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President Droupadi Murmu becomes
FIRST WOMEN HEAD OF STATES
to visit Sabarimal Temple



Sabarimala: President Droupadi Murmu made a historic visit to the Lord Ayyappa temple in Sabarimala on Wednesday, becoming the first woman head of state to offer prayers at the renowned hilltop shrine. She is only

the second President of India to visit the temple; former President VV Giri had previously visited in the 1970s. The President's visit is symbolically significant, coming years after a landmark 2018 Supreme Court ruling that overturned a traditional ban on women of menstruating age (10-50) entering the temple. The shrine is dedicated to Lord Ayyappan, who devotees regard as an eternal celibate. BJP MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar hailed President Murmu's visit to Sabarimala.

Bihar Polls A Fight Between NDA's Vikaas and INDIA Bloc's Vinaash: JP Nadda

Patna: BJP chief JP Nadda on Thursday said that the assembly election in Bihar is a fight between 'Vikaas' (development) of the NDA and 'Vinaash' (destruction) of the INDIA bloc. Addressing a rally in Aurangabad district, Nadda lashed out at the Congress, accusing it of being a "parasitic party that finishes off its junior alliance partners". The senior BJP leader attacked the RJD, saying the Lalu Prasad-led party stands for 'Randgari' (extortion), 'Jungle raj' (anarchy) and 'Dadagiri' (intimidation).



Making light of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's promise to provide employment to youngsters and check out-migration, he said such promises of the RJD reminded him of the party's alleged involvement in the land-for-jobs scam. Criticising the RJD's poll promise of providing a government job to every family in Bihar, Nadda sought to know from where funds would be generated to pay the salaries. He also lambasted the RJD for giving a ticket to gangster-turned-politician, the late Md Shahabuddin's son Osama Shahab in the upcoming polls, stating it showed how concerned the party is for Bihar. "The RJD has fielded Shahabuddin's son... how can it ensure the security of the people of Bihar if it fields such candidates? Lalu's RJD stands for Randgari, Jungleraj and Dadagiri," he said.

In Karnataka 'Vote Chori' Row, A Data Team's Possible Deletion Role



New Delhi: In mid-September Congress MP Rahul Gandhi thundered a warning - with slick PowerPoint presentations to back him up - about mass deletion of voters before the Karnataka Assembly election in 2023

and last year's general election. The Election Commission and Bharatiya Janata Party - accused of collusion to commit voter fraud - junked the claim, and blamed the Congress for "baseless" allegations.

Sources said it appears a data entry team could have been paid money - a few lakh rupees in total - to delete a certain number of voters from the roll. At least six people were involved. Rs 80 was paid for every success-

fully deleted voter, and that there were requests to delete nearly 7,000 voters from the rolls before the 2023 state election. A senior police official told PTI 'attempts were made in Aland to delete votes.

"Tejashwi Yadav Our Face, Who Is Yours?" INDIA Bloc's Big Dare To NDA

Patna: It's official. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav is the Chief Ministerial face of the Opposition's Mahagath bandhan as Bihar gears up for a high-voltage Assembly election. After weeks of tussle within the Opposition bloc over seat-sharing, Congress veteran Ashok Gehlot named Tejashwi as its Chief Ministerial face at a joint press conference of Mahagathbandhan allies in Patna.



Alert issued as low pressure system brings heavy rain to Andhra Pradesh

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 23 : A distinct low pressure area in the southwest Bay of Bengal is expected to weaken gradually and transform into a low-pressure zone within the next 12 hours. Meanwhile, a surface circulation continues along the Andaman Sea coast, intensifying the likelihood of heavy rains across Andhra Pradesh over the next 24 hours. The Meteorological Department has issued a red alert statewide, warning of flash floods in Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, and Kurnool districts, as well as in Yanam. Officials have cautioned fishermen against heading out to sea. As a result of the ongoing low pressure system, rain is affecting various regions across the state, with low-lying areas in Nellore district experiencing flooding. District Collector Himanshu Shukla has announced that rehabilitation centres have been established and control rooms set up at the Nellore Collectorate and the SP office. Floodwaters are reportedly flowing in Chaptla, located in Kammavaripalle of Ananthasagaram mandal. Furthermore, educational institutions in the district have been closed for the second consecutive day due to the adverse weather.

Chandrababu meets Abu Dhabi leaders, discuss on AP development



Abu Dhabi /Amaravati, October 23 : Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is visiting the UAE. To this extent, CM Chandrababu is busy during his visit to the UAE . On the second day of his visit, Chief Minister Chandrababu is holding a series of meetings with industrialists in Abu Dhabi. He met Abu Dhabi Chamber Chairman Ahmed Jasim

Al Zaabi and G-42 CEO Mansoor Al Mansoori. In these meetings, CM Chandrababu is discussing the investments needed by AP. CM Chandrababu emphasized that AP is moving from Ease of Doing Business to Speed of Doing Business. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has made it clear that quantum computing services will be available in the capital

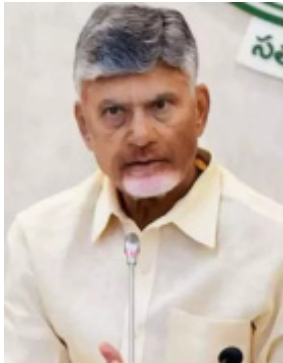
Amaravati from January. He explained that the capital of AP, Amaravati, will be a center for new opportunities and innovation. On this occasion, CM Chandrababu invited them to come to the partnership conference to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15. In this context, the industrial representatives said that they will soon visit AP and discuss investments. Also..

CM Chandrababu met with representatives of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). ADNOC representatives showed interest in expanding their business in India. The CM explained to them the investment opportunities in the energy sector in Andhra Pradesh. The Chief Minister said that Andhra Pradesh is a strategic state with a long coastline close to South Asia. He explained that there is an opportunity for petrochemical companies to operate. Later, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's team participated in a network lunch with industrialists in Abu Dhabi. The network lunch was attended by G-42 CEO, ADIC Global Head Lalit Agarwal, IHC CEO Ajay Bhatia, WIO Bank CEO Jayesh Patil, Polygon Morphic CEO Jayanti Kanani, Trucker CEO Gaurav Biswas, Policy Bazaar Group CEO Yashish Dahiya, Insurance Market CEO Avinash, Insarts CEO Azhar Iqbal, GII CEO Pankaj Gupta, Noon CEO Faraz Khalid, Inception CEO Ashish Koshy, and others.

CM orders vigilant amid heavy rains in Andhra Pradesh

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 23 : Andhra Pradesh is currently experiencing heavy rainfall due to a severe low-pressure area forming over the Bay of Bengal. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, while on a tour of Dubai, has been in constant communication with officials regarding the situation in the state. In discussions with ministers, Chief Secretary, and Regional Transport officials, the Chief Minister addressed the challenges faced by rain-affected districts including Nellore, Prakasam, Bapatla, Kadapa, and Tirupati. He instructed the Home Minister to ensure readiness of machinery and necessary precautions.

CM Naidu recommended the deployment of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams to the areas most impacted by the rainfall. He emphasised the need for immediate measures to safeguard lives and properties and called for coordinated efforts among the Revenue, Disaster Management, Police, Irrigation, Municipal, Roads and Buildings (R&B), and Electricity departments. In response to the potential for flooding, Naidu ordered the evacuation of residents in low-lying areas to safer locations. Officials informed the Chief Minister that control rooms have already been established in the South



Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema districts. Further, the Chief Minister proposed the fortification of canals and ponds in vulnerable areas to prevent collapses. He also urged officials to establish medical camps to mitigate the risk of infectious diseases following the heavy rainfall.

All depts advised to remain on alert as heavy rains forecast

From Our Staff Reporter Kurnool, Oct., 23 : In the wake of the impending cyclonic storm, District Collector Dr A Siri instructed all line departments to remain on high alert and take all necessary precautionary measures to ensure public safety on Wednesday. She said that heavy rains are likely in the district over the next few days, and the administration must act swiftly to prevent any potential damage to life and property. The Collector directed officials to closely monitor reservoirs, tanks, low-lying and riverbank areas, and to take advance measures to prevent breaches and flooding. She emphasised the need to issue timely alerts to the public and relocate people from vulnerable areas if required. She instructed the revenue, irrigation,



police, panchayat raj, and electricity departments to work in close coordination and maintain constant communication with the public. She also ordered the suspension of traffic at overflowing streams and rivulets, diverting vehicles through safe alternative routes. Electricity department officials were directed to secure power lines and prevent accidents. Dr Siri stressed that protecting human lives and preventing loss of property should be the top priority of the administration. She instructed officials to conduct continuous reviews of the ground situation and remain vigilant until the weather conditions improve. Agriculture and horticulture officers were asked to provide timely advisories to farmers to minimize crop damage and ensure proper water drainage in agricultural lands.

We will bring the fishermen back safely: Rammohan Naidu



From Our Staff Reporter Vizianagaram, October 23: Union Minister Rammohan Naidu issued a statement on Thursday on the incident of eight district fishermen being captured by Bangladesh Navy personnel. He said that he is providing full assurance to the affected families. He assured that the fishermen from the district will be brought back safely. He said that he has already held talks with the External Affairs

Minister. He said that he is in continuous contact with the Bangladesh Embassy and is closely monitoring the situation. Rammohan Naidu explained in the letter that he has spoken to the Coast Guard system, which looks after maritime security, law and order, on this issue. Eight fishermen from Vizianagaram district have been caught by the Bangladesh Coast Guard. They hail from

Tippalavalasa village in Pusapatirega mandal and Kondrajupalem village in Bhogapuram mandal and migrated to Vizag for a better life. They continue to fish in the sea and make a living there. On the 13th of this month, they went out to sea on a fishing boat (No. MM75) from the Visakhapatnam fishing port. On the 14th of this month, at 2 am, they lost their way and entered the Bangladesh Coast Guard area.

EDITORIAL

Is the era of smartphones coming to an end?

The theory of natural selection, described by Charles Darwin, also applies to our modern lives. According to that theory, it cannot be said that the strongest or most intelligent species on earth will survive forever. Only species that understand and adapt to changes will survive. This is called adaptation. This applies not only to species but also to technologies created by humans. Experts say that the era of smartphones will soon end due to the unprecedented changes taking place in technology. This does not mean that smartphones will disappear now. Hundreds of millions of people around the world rely on smartphones for communication, payments, work, and entertainment. But according to the predictions of some futurists, smartphones will be swallowed up by another cutting-edge technology, just as laptops took the place of desktop PCs. This technology can be anything. It can be wearables. While companies like Apple and Meta are already making some smart glasses, others are integrating computer screens into contact lenses. Over time, it is expected that earphones powered by artificial intelligence could reduce the dependence on mobile phones. If not, artificial intelligence assistants (AI assistants) that work by listening to the voice could also be alternatives to smartphones.

Things like chatbots have already been incorporated into wearables. This could lead to a computing system that works with words instead of touch screens. Augmented reality (AR) glasses will improve many of the tasks that phones do. It could be navigation, calls, or browsing. In addition, projects like the Neuralink project, which is currently in the research phase, are trying to connect computers directly to our brains. That means that we can do things just by thinking with our brains! There are differing opinions on how long it will take for smartphones to disappear completely. Some predict five to ten years... while others say that the use of smartphones will continue, but that the constant dependence on them will decrease due to AR and AI devices. Some predict that in the next twenty years, smartphones will be replaced by AI-powered glasses, earbuds, and voice assistants, and that smartphones will become a relic like iPods and landlines. It is also a long-term prediction that technologies like AR and brain-computer interfaces will need to become accessible to the common man before smartphones disappear, and that technologies like quantum processing, 5G/6G+, and ultra-thin batteries may take two to three decades to mature. It is also interesting to see what efforts companies are currently making in this direction.

Apple is banking on spatial computing. It is said that this will help users move away from iPhones in ten to fifteen years. Companies like Meta, Google, and Samsung are trying to invent a world without smartphones with the help of AR wearables. Experiments are underway on how the 'AI Pin' and 'Rabbit R1' made by the Humane company can be alternatives to smartphones. On the other hand, telecom companies are trying to make the 6G network available for AR, VR, and AI systems by 2030. The dominance of smartphones is currently likely to continue until the 2030s. In the face of the convergence of AI and AR technologies, smartphones may remain a useful backup device in the future. Experts estimate that smartphones will gradually disappear from people's daily lives by 2040. The disappearance of smartphones has both advantages and disadvantages. Let's look at the advantages first. The need for small screens will disappear. Everything will happen naturally due to AR glasses, AI voice, and ambient computing. Many of the current problems with smartphones will disappear. New industries will emerge centered on AI, AR, wearables, and brain computing technologies. If smartphones are replaced by reusable AR glasses, electronic waste will disappear. The disadvantages are that AI, AR, and wearables risk focusing more on personal details. There is a possibility of recording and tracking daily activities, as well as listening to our conversations. If developing countries are unable to access these new technologies, social gaps will increase further.

And what about phone manufacturers? Smartphone manufacturers like Foxconn, Pegatron, and Samsung employ hundreds of thousands of people in China, Vietnam, and India. Without smartphones, these factories would have to shift to making AR glasses, wearables, and micro- or internet-based devices. While some people may lose their jobs in the early days, they could be redeployed to AR and other devices. Companies that make batteries, display units, and chipsets for phones will adapt to making micro-devices. In a world without smartphones, apps will still exist, but not in the same form. Chat-based, gesture-based, and voice-based applications will come into play. Jobs will only exist if skills are developed further. In other words, jobs will not disappear, but their nature will change. The web designers of a few years ago have now shifted to making smart applications. It is no tragedy that the Internet-enabled smartphones that became available in 2007 will disappear before the end of our generation. We should be happy that the world is moving towards another cutting-edge technology. There are evolutionary processes in technology too. If we embrace them, we will move forward. Otherwise, we will remain where we are!

Tejashwi Yadav Could Be Bihar's Future - Or Opposition's Greatest Mistake. Here's Why

As Bihar's political landscape heats up ahead of the next assembly elections, the Mahagathbandhan has announced the Rashtriya Janata Dal's (RJD) Tejashwi Yadav, son of Lalu Yadav, as the alliance's chief ministerial candidate. The decision, coming after intense debate amongst partners, could potentially determine the electoral fate of the alliance in a state known for its complex caste arithmetic and volatile political equations. But is this a masterstroke or a strategic gamble?

The Case for Tejashwi

The arguments in favour of projecting Tejashwi Yadav as the CM face are substantial and rooted in both electoral data and political momentum. This decision would energise the cadre of the RJD - the single largest party in Bihar and the leader of the Mahagathbandhan - and galvanise its core vote blocs. Tejashwi has emerged as a popular leader who commands significant grassroots support, particularly among the youth, Yadavs and Muslims. His projection would provide clarity and direction to the political campaign and give the RJD organisation a clear figurehead to rally behind.

Perhaps the most compelling factor to consider is that 15% of voters, according to the VoteVibe survey, make their decision based on the chief ministerial candidate. In a tightly contested election where margins are small - razor-thin in 2020 - this segment becomes crucial. By declaring Tejashwi as the chief ministerial face, the Mahagathbandhan has given these voters a clear alternative to the incumbent leadership, especially when the Home Minister's statement regarding the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) chief ministerial pick has created confusion over whether Nitish Kumar will retain his chair post the elections or not.

The timing also appears opportune. Nitish Kumar is widely perceived to be suffering from a "fatigue factor" after multiple terms in office. Voters often grow weary of long-standing leaders, and Tejashwi's projection could capitalise on this anti-incumbency sentiment. Long-tenure CMs such as Sheila Dixit, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Tarun Gogoi and Raman Singh, among others, lost elections after being in power for 15 years.

The contrast between the seasoned, ageing Nitish and the younger, more dynamic Tejashwi could work to the opposition's benefit, framing the election as a choice between the past and the future, especially when this may well be Nitish's last election. Surveys consistently show Tejashwi leading the chief ministerial race with 33%-35% ratings, making him the natural choice for the opposition. Had the Mahagathbandhan ignored this data-driven reality, it could have come across as working against popular sentiment, potentially demoralising supporters.

The youth factor cannot be understated. Voters aged 18-29 constitute approximately 25% of Bihar's electorate - a quarter of the voting population. Tejashwi's appeal in this demographic is substantial, thanks to his focus on employment, education, and opportunities. However, Prashant Kishor has also gained traction within this class. His promise of government jobs resonated powerfully in 2020.

Furthermore, declaring Tejashwi as the chief ministerial candidate would consolidate the core vote base of the alliance. The Yadav community, a crucial pillar of the MGB's support structure, would feel represented and validated. Combined with the fact that the alliance's Muslim support base commands a 32% share of the population, a clear chief ministerial

projection could consolidate these votes and prevent any last-minute erosion to rival parties like the Jan Suraj or to fence-sitters. This gives the Mahagathbandhan a headstart of around 25% vote share.

Polarisation and Counter-Mobilisation

However, the decision to project Tejashwi comes with significant risks that cannot be dismissed. Perhaps the most serious concern is the possibility of counter-consolidation among upper castes and non-Yadav OBCs (NYOBCs). Bihar's caste dynamics are delicate, and an explicit Yadav face could trigger defensive voting patterns among certain communities and sharpen the forward-vs-backward narrative. The disgruntled upper caste or NYOBC voter who may have voted for Congress candidates from their community might stay at home or vote for the NDA.

The spectre of 2020 looms large in these calculations. The slogan "Tejashwi Tai Hai" (Tejashwi is decidedly coming to power) became a double-edged sword in that election. While it mobilised core supporters, it simultaneously instilled fear among upper-caste voters who worried about their status and opportunities under a Yadav-led government. This apprehension contributed to the alliance's losses despite seemingly favourable pre-poll predictions and COVID mismanagement. There's also a legitimate concern about communal polarisation. With Tejashwi in the fray, NDA could attempt to frame the election in a communal tone - positioning him as the chief ministerial face for minorities, turning the election into a Hindu-vs-Muslim contest. This could take away the focus from governance issues, development, or incumbent failures.

Rally Woman Dies in Road Accident



Ravulapalem, Pen Power, October 23: Adapala Kotamma (61), a resident of Rally village in Atrayapuram mandal, died in a road accident on Thursday morning. While walking towards the Ravulapalem bus stand after finishing her personal work, she was hit by an RTC bus (AP 39 CM 1079) from Bhimavaram depot around 10:30 a.m. Eyewitnesses said the driver was negligent and failed to honk before the collision. Kotamma, who suffered severe injuries, died on the way to Kottapeta Government Hospital in a 108 ambulance. Based on a complaint by her grandson Undavalli Durgaprasad, Ravulapalem SI G. Chanti registered a case and started an investigation.

Prof. Muniratnam Naidu Takes Charge as Telugu University Vice-Chancellor



Rajamahendravaram, Oct 23 (Pen Power): Prof. D. Muniratnam Naidu assumed charge as Vice-Chancellor of Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, promising to work with dedication for the preservation and promotion of the Telugu language and to fulfill NTR's vision. MLA Gorantla Buchaiah Choudary attended the event along with faculty, students, and literary figures. The VC announced plans to introduce new courses, strengthen departments, and complete full-scale operations by January 2026. MLA Buchaiah Choudary assured support for infrastructure and development works of the university.



The non-Yadav OBC factor deserves special attention. These communities - backward classes other than Yadavs - felt marginalised during the Lalu-Rabri tenure from 1990 to 2005. They then got a Chief Minister in Nitish. Now, they may fear that their interests will be subordinated to Yadav priorities under a Tejashwi-led government. This perception could neutralise the Mahagathbandhan's efforts to woo these communities with higher ticket allocations.

It also gives the NDA a chance to rake up the corruption issue plaguing the Lalu family and deflect attention from some of the allegations made by Prashant Kishor against its own senior leaders. It could help the NDA re-ignite

fear amongst upper castes, NYOBCs and EBCs, though the announcement of Mukesh Sahani as the deputy chief minister face may neutralise these concerns to some extent among EBCs. On the flip side, it could also open a Pandora's box if Dalits and Muslims feel cheated for not being represented.

Strategic Dilemma Or Masterstroke?

The Mahagathbandhan finds itself navigating two political realities. On one hand, modern electoral politics increasingly demands clear leadership projection - voters want to know who they're voting for, not just which alliance. Ambiguity can appear weak or indecisive. On the other hand, Bihar's intricate social fabric means that explicit

projections can trigger unintended consequences that undermine the very coalition being constructed. We will get to know only post-poll which factor was more powerful: the projection of a clear Chief Ministerial face or the counter-mobilisation it might trigger. Data suggests Tejashwi has significant support, but 2020 demonstrated that support doesn't automatically translate into victory when counter-forces mobilise effectively. Hereon, the Mahagathbandhan should carry out calibrated messaging - projecting Tejashwi's leadership while emphasising unity, inclusive governance, coalition values, common manifesto and issue-based campaigning that transcends caste considerations.

Tourist Spots to Maintain Cleanliness: ITDA Project Officer Smaran Raj

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Rampachodavaram, Oct 23 - ITDA Project Officer Smaran Raj directed officials to regularly conduct cleanliness drives at tourist destinations in the agency area. During his inspection of the I. Polavaram tourist spot on Thursday, he instructed that warning boards be installed to prevent tourists from entering canals for bathing during the Kartika month. He emphasized strict measures to stop visitors from littering and urged awareness programs to ensure tourists return safely to their villages. APM G. Kishore and other officials accompanied him.

Call to make success of state-level Revenue Sports & Cultural Fest

Anantapur: District Collector O Anand has directed officials to make all necessary arrangements for the successful conduct of the 7th State-Level Revenue Sports and Cultural Festival-2025, scheduled to be held from November 7 to 9 at the RDT Stadium, Anantapur. A coordination meeting was held at the Anantapur Collectorate Mini Conference Hall on Tuesday evening, jointly chaired by Sri Sathya Sai District Collector A. Shyam Prasad and Collector O. Anand. Speaking on the occasion, Collector Anand said that officials from all concerned departments must work in close coordination to ensure the smooth organization of the sports and cultural events. He instructed authorities to finalize accommodation, food, and other logistical arrangements well in advance. The Collector emphasized the need to identify participants arriving from various districts and to ensure protocol, dais setup, and minute-to-minute arrangements are meticulously planned, as senior officials are expected to attend the event. Sri Sathya Sai District Collector A. Shyam Prasad urged officials to put in collective efforts to make the State Revenue Sports a grand success. He suggested including traditional Rayalaseema cuisine in the menu for visiting participants and ensuring proper transport between lodging facilities and the RDT Stadium. Several senior officials, including Forest Settlement Officer G. Ramakrishna Reddy, RDOs from various divisions, and Revenue Association leaders, participated in the meeting, pledging full cooperation for the success of the upcoming State-Level Revenue Sports and Cultural Festival.

No Loss of Life Reported; All Precautions in Place – Minister Dr. Dola Sree Balaveeranjaneya Swamy



Ongole, Pen Power, October 23:

Social Welfare Minister Dr. Dola Sree Balaveeranjaneya Swamy directed officials to ensure that no loss of life, livestock, or property oc-

curs due to the heavy rains in the district.

During a review meeting at the Collectorate with District Collector P. Rajababu, Joint Collector R. Gopalakrishna, and senior officials, the Minister moni-

tored the situation and interacted with mandal-level officers via video conference. Speaking to the media, the Minister said no casualties have been reported so far thanks to timely action by the district

administration. He instructed officials to remain vigilant until the rains subside, maintain sanitation, and restore transport and power supply immediately if disrupted. He emphasized strict monitoring of drinking water chlorination, prevention of stagnant rainwater in schools and Anganwadi centers, and diversion of excess water into tanks. The Minister also warned against allowing fishermen or herders to venture into risky areas. Collector P. Rajababu said the district administration is fully prepared, with control rooms set up at all levels and relief materials stocked for any emergency.

Priority to Development and Welfare: MLA Palla

Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, October 23:

MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao stated that he would extend full support for the development of Kondavalsa areas. Along with City Mayor Peela Srinivasa Rao and Ward Corporator Tippala Vamsi Reddy, he laid the foundation stone for various development works worth ₹2.18 crore in GVMC 74th Ward, Viyyapu Vanipalem. He said that the government is moving forward with the goals of development and welfare, taking responsibility to fulfill all promises made to the public. Long-pending local issues are being resolved in phases, he added. Special funds will be allocated for the construction of steps, roads, and drains in hilly



regions. He urged people to participate actively in development programs, emphasizing that progress is more important than politics.

He also assured to transform the 74th ward into a model ward. Later, the MLA visited and consoled the family of a woman who recently died in

an accident. Local leaders Palla Ramana, Viyyapu Kondababu, Appalanaidu, Chinnodu, and Sanyasirao participated in the event.

Visakhapatnam Emerging as IT Global City – Minister Kollu Ravindra



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An awareness program on the historic Google Data Center agreement was organized by Telugu Yuvatha at the TDP office in Gajuwaka industrial area. Excise Min-

ister Kollu Ravindra, TDP State President and Gajuwaka MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao, North Andhra MLC Vepada Chiranjeevi Rao, Visakhapatnam Mayor Pilla Srinivasa Rao, and Deputy

Mayor Dalli Govindaraju attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ravindra said that bringing the country's largest IT project to the state was the achievement of Chandrababu Naidu and

Nara Lokesh, which will create 1.88 lakh jobs. He stated that youth no longer need to leave Andhra Pradesh for employment, as ample opportunities will now be available within the state. MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao said that with the efforts of CM Chandrababu Naidu, IT Minister Lokesh, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and support from the Central Government, Visakhapatnam will soon transform into an international IT hub, achieving in ten years what Hyderabad took thirty years to accomplish. He also mentioned that companies like TCS, Cognizant, Accenture, and Sify are setting up operations in Vizag, and the government aims to develop the region into a trillion-dollar economy within the next 20 years. Several officials, Telugu Yuvatha leaders, and a large number of students and women participated in the program.

Efforts for Temple Development – Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy

Kakinada, Pen Power, October 23: Andhra Pradesh Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy was called on by Rajya Sabha MP Sana Satish Babu on Thursday. They discussed the development of temples, preservation of Sanatana traditions, and improvement of pilgrim facilities across the state.

Satish Babu requested the allocation of funds for regional temple development and better infrastructure for devotees. The Minister responded positively, assuring necessary action after reviewing the proposals. Both leaders emphasized that the government is committed to promoting spiritual tourism and preserving cultural heritage in Andhra Pradesh.



Heavy Rain Alert: Control Rooms Set Up in Kakinada District – Collector Shanmohan

Kakinada, Pen Power, October 23:

In view of the heavy rain alert issued by the Meteorological Department, Kakinada District Collector S. Shanmohan Sagili announced that control rooms have been established across the district. A low-pressure area over the southwest Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a depression near the north Tamil Nadu-south Andhra Pradesh coast by tomorrow and may strengthen further. Under its influence, light to heavy rains with

thunderstorms are expected in Coastal Andhra, Yanam, and Rayalaseema regions till October 25, accompanied by winds of 35–55 kmph along the south Andhra coast. The Collector directed officials to stay alert and closely monitor rainfall conditions. Control rooms have been activated at the district, divisional, and mandal levels, with dedicated staff working in shifts to receive public grievances. Citizens can contact the district control room via landline 0884-2356801 or email egosupdttd@nic.in.



The Collector urged the public to remain vigilant

and reach out to local authorities if necessary.

Follow Best Management Practices in Cultivation: Horticulture Officer Cyril



Peddapuram, Pen Power, October 23: District Horticulture Officer T.V. Cyril advised farmers to adopt effective management practices to achieve higher

yields. Speaking at an awareness program on oil palm and sugarcane cultivation held at the Rythu Seva Kendra in Kattamuru village, Cyril highlighted that

cultivating oil palm in irrigated lands can bring farmers higher profits. He explained that oil palm provides high yields of 8–12 tonnes per acre and income

up to ₹1 lakh per acre, with the added advantage of withstanding climatic variations. Intercropping is possible for the first three years, and the crop yields for up to 30 years. Cyril said the government is encouraging farmers to take up oil palm cultivation with investment subsidies — including full subsidy for planting and ₹8,400 per acre for fertilizers and pesticides during the first four years. He also mentioned ₹1 lakh assistance per acre for installing permanent pandals for vine crops. Dr. M. Janaki from the Peddapuram Horticulture Research Station educated farmers on proper management and fertilization practices for quality sugarcane production. Officials and a large number of farmers participated in the event.

Let's Join Hands for a Clean Ongole : Commissioner Dr. K. Venkateswara Rao

Ongole, Pen Power, October 23:

Ongole Municipal Commissioner Dr. K. Venkateswara Rao held a meeting with YouTubers and Instagram influencers from the city at his office on Thursday. The Commissioner urged influencers to use social media platforms to spread awareness about municipal development activities and the importance of maintaining cleanliness in Ongole. He requested them to create reels and short films highlighting issues like the dangers of single-use plastics, the benefits of segregating



wet and dry waste, and the harmful effects of littering on roads and feeding animals with plastic waste. Dr.

Rao emphasized that collective efforts can make Ongole a “Swachh Ongole.” Municipal Engi-

neer Issaiah, Health Officer Vaishnavi, and several local influencers attended the meeting.

Kadapa District Alerted Amid Heavy Rain Forecast



Kadapa, October 23 – District In-charge Collector Aditi Singh directed all department officials to remain vigilant in view of the cyclone and heavy rain forecast. During a teleconference, she reviewed the situation with district and field-level officers and instructed them to take precautionary measures to prevent loss of life, property, and crops. She emphasized the need to monitor tanks, canals, and embankments closely and advised Irrigation and Revenue officials to stay alert near streams and ponds. All officials, from district to village level, were asked to remain accessible to the public. A control room has been set up at the District Collectorate (Phone: 08562-246344) to monitor the situation.

Spiritual Park to be Built at Dwaraka Tirumala with Rs. 1.5 Crore – MLA Maddipati



Gopalapuram, Pen Power, September 23:

Gopalapuram MLA Maddipati Venkata Raju announced plans to construct a spiritual park near the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple at Dwaraka Tirumala with an estimated cost of ₹1.5 crore. Visiting the temple town, popularly known as Chinna Tirupati, the MLA inspected the Lingayya Cheruvu area

along with officials. He said the park would serve as a welcoming spot for devotees visiting from distant places. He directed revenue officials to identify the boundaries of Lingayya Cheruvu and remove encroachments near the main road junction close to the temple. Engineering officials were asked to prepare detailed estimates for the park project.

JAHNVI KAPOOR BECOMES OPEN BOOK ABOUT PLASTIC SURGERY



The heroines and the link-up rumors about them getting plastic surgery are always on the internet. Interestingly, Jahnvi Kapoor also faced these rumors multiple times in the past. Even at some events today, she still has to face this situation. In a recent talk show, Jahnvi decided to share her view on the same. Jahnvi admits to undergoing plastic surgery, but she underwent it under the guidance of her mother, the late Sridevi. Jahnvi shared this when she took part in the show called Two Much With Kajol and Twinkle. Jahnvi Kapoor opened up about the rumors of her undergoing a 'buffalo-plasty' procedure.

"I think I have been very intelligent, conservative, and proper about what I have done. Of course, I had the guidance of my mom, and I'd like to share that. Also, as a cautionary tale, because if a young girl sees a video like this and decides mujhe bhi ye buffalo-plasty karna hai and something goes wrong, that would be the worst thing ever. I think transparency is important," says the actress. However, Jahnvi had not revealed the kind of treatment that she was prescribed. Having said that, she also made up her mind to be a completely open book going forward.

Thamma Collections: Rashmika Factor Turns Zero in Telugu States



Rashmika Mandanna is one of the most successful pan-India actors, boasting an impressive record to her name. Interestingly, the actress is currently showing zero impact with her new release, Thamma. The actress had a new release during Diwali in Hindi, but there is absolutely no noise about it in the Telugu film circles. It is quite common that these Hindi movies won't attract big crowds from the Telugu states. Moreover, without promotions, we can not expect anything big. But, Rashmika earned the tag National Crush, and the Telugu audiences earlier were positive about Maddock Comedy films.

Even then, Thamma is making no impact, collecting just over 35 lakhs in 2 days, which is a very poor performance. Coming to the promotions, they have only done one event so far. The event also did not get a big attention because of the existing movies for Diwali at theatres. Now, the team must continue their promotions as the buzz for other releases is slowly coming down. The horror movies need a big push, along with solid word of mouth. If Rashmika alone can do some magic, at least in the Telugu states, the film will surely gain some mileage towards the weekend.

Can Pradeep Score A Hat-Trick 100 Cr This Year?



Young actor Pradeep Ranganathan, who scored blockbusters with his first two films, Love Today and Dragon, scored a hat-trick success with his latest film, Dude. The film also happened to be his consecutive 100-crore grosser after Dragon. If he manages to score another 100-crore grosser with his next film, Love Insurance Kompany (LIK), then he will be the only hero to have three straight 100-crore grossers in a single calendar year. Released on October 17, Dude collected 100 crores within six days of its release (as per makers) and emerged as a superhit at the box office. Next up, Pradeep will arrive with LIK, which is slated for release on December 18. This will be his third release this year. After scoring two back-to-back 100 crore-grossers, it remains to be seen if Pradeep scores a hat-trick in a single calendar year with LIK. After Dude's success, there will be a good anticipation around LIK as well. So, it will definitely get very good openings in Tamil Nadu as well as the Telugu states. All it needs to do is engage audiences well. If it manages to do that, LIK may surely become another 100-crore grosser, given the current popularity of Pradeep. Many people assume that Pradeep's debut film Love Today was a 100-crore grosser, but as per trade reports, it collected a little over Rs. 90 crores and fell just short of the milestone. However, his next two films, Dragon and Dude, comfortably crossed the 100-crore mark, cementing Pradeep's position as one of the most bankable stars in the Tamil film industry today.

Hyd U-19 coach Sandeep says lot of discipline in the team

Hyderabad: He played the game the simple and hard way, without any air of flamboyance, to be one of the most successful batters for Hyderabad in Ranji Trophy in the recent past. And, so when Bavanakka Sandeep, mentored as coach of the Hyderabad under-19 team to the knock-out phase of the Vinoo Mankad Trophy cricket championship to be held later this month, it could well be a gentle reminder that he means business, even as he looks at the opportunity to give back to the game in an honest way. And, Sandeep is pretty straightforward in acknowledging the real task was completed by the Junior selection committee panel headed by former Ranji fast bowler Sudeep Tyagi and his team and luckily, within a short span of time, "we could gel as a unit thanks to everyone chipping in their own way, including all the support staff". "Fielding was extraordinary and there was a lot of discipline too, with just one no-ball bowled in the five games in the championship by Hyderabad," he pointed out proudly. Sandeep acknowledges that captain and opener Aaron George (334 runs with two impressive centuries and a fifty) led from the front with the willow. "The best part of his batting is he knows his zone, always looks for runs and tries to finish off the job, he knows what it takes to score heavily," the head coach said. "Aaron is always in search of runs. He has great potential and if he gets the right guidance and the platform like the NCA, he should go to places," Sandeep



said. The former Ranji star is all praise for all-rounder Wafi Kachchhi, too, rating him as one of the best prospects for T-20 and hopes that a talent scouting team from any IPL franchisee has a good look at him. "And, he has that mystery element in bowling – capable of turning the ball either way and invariably triggering middle-order collapses in the championship," he said. "Even wicketkeeper-batter Alankrit Rapole was just too good and I thank the whole team for such brilliant collective effort," he said. "Well, for me, the biggest challenge was to get to know the players and I looked up to the selection panel before the first game, and once we got a feel of the strong points of each player, it was only a question of time before we formed a formidable combination," Sandeep explained. "Yes, this

is the first time experience as a coach and I really enjoyed and looking forward to staying connected with the game," he signed off, hoping Hyderabad would go on to win the championship.

Aaron George to lead team

Aaron George will lead Hyderabad in the BCCI Vinoo Mankad Trophy (under-19) knock-out phase, with the team taking on Karnataka in the quarterfinal from October 25 at Rajkot. The team: Aaron George (capt), Karan Yadav, Wafi Kachchhi, R. Sharan, G. Aryan Reddy, Alankrit Rapole, Aawez Ahmed, M.A. Malik, Gone Prem, Nipun Reddy Shavva, Mukesh Thakur, Yashveer Goud, A. Sai Chandra, Vadthya Akash and Vikash Gupta (wk). Stand-bys: Aditya Malhotra, T. Shiva Rama Krishna, S.S.V.V. Nanda Kumar, Uzair Ahmed and Mohammed Mosiquddin.

Delhi Toofans stun Kolkata Thunderbolts; Goa Guardians seal semifinal spot



HYDERABAD: Goa Guardians qualified for the semi-finals after the Delhi Toofans defeated the Kolkata Thunderbolts 18-16, 11-15, 12-15, 15-11, 15-12 in the RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League powered by Scapia at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium. Saqlain Tariq was named the Player of the Match. Goa will now play Mumbai Meteors in the first semi-final on Friday, October 24th, 2025. The game started with both teams attacking from the middle. Delhi's Jesus Chourio made the first major dent. Ashwal Rai kept the pressure up for the Thunderbolts with

strong spikes. A smart review call from coach Manoj Nair helped the Toofans win the first set. Pankaj Sharma's missile service put pressure on the Toofans' defence. Ashwal kept up the pressure on Delhi's libero Aljo Sabu. Matin Takavar made a super block on Chourio, and the Thunderbolts won the second set. Aayush made two important blocks as Delhi regained composure. A risky super point for the Thunderbolts backfired with Carlos' super spike. But Aayush's overhit shot cost the Toofans a super point, and the Thunderbolts took the lead, winning the third

set. Losing two sets meant that Delhi were out of contention for a place in the semi-finals. But the result did little to deter Delhi skipper Saqlain Tariq from seeking a win. Abhishek Rajeev and Muhammed Jasim led their fightback. With a smart block from Jasim, Delhi pushed the game to the fifth set. With Kolkata's Matin off court, Delhi began running the play from the middle utilising both Jasim and Aayush. Matin's return put pressure on the Toofans. But tremendous defending from libero Aljo helped the Toofans win a super point, and the Toofans scripted an unforgettable win, eliminating Kolkata.

India's young shuttlers shine on Day 2 of Badminton Asia U-17 & U-15 Championships 2025

Hyderabad: India's young shuttlers continued their impressive run on Day 2 of the Badminton Asia Under-17 & Under-15 Championships 2025, with several standout performances securing Round of 16 berths across categories. In the Under-17 girls' singles, Lakshya Rajesh and Diksha Sudhakar turned in solid displays to storm into the pre-quarters. Lakshya eased past Chinese Taipei's Kuan Yi Lin 21-17, 21-11, while Diksha produced a strong comeback to beat China's Luo Ya Ru 17-21, 21-16, 21-11. Among the boys, Jagsher Singh Khangurra impressed with a commanding 21-14, 21-17 victory over China's



Zhang Yu Feng. India's doubles contingent also looked sharp. The girls' doubles pair Deepak Raj Aditi and P. Vriddhi overcame Malaysia's Sue Mei Teoh/Zi Qing Wan 22-20, 21-12, while the U-15 mixed duo Hemanth Sri Sammetla and Sharayu Ranjane cruised past fifth seed Singapore pairing Ng Yu Ze/Loo Kit Rei Chara 21-9,

21-11 to move into the Round of 16. Anvi Rathore, Wazir Singh, and SL Dhakshan Sugumaran continued their winning start to the tournament, joined by the top-seeded girls' singles player, Shaina Manimuthu, who registered a 21-6, 21-10 victory against Malaysia's Jing Er Tan.