refinery.

# Oil Minister allays fears over Russian crude oil supplies

### India energy scene looks promising, refining capacity set to increase from 258 MT to 310 MT by 2030, with plans to take it beyond 400 MT

**N. Ravi Kumar**
HYDERABAD

Days after the U.S imposed new sanctions on two Russian oil companies, effectively making Indian refiners sourcing crude look beyond them, Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday asserted that there is enough global crude oil supply.

"Even if one supply goes down you got alternatives elsewhere," he said, without mentioning names or getting into specifics, while also pointing out to how the global oil trade is not governed by any established set of rules such as GATT.

Mr. Puri, who was participating in a fireside chat at the 28th Energy Technology Meet that got underway here, sought to highlight how the Indian oil refiners have a diversified basket of suppliers as well as export markets over the years. From 27, the number of countries from which India imports crude oil has gone up to 40. Indian oil companies export refined products to as many as 50 countries valued at $45 billion, he said.


Hardeep Singh Puri

**'Energy promising'**

During the chat, centered around refining, especially the impact of slow pace at which global energy market is expected to grow, Mr. Puri said the India energy scene looks promising with the refinery sector poised to play a crucial role in India's economic growth. The refining capacity is set to increase from a little over 258 million tonnes (MT) to 310 MT by 2030. "We have plans to take it beyond that... 400 MT," the Minister declared.

Underscoring how India's growth and demographics are set to drive demand, he said such a situation prevails even as globally 101 of 420 refineries representing nearly 18.4 million barrels per day or about 20% of global capacity are at risk of closure in the next 7-10 years.

"If your policy framework is properly thought through and support system has everything in place then you find that as you go from start to modest to better build and onwards, the target and objective can become more ambitious," Mr. Puri said, while also emphasising on importance of refineries increasingly diversifying into petrochemicals.

## Won't stop buying Russian oil, says IOC's Jain

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and other Indian oil firms may not completely halt purchases of Russian crude as recent sanctions target specific Russian suppliers, not the oil itself, according to officials.

"We are absolutely not going to discontinue [buying Russian crude] as long as we are complying with the sanctions. Russian crude is not sanctioned. It is the entities and the shipping lines which have got sanctions," he said. "If somebody comes to me with a non-sanctioned entity, and the (price) cap is being complied with, and the shipping is okay, then I will continue to buy it," IOC Director (Finance) Anuj Jain said in a post-earnings analyst call on Tuesday.

Mr. Jain said that Russian crude formed 18-19% of the state-owned downstream refiner's overall mix in the second quarter.

He added that discounts on Russian crude had been "consistent" in the past five to six months at about $2-3 for every barrel.

*(With PTI inputs)*

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | TUESDAY | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 84,628 | -0.18 |
| US Dollar | 88.29 | -0.11 |
| Gold | 1,21,800 | -3.25 |
| Brent oil | 64.36 | -2.27 |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 2494.40 | 1.60 |
| Adani Ports | 1417.90 | -2.70 |
| Apollo Hosp | 7880.50 | 35.00 |
| Asian Paints | 2509.30 | -9.50 |
| Axis Bank | 1246.30 | -7.80 |
| Bajaj Auto | 9057.50 | -38.00 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 2140.20 | -30.00 |
| Bajaj Finance | 1072.75 | -11.65 |
| Bharat Elec | 413.55 | -1.60 |
| Bharti Airtel | 2090.20 | 10.10 |
| Cipla | 1568.10 | -15.90 |
| Coal India | 391.40 | -5.30 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 1289.40 | 5.10 |
| Tata Motors CV | 260.75 | 0.00 |
| Eicher Motors | 7002.50 | 96.00 |
| Eternal Ltd. | 334.60 | 0.90 |
| Grasim Ind | 2932.90 | 9.00 |
| HCL Tech | 1522.10 | -11.40 |
| HDFC Bank | 1003.55 | 0.60 |
| HDFC Life | 747.00 | 9.75 |
| Hindalco | 848.95 | 8.10 |
| Hind Unilever | 2497.10 | -14.70 |
| ICICI Bank | 1363.10 | -14.50 |
| IntGlobeAvi | 5809.00 | -26.00 |
| Infosys | 1500.20 | -4.30 |
| ITC | 417.90 | -2.75 |
| Jio Financial Services Ltd. | 307.95 | 2.40 |
| JSW Steel | 1184.20 | 33.60 |
| Kotak Bank | 2160.80 | 12.20 |
| L&T | 3972.80 | 49.00 |
| M&M | 3579.10 | -32.50 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 16311.00 | -77.00 |
| Max Healthcare | 1179.70 | -6.70 |
| NestleIndia | 1271.00 | -12.00 |
| NTPC | 339.15 | -2.60 |
| ONGC | 250.54 | -2.73 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 288.25 | -2.80 |
| Reliance Ind | 1486.90 | 2.80 |
| SBI Life | 1936.80 | 33.70 |
| State Bank | 930.25 | 7.50 |
| Shriram Finance Ltd. | 723.70 | 4.10 |
| Sun Pharma | 1687.00 | -6.60 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 1168.90 | -1.00 |
| Tata Steel | 181.81 | 5.15 |
| TCS | 3057.90 | -27.00 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1447.40 | -15.40 |
| Titan | 3717.00 | -22.80 |
| Tata Motors PV | 411.50 | 1.45 |
| Trent Ltd. | 4725.40 | -73.30 |
| UltraTech Cement | 11931.00 | -84.00 |
| Wipro | 242.38 | -1.53 |

## 'Ready to share solar expertise with other parts of the world'

**Saptaparno Ghosh**
NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi said India's experience with PM Surya Ghar and PM Kusum had been 'excellent' and it was ready to share its expertise and experience in the solar sector with other countries.

New Delhi has been looking to showcase the PM-Kusum (Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan) and PM Surya Ghar Yojana to several African countries and island nations, he said at the International Solar Alliance (ISA) here on Tuesday.

This could be of particular use for Africa, which has so far been able to tap only 4% of its arable land through irrigation due to lack of rural power. "We are ready to share our expertise and experience, and we [the government] are also supporting ISA to expand this in other parts of the world and member countries of ISA," he said.

Mr. Joshi informed that 10 lakh solar rooftops had been completed and 21 lakh were nearing completion under PM Surya Ghar.

## Amazon to reduce 14,000 corporate jobs globally; 'in India, a few thousand roles'

**Mini Tejaswi**
BENGALURU

Amazon, the Seattle-based e-tailer employing more than 1.5 million people globally, said it would cut corporate workforce by about 14,000 as part of an ongoing exercise aimed at making the firm leaner, less bureaucratic and AI-driven.

A section of the media reported Amazon was laying off some 30,000 people, the largest corporate job cuts by the company, with implications across geographies, including in India where the company has 1.2-1.3 lakh direct staff.

A few hours after the news of mass layoffs hit the headlines, Beth Galetti, senior vice-president of People Experience and Technology at Amazon, in a blogpost, informed staff the firm was effecting organisational changes that would impact jobs of some of the teammates.



The impact on India would be quite significant.

"While this will include reducing in some areas and hiring in others, it will mean an overall reduction in our corporate workforce of approximately 14,000 roles," she said. As India has a sizeable chunk of Amazon's workforce, the impact on India would be quite significant.

Avinash Vashistha, MD and Founder, Tholons, an AI and tech advisory firm said, Amazon's massive firing plan marked a severe correction to its binge hiring during the pandemic, when it added over 5,00,000 people globally.

"This people-correction is driven by a strategic pivot to AI and a mandate to reduce excess bureaucracy. The impact on India will be significant."

## Saudi's Flyadeal to fly into India next year

**Jagriti Chandra**
NEW DELHI

Saudi Arabian low-cost carrier (LCC) Flyadeal will launch operations into India with 'four to five' destinations in the first 12 months of 2026, CEO Steven Greenway said.

"We would have liked to have been here earlier, if not for aircraft delivery delays plaguing the industry," Mr. Greenway told *The Hindu* in an interview.

The airline will be flying to India from all its four hubs viz. Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam and Medina – the last of which will be opened early next year.

Unveiled in 2017, Flyadeal is the sister airline of full-service national carrier Saudia. On whether there were demands for more seats Saudi carriers could fly into India and access to more destinations, he echoed India's demands for curtailing movement of passengers via hubs such as Dubai and Doha to support local airlines.

"Carriers from other nations have been taking our customers from each country and routing them via a third country. We're not saying it should stop, but we should get a fair share of direct traffic between both countries," Mr. Greenway said, adding the airline was focused on direct traffic between India and Saudi Arabia.

## Air India Express to strengthen local network

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

Air India Express, the low cost subsidiary of Air India, will boost presence in the local market for market share with the segment likely to grow faster than the global network, MD & CEO Aloke Singh said.

"About two years ago, as much as 60% of the network was short-haul international and rest domestic. Today, it is about 50-50. We have been growing international short-haul as well. But, we have been growing faster in the local market and this trend would continue," he said.


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## STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

(Rs. in Crores)

| S. No | Particulars | Standalone | | | Consolidated | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quarter ended | | Year ended | Quarter ended | | Year ended |
| | | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 31.03.2025 | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 31.03.2025 |
| | | (Unaudited) | | (Audited) | (Unaudited) | | (Audited) |
| 1 | Total income from operations | 11,905.43 | 9,228.24 | 36,251.32 | 14,051.22 | 11,197.19 | 44,089.01 |
| 2 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period ( before Tax, Exceptional items) | 1,226.30 | 897.22 | 3,628.79 | 1,223.29 | 878.48 | 3,505.35 |
| 3 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items) | 1,226.30 | 897.22 | 3,628.79 | 1,223.29 | 878.48 | 3,505.35 |
| 4 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items) | 906.09 | 662.62 | 2,710.54 | 832.76 | 588.13 | 2,379.81 |
| 5 | Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)] | 914.53 | 669.06 | 2,743.16 | 911.44 | 665.88 | 2,427.03 |
| 6 | Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each) | 47.51 | 47.51 | 47.51 | 47.51 | 47.51 | 47.51 |
| 7 | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) | - | - | 9,889.14 | - | - | 8,455.87 |
| 8 | Security Premium Account | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 9 | Networth | 9,733.30 | 8,953.91 | 9,966.18 | 7,952.49 | 7,744.21 | 8,481.39 |
| 10 | Outstanding Debt | 516.87 | 420.86 | 1,441.38 | 23,917.23 | 22,763.59 | 23,500.76 |
| 11 | Outstanding Non-Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares (NCRPS) | 1,900.40 | NA | NA | 1,900.40 | NA | NA |
| 12 | Debt Equity Ratio (Times) (Debt includes NCRPS) | 0.25 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 3.18 | 2.93 | 2.76 |
| 13 | Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised)<br>(i) Basic (in Rs.)<br>(ii) Diluted (in Rs.) | <br>19.07<br>19.07 | <br>13.95<br>13.95 | <br>57.05<br>57.05 | <br>16.74<br>16.74 | <br>11.80<br>11.80 | <br>47.05<br>47.05 |
| 14 | Capital Redemption Reserve | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 15 | Debenture Redemption Reserve | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 16 | Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times) | 5.86 | 5.22 | 5.36 | 3.91 | 3.72 | 2.92 |
| 17 | Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times) | 32.01 | 26.77 | 30.65 | 19.21 | 14.12 | 14.57 |
| 18 | Current Ratio (Times) | 0.54 | 0.65 | 0.60 | 1.08 | 1.04 | 1.12 |
| 19 | Long term debt to working capital (Times) | - | - | - | 2.08 | 2.03 | 1.81 |
| 20 | Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 21 | Current liability ratio (Times) | 0.89 | 0.85 | 0.84 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.60 |
| 22 | Total debts to total assets ratio (Times) | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.58 |
| 23 | Debtors Turnover ratio (Times) | 29.17 | 26.39 | 28.08 | 26.98 | 23.73 | 24.80 |
| 24 | Inventory Turnover ratio (Times) | 17.45 | 17.90 | 16.64 | 13.08 | 11.90 | 11.46 |
| 25 | Operating Margin (%) | 12.7 | 11.7 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 10.5 | 10.8 |
| 26 | Net Profit Margin (%) | 7.6 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 5.4 |

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).

2 Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

3 The Detailed Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2025 can be accessed through the below QR code.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 28.10.2025

For TVS Motor Company Limited
Sd/-
Sudarshan Venu
Chairman

ISLAMABAD

## Afghanistan, Pakistan end peace talks in Turkiye without resolution



AFP

Talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan in Istanbul to broker a long-term truce have ended without a resolution, two sources said on Tuesday, a blow for peace in the region after deadly clashes this month. Both sides could not find common ground in a second round of talks mediated by Turkiye and Qatar in Istanbul. REUTERS

KUALA LUMPUR

## Philippines to take ASEAN chair with focus on South China Sea

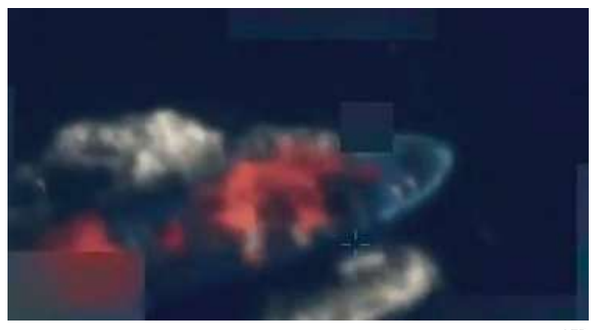


AP

Malaysia handed over the chairmanship of ASEAN to the Philippines on Tuesday, with territorial disputes in the South China Sea set to dominate its agenda when Manila takes charge in 2026. Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim symbolically passed the gavel to Filipino President Ferdinand Marcos at the close of the summit. AFP

WASHINGTON

## U.S. kills 14 in strikes on alleged drug smuggling boats in Pacific



AFP

U.S. forces killed 14 persons in strikes that destroyed four alleged drug-smuggling boats in the eastern Pacific Ocean, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth said on Tuesday, bringing the death toll from the U.S.'s controversial anti-narcotics campaign to at least 57. Mr. Hegseth called it the deadliest day of the campaign so far. AFP

NAIROBI

## All 11 on board, majority foreigners, killed in Kenya light aircraft crash



REUTERS

A small plane travelling from Kenya's coast crashed on Tuesday, killing all 11 on board, most of them foreigners, the airline said. The small plane was en route to Kichwa Tembo — an airstrip located in the Maasai Mara National Park — from the tourist hotspot of Diani when it came down at around 5:30 a.m. local time (8 a.m. IST). AFP

## RSF accused of mass executions in Sudan

**Agence France-Presse**
PORT SUDAN

Reports were mounting on Tuesday of ethnically motivated atrocities in the western Sudanese city of El-Fasher since its capture by paramilitaries, with allies of the Army accusing fighters of executing "more than 2,000" civilians.

El-Fasher fell to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) after more than 18 months of brutal siege warfare, giving the group control over every State capital in the vast Darfur region.

Allies of the Army, the Joint Forces, said on Tuesday that the RSF "committed heinous crimes against innocent civilians in the city of El-Fasher, where more than 2,000 unarmed citizens were executed and killed on October 26 and 27, most of them women, children and the elderly".

# China and ASEAN, hit by U.S. tariffs, sign upgraded free trade agreement

The deal will pave the way for improved market access in agriculture, digital economy and pharmaceuticals between the two sides; the 11-member bloc is Beijing's largest trading partner, with bilateral volume totalling $771 billion last year

**Reuters**
KUALA LUMPUR

China and the ASEAN bloc of Southeast Asian nations signed an upgrade to their free trade agreement on Tuesday, with leaders hailing the deal which spans the digital and green economy, and other new industries.

The 11-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations is China's largest trading partner, with bilateral trade totalling $771 billion last year, according to ASEAN statistics.

China is seeking to intensify its engagement with ASEAN, a region with a collective gross domestic product of $3.8 trillion, to counter hefty import tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump's administration on countries around the world. "We must accelerate trade and investment liberalisation and facilitation and strengthen industrial integration and interdependence," Chinese Premier Li Qiang said at the ASEAN leaders' meeting on Tuesday.




China's Premier Li Qiang, left, and Malaysia's Anwar Ibrahim at the signing of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area 3.0 in Kuala Lumpur. AP

Beijing has been seeking to position itself as a more open economy, despite criticism of its expanding export restrictions on rare earths and other critical minerals.

The so-called 3.0 version of the free trade agreement between ASEAN and China was signed into effect at a summit of the bloc's leaders in Malaysia, which Mr. Trump attended on Sunday at the start of a trip through Asia. Negotiations on the upgraded ASEAN-China deal began in November 2022 and concluded in May this year, just after Mr. Trump's tariff offensive kicked into gear. The first FTA came into force in 2010.

"The upgrade will further reduce trade barriers, strengthen supply chain connectivity, and unlock opportunities in future growth areas," Singapore's Prime Minister Lawrence Wong said.

China has previously said the agreement would pave the way for improved market access in sectors such as agriculture, the digital economy and pharmaceuticals between China and ASEAN. Both China and ASEAN are part of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the world's largest trading bloc, which covers nearly a third of the global population and about 30% of global gross domestic product. Malaysia hosted an RCEP summit in Kuala Lumpur on Monday, the first in five years. The bloc is seen by some analysts as a potential buffer against tariffs imposed by the United States, though its provisions are considered weaker than some other regional trade deals due to competing interests among its members.

## Netanyahu orders Gaza strikes, claims Hamas broke truce

**Agence France-Presse**
JERUSALEM

**Hamas says it will delay handing over the remains of a hostage over Israel's truce 'violations'**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday ordered the military to carry out intense strikes on the Gaza Strip, after accusing Hamas of violating the U.S.-brokered ceasefire.

Minutes later, Hamas said it would delay handing over the remains of another hostage under the terms of the truce deal over what it called Israel's truce "violations".

"Following security consultations, Prime Minister Netanyahu instructed the military to immediately carry out powerful strikes in the Gaza Strip," a statement from his office said, without elaborating.

**Gaza struck**

Meanwhile, Gaza's civil defence agency said that Israel launched at least three air strikes on the Palestinian territory following Mr. Netanyahu's order.

The Palestinian militant group had earlier said it would hand over another hostage body later on Tuesday amid mounting Israeli pressure after it returned only the partial remains of a previously recovered captive. "We will postpone the handover that was scheduled for today due to the occupation's violations," Hamas's armed wing said in a statement, adding that any Israeli "escalation will hinder the search, excavation, and recovery of the bodies".

# India's diaspora diplomacy and the limits of cultural nationalism abroad

NEWS ANALYSIS

**Varghese K. George**

The Indian diaspora has been in the spotlight in various countries in recent weeks. A section of the diaspora has attracted attention for its display of faith and culture, crossing the limits of acceptable public behaviour in developed countries. The immersion of Ganapati statues in waterbodies and the display of Deepavali fireworks in public places are examples.

After Deepavali revellers set two houses on fire in Edmonton, Canada, an official police statement said: "Light up your home, not your neighbour's roof." Three men have been charged with arson. Anti-immigrant and nativist protesters in Australia have singled out Indians, and in the U.S. and Canada, nationalist campaigners have a special focus on people of Indian origin these days.

The higher visibility of these incidents could also be because a section of Indians aggressively promotes cultural exhibitionism as a matter of community pride and right – for instance, in the use of firecrackers on Deepavali wherever they are. In the midst of all this, the Indian diaspora is being urged by some observers to advocate Indian positions in the United States.

The Indian national movement was spread around the world in British colonies, and in the U.S. and Canada, but the first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, consciously decided to keep the new Republic aloof from PIO (person of Indian origin) politics in foreign countries. He did not want India to be seen as interfering in the domestic politics of another country through the diaspora, and he urged PIO to stay loyal to the countries that they had adopted.



**Crossing limits:** A section of the diaspora has come under scrutiny for its display of faith and culture in developed countries. REUTERS

**Rise of Hindutva**

Issues of discrimination and racism were not narrow Indian concerns, and were raised as matters of universal human rights. This approach was consistent with the concept of territorial nationalism that guided Indian thinking then, as opposed to cultural nationalism.

The rise of Hindutva and a parallel fresh surge in the outflow of Indians expanded a global network of cultural nationalists from the 1990s. With the ascent of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister in 2014, this approach gained further momentum. Mr. Modi addressed diaspora rallies in several countries, most notably the U.S.

Exactly around this time, the fear of foreign interference in domestic politics became a central concern in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and several European countries. At various points in U.S. history, immigrants from specific regions or countries have been subjects of special scrutiny. In recent years, allegations of Chinese and Russian interference have dominated public discourse. Even Israel, which had a free pass as an autonomous actor in U.S. domestic politics for decades, is facing increased scrutiny and resistance. Not only left-leaning figures such as Bernie Sanders, but also Christian conservatives such as Marjorie Taylor Greene and media figure Tucker Carlson now call out Israel's influence in U.S. domestic politics.

It may be noted that foreign influence operations per se are not illegal in the US, as long as they are openly registered as such.

Historically, Indian immigrants were considered a benign presence in the U.S. and diverse within, as followers of all religions and speakers of several languages. But state-sponsored attempts to turn the diaspora into active members of Indian strategy have clashed with a rising fear of foreign interference in the West. India has escaped the kind of hostility that Russia and China face, but there is enough to suggest that New Delhi is not going unnoticed on this count in the West.

**Nationalist hype**

India does not allow dual citizenship, but the U.S. does. India gave partial citizenship rights to PIOs through the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2003, by adding Sections 7A-7D to the Citizenship Act, 1955. This amendment introduced the Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI), offering lifetime visa-free entry, exemption from police registration, and rights similar to those of NRIs in economic, educational, and financial fields for the community. In 2015, the technical categories of PIO and OCI were merged as OCI. India presents this arrangement as "dual citizenship in spirit, but not in law".

U.S. citizens can hold passports of more than one country, but some lawmakers, including Ms. Greene, are seeking more scrutiny on the issue. Fear of foreign interference in domestic politics is a universal concern of parties and state agencies in the West. Expectations from the diaspora to promote Indian interests in the U.S. or any other country must account for the reality that it is negotiating an era of heightened nationalism in host countries. Multi-alignment may not work for diaspora members always. After all, nationalist hype is not an exclusive preserve of India.

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## We are confident Ecclestone will be ready for semifinal: Sciver-Brunt



RITU RAJ KONWAR

Nat Sciver-Brunt was positive about Sophie Ecclestone's availability for the semifinal. The spinner suffered a minor injury after falling awkwardly while trying to stop a boundary against New Zealand. "She had a scan, but she's training... we're pretty confident that she'll be ready for the game," said the England skipper.

STILL AT THE TOP

## Smriti continues as the No. 1 batter in the ODI rankings



AFP

Smriti Mandhana continued her status as the No. 1 batter in women's ODI after achieving a career-best rating on the back of the World Cup campaign. The 29-year-old batter scored 109 against New Zealand and 34 n.o against Bangladesh and moved to 828 points, almost 100 points clear of Australia's Ashleigh Gardner (731).

WELL BEGUN

## Dominant South Africa gets the better of Pakistan in first T20I



AP

South Africa thrashed Pakistan by 55 runs in the first T20I at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.
**The scores:** South Africa 194/9 in 20 overs (Hendricks 60, de Zorzi 33, Linde 36, Nawaz 3/26) bt Pakistan 139 in 18.1 overs (Ayub 37, Nawaz 36, Bosch 4/14; Linde 3/31); **Toss:** Pakistan; **PoM:** Linde.

CLINICAL SHOW

## Hooda goes on the rampage as Titans end Pirates' sizzling run



SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Telugu Titans, riding on Bharat Hooda's 23 points, ended Patna Pirates' dream run with a 46-39 win in Eliminator 3 of PKL 12 on Tuesday night. Pirates' Ayan Lohchab became the first raider to score 20-plus points in six games in a season, finishing with 316 raid points. His efforts couldn't help Pirates cross the finish line.

# SA needs an all-round show to challenge a gritty England

The record, over the years, has not been kind to the Proteas; in three previous 50-over semifinal jousts, the former had lost twice to the latter; Wolvaardt's batting line-up needs to deliver

ODI WORLD CUP

**Lavanya L**
GUWAHATI



**Immediate goal:** After a crushing defeat to England in the league game, South Africa will look to turn things around in the crucial contest. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Life in the Women's ODI World Cup 2025 comes full circle for England and South Africa. The sides are back to where their campaigns began in this tournament (against each other), with both eager to leave behind triumphs and demons of the past.

The record, over the years, has not been kind to the South Africans. In the three prior semifinals they have made in ODI World Cups, they've lost twice to England – a heartbreaking two-wicket reverse in Bristol in 2017 and a 137-run demolition in Christchurch in 2022.

Even in this edition, the horrors of a 10-wicket thrashing at the hands of Nat Sciver-Brunt's side are far from erased for the Proteas.

It comes as no surprise then, that skipper Laura Wolvaardt placed value on the side staying calm ahead of Wednesday's semifinal at the ACA Stadium here.

Barring a tame loss to Australia and a few scares against Bangladesh and Pakistan, an England side in transition has given a fairly neat account of itself, with different players stepping up and guiding their side to victories.

Its spinners have dominated so far, with Linsey Smith's utility and stinginess, particularly with the new ball, proving vital to the side's cause. She was the architect of that South African crumble weeks ago, where the Proteas combusted for just 69.

South Africa will need its famed batting order to click in cohesion.

Wolvaardt, Sune Luus, and Marizanne Kapp have all been key to victories in different games, but haven't had one good game together.

Tazmin Brits' volatility will need a quick fix, as the undue pressure an early wicket puts on the top-order often attracts collapses.

Nadine de Klerk had plenty of time with the batting coach, showing how a lower-order game-changer like her can be against a formidable English bowling attack.

Nonkululeko Mlaba has been South Africa's best bowler, but will need a lot more help in this do-or-die encounter.

With no rain forecast for the day, an uninterrupted fixture is on the cards.

# South Africa is a dangerous side, admits Sciver-Brunt

**Lavanya L**
GUWAHATI

Four-time champion England has been a force to reckon with in the 50-over showpiece, missing out on the knockouts only once in the tournament's 13-edition history.

For skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt, who has been at the helm of a transitioning side with new coach Charlotte Edwards, this run reinforces belief in the processes being set in place.

"We started the tournament unsure of where we were compared to the other teams in the world. But we always wanted to come here, try and win, regardless of where we are in our journey," she said ahead of the semifinal against South Africa at the ACA Stadium here on Wednesday.

**Great achievement**

"We've made it to the knockouts and finished second on the table, which is a great achievement in itself. Knockout games are a real privilege to be a part of, and to find ourselves here so early in our tenure is special."

She dismissed any suggestions of taking South Africa lightly after beating the latter by 10 wickets earlier in the tournament.

"South Africa has had some brilliant games since then and is a dangerous side. You never assume you are going to take 10 wickets so quickly in a match."

Sciver-Brunt will have her parents and siblings in attendance to cheer her on as she hopes to carry England to its eighth final.

"For the competition, it would be brilliant if India got to the final, just to feel that atmosphere. It's obviously going to be a massive couple of games."

Today's match

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England vs. South Africa

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**Golden opportunity:** Shafali will hope to make the most of the chance that has come her way. GETTY IMAGES

# Shafali should stick to her style: Raman

**Lavanya L**
GUWAHATI

For Shafali Verma, dropped from the ODI set-up for lack of consistency in October 2024 ahead of the tour of Australia, the last 12 months have been about trying to prove to the leadership group, and herself, that she belonged to the 50-over game.

In 29 fixtures, she had just 644 runs at an average of 23.00, and it didn't help her case when a promising opening partner for Smriti Mandhana emerged in Pratika Rawal. However, a freak injury to Pratika has opened the doors for Shafali again.

The aggressive opener was with the Haryana team in Surat for the senior women's T20 trophy when she was called to Navi Mumbai for the World Cup semifinal against Australia.

"She has been out of the team for so long and that's a lesson for her. She's not someone to take the burden of pressure on herself... it's the other teams who are under pressure just hearing her name," Mahipal Singh, Haryana coach, told the *The Hindu*.

Former India head coach W.V. Raman underlined the challenge for Shafali. "She has to find a way to be a maverick in a set-up where mavericks aren't generally preferred," he had said ahead of the ICC showpiece.

"I would encourage her to not let go of her basic style and attitude. She can be a No. 2 original, which is fantastic, rather than being a No. 1 imitation of somebody," said Raman.

## Shreyas out of ICU, in stable condition

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NEW DELHI

Shreyas Iyer, who suffered a ruptured spleen and rib cage injury during the third ODI against Australia, has been shifted out of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of a Sydney hospital and is now in a stable condition, easing concerns over his health. "He has been shifted out of ICU and may take a few more days before he is discharged from hospital in Sydney," a BCCI source privy to the development said.

Iyer sustained a lower left rib cage injury while attempting a difficult running catch to dismiss Alex Carey off Harshit Rana's bowling. Though he initially walked off the field with assistance from the physio, his condition later deteriorated as his vital parameters dropped, prompting immediate hospitalization.

Subsequent tests revealed internal bleeding caused by a laceration in the spleen, following which he was admitted to the ICU for close monitoring.

BCCI's head of medical services, Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala, commended the on-field medical staff for their swift and efficient response, which helped avert a potentially critical situation.

# Eye on SKY in the T20I series opener

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

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**Prep time:** With key bowlers back in the mix, India is expected to test Australia. X@BCCI

The leader in Suryakumar Yadav will nudge the batter in him to take centrestage and start contributing handsomely with the willow when India takes on Australia in the opening T20 International here on Wednesday.

It promises to be a battle on equals with both countries having won eight of their last 10 T20I games and suffering a loss just once each. While India had one tied game, Australia saw one game washed out.

Since being appointed captain, Suryakumar's record has been phenomenal in terms of results, with 23 wins in 29 games so far, adhering to the new template of fearless cricket where every batter goes all guns blazing from ball one.

The aggression at all costs and Surya's own leadership skills have worked really well with an all-win bilateral series record and the Asia Cup triumph.

The Australia series marks the beginning of India's real preparation going into the T20 World Cup early next year with 15 games to get into the groove.

In 2023, Suryakumar had batted in 18 innings, scoring 733 runs at a strike rate of nearly 156 and it comprised two tons and five half-centuries. In 2024, he amassed little less than 450 runs at a strike-rate of 151 but cut to 2025, the Indian skipper has managed only 100 runs from 10 innings at an average of 11 runs per game.

While bounce in Manuka Oval track gives him a chance to ride on it and get maximum returns, Josh Hazlewood's presence and those Test match lengths on and in the off-stump corridor will create problems.

It will not only be a new set of question for someone like Abhishek Sharma but also old set of queries for the Indian skipper. Jasprit Bumrah's presence and Varun Chakaravarthy's guile will be the important factors if Indian batters can put up a decent score.

The 12 overs from Varun, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel will be very important alongside Bumrah and Arshdeep's opening spells against Travis Head and the dangerous Mitchell Marsh.

**The teams (from):**
**Australia:** Mitchell Marsh (Capt.), Sean Abbott (games 1-3), Xavier Bartlett, Mahli Beardman (games 3-5), Tim David, Ben Dwarshuis (games 4-5), Nathan Ellis, Josh Hazlewood (games 1-2), Glenn Maxwell (games 3-5), Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Matthew Kuhnemann, Mitchell Owen, Josh Philippe, Tanveer Sangha, Matthew Short and Marcus Stoinis.
**India:** Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Shubman Gill (Vice-capt.), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Nitish Kumar, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Varun Chakaravarthy, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Sanju Samson (wk), Rinku Singh and Washington Sundar.
**The five-match schedule:**
**Oct. 29** (Canberra); **Oct. 31** (Melbourne); **Nov. 2** (Hobart); **Nov. 6** (Gold Coast); **Nov. 8** (Brisbane).
*All matches start at 1.45 p.m. IST.*

# Shami 'believes in destiny'; says he is 'ready' to play for India

**Y.B. Sarangi**
KOLKATA



Shami.
FILE PHOTO: J. ALLEN EGENUSE

Experienced pacer Mohammed Shami was relieved to make an impact for Bengal (15 wickets in the side's two wins in the Ranji Trophy) after going through a tough time.

Shami, who took five crucial wickets on a dull surface on the final day and played a crucial role in Bengal's 141-run win over Gujarat at the Eden Gardens on Tuesday, said, "The time of the injury (after the 2023 World Cup) comes back to my memory again and again. I was in a lot of pain, went through rehab and returned to competitive cricket. I feel as healthy as ever. I still have a lot of cricket left in me. After the surgery, everything seemed to be over. Now I feel relieved."

A thorough team-man, Shami underlined his commitment to Bengal and requested a green-top surface to assist the State team's pace attack.

Shami said he had no hesitation in proving himself again. "There's nothing wrong with proving oneself. After coming back from injury, one has to build oneself up by playing domestic cricket. If you want to play for your country, you have to be in the best rhythm. I believe in destiny. Everyone wants to play for the country. I am ready."

**Coach's backing**

Bengal coach L.R. Shukla backed Shami. "The world has seen what Mohammed Shami is. If you see his earlier run-up and now, after taking 500 wickets, both are the same. That's his greatness. He doesn't need anyone's certificate. He will come back to the Indian team. He is fit from every angle," said Shukla.

## Bagan held by Dempo; East Bengal races past CFC

SUPER CUP

**Neeladri Bhattacharjee**
MARGAO

Dempo Sports Club, which drew 2-2 against East Bengal in its opening match, also shared the honours with the other Kolkata giant – Mohun Bagan Super Giant – with a goalless draw in the Super Cup here on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, East Bengal cruised to a 4-0 win over Chennaiyin FC at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim.

Kevin Sibille opened the scoring for East Bengal while Bipin Singh struck twice in six minutes to put the contest beyond Chennaiyin, which bowed out with its second straight loss.

A controversial penalty, converted by Hiroshi Ibusuki in second-half stoppage time, saw the Red and Gold brigade complete its tally.

The focus will now be on the Kolkata derby, between Bagan and East Bengal, on October 31.

**The results:**
Mohun Bagan Super Giant 0 drew with Dempo SC 0.
Chennaiyin FC 0 lost to East Bengal 4 (Sibille 35, Bipin 39 & 45+1, Ibusuki 90+4).

## INBRIEF



### Atletico beats Betis, extends unbeaten run in LaLiga

Atletico Madrid extended its unbeaten run in LaLiga to nine matches with a 2-0 victory over host Real Betis on Monday, courtesy of goals from Giuliano Simeone and Alex Baena. The win lifted Atletico to fourth in the standings on 19 points, one behind third-placed Villarreal and three adrift of Barcelona in second. Real Madrid sits comfortably at the top with 27 points.

**The result:** Betis 0 lost to Atletico 2 (Simeone 3, Baena 45+2).

### Chennai Open matches postponed again

For the second successive day, the WTA 250 Chennai Open tennis tournament was washed out in Chennai on Tuesday. With the weather expected to clear on Wednesday, the organisers have scheduled all the first-round Indian matches on the Centre Court one after the other. The first will be between Czechia's Linda Fruhvirtova, the defending champion, and qualifier Astrid Lew Yan Foon of France at 11 a.m. In total, 16 (singles) and three (doubles) matches have been rescheduled.

### India u-20 women held by Kazakhstan u-19 in friendly

The India under-20 women's team drew 1-1 against Kazakhstan under-19 in the second and final friendly at Shymkent on Tuesday. Adeliya Bekkozhina gave the hosts lead in the 47th minute before Pooja equalised in the 55th.

### Real Madrid's Carvajal could miss two months of action

Real Madrid defender Dani Carvajal could miss more than two months after LaLiga leader said on Monday that he needed further surgery.

# Nischal, Lemtur's efforts in vain; TN gets the lead

The 225-run sixth wicket stand makes the bowlers toil before the host's pacers Ambrish, Warrier and Gurjapneet bring a quick end to the proceedings

RANJI TROPHY

**Tarun Shastry**
BENGALURU

It is not without reason that cricket is called the 'Gentleman's Game'.

When Imliwati Lemtur, running out of partners and closing in on yet another milestone, was trapped in front by Sai Kishore for a magnificent (146, 287b, 20x4, 3x6), the entire Tamil Nadu team ran up to congratulate him – a heart-warming gesture that summed up the spirit of the contest.

With that wicket, Nagaland was bowled out for 446 in 157.4 overs in its first innings, handing TN a valuable 66-run first-innings lead and three crucial points on the final day of the Group A Ranji Trophy fixture at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Grounds here on Tuesday.

Play on the final morning began an hour and 49 minutes late due to bad weather, with overnight centurions Dega Nischal (175, 376b, 25x4) and Lemtur resuming their vigil. But what followed was a complete shift in tempo – the pacers looked far more energetic, fiery, and purposeful than on previous days.

The 18-year-old R.S. Ambrish led the way, steaming in with intent and unsettling both batters with a barrage of short deliveries. He was well supported by the experienced Sandeep Warrier and left-armer Gurjapneet Singh, as the trio relentlessly peppered the batters with sharp, rising deliveries.



**Breakthrough:** Warrier celebrates the wicket of Rahman. K. MURALI KUMAR

The ploy worked to perfection. Ambrish, after pushing Nischal onto the back foot, finally drew him into a drive outside off to end a marathon 225-run sixth-wicket stand. Once that breakthrough arrived, the southern side tightened its grip. Warrier castled Tahmeed Rahman, while left-arm spinner D.T. Chandrasekar accounted for Ronit More and Saurav Kumar.

Lemtur's effort ended soon after lunch, leaving Nagaland short of TN's total.

But the moment that defined the day came later, when double centurion Pradosh Ranjan Paul, named Player-of-the-Match, graciously handed over his award and prize money to Lemtur – a gesture that spoke volumes of respect and defined the true spirit of the 'Gentleman's Game'.

**The scores:**

**Tamil Nadu — 1st innings:** 512 for three decl.

**Nagaland — 1st innings:** Sedezhalie Rupero b Gurjapneet 6, Dega Nischal c Athish b Ambrish 175, Hem Chetri c Athish b Gurjapneet 0, Rongsen Jonathan c Indrajith b Gurjapneet 0, Chetan Bist b Gurjapneet 4, Yugandhar Singh c Athish b Chandrasekar 67, Imliwati Lemtur lbw b Sai Kishore 146, Tahmeed Rahman b Warrier 13, Ronit More b Chandrasekar 7, Saurav Kumar c Indrajith b Chandrasekar 9, Odilemba Kichu (not out) 0; Extras (w-4, nb-2, lb-8, pen-5): 19; Total (in 157.4 overs): 446.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-9, 2-9, 3-9, 4-31, 5-160, 6-390, 7-410, 8-428, 9-442.

**Tamil Nadu bowling:** Warrier 34-10-99-1, Gurjapneet 33-9-75-4, Ambrish 14-4-54-1, Sai Kishore 38.4-11-102-1, Chandrasekar 29-5-69-3, Pradosh 4-0-14-0, Shahrukh 5-1-20-0.

### RANJI SCORES, ROUND 2 (FOURTH AND FINAL DAY)

**Elite:**
**Group A: At Vizianagaram:** Baroda 363 drew with Andhra 43/2 in 16 overs. **Baroda 1(7), Andhra 1(2)**.
**Kanpur:** Odisha 243 & 151/3 in 44 overs (Swastik Samal 71 n.o.) drew with Uttar Pradesh 409/6 decl. in 130 overs (Madhav Kaushik 67, Karan Sharma 121, Aaradhya Yadav 101 retd. hurt). **Uttar Pradesh 3(6), Odisha 1(1)**.
**Bengaluru:** Tamil Nadu 512/3 decl. drew with Nagaland 446 in 157.4 overs (Dega Nischal 175, Yugandhar 67, Imliwati Lemtur 146, Gurjapneet Singh 4/75). **TN 3(3), Nagaland 1(1)**.
**Nagpur:** Jharkhand 332 drew with Vidarbha 492/5 in 161.1 overs (Aman Mokhade 176, Dhruv Shorey 48, Ravikumar Samarth 63, Yash Rathod 101 n.o.). **Vidarbha 3(10), Jharkhand 1(8)**.
**Group B: Chandigarh:** Maharashtra 313 & 359/3 decl. bt Chandigarh 209 & 319 in 94.1 overs (Arjun Azad 168, Manan Vohra 58, Raj Bawa 42, Mukesh Choudhary 4/34). **Maharashtra 6(9), Chandigarh 0(0)**.
**Shivamogga:** Karnataka 371 drew with Goa 217 in 87.2 overs (Arjun Tendulkar 47, Mohit Redkar 53, Vidwath Kaverappa 5/51) & 143/1 in 46 overs (Manthan Khutkar 55, Abhinav Tejrana 73 n.o.). **Karnataka 3(4), Goa 1(8)**.
**Rajkot:** Saurashtra 260 drew with Madhya Pradesh 355/9 in 135 overs (Yash Dubey 159, Saransh Jain 103 n.o., Jaydev Unadkat 4/33). **Madhya Pradesh 3(6), Saurashtra 1(4)**.
**New Chandigarh:** Punjab 436 & 15/0 in seven overs drew with Kerala 371 in 136.2 overs (Ankit Sharma 62, Rohan S. Kunnummal 43, B. Aparajith 51, Ahammed Imran 86, Krish Bhagat 4/52). **Punjab 3(4), Kerala 1(2)**.
**Group C: Kolkata:** Bengal 279 & 214/8 decl. in 54 overs (Sudip Kumar Gharami 54, Anustup Majumdar 58, Siddharth Desai 5/61) bt Gujarat 167 & 185 in 45.5 overs (Urvil Patel 109 n.o., Jaymeet Patel 45, Mohammed Shami 5/38). **Bengal 6(12), Gujarat 0(3)**.
**Ramnagar:** Railways 333 & 85/1 in 23 overs (Suraj Ahuja 42 n.o.) drew with Uttarakhand 398 in 158.3 overs (Kunal Chandel 50, Yuvraj Choudhary 92, Bhupen Lalwani 78, Abhay Negi 49, Kunal Yadav 5/85). **Uttarakhand 3(3), Railways 1(1)**.
**Group D: Puducherry:** Hyderabad 435 drew with Pondicherry 126 in 45.5 overs (Anand Singh Bais 41, Tanay Thyagarajan 4/48) & 97/5 in 42 overs. **Hyderabad 3(4), Pondicherry 1(2)**.
**Mumbai:** Mumbai 416 drew with Chhattisgarh 217 in 76.5 overs (Aayush Pandey 50, Shashank Chandrakar 43, Shams Mulani 5/59) & 201/3 in 58 overs (Aayush Pandey 117 n.o.). **Mumbai 3(9), Chhattisgarh 1(1)**.
**New Delhi:** Delhi 430 & 209/4 decl. in 33.3 overs (Ayush Doseja 64 n.o., Yash Dhull 70) drew with Himachal Pradesh 297. **Delhi 3(6), Himachal 1(4)**.
**Plate: Shillong:** Sikkim 346 & 303/7 decl. in 88.4 overs (Ashish Thapa 117, K. Sai Satwik 52, Kranthi Kumar 50) drew with Meghalaya 405. **Meghalaya 3(4), Sikkim 1(2)**.
**Nadiad:** Manipur 387/6 drew with Bihar. **Manipur 1(4), Bihar 1(8)**.
**Ahmedabad:** Arunachal Pradesh 187 & 144 in 49.4 overs (Techi Neri 91, Lalrempuia 5/63) lost to Mizoram 389/6 decl. in 115 overs (Sahil Reza 65, Armaan Jaffer 144, Joseph Lalthankhuma 46, F. Lalmuanzuala 55 n.o.). **Mizoram 7(8), Arunachal 0(0)**.

### LIVE TELECAST

**NZ vs ENG:** 2nd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 6.30 a.m.
**Australia vs India:** 1st T20I, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 1.45 p.m.
**Women's ODI World Cup:** Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.
**Tennis:** WTA Chennai Open, Eurosport , 3 p.m. onwards
**Zimbabwe vs Afghanistan:** 1st T20I, FanCode, 5 p.m.
**Bangladesh vs West Indies:** 2nd T20I, FanCode, 5.30 p.m.
**PKL:** Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
**Serie A**: DAZN, 11 p.m.

# Manush and Diya make it to the WTT Finals

**Sports Bureau**
CHENNAI

India's Manush Shah and Diya Chitale qualified for the mixed doubles event of the WTT Finals, to be held in Hong Kong from December 10 to 14. No Indian in any category has made it to the WTT Finals since it was introduced in 2021.

The pair, ranked No. 8 in the world, became the first from the country to qualify for the event.

Diya and Manush had won the WTT Contender in Tunis and finished runner-up in WTT Star Contender at Foz do Iguacu, Brazil. This is the first time mixed doubles has been introduced.



**Scripting history:** Manush and Diya are the first Indians to make it the marquee event. WTT

### Indian squad for World Boxing Cup Finals named

**Sports Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Indian contingent for the season-ending World Boxing Cup Finals next month was announced here on Tuesday with crucial ranking points on offer.

The inaugural edition of the competition, to be held from Nov. 14-21, is expected to see participation of 140 boxers from 18 countries.

**The squad: Men:** Jadumani Singh (50kg), Pawan Bartwal (55kg), Sachin (60kg), Abhinash Jamwal (65kg), Hitesh Gulia (70kg), Sumit (75kg), Lakshya Chahar (80kg), Jugnoo (85kg), Naveen Kumar (90kg), Narender (90+kg). **Women:** Minakshi (48kg), Nikhat Zareen (51kg), Preeti (54kg), Jaismine Lamboria (57kg), Parveen (60kg), Neeraj Phogat (65kg), Arundhati Choudhary (70kg), Saweety Boora (75kg), Pooja Rani (80kg), Nupur Sheoran (80+kg).

# India bids for 2028 Asian Indoors and 2026 Asian Relays

ATHLETICS

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

India has submitted bids to host the 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships as well as the 2026 Asian Relays, in line with the country's efforts to stage continental and global events in the coming years.

If India succeeds in its bids for the events, it would be the first time the country would be hosting the two continental competitions.

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has proposed Bhubaneswar as the host city for the 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships while the venue for the 2026 Asian Relays is yet to be finalised.

"We have submitted the bid for 2028 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships with Bhubaneswar as the host city. There is no other venue in India which can host the event other than the indoor facility at the Kalinga Stadium Complex in Bhubaneswar," a top AFI official said on conditions of anonymity. "For 2026 Asian Relays, we have not yet decided on the venue."

As of now, the AFI is considering a north Indian city for the Asian Relays, likely to be held in April, but it is not yet final and can be changed later, it is learnt.

The state-of-the-art indoor facility in Bhubaneswar was inaugurated in 2024. It has 200m running track, 100m practice track, designated areas for long jump, triple jump, pole vault, and shot put, warm-up areas, as well as a gym.


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## STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

*(Rs. in Crores)*

| S. No | Particulars | Standalone | | | Consolidated | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quarter ended | | Year ended | Quarter ended | | Year ended |
| | | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 31.03.2025 | 30.09.2025 | 30.09.2024 | 31.03.2025 |
| | | (Unaudited) | | (Audited) | (Unaudited) | | (Audited) |
| 1 | Total income from operations | 56.91 | 56.54 | 637.30 | 14,549.15 | 11,449.95 | 44,993.16 |
| 2 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items) | 22.25 | 16.17 | 410.09 | 1,281.73 | 892.22 | 3,593.63 |
| 3 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items) (including discontinued items) | 22.25 | 16.17 | 410.09 | 1,281.73 | 892.22 | 3,593.63 |
| 4 | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items) | 19.30 | 12.44 | 352.16 | 880.08 | 598.81 | 2,409.25 |
| 5 | Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)] | 16.65 | 12.56 | 349.73 | 956.12 | 676.89 | 2,458.30 |
| 6 | Equity share capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each) | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 10.12 |
| 7 | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) | - | - | 1,601.02 | - | - | 4,677.27 |
| 8 | Securities Premium Account | 36.42 | 36.42 | 36.42 | 36.29 | 36.42 | 36.42 |
| 9 | Networth | 1,634.46 | 1,465.99 | 1,604.56 | 4,518.23 | 3,100.40 | 3,685.20 |
| 10 | Outstanding Debt | 943.81 | 643.64 | 943.81 | 34,480.23 | 27,261.45 | 32,488.03 |
| 11 | Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares of Holding Company | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12 | Debt Equity Ratio (including exceptional item) (Times) | 0.57 | 0.37 | 0.45 | 5.32 | 7.06 | 5.93 |
| 13 | Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs. 5/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.) | 9.54 9.54 | 6.15 6.15 | 174.06 174.06 | 218.89 218.89 | 137.54 137.54 | 575.41 575.41 |
| 14 | Capital Redemption Reserve | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 15 | Debenture Redemption Reserve | - NOT APPLICABLE - | | | | | |
| 16 | Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 17 | Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 18 | Current Ratio (Times) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 19 | Long term debt to working capital (Times) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 20 | Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 21 | Current liability ratio (Times) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 22 | Total debts to total assets ratio (Times) | 0.35 | 0.29 | 0.34 | 0.59 | 0.58 | 0.60 |
| 23 | Debtors Turnover ratio (Times) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 24 | Inventory Turnover ratio (Times) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 25 | Operating Margin (%) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 26 | Net Profit Margin (%) | 33.87 | 22.00 | 54.68 | 6.04 | 5.18 | 5.35 |

Notes:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on the company's website (www.tvsholdings.com).
2 Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.
3 The Detailed Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2025 can be accessed through the below QR code.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 28th October 2025

For TVS Holdings Limited
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Venu Srinivasan
Chairman

# In our current growth phase, the goal is to have more viewership: Tuhin

The decision to stage all the matches of PVL 4 in Hyderabad was a calculated one and the one-city system could be the way forward for the league



SIDDHANT THAKUR

INTERVIEW

*Joy Bhattacharjya*
*Tuhin Mishra*

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

This weekend, the curtains came down on the fourth season of the Prime Volleyball League, with Bengaluru Torpedoes clinching its maiden title. In a country teeming with stuttering, struggling leagues, PVL has slowly but surely established itself as one of the more successful leagues. It has not been a smooth ride, with the league undergoing significant rebranding, navigating legal troubles with the national volleyball federation, and overcoming numerous other issues.

Unlike the Indian Premier League or the Pro Kabaddi League, where the bandwagon travels across the country, PVL this year decided to host the entire season in Hyderabad. In a conversation with the *The Hindu*, Joy Bhattacharjya, CEO of PVL, and Tuhin Mishra, managing director and co-founder of Baseline Ventures, one of PVL's co-promoters, explained the reasons behind it, gave their thoughts on PVL's possible foray into the women's ecosystem, explained why the focus remains more on viewership than on-ground attendance, and more. *Excerpts:*

**This year, the entire season was held in Hyderabad. What prompted that move?**

**Joy:** There are two or three factors that we looked at. One is the cost, hosting it in one city versus moving around a lot. Last year, we did the league in Chennai. Hyderabad is a great base for us. It so happens that a lot of our teams have roots here as well in Hyderabad.

Rather than moving around a lot, we decided to focus on giving Hyderabad a great experience and using the money saved from moving around to really bolster the presence, both on television on Sony and on OTT, which is YouTube, with whom we forged a global partnership.

It was a conscious decision; the idea was to utilise our resources best.

**How did Hyderabad get picked? Was it a unanimous choice, or were other cities in the fray?**

**Joy:** Our franchises are very strong stakeholders in our decision-making process. We allowed them to put forward their choices, and they sat in a committee with us and decided on the venue.

That was a fantastic process. Kolkata had some advantages, and Kochi had some too. But as it turned out, they all agreed that Hyderabad was the best city.

**Tuhin:** We have seen a lot of support coming from the state governments. Last year, when we had the league in Chennai, the Tamil Nadu government came forward and supported us a lot. This year, when we decided on Hyderabad, the Telangana government came forward to help us with organising this league.

**This is the third time the league has taken place in Hyderabad. Did the familiarity with the city play any part in your final decision?**

**Tuhin:** For sure. Also, the Gachibowli indoor stadium is probably one of the best indoor stadiums in the country. When we were deciding on various factors, one was also the facilities that the stadium provides us.

**What are the pros and cons of having a league across different cities versus in one city? And is the one-city format the way to go from now on?**

**Tuhin:** Definitely [it is], when a league is just growing. A lot also boils down to economics. To give you a case in point, every time you add a city to the league, you are almost adding anywhere between three to four crore to the cost. You would rather save that money and probably use it in marketing or for other purposes in the development of the sport, rather than trying to increase the number of cities for the heck of it.

We are trying to reach people on a TV and OTT basis. On the ground level, we are reaching out to say 3,000 to 4,000 people every day. But on a television level, cumulative viewership [in season 3] was close to 200 million in India.

Our aim is more at a television and OTT levels, and that's why one of the partnerships we did this year was with YouTube. We want to democratise the way people are watching the sport.

**Do you ever get feedback, good or bad, from the larger volleyball community about PVL?**

**Joy:** We do what is essentially the T20 of volleyball. We do 15-point sets and we do super points.

Instead of looking down on this, FIVB (International Volleyball Federation) is actually very interested in what we are doing. They say, 'Look, you have a new market, you can try these new things, and we can grow from your experience of what works and what doesn't work.'

In fact, last year, we got messages from the United States that they had started using the super point system in their varsity games, because it adds to the excitement of the sport. It absolutely gives us more



Joy Bhattacharjya and Tuhin Mishra. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT & FILE PHOTO: SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

and more belief in what we are doing.

**Do you have any plans to expand PVL into the women's ecosystem?**

**Joy:** In our very first season, when it was called the Pro Volleyball League in 2019, we had an exhibition women's match, and we got mixed results.

We are really keen to do it because women's volleyball is very big in Thailand, Japan and other parts of Asia. Women's volleyball is one of the fastest-growing sports in America. A couple of years ago, the University of Nebraska had a women's volleyball game where 90,000 people came to see it.

Our problem is that it is a bit of a chicken-and-egg issue. We need a base of at least 45-50 really decent players at the same level to be able to make a league. If we start something and we don't get good and even quality, we will just send the sport back another 10 years. We want to be very careful and cognisant of when we want to go after women's volleyball.

**PVL and its teams have been putting in some effort at the grassroots level to develop the sport. But, in general, do you think the country is bursting with leagues while there is little development at the grassroots level, which, in the end, hinders their growth?**

**Joy:** That is a problem, to a certain extent. We don't have too many leagues, actually. Our problem in India is that Indian sport has no middle class. Right at the top, there is an apex league. There is Khelo India happening at the bottom, and in the middle, there is nothing.

That is not the case in other countries. Take America and the NBA. There is the G-League below it and so on. There are 15-level strata of sport where you can keep playing and still be a part of the system. India doesn't have that. We don't even have proper college sports.

The big issue is actually building the middle class of Indian sport. Because if you don't, this pipeline is going to get choked. More has to come out of the pipeline for you to be able to perform.

**PVL has grown since its inaugural season. When you look back, what are some of the problems, big or small, that you have overcome?**

**Joy:** The biggest problem has been solved by Tuhin, and I cannot take credit for it, which is the whole thing with the national federation being there or not being there.

One of the great issues is how to remain a legitimate body. We take great pride in the relationship that we have built with the international federation, because that is the single biggest issue whenever you are doing things. What gives you the right to do it? The international federation recognises what we have done and has come in partnership with us. And that has been primarily Tuhin's doing.

**Tuhin:** One big factor for us has been the strength, unity, and faith that the players have shown in us. When we did the Pro Volleyball League and then were planning to do the Prime Volleyball League, almost 95% of the players came forward and said, 'To hell with anyone who is going to try and stop us.' Almost 95% of the players came forward, despite being threatened that if they played in our league, they would not be allowed to play for India and so on. That became the backbone of our league. Slowly, even the remaining 5% who did not join us because they were scared of what was going to happen to them also joined us.

**Joy:** There is a great story. In year one, we used to say that we are the only league that, when it announces its dates, announces two dates together. Because when we announced the dates of our league, the national federation at that point in time would announce the nationals exactly at the same time. We used to joke that as soon as we announced our dates, every other date would follow.

**While several leagues manage to get good viewership on TV and online, it remains a struggle to fill stadiums with fans. Where do you stand on this issue?**

**Tuhin:** For us, the stakes on the ground, in terms of people coming to watch the matches, are not that high, because we are not dealing in cricket. If I were managing a capacity of say 40,000 to 50,000 seats and I am only having 5,000 people who are filling the stadium, that is a huge loss.

Here, the stadiums are 3,000 to 4,000 capacity. Yes, we would love to have a jam-packed stadium every single match. That's a very idealistic view. When you are trying to sustain a league over three or four weeks, you might not have 100% attendance every day. In our current growth phase, the goal is more viewership than on-ground attendance.

**Joy:** We need enough on-ground fans for the players to feel enthusiastic. Other than that, the bigger challenge is the larger picture. We would like to fill it enough so the players feel they are playing for something. And that we managed to do.

We also designed the stadium carefully. One of the problems in India, say with football, is that you are very far away from the action. Here in volleyball, you are sitting right there. You feel the action in front of you.

**Tuhin:** Season one, we started with seven teams. And every season since then, we have added one team. We got in two owners over the last three years who came on board only because they had come and seen the matches in person.

They realised the kind of energy and atmosphere in the stadium. After that, they decided that they were willing to invest and come on board. That's probably the biggest validation that can happen for us.

**Is the ownership structure PVL has, where the franchise owners are also stakeholders in the league's holding company, the blueprint for leagues going forward?**

**Tuhin:** 200% it is, for any league in this country that is a non-cricket league. I think this is the blueprint. Unless you don't carry everyone along with you, you will just have an owner who will come for one season and will run away after getting his two minutes of fame on TV or OTT.

When you are actually sitting at the table, you are like a person who is on the board. You are invested, you want to ensure that you are not just bothered about your team's success but also about the league's.

# Setting up an early warning system for the Himalayas poses unique challenges

Climate change and development works have made the Himalayas acutely vulnerable to floods, landslides, and lake bursts, killing hundreds. Why are early warning systems not a priority? Scientists say that a network of rugged, easy-to-operate early warning systems to monitor activity across the Himalayan mountains is essential

Divya Gandhi

On the first weekend of this month, Mount Everest (on the Tibetan side) turned dystopian: a sudden blizzard, torrential snowfall, and lightning strikes hit the mountain's vicinity, trapping a thousand trekkers who were gradually rescued with the help of local villagers trudging through knee-deep snow. In other parts of the Himalayas, at the same time, a heavy downpour and snowfall, led to floods and landslides, killing scores in Nepal and Darjeeling.

This is the latest among scores of disasters in the Himalayas, which are only increasing: of the 687 disasters that the country experienced between 1900 and 2022, as many as 240 were in the Himalayas, according to a 2024 *Down To Earth (DTE)* report. They include glacial lake outbursts, landslides, floods, wildfires, and earthquakes. Between 1902 and 1962, the region recorded just five disasters.



There has been a rapid increase in disasters in the Himalayas. AP

## Abysmally poor

"Since then, there has been a rapid decade-on-decade increase in disasters. In 1963-1972, the region reported 11 disasters, followed by 13 disasters in 1973-82. The last decade (2013-2022) saw the highest number of disasters at 68, and they accounted for 44% of all the disasters reported in India," the *DTE* report explained. Quoting NASA's landslide data, *DTE* said the region experienced 1,121 landslide events between 2007 and 2017.

"I've come to the Himalayas around 20 times, but I've never experienced weather like this," a long-time hiker, Dong Shuchang, 27, told the *BBC*. Climate change is indeed making this seismically vulnerable range increasingly unpredictable: the region is experiencing "a faster rate of warming than the global average, ranging from 0.15° to 0.60° C per decade," according to a paper published last year in *Springer Nature*.

So why do we have an abysmally poor number of early warning systems (EWS), a practical mitigator of disasters, in one of the world's most volatile regions to predict events and save lives?

## AI's help

As peer-reviewed studies portend a deepening crisis in the Himalayas, there is clearly a dire need for EWS for imminent earthquakes, landslides, snow storms, lake outburst floods, and extreme temperatures in this tempestuous mountain range that encompasses 12 Indian States and Union Territories.

Considering the sheer scale of the problem, "we need to install many more EWS, one in each valley, across the entire Himalayan arc (there are indeed cases of trans-boundary floods)," glaciologist Argha Banerjee, working on Himalayan glaciers at IISER Pune, told *The Hindu*. "We do not have an indigenous low-cost EWS that is weather-proof, easy-to-install and operate (by local people), uses multiple input parameters (in-situ and remote), and transmits live data (many of these valleys are remote, out of the reach of mobile networks)."

A functional early warning system can clearly save lives, he said.

There are challenges to monitoring the 2,400 km range: drones have a scale problem and "are only good for localised studies, and hard to fly in glacierised, windy, rugged Himalayan conditions," Dr. Banerjee said.

But artificial intelligence (AI) models, he added, could surely help in transforming live data to credible warnings. There is scope for satellite use, although satellite links are very expensive and may not be scalable. "There is some scope for them, although data collection from satellites needs to be rapid.

Per Dr. Banerjee: "It is important to involve and train local people to maintain, operate the EWS, and also to react to the warning."

## Hazard map

There have been promising precedents of Himalayan disasters averted: the recent glacier-collapse/debris flow at Blatten village in the Swiss Alps was prevented from exploding into a humanitarian crisis when a shepherd called the downstream village, saving hundreds of lives.

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Researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences published a paper in 2022 on how they created an EWS for glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) in Cirenmaco, a high-risk glacial lake in the central Himalayas using an unmanned boat.

EWS "prevents loss of life and reduces the economic and societal impacts of disasters," the authors of the paper, published in the *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, wrote. It consisted of monitoring lake-level change, end-moraine displacement, ice collapse, and downstream runoff. The data can be transmitted via satellites and a mobile network to the data centre.

A hazard map was created of flood depth and velocity and translated into four intensity levels.

"In the future, more refined and accurate simulation results can be relied upon to establish this hazard map, which has implications for determining evacuation locations in downstream areas, constructing GLOF prevention and mitigation facilities, and implementing economic development measures," according to the paper.

Vinod Kumar Gaur, a Bengaluru-based seismologist and former director of the National Geophysical Research Institute, is closely involved in the implementation of three EWSs, the third one still at an elementary stage relating to cloudbursts. One of these was recently funded by the Environment Ministry to produce an operational system to provide advanced, sub-kilometre scale (a few hundred metres) hailstorm alerts to apple orchard managers in Uttarakhand and Himachal.

## Not a priority

"The systems are based on a melding of local data and AI-aided predictions and a rigorously downscaled atmospheric model at the local scale with a capability to capture local land surface and hydrometeorological processes," said Dr. Gaur.

Indeed, there's no time to lose: a study published last year in the journal *Climate Change* predicted that 90% of the Himalayas will experience drought lasting over a year if global warming increases by 3° C. We get clues into this scenario from the fact that wildlife here is trapped in an "altitude squeeze," as a warming mountain range pushes musk deer and snow trout to higher ground, according to a recent UN report.

Himalayan catastrophes are not being given the priority they deserve: either by scientists, engineers, funding agencies, industry, or policy makers in central and local authorities, Dr. Banerjee said. "I think Himalayan people need it, and it is an urgent need. This should be a national priority."

## THE GIST

There has been an increase in disasters. From 1963 to 1972, the region reported 11 disasters, followed by 13 in 1973-82. The last decade (2013-2022) saw the highest number of disasters at 68, accounting for 44% of all disasters reported in India

An EWS requires data and processing ability. Drones and satellites can provide the input, and AI models could help convert live data into credible warnings

Researchers say Himalayan catastrophes are not being given priority by stakeholders. Considering the impact of warming on mountain dynamics, EWS is an urgent requirement and should be a national priority

## BIG SHOT



The peak of Japan's Mount Fuji was capped with snow for the first time this winter on October 23, reaching the milestone 21 days later than the average since records began in 1894, the country's meteorological agency said. REUTERS

## QUESTION CORNER

# Antagonistic antibiotics

**Q. If antibiotics are becoming less effective, why not combine them?**

A.It might seem logical to combine different antibiotics to create a more powerful weapon against resistant bacteria, but this approach can surprisingly backfire. Instead of becoming stronger, some antibiotic combinations can work against each other, a phenomenon known as antagonism. This means the mixture can be less effective than using a single, appropriate antibiotic.

One reason for this is that some antibiotics, called bacteriostatic agents, only stop bacteria from multiplying, while others, known as bactericidal antibiotics, actively kill them. If you mix the two, the bacteriostatic drug can prevent the bactericidal one from working properly as the latter often targets processes in actively dividing cells.

Further, every antibiotic use, including in combinations, puts pressure on bacteria to evolve and develop resistance. Using combinations without a clear benefit can inadvertently contribute to the creation of "superbugs" that are even harder to treat. This is why it's crucial for doctors to carefully select the right antibiotic based on the specific infection, rather than simply mixing them.



Antibiotic use puts pressure on bacteria to evolve and develop resistance. REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE. JAMES YAREMA/UNSPLASH

A study published in *Molecular Systems Biology* on October 27 illustrated this problem in *Escherichia coli* bacteria. Researchers combined ciprofloxacin, an antibiotic that kills bacteria by damaging DNA, with tetracycline, which merely stops them from growing. They discovered that tetracycline actually slowed down the bacteria's metabolism, preventing ciprofloxacin from killing them. Ultimately the survival rate of the bacterial cells increased.

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## NEWS IN NUMBERS

### Reduction in Russia's oil refining capacity since Ukraine attacks

**20** In per cent. Over 90% of deep strikes on Russian soil were carried out by Ukrainian-made long-range weapons, according to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Oil exports play a key role in funding Russia's invasion of its neighbour Ukraine. PTI

### Number of corporate jobs to be cut down at Amazon

**14,000** Amazon will cut about 14,000 corporate jobs as the online retail giant ramps up spending on artificial intelligence. Teams and individuals impacted by the job cuts will be notified on Tuesday. PTI

### People in Jamiaca who could be affected by Hurricane Melissa

**1.5** in million. Hurricane Melissa could affect 1.5 million people in Jamaica, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said, warning of a "massive impact". The Category 5 storm is on a slow path through the Caribbean and expected to make landfall on Tuesday. AFP

### The magnitude of the earthquake in Turkiye on Monday

**6.1** A strong earthquake shook western Turkiye on Monday, causing at least three buildings that were damaged in a previous tremor to collapse, officials said. There were no immediate reports of casualties. A total of 22 people were injured due to panic-related falls. PTI

### The growth in India's industrial output in September

**4** In per cent. The factory output, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production, had expanded by 3.2% in September 2024. The National Statistics Office revised the industrial production growth to 4.1% for August 2025 from the estimate of 4%. PTI

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# The politics of the EBCs in Bihar

As Bihar gears up for the 2025 Assembly Elections, the marginalisation of Extremely Backward Castes in the political landscape is becoming increasingly apparent, highlighting the challenges they face in mobilising a coalition among their 112 recognised castes

FULL CONTEXT

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According to the recent caste survey, Extremely Backward Castes (EBCs) are a diversified caste group that make up 36% of the population of Bihar. When combined together with the upper OBCs or upper Backward castes, they form the category of Backward Castes, which make up a combined total of 63% of Bihar's population. While the politics of the Backward Castes have dominated the political discourse of Bihar at least since the 1990s, EBCs have been marginalised in terms of political representation. That is, despite their numerical significance, their political representation in the Bihar Legislature has hardly ever gone above the 10% mark.

**Composition of the category**

Bihar has about 112 EBCs, also known as the Most Backward Castes. In Bihar, they are referred to as 'Annexure-I,' whereas OBCs are referred to as 'Annexure-II.' Annexure-I (the 'more backward') includes some 88 Hindu and Muslim castes, some well-known (for example, Dhanuk, Hajjam, Kahar and Mallah castes), while others considerably less so (Gulguha, Jadupatia etc). Annexure-II ('less backward') comprises of 30 castes including upper Backward castes such as the Kurmis, Koeris, Banias and Yadavs. According to political scientist Harry Blair, many of these communities, such as the Barhis, Kandus and Kumhars (as well as some Muslim castes like Momins and Rayeens), were difficult to distinguish in terms of social and economic backwardness from those in Annexure-I. However, the Bihar government's gazetted ordinance in 1951, followed by the first Backward Classes Commission led by Kaka Saheb Kalelkar in 1955, helped to identify the 837 "most Backward" castes among the total 2,399 Backward Castes in India. In Bihar, the commission enumerated a total of 127 Hindu and Muslim castes as backward castes, which now stand at 112, as per the caste survey conducted in 2022. Out of the 112 caste groups, 24 castes, like the Ansari or Momins, Rayeen, Shershahbadi, Rangrez, Dhobi, Idrish, Kasai, Nat, and Bhatiyara are Muslim EBCs, also referred to as Pasmanda Muslims.

**Political mobilisation among EBCs**

The politics of Bihar when seen through the prism of caste can be divided into several phases. The phase of the Congress rule in Bihar was dominated by forward caste alliances of Brahmin-Bhumihar-Rajput and Kayasthas for a long time after independence. Although backward caste mobilisation had begun in Bihar during the turn of the 20th century, through historical events like the Triveni Sangh (forging a collaboration between the Kurmis, Koeris and Yadavs) and the Janeyu Andolan (a movement where backward castes in Bihar began wearing the sacred thread to challenge upper-caste domination), the proliferation of several caste associations among upper Backward castes also played a prominent role in their political consolidation. This phase of political mobilisation of the backward castes reached a crescendo in the 1990s. From the Assembly elections of 1990 to 1995 and the Lok Sabha elections of 1991, the number of backward caste legislators finally outnumbered the number of upper caste representatives, a pivotal change in the social background of politicians in Bihar, that has since never been overturned.




**Myriad groups:** A march in support of a demand to give schedule caste status to the Dhanuk community, currently in the EBC list, in Patna in 2013. FILE PHOTO

Former Chief Minister of Bihar, Karpoori Thakur, attributed as the initiator of a 'Backward Raj' by Harry Blair, has been credited by several observers for this social reconfiguration in Bihar. Along with the implementation of the Mungeri Lal Commission report (1976), which facilitated reservations for backward castes in higher education and State government jobs, Karpoori Thakur initiated two major policy decisions which altered the caste dynamics of Bihar's political landscape. First among these was the removal of English language as a mandatory subject for class 10 examinations which enabled a large number of Hindi medium students from backward castes to get access to government jobs and other opportunities in higher education. Second was the decision to conduct local elections at the panchayat level in 1978, which created opportunities for participation in democracy at the grassroots level leading to an eventual process of democratisation. Years later, in his attempts to consolidate EBC support for himself, Chief Minister of Bihar Nitish Kumar also facilitated such democratisation by implementing reservations for EBCs (of upto 20%) and women (upto 50%) in Panchayati Raj Institutions by promulgating the Bihar Panchayati Raj Amendment Act in 2006. According to a study by Subhesh Kumar, Nitu Sharan and Srikant Pandey, these reservations allowed the election of almost 1,464 Mukhiyas, 18,901 Gram Panchayat Members, 1,464 Sarpanchs, and 18,900 panchas from the EBC category, allowing them to benefit significantly from such grassroots level participation in democracy.

However, at the State level, EBCs continued to be marginalised in representative electoral politics, as compared to upper backward OBCs, as the assertion of backward caste dominance has been led by the Yadavs, Kurmis, Koeri and Banias. As pointed out by Srikant and Prasanna Kumar Choudhary, between 1957 and 1962, EBCs had no representation in the Bihar Legislative Assembly. Between 1967 and 1995, there were 753 MLAs from Yadav, Kurmi, Koeri and Baniya castes (upper OBCS) while for the same period, the number of EBC MLAs in Bihar was 55. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of EBC MLAs in Bihar was between 6 to 16. In 2005, 19 EBC MLAs were elected to the State Assembly, which fell to 17 in 2010. This number increased up to 29 in 2020; it was also the first time when the share of EBC MLAs in the Bihar Assembly went above 10% of the total MLAs. For a community with a 36% share in the State's population, this is still a vast underrepresentation.

**Emergence of new leadership**

The heterogenous mix of castes within the EBC category poses substantial challenges to political mobilisation. Among the EBCs, only a handful of *jatis* like Teli, Dhanuk, Badhai, Kumhar (prajapati), Mallah, Nai, Noniya and Kahar (Chandravanshis) have a population between 1-3% of the total population of Bihar, as per the 2022 caste survey. All the other castes within the EBC category have a population size of below 1%, which makes political mobilisation difficult in terms of numerical consolidation.

The example of the Nishad community is a good case of political mobilisation through numerical consolidation. The Nishad community was forged by bringing together around 22 castes among the EBCs (such as the Mallah, Noniya and Bind, Kevat *jatis*), which brought their combined numbers to about 9.8% of the total population of the State, according to the 2022 caste survey. This makes them a significant part of the EBC cluster and highlights their political salience in terms of electoral support. However, while the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP), led by Mukesh Sahani, has emerged as a key political group representing the interests of the Nishad community, the leadership among the Nishad has been scattered across several parties like the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Janata Dal (United) (JD(U)) and even Congress. Therefore, the viability of the Nishad community's electoral impact among the EBCs is yet to materialise as a consolidated vote bank.

A close reading of the candidate nominations for 2025 by various political parties shows us that EBC representation among the fielded candidates has increased, especially among regional parties such as the JD(U), Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and VIP. Both the Congress and the BJP lag behind in terms of EBC representation in distributing their party tickets. In fact, a closer look among candidate nominations suggests that among the various EBC castes, political parties tend to nominate candidates mostly from a few key communities like the Dhanuk, Mallah, Noniya, Teli among Hindu EBCs, and Ansaris or Momins among Muslim EBCs.

**Long way to go**

Whether it is the appointment of Dhanik Lal Mandal as the first EBC speaker of the Bihar Assembly in 1967, or the Rajya Sabha nomination for Pasmanda leader Ali Anwar, or even the appointment of Renu Devi as the first EBC Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar in 2020, the accommodation of EBC politicians by different parties in Bihar has been largely symbolic without much structural change in the political representation of the community, which remains highly marginalised.

Grassroots empowerment through representation in local level leadership positions is yet to translate into visible material transformations among the community, which still remains entrapped in poverty and precarity.

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## THE GIST

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CACHE




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# How Amazon's cloud outage affected services and apps globally

The glitch took down more than 2,000 companies, with several apps and services impacted like Amazon, Snapchat, Signal, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Canva, Roblox, Duolingo, Fortnite, Coinbase and Epic Games online services

Poulomi Chatterjee

**The story so far:**

On October 20, one Amazon Web Services (AWS) data centre, located in the east coast of the U.S., began experiencing "increased error rates and latencies." By next morning several issues were reported across AWS data centres, many of which are located in Northern Virginia. The affected data centre cluster, U.S.-East-1, is AWS' biggest and most active. The disruption took down digital services of over 2,000 companies, according to *Downdetector*. Services of Amazon, Snapchat, Signal, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Canva, Roblox, Duolingo, Fortnite, Coinbase and Epic Games online services were affected. The issue was eventually "fully resolved" by 6:53 PM ET, AWS said in a blog post.

**What happened?**

In a status update, AWS informed users that the outage originated from a Domain Name System (DNS) error affecting the DynamoDB database application programming interfaces in the US-East-1 region. After some time, Amazon advised users experiencing issues resolving the DynamoDB service endpoints in US-East-1 to flush their DNS caches.

The DNS essentially functions as a lookup mechanism that translates a web URL into its corresponding IP address. For instance, the IP address for the domain 'www.instagram.com' is 57.144.150.34. When DNS fails, there's no way to retrieve the address, so even if a service appears to be operational for users running the platform, there's no incoming traffic. Consider trying to contact a friend whose phone number keeps changing, and you don't have any of these numbers memorised.

The DynamoDB database service was used by AWS to store data for Amazon's own services as well as several other customers including Amazon retail, Amazon Alexa, Lyft, Snapchat and Signal etc.

DNS errors have become frequent due to various factors. It could happen in case a company failed to renew registration or during a faulty automated update or in the most common instances where the DNS service provider is changed or is updating the domain address. Although DNS errors could be caused by malicious actors, this specific outage was not. It was a case of "availability," cybersecurity experts said, where the system couldn't correctly decide which server to latch on to, which led to a ripple effect. Despite how centralised cloud systems have become over time, AWS' US-East-1 region is relatively infamous for causing massive disruptions. Built in 2006, US-East-1 is also the default for swathes of services and users given it was the first AWS region.

There are some global AWS services run from US-East-1 depending on its endpoints, which includes DynamoDB Global Tables among others. This could mean that services used in even Europe have infrastructure features located in US-East-1 and can therefore be susceptible to a chain reaction.

**Have there been past AWS outages?**

After two prominent outages in September and December of 2021, customers were furious, calling US-East-1 a "systemic risk." The outage in December is often cited as the most severe in AWS history. It laid bare how fragile cloud dependencies could be. Lasting almost seven hours and costing S&P companies $150 million, the outage was caused to a typo in a command entered while debugging an issue.

Following the backlash, Amazon confirmed that new architectures were being rebuilt for both the AWS support case management system for customers to chat with technical support and the health dashboard. But, in June 2023, the region faced another outage taking down 100 services for around four hours with customers grappling with a recurring issue of not being able to reach out to AWS Support quickly, despite the changes.

Notably, every AWS region has a minimum of three different availability zones (AZ) that are all connected separately. And while customers were suggested to allow their apps and platforms to run in different availability zones to control risks of impact, the entire region has been prone to going down, taking everything with it.

**Will there be more outages in future?**

Some experts have predicted that cloud outages could increase due to the push towards introducing AI capabilities in enterprises which leads to an increased ingestion of data into the cloud, increasing the load on hyperscalers (global cloud computing is largely dominated by AWS, followed by Microsoft's Azure and Google Cloud).

As most experts have been warning repeatedly, the outage is a stark reminder that over-reliance on dominant cloud providers could bring global online companies down to their knees.

Gergely Orosz, author of the newsletter, 'The Pragmatic Engineer,' listed some unlikely cases of fallout from this outage, which included Postman, an API development tool, and Eight Sleep, a sleep fitness company.

"In both cases, things should have worked locally! It's what customers assumed, and it should have been possible. But clearly the dev teams found it simpler to take on a cloud dependency – and made no prep for an AWS region outage. So now customers know these are cloud products," he said in a X post.

Amazon released a report with a detailed summary of the 15-hour outage saying it will be temporarily disabling DynamoDB DNS Planner and that it will add "additional protections" to prevent DNS errors in future. The AWS team will also work on improving their internal testing to look for more such problems that stretched the outage.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

# Here is a quiz on events that happened on October 29

Sindhu Nagaraj

**QUESTION 1**
Just five days after nearly 13 million shares of U.S. stock were sold in one day in 1929, an additional 16 million shares were sold this day further fuelling the crisis known as the Great Depression. What was this day later called as?

**QUESTION 2**
On this day in 2015, this country announced that it was ending its one-child policy and beginning in 2016, couples could have two children. Name the country.

**QUESTION 3**
This Academy Award-nominated screenwriter for *Dr. Strangelove* and *Easy Rider*, died at age 71 on this day. Who was he?

**QUESTION 4**
American artist George Luks — one of a group of U.S. painters, died on this day in 1933. He belonged to a group because of their realistic treatment of urban scenes. What was the group called?

**QUESTION 5**
This country was established largely through the efforts of Kemal Atatürk who is considered the country's founder and served as its first President. Name the country.

**QUESTION 6**
On this day in 1901, Anarchist Leon Czolgosz was executed for the assassination of which U.S. President?

**QUESTION 7**
This person, born on this day in 1897, was the Minister of Propaganda for the German Third Reich under Adolf Hitler. Who was he?



**Visual question:**
Identify this former President of Liberia who was born on this day.

**Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. Name the Indian artist known as the 'father of Indian Animation'. **Ans: Ram Mohan**
2. This animated film was the first cartoon to use fully synchronised sound. **Ans: *Steamboat Willie***
3. This work became the first animated feature nominated for Best Picture at the Oscars. **Ans: *Beauty and the Beast***
4. The animation that was used in films like *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. **Ans: Stop Motion animation**
5. The name of the animation technique where live-action footage is traced over to create realistic motion. **Ans: Rotoscoping**
6. This Pixar hit was the first feature-length film animated entirely with CGI. **Ans: *Toy Story***
7. This studio was founded by Spielberg, Katzenberg, and Geffen in 1994. **Ans: DreamWorks Animation**
Visual: Name this legendary animator. **Ans: Hayako Miyazaki**
**Early Birds:** Siddhartha Viswanathan| Rohit Sah| Pranab Biswas| Ashok Gamaganoru| Dharmendra Singh



# *Language in conversation*

Vaishali R. Venkat

"Dear Moon! At last, I've bumped into you in this dinosaur-era cottage, which looks weathered, yet wonderful. What are you up to?"

"Genius Genie! I am enjoying the sweetness of the rain. The tiny droplets on the leaves, and raindrops trickling down the windowpane are so pretty. Whenever it rains, I chase raindrops with my tongue, and I float a paper boat adrift in puddles."

"Do you love the rain so much?"

"Yes, Genie! I love the rain, right from its very first scent... the earthy fragrance that rises when it touches the dry ground. Hmm... that's my favourite smell in the whole world, Genie."

"Why are you beating around the bush, Moon? Just say petrichor!"

"Pardon, Genie. Peter, what...?"

"It's not Peter; it's petrichor. The English word for that earthy fragrance that rises when rain touches dry ground is petrichor. It's called *Saundhi Khushbu* in Hindi and *Mannvasanai* in Tamil. Two Australian scientists coined the term petrichor in 1964. Etymologically, the word comes from two Greek words petra (stone) and ichor (the golden ethereal fluid that runs in the veins of Gods in Greek mythology)."

"Thank you so much, Genie. I love that word! What part of speech is petrichor, and how do you use it in a sentence?"

"It's used only as a noun. Say for example: I try to capture the feeling of petrichor in my paintings; (or) I wandered in the woods to breathe in the refreshing petrichor; (or) The best part of the rain is the petrichor that lingers in the air."

"By the way, how do you pronounce the word?"

"The word is pronounced in two different ways. However, both are widely accepted and understood. As per American English, it's PEt-ri-kor – 'pet' as in pet; 'ri' as in rid; and 'kor' as in more. In British English, it's PEt-ri-kaw – the last 'r' is dropped and 'kaw' is pronounced as in law, awe etc."

"Oh, that's interesting, Genie."

"If you love the rain so much, I can tell you one more rain word, Moon. It's 'sun shower.' It's a short period of rain, which falls when the Sun is shining (simultaneously). It must be written as two words and not as one, and it's also not hyphenated. It's used only as a noun. For example: On my way back home, I got caught in a sudden sun shower."

"Wow! There's a word for a shower and sunshine together. How magical, Genie."

"Alright, time's up, Moon. Let's get going before the rain comes down heavily. I hope you brought your parapluie."

"Oh, come on, Genie. What's parapluie?"

"It's just a French word that's used in English to mean 'umbrella'. It's pronounced as pah-rah-plwee (like in sweet). It's the combination of Greek word para (against/to shield) and French word pluie, which itself is derived from the Latin word pluvia (both mean 'rain'). The word parapluie is a noun and it translates to 'against rain'. Like in, "I opened my pink parapluie as soon as I got out of my car."

"Great, Genie. Thank you so much for this tiny piece of knowledge that made my day."

## Word of the day

**Equivocal:**
open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead; open to question; uncertain as a sign or indication

Synonyms: ambiguous

Usage: *The officer's equivocal behaviour increased the victim's uneasiness.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/equivocalpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /əˈkwɪvəkəl/

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