

480 crore released for fine rice bonus, Mahalakshmi, Minority departments
Hyderabad: As per the directions of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, the Finance department on Friday released Rs.480 crore pertaining to fine rice bonus, LPG Mahalakshmi scheme, and Minority departments. Of the total amount released, Rs.200 crore has been allocated for the fine rice bonus, Rs.60 crore for the LPG Mahalakshmi scheme, and Rs.220 crore for Minority departments. The Finance department officials released these funds on Friday following the instructions of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka.



SINGARENI TO HOST "DIAL YOUR C&MD" ON SATURDAY
Hyderabad: Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) Chairman N. Balam will hold the monthly "Dial Your C&MD" programme on Saturday between 4 PM and 5 PM. The interactive session will focus on production, productivity, safety and medical services in the organisation. Workers from all Singareni regions can directly call and share suggestions or concerns. Participants may contact 040-2331 1338 during the allotted time.

Telangana dominates 4th EMRS National Meet

Revanth congratulates champions



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Nov., 21 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has congratulated Telangana students for clinching the overall championship in the 4th EMRS National Sports Meet-2025. Telangana has won record-breaking medals in the 4th EMRS National Sports Meet-2025 held in Odisha on November 15.

Telangana State secured 230 medals in athletics, archery, swimming, gymnastics, boxing, judo, wrestling, weightlifting, taekwondo, yoga, shooting, chess and other events. From Telangana, students of 23 EMRS institutions participated in National Sports Meet. A total of 5,500 students from 499 EMRS institutions across 22 states partici-

pated in this national sports competition. Sports competitions were held in a total of 22 events, out of which, individual events are 15 and team events-07. 580 students from 23 schools participated in this national event representing Telangana. The students displayed outstanding performance in individual and team events. Telangana has won the

championship with a total of 714 points. The students, who won medals in the competitions, called on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills on Friday. On the occasion, the Chief Minister has congratulated the students for their outstanding performance. Minister Adhuri Lakshman and senior officials were also present.

Robust infrastructure makes Telangana an investment hub: Bhatti

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Nov., 21 : Telangana is the fastest-growing state in the country. Telangana is a paradise for investments, said Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka. The Deputy Chief Minister held a special meeting with representatives of corporate companies at Praja Bhavan here on Friday. Representatives from Deloitte, EY, KPMG, BCG, PwC, JLL and other organisations participated in the meeting. The people's government is



moving forward with the goal of transforming Telangana into a 3 trillion-dollar economy by 2047.

Along with favourable climatic and geographical conditions, low-cost and highly skilled human resources are

contributing significantly to Telangana's economic growth and investment environment, Bhatti Vikramarka said.

Telangana must become a global growth engine: Bhatti

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Nov., 21 : "In the Telangana Rising 2047 Document, we are placing strong emphasis on education, skills, and employment. Telangana must become a Global Growth Engine - and JNTU will be the engine that drives it," said Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka. Speaking at the inauguration of the JNTU diamond jubilee celebrations on Friday, Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu said it was



a proud moment to stand at a historic institution that shaped lakhs of engineers, innovators, administrators, and visionaries over the last sixty years. Bhatti Vikramarka said it is highly meaningful that JNTU carries the name

of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who believed that India's future rests on science, modern institutions and the courage of youth. From its inception as Nagarjunasagar Engineer-

ing College in 1965, to becoming India's first technological university in 1972, and today a 100-acre Kukatpally campus recognised worldwide - JNTU has surpassed Nehru's dream, he said.

Telangana North East Connect Festival showcases rich cultural tapestry

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Nov., 21 : The Telangana North East Connect Festival enters its final day of Phase I at HITEX Exhibition Centre on Saturday, presenting a full slate of fine arts exhibitions, inter-regional literary exchanges, performances, and policy discussions that underscore the event's commitment to strengthening ties between Telangana and the Northeastern states. The programme, which extends across multiple venues at

HITEX and Prasad Multiplex, will culminate in a formal closing ceremony in the evening, attended by the Hon'ble Governor, and dignitaries from all participating states. The day opens with the continuation of the Fine Arts segment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring painting and photography exhibitions at HITEX Hall 2 and the State Art Gallery. These curated presentations bring together artists and photographers from the Northeast and Telangana, offering visitors

an expansive view of the shared cultural resonances that shape the region's visual traditions. The literary segment begins at 10 a.m. in Seminar Hall 2 with sessions on translation, marginal voices, short fiction, language politics, and media cultures. These panels bring together Sahitya Akademi awardees, established authors, and emerging voices from both regions. A poetry reading, scheduled in Seminar Hall 1, adds a lyrical dimension to the day's proceedings, highlighting diverse poetic traditions within the Indian literary landscape. In the performing arts, HITEX Hall 2 will host back-to-back band performances from the Northeast and Telangana, including Delong Padong, Theatre Band, and the Rudy Wallang Band. An address by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Chakravarthy, IAS, representing Tripura, will anchor the segment. Meanwhile, the Women's Empowerment track continues its policy-focused discussions with panels on combating human-trafficking models and inter-state partnerships, moderated by Dr. Sunitha Krishnan and Dana Kishore, IAS.

Jupally releases brochure for 107th national numismatics conference



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Nov., 21 : Minister for Prohibition & Excise, Tourism and Archaeology Jupally Krishna Rao formally released the official brochure for the upcoming 107th Annual National Conference and Seminar on Numismatics at the secretariat here on Friday. This prestigious conference is being organised by the department of Heritage, Telangana, in collaboration with the Numismatic Society of India (NSI). The event holds historical significance for the state, marking the first time the major national conference will be held in Telangana since its formation. It aims to underscore the region's rich historical and cultural importance

through the specialised study of coinage, which is a core activity of the Heritage department. The two-day conference is scheduled to be held at the Dr. MCR HRD Institute in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, on December 11 and 12. The National Conference on coins will serve as a vital platform for students, scholars, researchers, and numismatic experts from across India and Telangana. Participants will gather to discuss the historical, cultural, and artistic importance of coins, fostering significant dialogue and advancing research in the field of numismatics. The brochure release event was attended by several key officials, including Jayesh Ranjan, special chief sec-

retary, Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture (YAT&C), Professor Arjun Rao Kuthadi, director of the department of Heritage; and deputy directors Dr. D. Ramulu and Dr. P. Nagaraju, all from the Heritage department. Students, scholars, researchers and numismatic experts from across the country will attend the sessions. They will share insights on the historical, artistic and cultural relevance of coins, encouraging research and academic discussion in the field. Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary (YAT&C); Professor Arjun Rao Kuthadi, Director, Department of Heritage; and Deputy Directors Dr. D. Ramulu and Dr. P. Nagaraju were also present at the brochure launch.

CM transfers 32 IPS officers in major reshuffle

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Nov., 21 : In a significant bureaucratic reshuffle, the Telangana Government on Friday issued orders transferring and posting 32 IPS officers across various wings of the police department. The General Administration (SPL.B) Department issued the orders detailing the new assignments. As per the order, senior IPS officer Devendra Singh Chauhan (1997) has been posted as Additional Director General of Police (Personnel) at the DGP office. He will also hold full additional charge of ADGP, Multizone-II, Hyderabad. Jt. Commissioner of Police (Admn.) Hyderabad City, Ms. J. Parimala Hana Nutan Jacob (IPS 2009), has been transferred and posted as DIG (CID). Several Superintendents of Police were reassigned, including Dr. Chetana Mylabathula (IPS 2013) posted as Deputy Director, RBVRR TGPA; K. Narayana Reddy (2013) as DCP Maheshwaram Zone, Rachakonda; and Smt. P.V. Padmaja (2013) as SP (Admn), Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau, while Sneha Mehra (2018) takes charge as SP, Vikarabad. Officers from the 2017-2023 batches also received key postings. Among them, Chennuri Rupesh (2017) was posted as DCP, SM&I, Hyderabad. Multiple Additional SPs, SDPOs and ASPs have been shifted, including officers currently waiting for posting. Newly inducted IPS officers from the 2023 batch, serving with Greyhounds, were also moved to field postings. Several SPs and DCPs across districts such as Nagarkurnool, Mahabubabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mulugu, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, and Wanaparthy have also been reassigned. Newly inducted IPS officers of the 2021-23 batches were posted as SDPOs and Additional SPs in various districts. The orders were issued by Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao.

CM PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT TO 17TH POULTRY INDIA EXPO 2025

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Nov., 21 : Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday assured to extend full cooperation to a delegation from Indian poultry industry who met him seeking state's support for the upcoming 17th Poultry India Expo 2025. The delegation also met Animal husbandry minister Vakiti Srihari in this regard. The team from the Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers' Association (IPEMA), led by President Uday Singh Bayas, founder president P. Chakradhar Rao and Treasurer M. Shrikanth, formally invited the Chief Minister to inaugurate the expo. Leaders from the Telangana Poultry Federation (TPF), including President K. Mohan Reddy and Vice President V. Narsimha Reddy were also present in the delegation. Both the Chief Minister and the Minister assured full cooperation, reaffirming Telangana's position as "India's poultry capital" and its crucial role in production, equipment manufacturing, and allied sectors. Industry representatives said the government's support strengthens efforts to promote innovation and boost the state's standing as a hub for national and global poultry players. The 17th Poultry India Expo 2025 is expected to attract thousands of delegates, exhibitors, and international participants, showcasing emerging technologies and trends shaping the fast-growing poultry sector.

President Droupadi Murmu Arrives in Hyderabad for two-day visit



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Nov., 21 : President Droupadi Murmu arrived in Hyderabad on Friday afternoon on a two-day visit. The President was accorded warm welcome on her arrival at the Begumpet Airport by Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Verma, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, State Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar, GHMC Mayor Gadwala Vijayalakshmi, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, DGP Shivdhar Reddy, Hyderabad district collector Dasari Harichandana, Hyderabad CP Sajjanar, and others. The President was received with due honours and escorted to Raj Bhavan, where she was warmly received by the Governor. The visit marks the commencement of her participation in the Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav 2025, held at Rashtrapati Nilayam in Secunderabad. The Kalamahotsav is focused on western India with Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Goa states and Dadra Nagarhaveli and Daman and Diu union territories displaying their special culture, craft and cuisine besides literatures. The President is scheduled to stay overnight at Raj Bhavan before proceeding to Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh, on November 22.

Central team visits Polavaram project

From Our Staff Reporter Polavaram, Nov., 21 : A central team from the Central Water Commission (CWC) visited the Polavaram project on Friday and reviewed the ongoing construction works. The delegation included Aditya Sharma, member of the CWC designs and research wing, chief engineer S. S. Bakhshill of the Central Water Commission, and M. Raghuram, member secre-

tary of the Polavaram Project Authority. The officials inspected the project activities in detail. They were accompanied by ENC of the Water Resources department K Narasimha murthy, Polavaram SE K. Ramachandra Rao, Quality Control CE K. Seshubabu, DEs K. Balakrishna, D. Srinivas, and Premchand. From MEIL, GM A. Gangadhar and DGM Murali pammii explained the ongoing

works and presented technical details. At the Polavaram project viewpoint, officials from the Water Resources department and MEIL briefed the central team on the status of the project and the overall progress. The team later visited the model dam, where officers explained the functioning and design aspects of each component. The central team then proceeded to the spillway, where they carried out a thor-

ough inspection. They reviewed the condition and operation of the spillway, gates, cylinders, and power packs used for gate operation. The delegation also examined the upstream cofferdam, Gap-I works, diaphragm wall, and the ongoing construction of the hydropower station. At every location, the team interacted with officials and sought detailed updates on the progress and technical parameters of the works.

Uppal Residents Oppose Land Acquisition for Inner Ring Road Bridge

Medchal-Malkajgiri, November 21(National Express): A delegation of prominent residents and property owners from the Uppal area met with Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy today at his residence in Sainikpuri. They presented their objections to the land acquisition notice issued by municipal authorities for the construction of a new road bridge along the Inner Ring Road stretch from Habsiguda to Nagole. The residents pointed out that the Uppal cross-roads, a circular junction where the Hyderabad-Warangal highway intersects the Secunderabad-L.B. Nagar road, is already 200 feet wide. They argued that current traffic jams are primarily caused by the Metro Rail design, which forces vehicles coming from Warangal to take a U-turn instead of proceeding straight to Hyderabad. This design creates a severe bottleneck, preventing even local Uppal residents from easily reaching their homes.

Alternative Solutions Proposed

The property owners urged the MLA to consider existing or alternative infrastructure plans to resolve the gridlock, thereby avoiding unnecessary land seizure from citizens along the Inner Ring Road. They highlighted that a flyover bridge currently under construction, running from Narpally to the Uppal Cricket Stadium and extending over the railway bridge, will significantly ease traffic. This flyover will allow vehicles from the Warangal side to travel smoothly toward Hyderabad without jamming the junction. Similarly,



larly, vehicles traveling from Secunderabad to L.B. Nagar will also pass through without obstruction. The delegation suggested that given these projects, the acquisition of adjacent property for the Inner Ring Road expansion may become unnecessary. In the event of an absolute requirement, they proposed constructing an underpass similar to the one in L.B. Nagar to ensure smooth traffic flow, which would also mitigate the need for extensive land takeover. The delegation included Uppal community figures such as Mekala Shiva Reddy, Dubba Narsimha Reddy, Salla Veerareddy, Mekala Venkata Ramana Reddy, Charla Ramreddy, Ramulu, and Pradeep.

Libraries are Hubs of Knowledge: National Library Week Concludes in Medchal



Medchal-Malkajgiri, November 21(National Express): The 58th National Library Week celebrations concluded today with a highly prestigious function organized by the District Library Organization in Medchal.

Focus on Continuous Learning and Knowledge

G. Kanthamma, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Medchal-Malkajgiri District, attended as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, she emphasized that continuous reading allows students to acquire a rich vocabulary and expand their intellect. She stated that sustained learning empowers individuals to build a bright future and designated libraries as the primary centers of enlightenment. The CEO drew attention to the legacy of the Indian Constitution's architect, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, noting that he

meticulously studied constitutions by visiting libraries in various nations before drafting the document. She stressed that reading the biographies of great personalities contributes significantly to everyone's knowledge expansion.

Harnessing Intellectual Wealth

Bongunuri Srinivas Reddy, Chairman of the District Library Organization, presided over the function. He urged every citizen to fully utilize the intellectual wealth contained within the libraries. He advised students to shun negative influences and dedicate themselves to the acquisition of wisdom, reminding them that "knowledge within libraries is something even thieves cannot steal." The Chairman distributed prizes and commendation certificates to students, women, and readers who emerged victorious in the competitions held throughout the week-long celebrations. The event was graced by various esteemed guests, including Medchal Government Junior College Principal T. Yadagiri, Telugu Lecturer Dr. Sudarshana Rao, Padma (MPP School), and Mokshada (Government Girls School), alongside several teachers. District Library Organization Secretary Suresh Babu, along with staff members M. Nagaveni and B. Raghavendra, successfully managed the program. Gonthami and D. Ram Mohan Rao served as masters of ceremony. Approximately 150 students, women, readers, and library staff participated in the concluding function.

Corporator Bannala Geetha Praveen Oversees Rs.27 Lakh CC Road Work in Chilukanagar

Medchal-Malkajgiri, November 21(National Express): Bannala Geetha Praveen Mudiraj, Corporator for Chilukanagar Division and former GHMC Standing Committee member, personally inspected the ongoing construction of a CC (Cement Concrete) road being built at an estimated cost of Rs.27 lakhs. Accompanied by GHMC officials and members of the Sairam Nagar Colony Association, the Corporator supervised the project, affirming that she was keeping her promise to the residents. Speaking after the inspection, Corporator Geetha Praveen issued strict instructions regarding the project execution. She mandated that GHMC Engineering Department officials maintain constant supervision during the construction process. The Corporator stressed that the contractor must adhere to all quality standards, warning that any lapse in quality would result in strict action. Furthermore, she instructed the team to take all necessary measures to prevent any inconvenience to the colony residents during the construction period. The site inspection saw the participation of GHMC officials, including DE



Vineel Goud, AE Radhika, and Work Inspector Kedar. Also present were BRS State Leader Bannala Praveen Mudiraj, senior leaders Yedhula Kondal Kokonda and Kokonda Jagan, Pallo Venu Goud, Balakrishna Goud, Shyam, Bunti Goud, and Chinna. The Sairam Nagar Colony Association was represented by its President Bannala Praveen Mudiraj, along with G.S. Sabir Pasha, Prakash, Ravinder Reddy, and Sudarshan Reddy.

Telangana—North East Sports Fest Gains Momentum; Governor Inaugurates Badminton



Hyderabad, November 21(National Express): The Telangana—North East Sports Festival, part of the cultural connect initiative, continued successfully, featuring high-energy competitions and specialized coaching clinics.

Badminton at Gopichand Academy

Governor Vishnu Dev Varma inaugurated the badminton segment of the festival at the Gopichand Academy. Matches were played between teams from Telangana and the North Eastern states in both the boys' and girls' categories. Addressing the athletes, the Governor highlighted the shared passion for sports and the strong grassroots sporting traditions evident in both regions. The inauguration was attended by Telangana Sports Authority Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy, State Government Sports Advisor A.P. Jitender Reddy, Vice Chairman & Managing Director Dr. Sony Baladevi, other Sports Authority officials, and Gopichand Academy staff.

Football Results and Coaching Clinics

Later in the day, football matches were held at the



Gachibowli Main Stadium, inaugurated by Indian football legend Baichung Bhutia and Sports Authority Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy. In the women's category, the Telangana team achieved a 2–0 victory over the North East team. In the men's match, the North East team secured a 2–0 victory against the Telangana side. Following the matches, a meeting involving sports entrepreneurs and journalists from both regions was convened at the Gachibowli Stadium. Special coaching clinics were organized in several disciplines, including football, gymnastics, sepaktakraw, table tennis, and others, led by celebrated Arjuna and Dronacharya Awardees from the North Eastern states.

Winners Felicitated

The victorious athletes were felicitated by a delegation including Mizoram Sports Minister Lavuleng Lova Hmra, Sports Advisor A.P. Jitender Reddy, Sports Authority MD Dr. Sony Baladevi, and the Arjuna and Dronacharya Awardees present.

CM Revanth Reddy Sanctions Rs.9.20 Crore for Sports Stadiums in Uppal Constituency

Medchal-Malkajgiri, November 21(National Express): The Uppal constituency is rapidly advancing on the path of development, stated Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy, Congress Party In-charge for the area. He highlighted the commitment of the State Government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, to propel development and welfare across the constituency. Parameshwar Reddy specifically praised CM Revanth Reddy for sanctioning Rs.9.20 crore for the construction of sports stadiums in Kapra Division, crediting the Chief Minister with fulfilling an earlier promise. To express gratitude for the funding approval, a 'Palaabhishekam' (offering of milk) was performed on the Chief Minister's portrait today, Friday, near the Kapra Tahsildar office. Parameshwar Reddy attended the function as the chief guest. During his address, Parameshwar Reddy hailed CM Revanth Reddy as a leader who keeps his word. He recalled the Chief Minister's pledge during his prior visit to Kapra to build sports facilities in the circle. The sanction fulfills this promise, allocating: Rs.3.20 crore for a sports stadium in Valvarnagar, Kapra Division. Rs.6 crore for a sports stadium in Galileo Nagar, Kapra Division. The event saw participation from various local leaders, including Kapra and Cherlapally Corpora-



tors Swarnaraj Shivamani and Bonthu Sridevi, former Corporator Pavani Reddy, Seetaram Reddy, former Councillor Rajender, Kottha Anji Reddy, Raghava Reddy, and Pathi Kumar. Congress Party presidents present were Kobari Nagaseshu (Kapra Division), Keshetti Prasad (A S Rao Nagar Division), and Singireddy Venkat Reddy (Cherlapally Division). Other attendees included Medchal-Malkajgiri Agriculture Market Committee Vice Chairman Vittal Naik, AMC Director Poorna Yadav, Gaddam Yadagiri, Peddi Srinu, Thotakura Srikanth, and numerous other party functionaries and activists.

Additional Collector Vijayendar Reddy Inspects Paddy Procurement Centre in Shameerpet

Medchal-Malkajgiri, November 21(National Express): In a surprise inspection, D. Vijayender Reddy, Additional District Collector, along with Civil Supplies District Manager L. Sugunabai, DSO Srinivas Reddy, DCO Venkat Reddy, and AEO officials, visited the Paddy Procurement Centre in Shameerpet. The Collectorate team instructed farmers to bring their grain to the purchasing centers only after proper winnowing and drying, ensuring the paddy is free from excessive moisture, chaff, and dust. They also communicated with the harvester machine operators, requesting them to send the harvested paddy to the centre in an organized manner to maintain smooth procurement flow. The Additional Collector issued directives to the Shameerpet procurement centre in-charge to ensure: The deployment of sufficient hamalis (labourers) to accelerate the purchasing process. The provision of drinking water and adequate facilities so that growers face no difficulty during the unloading of their crops. Officials ordered cen-



ter in-charges to immediately log farmer details into the online tab system once the paddy is purchased. They assured the farmers that the amount for their sold grain would be credited directly to their bank accounts within 48 hours of the sale.



Hyderabad, November 21 (National Express): The fifth edition of the annual 'Movember La Ultra' run, organized by the Ray of Sunshine Foundation (ROSF), is set to take place on November 22nd and 23rd. Supported by Cleave, this endurance running event aims to raise awareness

about men's health issues, with a particular focus on prostate cancer. The initiative aligns with the global 'Movember' campaign, which encourages growing moustaches, fundraising, and social activities throughout November to promote health consciousness.

100 Kilometer Challenge for Charity

The organizers have set a fundraising target of Rs.3 lakhs this year. The total amount collected will be donated to the Ray of Sunshine Foundation to provide assistance to prostate cancer patients. More than 15 runners are prepared to take on the challenge this time, intending to cover a distance of 100 kilometers starting from Pedda Amberpet ORR (Outer Ring Road) in Hyderabad and concluding in Suryapet. In previous editions, participants successfully ran distances of 50–60 kilometers while raising approximately Rs.50,000 through the support of family and friends. Organizers encouraged every member of society to support the Movember movement by growing moustaches, contributing donations, or participating in service activities. They concluded with a call to action: "Your assistance can transform a life." For further details, interested persons may contact Srikanth Thadur at 9949113931 or via email at rosf.jost@gmail.com.

Scientific Temper Essential for Youth: NIT Professor at Chekumuki Test



Medchal-Malkajgiri, November 21(National Express): Professor Ramachandraiah, a retired scientist from NIT Warangal, emphasized the critical need for students to cultivate scientific temper, critical thinking, and a research mindset. Speaking at the Chekumuki Mandal-Level Talent Test organized by the Jana Vignana Vedika (JVV) at Nagaram Government School, he stressed that the habit of asking "Why?" and "How?" is the foundation for future societal progress. He advised students to verify information before believing it. The results for the District-Level examination, scheduled for November 28th at Kompally, were also announced, with several government and private schools qualifying.

MLA Lakshma Reddy Inaugurates Golden Ladies PG Hostel in A.S. Rao Nagar



Medchal -Malkajgiri, November 21(National Express): Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy served as the chief guest for the inauguration of the new Golden Ladies Paying Guest (PG) Hostel, located on High Tension Road in the Dr. A.S. Rao Nagar Division. The MLA formally launched the facility and offered his best wishes to the management. The event saw the participation of local Corporator Sirisha Somashekhar Reddy, BRS State Leader Somashekhar Reddy, former BRS Party President for the Dr. A.S. Rao Nagar Division Kasam Mahipal Reddy, Minority Cell In-charge Badruddin, and BRS Party Presidents from Kapra and Cherlapally Divisions Naveen Goud and Mahesh Goud along with Raheem and the hostel management staff.

ECMS to Drive Next Phase of Value Chain Integration and Steer India's Electronics Manufacturing to \$500 Billion by 2030—31: Ashwini Vaishnaw



New Delhi: In continuation of approval of seven applications for Rs.5,532 crore announced earlier, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has approved 17 more proposals under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS). These approved projects span across the country with a total investment of Rs 7,172 crore, cumulative projected production of Rs 65,111 crore, and creation of 11,808 direct employment opportunities.

The approved units are spread across 9 states—Goa, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Andhra

Pradesh, reinforcing the government's commitment to balanced regional growth and creation of high-skill jobs beyond metropolitan clusters. The 2nd tranche includes a wide range of components and sub-assemblies, such as: India's first-ever Optical Transceiver (SFP) manufacturing facilities by Jabil Circuit India Private Limited and Zetchem Supply Chain Services Private Limited; Oscillators for precise timing applications in communication devices, computers, and industrial electronics by Rakon India Private Limited; high-end precision Enclosures for laptops and smartwatches by Aequus Consumer Products Private Limited; Camera Modules

by ASUX Safety Components India Private Limited, Uno Minda Limited, and Symma Mobility Private Limited; Connectors for electronic applications by TE Connectivity India Private Limited; Multi-Layer PCBs by nine companies - Hi-Q Electronics Private Limited, Secure Circuits Limited, Zetfab India Private Limited, Ehome IOT Private Limited, Sierra Circuits (India) Private Limited, Meena Electrotech Private Limited, AT & S India Private Limited, Micropack Private Limited, and Infopower Technologies Private Limited. These components serve key sectors including smartphones, IT hardware, wearables, telecom, EVs, industrial electronics, defence, medical electronics, and renewable energy. Minister of Electronics and IT Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted that ECMS is unlocking the next phase of value chain integration, from devices to components and sub-assemblies, ensuring India's electronics sector reaches \$500 billion in manufacturing value by 2030–31.

Approved applicants expressed strong appreciation for the Government's decisive support under ECMS, noting that MeitY's proactive engagement, transparent processes, and fast-track approvals have been instrumental in advancing their projects. Industry lead-

ers affirmed that the Ministry's responsive, solution-oriented approach has boosted industry confidence and strengthened India's position as a trusted global manufacturing hub. The Minister also launched the 1st Generation Energy-Efficient Edge Silicon Chip (SoC) (ARKA-GKT1), jointly developed by Cyient semiconductors Pvt Ltd and Azimuth AI. The Platform-on-a-Chip SoC integrates advanced computing cores, hardware accelerators, power-efficient design, and secure sensing into a single chip, delivering up to 10x better performance while reducing cost and complexity. It supports smart utilities, cities, batteries, and industrial IoT, showcasing India's shift toward a product-driven, high-performance semiconductor ecosystem. Further, Hon'ble Minister of State for Electronics and IT emphasized that "ECMS demonstrates India's readiness to compete with global manufacturing powerhouses and showcases the country's commitment to creating resilient and trusted supply chains." The announcements were made during an event titled - Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme "The Foundation for a Globally Competitive Electronics Value Chain", organized by India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA).

India Entering an Era were Research and Innovation Drive Governance and Development, States Dr. Jitendra Singh in Detailed Review Meeting on IISF 2025

New Delhi: Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh today chaired an intensive review meeting at Prithvi Bhawan to evaluate the progress of arrangements for the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025, scheduled from 6–9 December 2025. The Minister noted that today's deliberations were a natural continuation of the review held on 02 November 2025, with the objective of closing all operational gaps and ensuring that the event's scale, scientific depth, and public outreach meet the highest national standards. Dr. Jitendra Singh observed that IISF 2025 will reflect the remarkable shift India has undergone in the past decade, where scientific thinking is no longer confined to laboratories but is driving policy, governance, and development strategies across sectors. He said that



under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, the country has entered an era where research and innovation define the trajectory of national growth. The Minister stated that the Government's role in the scientific ecosystem has evolved from being supervisory to being facilitative. He emphasised that India now hosts a fertile environment where young researchers, startups, industry leaders, and scientific institutions are collectively shaping breakthroughs in areas such as deep-tech manufacturing, next-generation biotechnol-

ogy, quantum research, and sustainable energy.

Discussing the upcoming festival, Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted that IISF 2025 has been curated to showcase India's expanding capabilities across multiple scientific frontiers. He said the festival will serve as a vibrant convergence of ministries, universities, national laboratories, private innovators, and student communities, mirroring the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and India's ambition to become a global science powerhouse. He further added that this edition of IISF aims to inspire the next

generation by demonstrating how science is influencing real-world solutions, from digital innovations that empower citizens to climate technologies that secure the planet's future. According to the Minister, the event will also underline India's commitment to international scientific cooperation and knowledge exchange. Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, along with senior officials, participated in the review and apprised the Minister of the progress made across the thematic segments of the festival.

India Concludes First-Ever Major LPG Import Deal with US

New Delhi: In a historic development, Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, today announced that Indian PSU oil companies have successfully concluded a one-year structured contract to import around 2.2 MTPA of LPG from the US Gulf Coast for the contract year 2026. This represents close to ten percent of India's annual LPG imports and marks the first such structured US LPG contract for the Indian market. The Minister described the decision as a historic development, noting that

one of the world's largest and fastest growing LPG markets has now opened up to the United States. The Minister stated that India has been consistently working to secure affordable and reliable LPG supplies by diversifying its sourcing options. As part of this effort, a team of officials from IndianOil, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) had visited the United States from 21 to 24 July 2025 and engaged in discussions with major US producers.

These discussions, based on Mount Belvieu as the benchmark for LPG purchases, have successfully concluded with the finalisation of the contract.

Puri highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, PSU oil companies have ensured the provision of LPG at the lowest global prices to households across the country. Even as global LPG prices surged by more than 60 percent last year, Ujjwala beneficiaries continued to receive cylinders at a subsidised price of about

₹500–550, despite the actual cost exceeding ₹1100. The Government of India absorbed the burden, incurring an expenditure of over ₹40,000 crore in the previous year to shield families—especially mothers and sisters—from the impact of rising international LPG prices. The Minister emphasised that this new sourcing arrangement for 2026 is another step in strengthening India's energy security while ensuring affordable access to clean cooking fuel for millions of households.

CURTAIN RAISER OF CHANAKYA DEFENCE DIALOGUE 2025 HELD IN NEW DELHI

New Delhi: The Indian Army, in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), conducted the Curtain Raiser of the Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 (CDD-2025) today at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The Dialogue, scheduled for 27-28 November 2025, will be held on the theme "Reform to Transform: Sashakt, Surakshit aur Viksit Bharat." The event commenced with welcome remarks followed by the release of the CDD-2025 teaser. A Fireside Chat with the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General Upendra Dwivedi, was one of the key highlights of the programme. During the interaction, the COAS highlighted the linkage between national development and national security, noting that the aspirations of Viksit Bharat @2047 require sustained stability and a secure environment. He recalled the Ministry of Defence's declaration of 2025 as the 'Year of Reforms' and underlined that security and development must advance together. Referring to Operation SINDOOR, he reiterated the national resolve against terrorism, emphasising that "blood and water cannot flow together" and that accountability is essential for those supporting terrorist activi-



ties. The COAS noted that the operation demonstrated India's firm approach towards safeguarding national interests and strengthening regional stability. A Special Address was delivered by Mr Rajiv Chandrasekhar, Former Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. He emphasised the strategic link between technological capability and national security, highlighting the importance of trusted, indigenous digital and emerging technology ecosystems in strengthening India's long-term self-reliance.

Panel Discussion: Atmanirbharta in Defence- Key to Sashakt

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The panel discussion, chaired by Lieutenant General Rahul R Singh, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff (Capability Development & Sustenance), brought together experts from DRDO, the defence industry and academia. Deliberations focused on Atmanirbharta as a pathway to strategic autonomy, emphasising indigenous design, development and innovation; strengthening dual-use technologies; ecosystem integration between DRDO, private sector and academia; reforms in procurement processes; and the role of MSMEs and Defence Industrial Corridors in building competitive and export-capable clusters. Discus-

sions also highlighted the need for resilient supply chains, reduced external dependencies and accelerated development of India's deep-tech ecosystem to address future operational requirements. CDD-2025 will bring together national and international experts to deliberate on defence reforms, technological transformation, civil-military integration and India's emerging security priorities in the run-up to Viksit Bharat @2047. As part of the broader series of engagements under CDD-2025, the Indian Army had also conducted the Young Leaders Forum on 31 October 2025, focusing on strategic awareness among youth.

First General Body meeting of the ESSC, chaired by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in his capacity as President of the Council

New Delhi: 5 institutes of the Ministry of Earth Sciences have been formally brought under a single umbrella by merging five separate Societies into one single called "Earth System Sciences Council" (ESSC). Expressing satisfaction over this development, Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the days of working in silos are over, this exercise is in the spirit of 'Whole of the government' approach, often reiterated by PM Narendra Modi. The first General Body meeting of the Earth System Sciences Council (ESSC), chaired by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in his capacity as President of the Council, focused on streamlining governance across India's earth sciences institutions and strengthening their public identity. During the meeting, senior officials discussed the transition of five separate institutes 5 autonomous bodies into a single coordinated framework under ESSC, a move aimed at improving efficiency, reducing administrative overlap and enhancing the visibility of earth system science initiatives.

Officials briefed the Minister on the ongoing integration process, noting that five autonomous institutions—earlier functioning with separate governing bodies, finance committees and advisory groups—will now operate through a unified governance mechanism. The consolidation, already approved by the Cabinet and formalised with ESSC's registration in December 2023, is intended to support the government's broader approach of "minimum government, maximum governance." Each institute, however, will retain its identity and continue to function within its established mandate. Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasised the need for consistency and clarity in the new structure, particularly in how committees, designations and organisational charts are



presented. He advised that official documents should prominently highlight ESSC to reinforce the Council's identity and ensure uniformity across institutions. He also encouraged the use of functional designations rather than individual names when listing committee members, especially for positions that may change frequently. A significant portion of the discussion focused on improving public communication. Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that many institutions possess unique strengths—whether in ocean science, cryosphere research or atmospheric systems—but their identities often do not reach the public effectively. Citing examples from other scientific bodies, he suggested theme-based outreach campaigns that high-

light specific achievements and help individual institutes build a stronger national presence. He pointed out that clear thematic positioning could increase the relevance of scientific work and attract wider recognition.

Officials also raised issues related to parliamentary reporting. Although ESSC currently submits multiple reports for different institutes, members discussed the possibility of streamlining these into a single consolidated annual report, in line with the Council's unified structure. The Minister advised that the proposal may be explored further in consultation with parliamentary authorities. The meeting also reviewed annual reports for 2023–24 and discussed the need for concise, accessible

summaries that draw attention to key achievements. Dr. Jitendra Singh stressed that directors' reports should be focused and readable, allowing essential highlights to stand out clearly. The session concluded with agreement to continue refining the integrated governance model and to hold further discussions during the next inter-institutional review meeting. As India advances major national missions—including the Deep Ocean Mission and the Blue Economy initiative—the ESSC's streamlined functioning is expected to play a central role in coordinating scientific research essential for environmental monitoring, climate resilience and sustainable development.

NIA Arrests Another "Active Co-Conspirator" Of Delhi Suicide Bomber

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency has arrested Jasir Bilal Wani in Srinagar, who was an "active co-conspirator" of suicide bomber Umar un Nabi, in connection with the car blast near the Red Fort last week that claimed 13 lives, officials said. A resident of Qazigund in Anantnag, Wani allegedly provided technical support for carrying out terror attacks by modifying drones and attempting to make rockets ahead of the deadly car bomb blast, the agency said in a statement. Wani, who also goes by the alias of Danish, was arrested in Srinagar by an NIA team, it said. "The accused, a resident of Qazigund in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, was an active co-conspirator behind the attack and had worked closely with the terrorist, Umar un Nabi, to plan the terror carnage," the NIA statement said. The agency is exploring "various angles" to unravel the conspiracy behind the November 10 blast in the national capital. "Several teams of the anti-terror agency are pursuing multiple leads, and are conducting searches across states to identify every person involved in the terror attack," it said. The NIA has described Umar Un Nabi, who was behind the wheel when the car exploded near the Red Fort, as a "suicide bomber". Also, NIA has used the term "vehicle-borne IED" for the car. It has forensically established the identity of the driver of the "vehicle-borne IED" as Umar Un Nabi, a resident of Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir and an assistant professor in the general medicine department of Al Falah University in Faridabad.



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Is this a big deal for journalists?

The Press Council of India, set up to protect press freedom in the world's largest democracy, has not been functioning for a year. After the 14th term of the Press Council ends on October 5, 2024, it may come as a surprise to many that the legitimate, quasi-judicial system of a country with a population of over 140 crores will not have a functioning committee. The government has not taken any practical steps to constitute the 15th Council of the PCI. Describing the delay in the formation of the new Council as surprising, various journalist organisations have urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps. Many of them have also demanded that the PCI be empowered to bring news channels, radio and digital platforms under its purview and, if necessary, rename it as the Media Council of India. It goes without saying that PCI is an autonomous body. It was first established in 1966 under the Press Council Act, 1965. It was later re-established in 1979 under the Press Council Act, 1978. Its main objective is to protect press freedom in the country and improve the standards of newspapers and news organizations. This council has a tenure of three years. Last year, the Chairperson did not take the initiative to constitute a new council. PCI consists of a Chairman (usually a retired Supreme Court judge) and 28 members. Out of these, 13 are professional journalists. Six of them should be newspaper editors and seven others should be working journalists. Another six members represent the management (including owners) of newspapers. One each is drawn from large, medium and small newspapers. One member represents news agencies. Both houses of Parliament send five members. Three persons are nominated by the University Grants Commission, the Bar Council of India and the Sahitya Akademi from the fields of education, law and literature respectively. But the PCI can only review the performance of newspapers, magazines and news agencies. Moreover, it has limited powers to enforce the guidelines. News agencies, their editors and working journalists cannot be punished for violating the guidelines. India has about 1,00,000 publications (approved by the Registrar of Newspapers for India) published in various frequencies and languages, including English. India is home to about 400 satellite news channels, along with thousands of portals, WhatsApp channels, and other digital outlets. Indian newspapers, magazines, and periodicals have seen their revenues (from sales and advertising) decline as other media outlets have gained dominance in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, many print observers believe that traditional media will slowly recover from the losses. Readership is expected to rebound as consumers shift from digital media to traditional media for reliable information. They argue that print media outlets will almost double their readership by 2030.

Recently, several media houses have opposed changes in the PCI rules. The National Union of Working Journalists is opposing the idea of ??taking members from various press clubs instead of working journalists. They argue that press clubs are generally for recreational activities and their coverage areas are usually confined to a particular region, city or town. Press clubs also offer membership to non-working journalists (such as academics, writers, film personalities, diplomats). Moreover, members of a press club/ press guild/ media club do not represent different regions of the country. Recognised journalist unions usually have members from most parts of India. The Indian Journalists Union, which has affiliates in states and union territories like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Sikkim, etc., has moved the court seeking justice for professional scribes across the country, supporting over 23,000 members. Meanwhile, the All India Working News Cameramen's Association has challenged the PCI, alleging that its members were not included even after fulfilling all the necessary criteria. The PCI takes action on complaints alleging that a particular newspaper/news organisation or an editor/working journalist is degrading journalistic standards through his professional misconduct. Therefore, it should always be vigilant. It also has the power to make observations if it is found that the government's conduct is not appropriate in a matter where press freedom is guaranteed. Therefore, the Council should be activated and reconstituted. Moreover, the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting should immediately initiate steps to bring all types of media organisations under its purview.

A Child's Death, A Nation's Shame

A sixteen-year-old boy in Delhi ended his life two days ago, and somehow the country continues to move as if nothing irreversible has happened. A child who should have been preparing for an exam was instead preparing a will. A boy who should have been counting marks was counting his final hours. And before leaving the world, he donated his organs - a gesture so human, so dignified, that it exposes the terrifying absence of humanity in the place that broke him: his school.

When a child's last act is more compassionate than the daily actions of the adults who were meant to protect him, it is not simply a tragedy. It is a moral indictment. It is a national mirror held up to our faces. And the reflection is not flattering. For years now, we have pretended that our schools are temples of learning, that our teachers carry forward the ancient moral lineage of the guru, that the education system still rests on a foundation of values. But that foundation has been quietly cracking for decades. What stands today in far too many classrooms is not a temple but a factory - a factory that measures success in ranks, averages, and reputations rather than in dignity, humanity, or emotional safety. The slow disappearance of manaveeya viluvalu from our schools did not happen with a single policy failure; it happened through thousands of small moral silences, each one brushing aside a child's pain as "overreaction," each one reducing a young mind to a statistic.

The Delhi boy told his parents that his teachers were damaging his personality. Think for a

moment about what it means for a teenager to use that phrase. It is not a childish complaint about strictness or a tantrum about discipline. It is the language of a child who feels himself crumbling. It is the voice of a mind being bent, wounded, diminished. It is the quiet distress of someone who has been made to feel invisible in a place where he should have felt safest. He tried to speak. But the system did not know how to listen.

Schools today operate inside an emotional climate that has hardened beyond recognition. There is a dryness, a coldness, a transactional tone to interactions that were once warm and human. Teachers, many of whom entered the profession with good intentions, now find themselves trapped in suffocating routines - endless paperwork, administrative commands, constant surveillance, pressure from managements, pressure from parents, pressure from performance metrics. In such an environment, empathy becomes a luxury. Mentoring becomes an afterthought. Moral responsibility becomes diluted under the weight of daily institutional demands. Even the kindest teachers are stretched so thin that they cannot offer the emotional refuge children desperately need.

And yet, the consequences fall entirely on the students. It is easy to blame an individual teacher after a suicide. It is much harder to confront the truth: this is a systemic failure, not a personal quarrel. A system that prioritises outcomes over lives will always produce casualties. A system that focuses more on how a school

looks from the outside than what a child feels on the inside will always create silent wounds that eventually burst. More than 13,500 students died by suicide last year in India — the highest in our history. Behind these deaths is a culture that treats emotional pain as weakness and academic pressure as destiny. We have built schools where fear is normal, where silence is rewarded, where vulnerability is punished, and where a child's worth is tied to a mark on a sheet.

And it is killing them. But what frightens me more than these numbers is something harder to quantify: the slow, steady, daily disappearance of conscience in our classrooms. That moment when a teacher stops noticing the trembling voice of a student. That moment when an administrator dismisses a complaint as drama. That moment when a parent, drowning in their own aspirations, misses the cracks forming in their child's mind. This is how values die — not suddenly, but silently. One ignored tear at a time.

The Delhi boy's death is painful not because it is rare, but because it is familiar. We have all heard stories like his. Stories of humiliation presented as discipline. Stories of teachers who forget that children are not machines to be operated but minds to be nurtured. Stories of schools that prioritise reputation over truth. Stories of children who cry alone. Stories of parents who realise the truth only when it is too late. We are raising a generation that excels academically but breaks emotionally.

Children who know the definitions of success but not the



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meaning of resilience. Children who can memorise entire textbooks but cannot speak openly about their pain. Children whose report cards are full but whose hearts remain empty.

This is the real crisis of Indian education — not the quality of classrooms or curriculum, but the collapse of conscience.

If we do not restore values, nothing else will matter. Digital smart classes, new syllabuses, fancy buildings — all of it becomes irrelevant when the soul of education goes missing. A school without humanity is not a school. It is a danger. It is a place where children learn that their feelings are inconveniences, that their worth is conditional, that their truth is unimportant, and that their identity can be destroyed by the very people meant to protect it.

The Delhi child's last act - offering life to strangers through organ donation - should haunt this nation. In that moment, he displayed more ethical clarity than the system that failed him. His final gesture carries a message for all of us: children still possess the humanity that adults have forgotten. Children still carry the values that institutions have lost. Children still hold the conscience that classrooms have abandoned. We often say that schools shape the future. But what future can be shaped by classrooms that no longer care,

teachers who no longer listen, and systems that no longer protect? A nation that cannot safeguard its children's emotional well-being cannot safeguard its own future.

We cannot remain spectators. We cannot wait for another tragedy to shake us. We cannot pretend this is isolated.

We cannot comfort ourselves with suspensions and inquiries.

What India needs is a moral awakening inside its education system — a return to the simple truth that a child's life is more important than a school's reputation, that dignity is more important than discipline, and that no academic achievement is worth the loss of a human life. If classrooms do not rediscover conscience, we will continue to bury children who deserved better. If teachers are not supported, trained, and empowered to be humane, they will continue to struggle in silence. If schools do not rebuild their moral foundation, the cracks will grow, and more young lives will slip through them.

The Delhi boy's heart is beating somewhere in another child's body today. The least we can do is let the conscience of this nation beat again too. Because if education cannot save our children, it is not education at all - it is simply the quiet machinery of a society forgetting how to be human.

The Telangana–North East Sports Festival Continues with Great Enthusiasm



As part of the Telangana–North East Connect initiatives, the Sports Festival held in Telangana continued successfully in a vibrant and energetic atmosphere. Governor Vishnu Dev Varma inaugurated the badminton competitions held at the Gopichand Academy. The matches were conducted between Telangana and North East teams in both boys' and girls' categories. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the strong grassroots

sports culture in both the North Eastern states and Telangana reflects the shared sporting traditions of the two regions.

Telangana Sports Authority Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy, State Government Sports Advisors A.P. Jitender Reddy, Vice Chairman & Managing Director Dr. Sony Baladevi, officials from the Sports Authority, Gopichand Academy staff, and badminton players participated in the event.

Later, a meeting of North East–Telangana sports entrepre-

neurs and sports journalists was held at the Gachibowli Stadium. Special coaching clinics in football, gymnastics, sepaktakraw, table tennis, and other disciplines were conducted under the guidance of Arjuna and Dronacharya Awardees from the North Eastern states.

In the football matches held at the Gachibowli Main Stadium, the Telangana women's team secured a 2–0 victory against the North East team. In the men's category, the North East team defeated Telangana with a 2–0 scoreline. The matches were inaugurated by Indian football legend Baichung Bhutia and Sports Authority Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy. The winners were felicitated by Mizoram Sports Minister Lavuleng Lova Hmra, Sports Advisor A.P. Jitender Reddy, Sports Authority MD Dr. Sony Baladevi, and Arjuna and Dronacharya Awardees from the North Eastern states.

Another major relief for farmers from the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

- Wild animal attack now recognised as localised risk; Paddy inundation reintroduced under localised calamity - New risk covers to benefit coastal, Himalayan and Northeastern region states - Government introduces new modalities under PMFBY to strengthen farmer protection Major step towards a more inclusive and resilient PMFBY - To be rolled out from Kharif 2026

New Delhi (PIB): The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has extended a major benefit to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has now recognised the modalities for covering crop loss due to Wild Animal Attacks and Paddy Inundation under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). Under the revised framework, crop loss due to wild animal attack will now be recognised as the fifth Add-on Cover under the

Localised Risk category. States will notify the list of wild animals responsible for crop damage and identify vulnerable districts or insurance units based on historical data. Farmers will be required to report losses within 72 hours using the Crop Insurance App by uploading geotagged photographs. There decisions respond to long-standing requests from several States and is aimed at strengthening protection for farmers against sudden, localised, and severe crop damage. The modalities have

been prepared in accordance with the PMFBY Operational Guidelines, ensuring a scientific, transparent and operationally feasible framework for implementation nationwide, and will be rolled out from Kharif 2026. For years, farmers across India have suffered increasing crop losses due to attacks by wild animals such as elephants, wild boars, nilgai, deer, and monkeys. These incidents are particularly common in regions situated near forests, wildlife corridors, and hilly terrains. Until now, such losses

often went uncompensated as they were not covered under crop insurance. At the same time, paddy farmers in flood-prone and coastal States have been repeatedly affected by inundation during heavy rains and overflowing waterways. Paddy inundation was removed from the localised calamity category in 2018 due to concerns about moral hazard and the difficulty of assessing submerged crops. However, its exclusion led to a significant protection gap for farmers in districts prone to

seasonal flooding. Taking note of these emerging risks and challenges, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare constituted an expert committee. The recommendations of the committee have now been approved by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. With this important decision, farmers suffering localised crop damage will now receive timely and technology-based claim settlement under PMFBY.

Did Putin and Lavrov have a fallout? Putin's foreign minister's absence from high-profile meetings



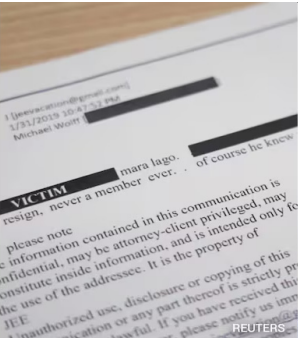
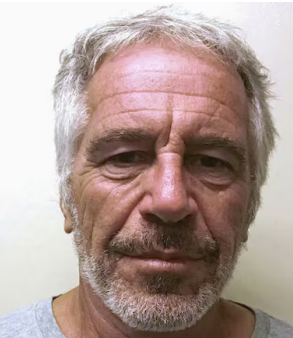
Rumours of a fallout between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov are doing the rounds in the Kremlin, after the latter's name was omitted from Moscow's delegation at an upcoming summit of the Group of 20 in South Africa. An order signed by Putin on Tuesday appointed the deputy head of the country's presidential administration, Maxim Oreshkin, to lead Moscow's delegation at an upcoming summit of the Group of 20 in South Africa on Nov. 22-23. The delegation will also include Deputy Foreign Minister Aleksandr Pankin, Deputy Finance Minister Ivan

Chebeskov, and Russia's G20 Sherpa Svetlana Lukash. While the absence of Lavrov at an event attended by US President Donald Trump was deemed conspicuous, the minister also failed to appear at a Russian-Kazakh meeting between Putin and Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, which took place in the Kremlin. This triggered speculations that all is not well between Putin and Lavrov, with some Ukrainian media citing that it has something to do with the collapse of the Budapest summit. A Financial Times report too had cited that the US cancelled its summit with Russia in Hungary following Lavrov's

conversation with Secretary of State Marco Rubio on October 20. Russian journalist Farida Rustamova drew attention to this on her Telegram channel. According to her, Lavrov had never previously missed negotiations of this level. "Lavrov's absence from today's talks between the two presidents seems very strange," Rustamova wrote. She clarified that all key members of the Russian government, except the Foreign Minister, were present at the meeting. However, the Foreign Ministry did not report any other events involving Lavrov. "Perhaps it's due to health issues. But they didn't prevent Lavrov from giving a press conference yesterday—albeit via video link, only for state media," the journalist added. There were also reports that Lavrov has fallen out of favor after the collapse of negotiations with the United States, for the first time in decades. He has been suspended from key meetings and delegations as a "public demonstration

of his political decline." However, former KGB and Russian Foreign Intelligence Service officer Sergei Zhirnov told Channel 24 that Lavrov has not been dismissed. "And there is no conflict between him and Putin. He added that Putin didn't want to go to Budapest, and the decision has nothing to do with Lavrov. "Putin was afraid to go there. We've spoken more than once about his paranoia and fear of flying to NATO countries. He was afraid to fly to Erdogan. And Lavrov is Putin's loyal soldier, who doesn't have an independent position," Zhirnov noted. Zhirnov added that Putin doesn't punish his allies. "On October 5, 2022, Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of the Crimean Security Council, held a meeting in Crimea on the security of the occupied peninsula and southern Russia. Three days later, an explosion occurred on the Crimean Bridge. But the dictator punished no one," he said.

On Trump's Request, Epstein's Possible Links With Democrats To Be Probed



Washington: The US Justice Department said on Friday it will fulfill President Donald Trump's request to investigate Jeffrey Epstein's ties to former Democratic President Bill Clinton and JPMorgan, as Trump sought to shift the focus from his relationship with the convicted sex offender. The move comes two days after a congressional committee released thousands of documents that raised new questions about Trump's relationship with the late financier, and marks the latest in a series of demands by Trump for federal law enforcement to pursue his perceived political enemies. Attorney General Pam Bondi said Jay Clayton, the top federal prosecutor in Manhattan, will lead the investigation. The Epstein scandal has been a political thorn in Trump's side for months, partly because he amplified conspiracy theories about Epstein to his own supporters. Many Trump voters believe Bondi and other Trump officials have covered up Epstein's ties to powerful figures and obscured details surrounding his death by suicide in a Manhattan jail in 2019.

Trump has harnessed the Justice Department to target other perceived political enemies, notably former FBI Director James Comey and New York State Attorney General Letitia James, both of whom were charged after Trump replaced the prosecutor leading the cases.

'Not How It's Supposed To Work' Legal experts say Trump's demands could undermine the criminal cases that emerge from those probes, as judges can dismiss cases found to be motivated by "vindictive prosecution" - which both Comey and James have raised, though judges have not yet ruled on their requests to dismiss the cases. Patrick J. Cotter, a former federal prosecutor, said it was "outrageously inappropriate" for Trump to order the department to investigate individual citizens, adding, "That's not how it's supposed to work." Along with Clinton, who socialised with Epstein in the early 2000s, Trump said he had asked the Justice Department to investigate former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, and Reid Hoffman, the LinkedIn founder who is also a prominent Democratic donor. All three men were mentioned in the 20,000 Epstein-related documents released by the House Oversight Committee on Wednesday. "Epstein was a Democrat, and he is the Democrat's problem, not the Republican's problem!" Trump wrote on social media. "They all know about him, don't waste your time with Trump. I have a Country to run!"

Trump Faces Continued Pressure Over Epstein

Trump and Epstein were friends during the 1990s and the 2000s, but Trump says he broke off ties before Epstein pleaded guilty in 2008 to charges of soliciting a minor for prostitution. Trump has consistently denied knowing about the late financier's abuse and sex trafficking of underage girls. Still, some of Trump's most ardent supporters have accused his administration of a cover-up. Trump, who frequently engages with reporters, has declined to take questions over the last several days as new revelations about Epstein have become public. The Republican-controlled House of Representatives is expected to vote next week on legislation that would force the Justice Department to release all of the material it holds on Epstein, who was facing federal charges of sex trafficking minors at the time of his suicide. The measure is expected to pass, even after House Speaker Mike Johnson repeatedly maneuvered to try to block the vote. It would also require the Senate to pass similar legislation and Trump's approval to compel the Justice Department to act. Just four in 10 Republicans in an October Reuters/Ipsos poll said they approved of Trump's handling of the Epstein files, well below the nine in 10 who approve of his overall performance in the White House.

Epstein Socialised With Well-Known Figures

JPMorgan paid \$290 million in 2023 to some of Epstein's victims to settle accusations that it had turned a blind eye to his sex trafficking. The deal followed embarrassing disclosures that JPMorgan ignored internal warnings and overlooked red flags about a valued client. The bank did not admit wrongdoing in the settlement. No credible evidence has surfaced that Clinton, Summers or Hoffman were involved in Epstein's sex trafficking. All have previously denied wrongdoing and have expressed regret about their relationships with him.

Indian Sikh Woman Missing In Pakistan Converted To Islam, Married A Local

Chandigarh: An Indian Sikh woman has allegedly converted to Islam and married a man in Pakistan, showed a document, days after she went missing from the group of pilgrims that had visited the neighboring nation to celebrate Guru Nanak Dev's Prakash Parv. Sarabjit Kaur, 52, a resident of Kapurthala in Punjab, and other Sikh pilgrims crossed the Wagah-Attari border to enter Pakistan on November 4 under a bilateral deal facilitating visits to religious shrines. The Prakash Parv this year marked the 555th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. The group of 1,992 Sikh pilgrims returned to India on November 13 after spending around 10 days in Pakistan. Kaur wasn't with them. A 'nikahnama' (an Islamic wedding contract) in Urdu has now surfaced, stating that Kaur had married Nasir Hussain, a resident of Sheikhpura, about 56 km from Lahore. She had converted to Islam and changed her name to Noor before her marriage, showed the document that could not be independently verified. She was divorced and has two sons with her ex-husband, Karnail Singh, who has been living in England for nearly 30 years.



Kaur's passport was issued in Punjab's Muktsar district. Documents suggest she disappeared in Pakistan, with the immigration

records missing her name for exiting Pakistan and entering India. On Kaur failing to return to India, the Immigration Department here immediately informed the Punjab Police. The police have also sent a preliminary report to other Indian agencies. The Indian mission is in touch with the Pakistani authorities over her disappearance, news agency IANS reported, citing government sources. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the top body of Sikhs, sends a delegation of pilgrims to Pakistan every year to pay tribute at the historic gurdwaras, especially on Guru Nanak's Prakash Parv. Last month, the government had allowed the Sikh devotees to undertake the 10-day pilgrimage to the Nankana Sahib shrine across the border, about two weeks after refusing permission for the trip over security concerns.

Ex-Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal's AI Search Startup Raises \$100 Million



AI startup Parallel Web Systems, founded by former Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal, has raised \$100 million to build web search infrastructure for artificial intelligence agents and fund deals with online content owners, Agrawal said in an interview. The Series A round, which values the company at \$740 million, was co-led by venture firms Kleiner Perkins and Index Ventures, with participation from other existing backers including Khosla Ventures. Parallel aims to address what it sees as a fundamental shift in internet use, as AI agents increasingly become the web's primary users.

The company builds application programming interfaces (APIs) that let AI systems search the live web for up-to-date information to complete tasks. Agrawal said its enterprise customers use Parallel to power AI agents that write software code, analyze customer data for sales teams and assess risk for insurance underwriting - areas where high-quality web data, alongside internal systems, is critical. "How many jobs are there where we could turn off web access and ask you to do the same job fully?" Agrawal told Reuters. "You can't deprive an M&A lawyer from not being able to use the web, so why would you deprive their agents?" He said he believed the startup's technology was superior to built-in web search functions offered by AI-model providers. Unlike traditional search engines that rank links for humans to click, Parallel's system returns optimized content, or "tokens," designed to feed directly into an AI model's context window. The company says this approach improves accuracy, reduces "hallucinations", or false information, and cuts operational costs for customers. Agrawal said the new capital will allow Parallel to "go all in" on product development and customer acquisition. Some of the funds will also go toward tackling the challenge of web content increasingly being locked behind paywalls and login barriers to prevent AI web scraping, as web owners from publishers to social media platforms see traffic decline as the rise of AI chatbots changes how people access information. Agrawal said Parallel plans to develop an "open market mechanism" - a new economic model to incentivize publishers to keep content accessible to AI systems, though he did not provide details. Founded two years ago, Parallel first launched its products in August 2025. The company previously raised \$30 million in January 2024.

Are water bottles not allowed inside Dhaka metro trains?

Here's why lighters are confiscated from passengers at stations

Dhaka: Gas-based pocket lighters and water bottles were being confiscated in plenty after authorities tightened security checks of Dhaka Metro passengers on Thursday morning. The security at every metro station has been beefed up, and Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited's (DMTCL) Managing Director (MD) Faruk Ahmed was personally leading inspections to see if the tightened security measures were being followed, Bangladeshi media reported. The backpacks



and other belongings of passengers were being thoroughly checked across metro stations, with even water bottles being asked to be left behind to ensure "public security," Prothom Alo said in a report. Photos shared on X showed piles of pocket lighters at stations after being confiscated from passengers. The security procedures were increased to ensure no untoward incident happens

ahead of the announcement of the verdict date of a case of crimes against humanity committed during the July uprising at the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT). The accused in the case include ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, and former IGP (Inspector General of Police) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun (Approver or Rajsakshi).

The tribunal has set Monday as the date for the verdict in the case. 17 buses have been set on fire across the country in the wake of the Awami League's online 'lockdown', Prothom Alo said, adding that 16 of the incidents occurred in Dhaka and its surrounding areas. It is likely that the security personnel are taking no chances with inflammable substances and liquid containers inside the metro trains.

Bangladesh to hold referendum

Bangladesh will hold a national referendum on implementing its 'July Charter' for state reform, drafted after last year's deadly student-led uprising, Muh ammad Yunus, the head of the country's interim government, said.

Who is behind Islamabad blast? Pakistani Taliban, splinter group Jamaat ul Ahrar deny responsibility of bombing: Report

A day after reports claimed that the Pakistani Taliban, known as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, claimed responsibility for the deadly suicide blast that killed 12 people in Islamabad on Tuesday, the terror outfit has clarified that it was not behind the attack, according to a report. A report by WION has claimed that TTP spokesperson Muhammad Khurasani as well as its splinter group Jamaat ul Ahrar's top leader Sarbakaf Mohmand have both issued official statements denying involvement in the attack. Earlier, The Guardian reported that the Pakistani Taliban claimed the responsibility for the attack. "Judges, lawyers and officials who carried out rulings under Pakistan's un-Islamic laws were tar-

geted," the news outlet cited the TTP as saying in a statement. However, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was quick to put the blame on India, alleging that the attacks were carried out by "Indian-sponsored terrorist proxies". "These attacks are a continuation of India's state-sponsored terrorism aimed at destabilizing Pakistan. No condemnation is enough for these attacks being carried out from Afghan soil under Indian patronage," Sharif was quoted by Associated Press of Pakistan as saying on Tuesday. Following this, the Union Ministry of External Affairs lashed out at the predictable tactic of the "obviously delirious Pakistani leadership". MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that India "un-



equivocally rejects the baseless and unfounded allegations. Jaiswal stated that Pakistan is trying "to concoct false narratives against India in order to deflect the attention of its own public from the ongoing military-inspired constitutional subversion and power-grab unfolding within the country." "The international community is well aware of the reality and

will not be misled by Pakistan's desperate diversionary ploys," he added. Following the attack near Islamabad District Judicial Complex on November 11, Pakistan Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said the attacker was trying to enter the building. However, he failed to do so and detonated explosives near a police vehicle at the gate of the court complex.

Russia Plans To Make 120,000 'Cheap And Devastating' Glide Bombs: Ukraine

Kyiv: Russia plans to manufacture up to 120,000 of its cheap and devastating glide bombs this year, a senior Ukrainian intelligence official said, including 500 of a new, longer-range version which can reach more towns and cities. Russia has ramped up arms production massively since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, with defence plants operating around the clock. It



does not disclose details of military output, which are classified as secret. Reuters

was unable to verify the 2025 target, which Major General Vadym Skibitskiy,

deputy head of Ukraine's Defence Intelligence disclosed in an interview. He did not say how he had obtained the figure or give earlier data, but it would indicate a vast increase in the manufacture of glide bombs, which use wings, and sometimes engines, to fly dozens of kilometres to their targets. The 120,000 number includes new munitions and existing bombs upgraded to glide.

Ajman NuVentures Free Zone achieves strong first-year growth; nearly half new firms Indian

Mumbai: The Ajman NuVentures Centre Free Zone (ANCFZ) of the United Arab Emirates has recorded a strong debut year, successfully registering more than 6,500 companies since its establishment in October 2024, marking a significant milestone in its efforts to attract global investors. During its first official visit to India, senior representatives of the free zone held interactions with business leaders and the media in Mumbai, revealing that Indian enterprises comprises between 40 and 45 per cent of all new registrations.

The visiting delegation, led by Chief Executive Officer Rishi Somaiya, Operations Director Nasser Al Khanbashi, and Finance Director Mohamed Fathy, provided an overview of the free zone's growth trajectory and its strategic appeal among Indian businesses seeking interna-



tional expansion. The leadership outlined plans to reach a target of 10,000 registered companies by 2026, emphasising the zone's focus on digital integration and business-friendly policies designed to simplify cross-border operations. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Nuaimi, Chairman of ANCFZ, commended the zone's progress and investor response, noting that achieving over 6,500 registrations within a year underscores global

confidence in Ajman's pro-business policies and the success of its digital-first operational model. He added that this performance aligns with the broader goals of Ajman Vision 2030, which prioritises economic diversification and technological innovation. A key factor behind ANCFZ's appeal lies in its fully digital business setup process, which allows entrepreneurs to obtain business licences within two hours and complete visa formalities within

twenty-four hours. The free zone offers comprehensive administrative support, covering documentation, regulatory approvals, and compliance management, ensuring a seamless experience for investors. These efficiency measures, coupled with personalised customer service, have helped attract entrepreneurs from over 150 nationalities across diverse industries. Addressing the media on Friday, CEO Rishi Somaiya explained that ANCFZ's vision is centred on empowering global entrepreneurs through technology-driven, simplified business solutions. He highlighted that the free zone caters especially to the needs of fast-growing Indian enterprises, providing a conducive platform for sectors such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, digital gaming, and creative industries. The ability to operate up to ten

different business activities under a single licence has further enhanced its attractiveness among startups and established firms alike.

Business setup packages begin at 10,800 AED, inclusive of licensing, visa processing, and workspace options tailored to various business scales. The free zone's strategic location in Ajman ensures efficient connectivity through air, sea, and road networks, offering businesses access to markets across the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. Somaiya stated that the free zone's achievements in its first year reflect only the beginning of its long-term expansion strategy. He reaffirmed that ANCFZ will continue to strengthen its digital infrastructure, investor services, and global partnerships, positioning itself as one of the UAE's most entrepreneur-friendly and technologically advanced free zones.

Ramky Infra Q2FY26 consolidated net profit down to Rs 75.6 cr

Hyderabad: Ramky Infrastructure Limited, a company operating in the infrastructure space with niche expertise in Industrial Infra solutions, Water and waste water management, and Urban Solutions, has reported a consolidated net loss to Rs 75.6 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2025 as against Rs 83 crore in the corresponding quarter previous year.

The Hyderabad based company's consolidated revenue from operation during the period also fell to Rs 471.6 crore from Rs 527.4 crore in Q2FY25, according to a release here.

During the quarter, the Company signed a Concession Agreement with Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) for the project titled "Filling of Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar Reservoirs with Godavari Water from Mallanna Sagar Reservoir."

The project, valued at Rs.2,085 crore, entails a construction period of 2 years followed by 10 years of operations and maintenance (O&M).

Commenting on the results, Sunil Nair, CEO, Ramky Infrastructure Ltd, said, "Our Q2 results reflect the successful realization of the strategic goals we set earlier this year and the enhanced stability we have achieved since the restructuring exit. This perfor-



mance confirms that our company is well-positioned for sustainable growth, consistent performance, value creation, and long-term stakeholder confidence. The foundation is now strong, and we are ideally positioned to capture the significant opportunities emerging in the Industrial Infrastructure, Water, and Urban Solutions areas, thereby delivering enhanced value to our shareholders. "Looking ahead, we remain focused on disciplined bidding for government-backed projects, capital recycling, and sustainability-led growth. We are now fully focused on leveraging our sector expertise to capitalize on new opportunities while making a substantial contribution to India's infrastructure development."

C.A. Sravanth Rayapudi,

CFO, Ramky Infrastructure Ltd, stated, "The Company reported steady revenue growth driven by progress in key EPC and HAM projects, with healthy EBITDA supported by cost control and efficiency gains. With a nil debt position, our balance sheet remains robust and well-balanced. The strong cash flow generation from EPC operations continues to be a key strength, enabling financial flexibility and supporting future growth plans".

"During the quarter, we secured new orders worth Rs.2,085 crore from HMWSSB under the HAM model, taking our order book to over Rs.9,000 crore. Execution across ongoing projects remained strong, with continued emphasis on timely delivery and quality, he added.

Delta powers India's EV growth through local manufacturing

Bengaluru: Delta Electronics India is accelerating India's electric vehicle (EV) growth through its robust local manufacturing capabilities, providing end-to-end solutions for two- and three-wheeler EVs.

The company's Bengaluru R&D and production facility has become a hub of innovation, combining high-voltage power electronics expertise with advanced testing and automation to support the rapidly expanding EV ecosystem in the country.

Guided by Chief Technology Officer Shashidhar Mathapati, visiting journalists to the facility witnessed a wide array of EV products, including portable chargers ranging from 700 W to 3 kW, onboard DC-DC con-

verters, and battery swapping stations for two- and three-wheeler vehicles. These systems are engineered to handle voltage fluctuations across urban, semi-urban, and rural environments, ensuring reliability and safety.

"Our focus is on robust, locally designed solutions that can scale with the market," Mathapati said, highlighting the importance of indigenous manufacturing in meeting India's growing EV demand. The facility's automated testing infrastructure plays a critical role in delivering high-quality products. Scripted automation allows engineers to simulate thousands of test cases for chargers and powertrains, flagging inconsistencies and ensuring



precision and reliability for OEMs. Environmental chambers test equipment under extreme conditions of temperature (-40°C to 125°C) and humidity (0-95%), reflecting Delta's commitment to durability and safety. Delta's local manufacturing extends beyond EV chargers to essen-

tial components such as rectifiers, power electronics modules, and integrated systems required for EV infrastructure. By producing these elements domestically, Delta reduces lead times, ensures cost efficiencies, and strengthens supply chain resilience, positioning itself as a strategic

partner for India's EV industry. Since 2015, Delta India has committed USD 500 million to develop end-to-end design, testing, and manufacturing capabilities in the country. This investment underpins the company's leadership in power electronics, industrial automation, renewable energy, and EV infrastructure, while supporting India's vision for a self-reliant and sustainable EV ecosystem.

With its local manufacturing expertise, Delta Electronics India is not only meeting current EV market needs but also paving the way for scalable, reliable, and technologically advanced solutions for India's future mobility landscape.

TVS InvIT inaugurates Rs 250 cr industrial park

Visakhapatnam: TVS Infrastructure Trust inaugurated the expanded phase of its flagship Tarkeshwar Industrial & Logistics Park here. The facility was inaugurated virtually by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at an event set up by the district administration at APIIC Industrial Park in Peda Gantyada, the company said in a release here today. Spread over 17 acres at Gurrapalem with an investment of around ₹250 crore, the facility is expected to generate over 1,000 jobs.



Strategically located, the built-to-suit industrial facility lies along the Anakapalle Anandapuram Expressway (NH-16) and offers direct access to

Visakhapatnam Port ensuring smooth multimodal access for regional connectivity. It is designed to cater to the increasing demand for Grade A logistics parks in

the region. The land for this project was allocated by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd. (APIIC), which facilitated land acquisition and fast-tracked approvals. The project is managed by TVS Industrial and Logistics Parks (TVS ILP), India's pioneering developer of Grade A warehousing and industrial infrastructure. During the virtual launch, the Chief Minister highlighted the state's vision of 'One Family, One Entrepreneur', which aims to create

'one entrepreneur' from every family. Dr. Ramnath Subramaniam, Joint Managing Director, TVS ILP, said, "The facility at Vizag is designed to meet the evolving needs of modern occupiers—offering scalable, sustainable, and compliant infrastructure that supports sectors such as automotive, FMCG, manufacturing and e-commerce. It is well-positioned to attract both domestic and global companies seeking high quality space in the region.

Capillary Technologies IPO opens at Rs.549—Rs.577



Bengaluru: Capillary Technologies India Limited opened its Initial Public Offer (IPO) on Friday, fixing a price band of Rs. 549 to Rs. 577 per equity share of face value Rs.2. The issue will remain open for subscription till November 18, with investors allowed to bid for a minimum of 25 equity shares and in multiples of 25 thereafter. The public issue comprises a fresh issue of equity

shares aggregating to Rs.3,450 million and an offer-for-sale of 92,28,796 equity shares.

According to the company, net proceeds from the fresh issue will be utilised as follows: up to Rs.1,430 million for cloud infrastructure costs, up to Rs.715.81 million for research, design and product development, up to Rs.103.42 million for purchase of computer systems, and the

remaining for inorganic growth through unidentified acquisitions and general corporate purposes.

The company clarified that expenditure towards general corporate purposes and unidentified acquisitions together will not exceed 35 per cent of gross proceeds, with each capped at 25 per cent. Further, utilisation towards capital expenditure will not exceed 50 per cent of fresh issue proceeds.

Capillary Technologies is a software product firm offering AI-driven, cloud-native Software-as-a-Service solutions targeted at enterprise customers seeking to build consumer and channel loyalty. Benchmarking by Zinnov as of September 2025 positions the firm among the global leaders in loyalty and engagement management.

Festive demand, GST cut drove record vehicle dispatches in Oct: SIAM

New Delhi: India's automobile sector posted its strongest monthly performance to date in October 2025, with passenger vehicles, two-wheelers, and three-wheelers recording their highest-ever dispatches to dealerships, said SIAM data released today.

The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) said the surge was fuelled by robust festive demand and the positive impact of the recent cut in GST rates.

SIAM's monthly performance data showed

that the total production of passenger vehicles, two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and quadricycles stood at 28,01,412 units in October, indicating strong momentum across categories.

Commenting on the overall performance, SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said the festive season had played a "pivotal role" in driving demand across segments. He noted that despite some logistics-related challenges, the industry saw a sharp rise in registrations, indicating strong

consumer sentiment and the favourable impact of lower GST rates.

Menon added that the record October performance highlights a positive recovery trend in the auto sector and reflects growing market confidence amid improving economic conditions.

Domestic passenger vehicle sales climbed to 4,60,739 units, rising 17.2 per cent from 3,93,238 units a year earlier.

The segment benefited significantly from festive buying and improved

affordability following the GST rate reduction that took effect on September 22.

SIAM said the lower tax rates helped accelerate retail registrations during the month, which in turn boosted wholesale dispatches. Two-wheelers, the largest segment by volume, reported domestic sales of 22,10,727 units, showing a moderate 2.1 per cent year-on-year growth.

Within this category, scooters grew a strong 14.3 per cent to 8,24,003 units, reflecting rising ur-



ban demand and increased preference for

personal mobility. Motorcycle sales, how-

ever, dipped 4 per cent to 13,35,468 units, while

mopeds registered a marginal decline of 2.1 per cent. Three-wheeler sales rose 5.9 per cent to 81,288 units, driven largely by demand for passenger carrier models, which grew 7.6 per cent. Goods carriers posted a modest 2.8 per cent increase. However, the electric three-wheeler segment continued to face pressure, with e-rickshaw sales falling 27.2 per cent and e-carts slipping 3.4 per cent compared to October last year.

Indo-US Business Summit showcases UP as India's growth engine

Lucknow: The Indo-US Business Summit 2025, held in collaboration with Invest UP and the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce in Lucknow, brought together leading voices from government and industry to spotlight Uttar Pradesh's accelerating economic momentum and its expanding role in driving

India's growth story. Speaking during the event, union Minister of State for Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Jitin Prasada underscored India's broader economic transformation and the government's commitment to shaping Brand India as a global hub of innova-

tion and competitiveness. He highlighted Uttar Pradesh's remarkable progress toward becoming a USD 1 trillion economy, driven by world-class expressways, rapid advancements in electronics manufacturing, IT, and a vibrant industrial ecosystem. He affirmed that the state is emerging as "one of India's most dynamic

growth engines and a premier destination for global investors." Uttar Pradesh's Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak highlighted how the state is rapidly transforming into the "Expressways Pradesh," with world-class connectivity strengthening its position as a national growth hub. He also emphasized the state's ris-

ing prominence in the BrahMos and defence manufacturing ecosystem, noting Uttar Pradesh's expanding strategic capabilities and defence corridor. The Deputy Chief Minister further underlined the government's strong focus on Ease of Doing Business, supported by the Nivesh Mitra Portal, a seamless single-

window clearance system enabling faster, transparent, and investor-friendly processes. He noted that since 2017, Uttar Pradesh has witnessed an unprecedented surge in investments, reflecting the growing confidence of global and domestic industries in the state's governance and vision.

Digital India Pavilion Offers Live, Immersive Demonstrations of Key MeitY Initiatives at IITF 2025



New Delhi (PIB): Union Minister of State for Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology Shri Jitin Prasada inaugurated the Digital India Pavilion at the 44th India International Trade Fair. The Digital India Pavilion showcasing the journey of India's digital ecosystem transformation for delivering secure and inclusive digital public services. On display, at the Pavilion Hall Number 6, are impactful e-governance initiatives such as DigiLocker, UMANG, myScheme, NIXI, NIELIT, Cert-In, India Semiconductor Mission (ISM),

and Aadhaar. These exhibits and installations highlight how the Digital India initiative is fostering transparency, inclusivity, and digital empowerment, true to this year's IITF theme "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat". At the exhibition, visitors will be able to experience live and immersive demonstrations of schemes under the Ministry of Electronics & IT over the next two weeks. The exhibits are on the following key initiatives under Digital India Programme: UMANG App that provides access to over 210+ Central and State Gov-

ernment departments, reducing the need for citizens to visit multiple government websites or offices. Available in 23 languages, the App has integrated 2132+ eGovernance services and has more than 9.63 crore registered users. The displays will help visitors familiarise themselves with the application and services it hosts.

DigiLocker is a cloud-based platform allowing citizens to store key personal records such as Aadhaar, PAN, driving licenses, academic records, and other government-issued certificates. DigiLocker has 2,234

issuers, 2,944 requesters, and 60.79 crore registered users. The exhibit shows how the platform can offer a secure and paperless experience. myScheme is a one-stop government scheme platform, hosting more than 4,000 Schemes across Central and State/UT governments. The display will enable citizens to explore personalised scheme discovery, determine their eligibility, and access scheme information with ease. The stall features dedicated support for user queries, AI-driven myScheme Assistant, and QR-based digital onboarding. The Aadhaar exhibit features the new Aadhaar App, which is designed to provide a safe and user-friendly experience for citizens. The App is equipped with features such as selective information sharing, face verification for proof-of-presence and QR code verification by Offline Verification Seeking Entities (OVSEs). The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) still highlights its efforts to bridge the digital divide by making digital learning accessible to all. The Digital University Platform offers courses in more than 20 domains with flexible learning pathways, AI-powered NIELIT Mitra and

Interview Simulators. The Deemed-to-be University offers degree and certification programs through a digital-first model equipped with Smart Labs, credit-linked pathways, and AI-integrated learning. NIELIT Virtual Labs provide hands-on, experiential learning across domains like IoT, Cloud Computing, and Electronics. The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) highlights a diverse range of third-level domain names at the Pavilion to promote secure, diverse and future-ready digital identities. These include technology-focused domains such as .5G.in, .biz.in, .ai.in, and .io.in, along with professional identity domains like .ca.in, .dr.in, and .er.in. Lifestyle and personal branding domains like .travel.in and .me.in are also featured. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) display at the Pavilion focuses on initiatives and projects for securing India's cyberspace by building cyber-resilient enterprises and nurturing cyber-smart citizens thus acting as a shield in the digital world.

The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) is showcasing the ongoing projects, start-ups & training initiatives under the Semicon-

ductor Fab, Display Fab, and Compound Semiconductor/ATMP schemes. Under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme, support has been extended to 24 chip design projects, 87 start-ups, and more than 290 academic institutions. These projects represent major milestones in strengthening India's position in the global semiconductor value chain. IndiaAI Pavilion showcases India's vision for an AI-enabled future grounded in inclusion, sustainability, and global collaboration. As a prelude to the India-AI Impact Summit 2026, the pavilion brings the Summit's mission to life by highlighting the three Sutras - People, Planet, and Progress and the Seven Chakras that guide global cooperation on safe and trusted AI. Also on preview are the Summit's Global Impact Challenges - AI for All, AI by HER, and YUVAi - along with the Research Symposium, international calls for abstracts, AI Expo showcase, and talent-building initiatives like IndiaAI Tinkerpreneur. The Digital India Pavilion at IITF showcases the power of digital technology in driving transparency, efficiency, and inclusivity across government services.

Union Minister of State Jitin Prasada Inaugurates the MeitY's Pavilion at the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF 2025)

- Visitors throng MeitY's Pavilion at Trade Fair highlighting India's commitment to building safe, trusted, and inclusive AI ecosystem - The pavilion brings together three major thematic zones of Digital India, IndiaAI, and MyGov, offering visitors an immersive view of India's vision for digital public infrastructure - IndiaAI Zone Unveiled Showcasing India's Journey from Action to Impact in Responsible AI Ahead of India-AI Impact Summit 2026



New Delhi (PIB): Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State for the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Government of India, inaugurated the MeitY Pavilion at the 44th India Interna-

tional Trade Fair (IITF) at Bharat Mandapam.

The pavilion brings together three major thematic zones that is Digital India, IndiaAI, and MyGov, offering visitors an immersive view of India's vision for

digital public infrastructure, artificial intelligence for social good, and participatory governance. As a run-up to the India-AI Impact Summit 2026, a major initiative revealed at the pavilion is the IndiaAI Zone, highlighting

India's commitment to building safe, trusted, and inclusive AI ecosystems. Designed to illustrate India's journey from "Action to Impact," the zone showcases the nation's progress in responsible AI and offers visitors an engaging preview of the Summit. The Hon'ble Minister also visited the IndiaAI pavilion's dedicated experience area showcasing the seven strategic pillars of the IndiaAI Mission - AI Kosh, Applications, Future Skills, Startups, Compute, Foundational Models, and Safe & Trusted AI.

He explored interactive screens demonstrating AI Kosh, real-world AI applications, future skills initiatives, and the broader ecosystem being built under the Mission. The Hon'ble Minister shared his excitement and interacted warmly with the visitors of the pavilion and IndiaAI team, and motivated them to continue accelerating India's AI journey. The pavilion showcased the India-AI Impact Expo, Pitch Fest, Global Impact Challenges, and a number of various other initiatives leading up to the India-AI Impact Summit 2026.

Global Impact Challenges: The zone features the Summit's three flagship Global Impact Challenges with a combined prize pool of up to ₹6 Crore, offering mentorship, investor access, and cloud credits. AI for All: Invites scalable AI solutions across key sectors to drive inclusive, high-impact innovation. AI by HER: Supports women-led AI innovations through dedicated visibility and resources in partnership with the Women Entrepreneurship Platform. YUVAi: Enables young innovators aged 13-21 to build AI-forgood projects and showcase their ideas on a global stage. Research Symposium on AI and its Impact: Brings leading researchers from India and the Global South together to present frontier,

policy-relevant AI work. IndiaAI-IEA International Call for Abstracts: Showcases the Call for Abstracts for a casebook on the real-world impact of AI in energy, to be unveiled at the India-AI Impact Summit 2026. AI Expo Showcase: Offers an early preview of the Summit's global-scale AI Expo featuring breakthrough applications transforming industries and society, and actionable dialogues. IndiaAI Tinkerpreneur: Highlights a national bootcamp for students from Classes 6-12 that builds foundational AI skills and fosters socially impactful innovation. The MeitY Pavilion at IITF 2025 reflects India's journey of leveraging technology to drive inclusion, innovation, and global collaboration. Visitors can explore immersive exhibits, discover real-world use cases, and experience firsthand how India is shaping a citizen-first, future-ready digital economy.

Piyush Goyal Calls for Reactivating Bilateral Mechanism; Venezuela Eyes Critical Minerals, Indian Investments

New Delhi (PIB): Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, held a bilateral meeting with Minister of Ecological Mining Development of Venezuela, H.E. Mr. Hector Silva, on the sidelines of the 30th CII Partnership Summit held on 14-15 November 2025 in Visakhapatnam. During the meeting, the Venezuelan side expressed interest in expanding economic engagement with India beyond the oil sector, including cooperation in critical minerals and attracting Indian investment. Shri Goyal emphasized the need to reactivate the India-Venezuela Joint Committee Mechanism, whose last meeting was held a decade ago. He noted that ONGC's ongoing operations in Venezuela provide scope for deeper collaboration in mining and exploration. He suggested that Venezuela may consider accepting the Indian Pharmacopoeia to facilitate pharmaceutical trade and highlighted opportunities to enhance cooperation in the automobile sector. He added that India would engage with businesses exploring investment prospects in Venezuela.

Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission signs MoU with Jharkhand State Pharmacy Council



New Delhi (PIB): The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ghaziabad, an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Jharkhand State Pharmacy Council (JSPC), today, to strengthen collaborative efforts aimed at promoting the safe and rational use of medicines, enhancing pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance activities, and advancing patient safety initiatives across the state of Jharkhand. The MoU was signed by Dr. V. Kalaiselvan, Secretary-cum-Scientific Director, IPC, and Shri Prasanth Kumar Pandey, Registrar-cum-Secretary, JSPC, in the presence of representatives from both organisations.

Through this collaboration, IPC and JSPC will work together to build the capacity of registered pharmacists in areas related to adverse drug reaction (ADR) reporting, pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance practices, and the safe use of medicines. The partnership envisions strengthening the utilization of the National Formulary of India (NFI) as a standard reference document across healthcare facilities in Jharkhand and promoting its systematic use by pharmacists to support rational dispensing and safe medication practices. It further includes coordinated efforts to organise awareness programmes for hospital and community pharmacists, support the mandatory use of the NFI in institutional pharmacy settings, and facilitate annual observance of the National Pharmacovigilance Week in collaboration with IPC.

EXERCISE GARUDA 25: INDIAN AIR FORCE PARTICIPATES IN 8TH EDITION OF BILATERAL AIR EXERCISE WITH FRENCH AIR AND SPACE FORCE



New Delhi (PIB): The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in the 8th edition of the bilateral air exercise 'Garuda 25' with the French Air and Space Force (FAF) at Mont-de-Marsan, France, from November 16 to 27, 2025. The IAF contingent arrived in France on 10 November 2025, and will be participating with Su-30MKI fighter aircraft. The airlift support is being provided by the C-17 Globemaster III, for the induction and de-induction phases of the exercise, while the IL-78 air-to-air refuelling tankers are utilised for extending the range and endurance of the participating fighters. During the exercise, the IAF's Su-30MKI aircraft will operate alongside the French multirole fighters in complex simulated air combat scenarios, focusing on air-to-air combat, air defence, and joint strike operations. This exercise aims to refine tactics and procedures in a realistic operational environment, enabling mutual learning and fostering interoperability between the IAF and the FAF. Exercise Garuda 25 also provides an opportunity for professional interaction, exchange of operational knowledge, and sharing of best practices between the two Air Forces. Participation in this exercise underscores the IAF's commitment to engage constructively with friendly foreign Air Forces through multi-lateral exercises, promoting mutual understanding and cooperation in the field of air operations.

IFFI 2025: Goa CM Dr. Pramod Sawant and Union Minister of State Dr. L. Murugan highlight the festival's global reach and cultural impact

Panaji (PIB): With the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) about to start in five days, a press conference on the prestigious film festival was addressed by the Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant and Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Affairs Dr. L. Murugan, in Panaji.

Addressing the media, Goa CM Dr. Pramod Sawant said that as part of the festival, films will be screened at INOX Panaji, INOX Porvorim, Maquinez Palace Panaji, Ravindra Bhavan Madgaon, Magic Movies Ponda, Ashoka and Samrat Screens Panaji. "This year, a grand parade will mark the

opening of the festival. The parade will take place at 03.30 PM on the 20th November from Entertainment Society of Goa office to Kala Academy. For the convenience of the delegates, we have also arranged free transportation to all the venues. Besides, open air screenings will be organized at Miramar Beach, Open Space at Ravindra Bhavan Madgaon, and Vagator Beach," he said.

Union MoS Dr. L. Murugan, has said that the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) which is scheduled to be held in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2025, will feature several firsts, boosting the festival's growing global

stature, transformative initiatives, and its vital role in both promoting Indian cinema and fostering international cultural exchange. He was addressing a press conference in the run up to the festival along with the Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, at Panaji today (November 15, 2025). Dr. Murugan said that IFFI 2025 has attracted an unprecedented 3,400 film submissions from 127 countries, consolidating its position as one of Asia's premier film festivals. "Over 270 films from 84 countries will be screened, including 26 world premieres, 48 Asia premieres, and 99 premieres from India. This growing participation reflects not just the festival's prestige but



also India's rising position in world cinema," he said. This year, IFFI's Country Focus is Japan, with special curated packages from Spain and Australia. The festival will also celebrate centenary tributes to legendary Indian cinema icons such as Guru Dutt, Raj Khosla, Ritwik Ghatak, P. Bhanumathi, Bhupen Hazarika, and Salil Chowdhury, stated the Union Minister. Dr. Murugan also announced that Actor Rajinikanth will be honoured

at the closing ceremony for completing 50 years in cinema. His movie, Lala Salaam, will also be shown at the festival, he said. Shri. K. Vaikunth, celebrated cinematographer from Goa, will also be honored at the festival.

Will This Bolly Star Kid Pass In Tollywood Where Her Mother Failed?

Superstar Mahesh Babu's nephew and Ghattamaneni Ramesh Babu's son, Jayakrishna Ghattamaneni, is all set to make his on-screen debut under Ajay Bhupathi's direction. The film was announced recently and now, the makers have revealed another star kid Rasha Tandon to be the female lead of the flick. Rasha is the daughter of veteran actress Raveena Tandon. She made her Bollywood debut earlier this year with Azaad and is now making her entry into Tollywood. While her mother had an average journey in Telugu cinema, it remains to be seen how Rasha's career shapes up in the industry. Raveena acted in four Telugu films, Bangaru Bullodu, Ratha Saradhi, Akasha Veedilo and Pandavulu Pandavulu Thummeda. Only Bangaru Bullodu among them was a successful outing at the box office. Rest of them ended as average films in theatrical run. Meanwhile, Rasha's maiden Bollywood film Azaad was a big



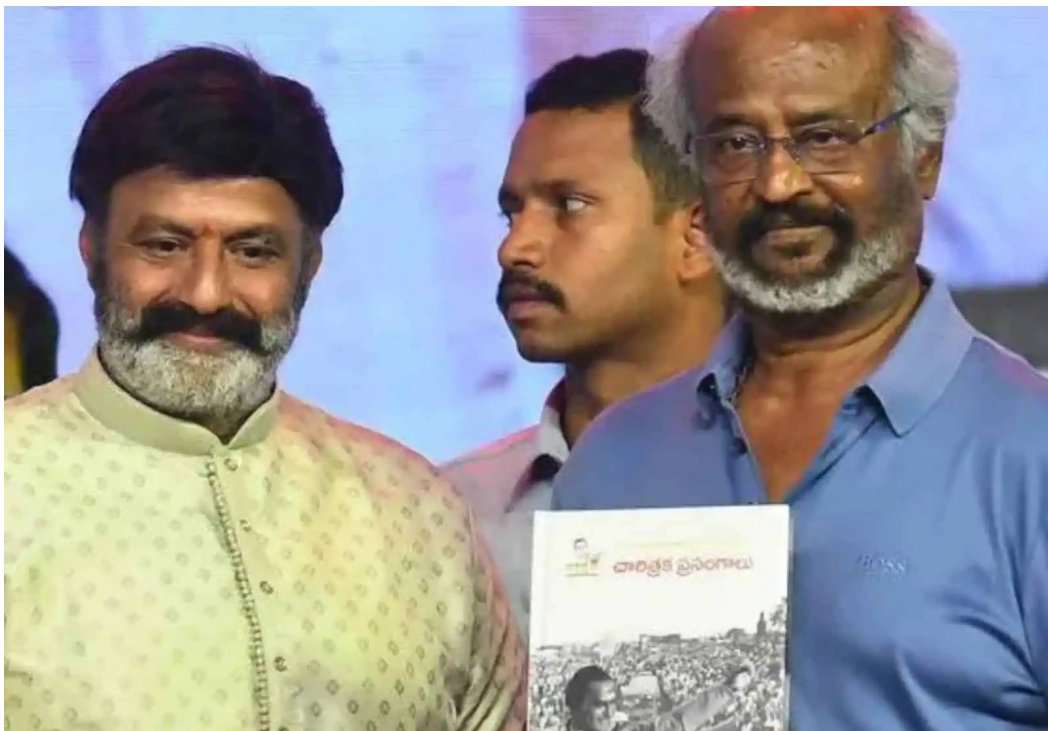
flop. So, this film's success is important for her career not only in Tollywood but in whole. The regular shoot of this upcoming project is expected to begin soon and it will hit the screens in 2026.

Balayya and Rajini To Get A Rare Honor Together

Legendary actors of South Indian cinema, Rajinikanth and Nandamuri Balakrishna, who are celebrating 50 years in the film industry, will be honoured at the closing ceremony of the upcoming International Film Festival of India in Goa. Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L. Murugan announced the news at a media meet in Goa.

He said that Rajinikanth and Balakrishna will be felicitated by the government at IFFI's closing ceremony, for completing 50 years in cinema, a milestone that celebrates their enduring influence on Indian film culture. He added that this felicitation recognises Rajinikanth and Balayya's iconic body of work, widespread popularity, and contribution to shaping Indian storytelling across decades.

Rajinikanth made his acting debut with the 1975 film Apoorva Raagangal. Since then, he has acted in many successful movies over the last five decades and has become



one of the iconic actors in Indian cinema. On the other side, Balayya also acted in more than 100 films in his 50-year-old career. He is also an active politician, serving as the MLA of Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh.

Coincidentally, Balayya was also honoured with the prestigious Padma Bhushan award earlier this year. This year's edition of IFFI will be held from November 20-November 27 in Goa. The closing ceremony of

the festival will be organised at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium. A total of 7500 delegates registered for this festival. Around 270 films from 84 countries will be screened at this prestigious film festival.

Pooja Hegde feels 2025 turned out to be a good year for her

Pooja Hegde went through a difficult phase in her career in the last two years. She did not get a single release in 2024, and her only film in 2023 failed at the box office. With two years of setbacks, many believed her career had reached a dead end.

However, 2025 turned into a strong comeback year for her. She acted alongside Suriya in "Retro." Although the film did not succeed commercially, her special number in Rajinikanth's "Coolie" became a sensation. The song kept her trending for months and helped revive her popularity.

Pooja Hegde has three releases in 2025 and is gearing up for the release of Vijay's "Jana Nayakudu" in January 2026.

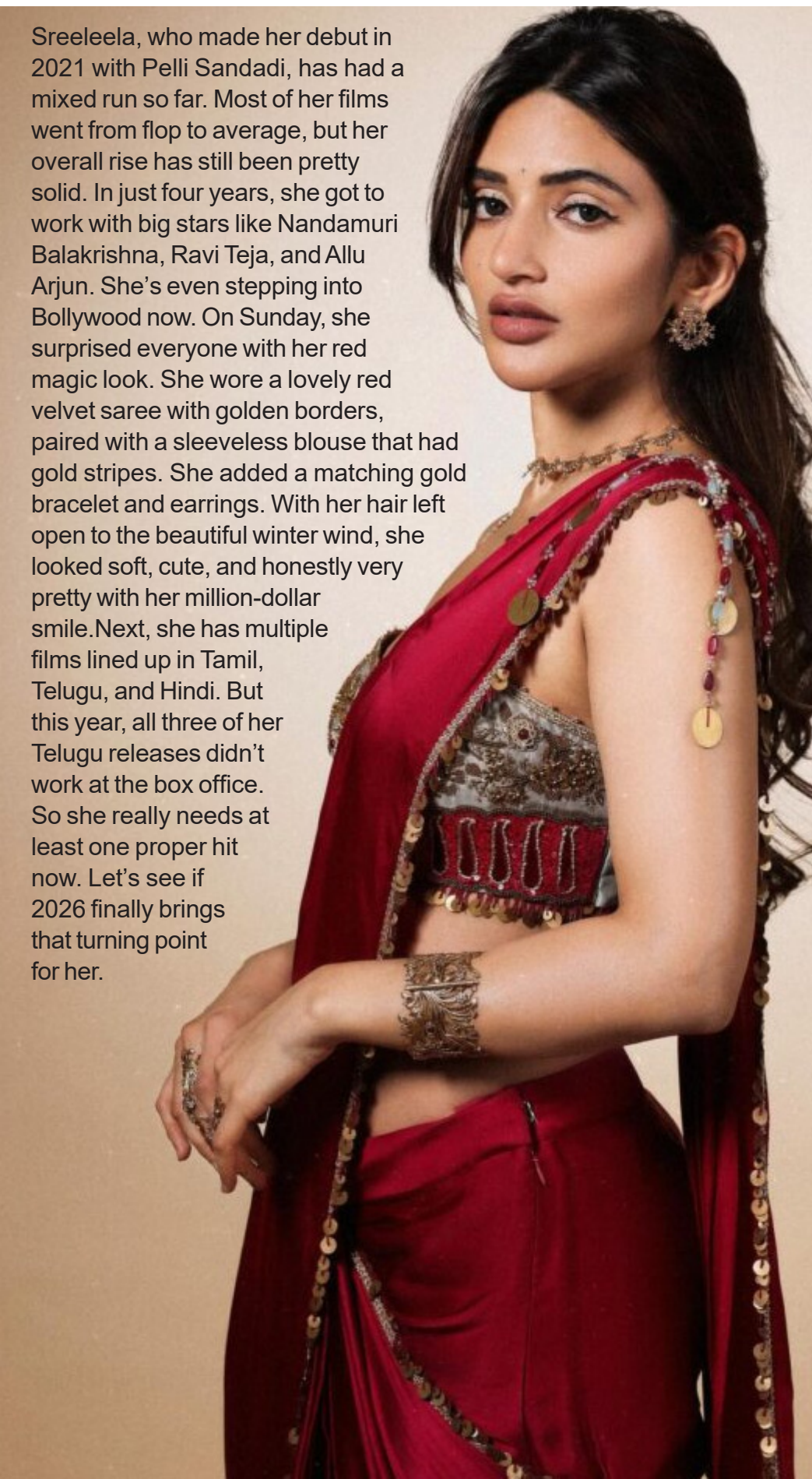
She also has two more projects in hand, including a Telugu film that is currently on the sets. Overall, the year brought her back into the spotlight and



restored her busy schedule. Reflecting on her journey, she said the year has been a creative turning point. "It has been a very satisfying year from a creative point of view, with the kind of reception and love I received for my performances, especially my role in 'Retro'. And the 'Monica' song turning into a rage added to that. It has been creatively fulfilling," she told Travel + Leisure Magazine.

SREELEELA STEALS EYES WITH RED VELVET HEAT

Sreeleela, who made her debut in 2021 with Pelli Sandadi, has had a mixed run so far. Most of her films went from flop to average, but her overall rise has still been pretty solid. In just four years, she got to work with big stars like Nandamuri Balakrishna, Ravi Teja, and Allu Arjun. She's even stepping into Bollywood now. On Sunday, she surprised everyone with her red magic look. She wore a lovely red velvet saree with golden borders, paired with a sleeveless blouse that had gold stripes. She added a matching gold bracelet and earrings. With her hair left open to the beautiful winter wind, she looked soft, cute, and honestly very pretty with her million-dollar smile. Next, she has multiple films lined up in Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi. But this year, all three of her Telugu releases didn't work at the box office. So she really needs at least one proper hit now. Let's see if 2026 finally brings that turning point for her.



Raveena Tandon's Daughter with Mahesh Babu's Nephew



Raveena Tandon's daughter Rasha Thadani, who broke the internet with the Uyi Amma song in Hindi cinema, is now set to make her Telugu debut. She will be seen opposite Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni, the grandson of Superstar Krishna and nephew of Mahesh Babu, who is also making his acting debut. The pairing has already sparked curiosity, as both debutants come from two of Indian cinema's most prominent families. The film, directed by Ajay Bhupathi, is billed as an intense love story set against the rooted and visually striking backdrop of Tirupati. The project was recently announced, and Rasha has officially signed on as the female lead. Produced by P. Kiran under the Chandamama Kathalu banner and presented by Ashwini Dutt, the film is expected to kick off regular shooting this month.