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S Jaishankar and Marco Rubio Hold Key Talks in Kuala Lumpur



Kuala Lumpur / New Delhi: Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Kuala Lumpur on Monday, marking their first in-person discussion since the imposition of steep 50% tariffs on Indian imports by US President Donald Trump. This crucial encounter took place on the sidelines of the ASEAN summit, setting the stage for a re-evaluation of the strained economic relations between the two nations. Jaishankar expressed his appreciation for the dialogue with Rubio, noting that the conversation focused not only on the

bilateral relationship but also on several pressing regional and global issues. The meeting reflects both nations' acknowledgment of the importance of their strategic relationship amid the broader geopolitical shifts occurring in Asia and beyond. The growing tension over tariffs, a significant point of contention in the bilateral discourse, loomed large in the background. For several months, the US-India trade relationship has been under stress, especially after Trump's move to impose heavy tariffs on various Indian products.

Poll-Bound Bengal, Tamil Nadu Among 12 States In Voter List Revision Phase 2



New Delhi / Patna: The second phase of voter roll revisions will be held in 12 states and union territories - including Bengal and Tamil Nadu, both of whom will vote in high-profile elections next year and Uttar Pradesh, which will vote in 2027 - and will start after next month's Bihar poll, the Election Commission said Monday. Voter lists in Andaman and Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, and Rajasthan will also be revised in this phase.

Top Court seeks report on Vacancies as plea says Government 'Killing RTI'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday said it will ensure full transparency in appointments to the Central and State Information Commissions. The Centre informed the court that the search committee has completed its process for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), and that applications will be considered within three weeks. This came af-

ter the petitioners pointed out that the CIC is currently without a chief, and that eight of the 10 posts of the Information Commissioners are vacant. They also noted that the backlog of cases before the CIC is close to 3,00,000. The petitioners, represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, alleged that the large number of vacancies showed a deliberate attempt by both the Centre

and States to "kill RTI". While assuring that it will ensure transparency in the appointment of the CIC, the Supreme Court directed all state governments to file a status report on filling up vacancies by November 17. The Bench, headed by Justice Surya Kant, observed that it has no reason to believe that the Centre will not follow the Court's earlier guidelines on appointments to the post of CIC.

SIR phase 2 to take place in these 12 States

New Delhi: The Election Commission here on Monday announced phase two of special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 12 states and Union Territories (UTs). West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are among the states in phase two. The SIR in 12 states will cover 51 crore voters, and the enumeration process will begin on November 4, said Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Full list of states/UTs in Phase 2 of SIR: Andaman and Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal. The Chief Election Commissioner, during a press conference, thanked the people of Bihar for the successful completion of SIR in the state. "Voters in Bihar participated enthusi-

astically. As a result, not a single appeal was filed," he said. The enumeration form of SIR this time will be different from the Bihar SIR, Kumar said. Voter lists will be frozen tonight in the states where phase two of SIRs will be held. The last SIR was done more than 21 years ago, in 2002-2004. It has already been done eight times between 1951 and 2004, said the Chief Election Commissioner.



Tirupati NCC cadet wins silver at National Equestrian League

Tirupati: Cadet Anand, representing the 2 Andhra Remount and Veterinary (R&V) NCC Unit, Tirupati, brought laurels to his unit and NCC Group Tirupati by clinching silver medal in Dressage event at Premier Equestrian League 2025 held in Bengaluru. The prestigious national-level competition witnessed top riders from across India demonstrating exceptional skill, precision, and sportsmanship across various equestrian disciplines. In the highly demanding Dressage category, often described as the art of horse training and harmony between rider and mount, Cadet Anand's performance stood out for its poise and technical excellence. NCC officials in Tirupati said, his achievement highlights rigorous training, discipline, and commitment nurtured by National Cadet Corps, and serves as a source of inspiration for young cadets aspiring to excel in equestrian sports.

CM Chandrababu's special focus on railway projects

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 27 : Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has given special focus on railway projects in AP. As part of this, Chief Minister Chandrababu held a review meeting on railway projects with the relevant officials at the AP Secretariat here on Monday. The CM reviewed the progress of railway projects. Minister BC Janardhan Reddy, Special Chief Secretary of Railways MT Krishnababu, South Central Railway GM Sanjay Srivastava, and East and South Coast Railway officials attended the review. On this occasion, key instructions were given to the concerned officials on railway projects. CM Chandrababu discussed the immediate steps to be taken regarding railway projects in AP and the issues to be brought to the attention of



the Railway Department. The progress of the Nadikudi-Srika lahasti, Guntur -Guntakal, Gunadala, Mustabad Bypass, and Rayadurg-Tumu kuru railway line projects was discussed in the review. CM Chandrababu reminded that the state government has sent proposals to the Rail-

way Department regarding new railway lines, development of Amrit Bharat stations, and construction of railway over and under bridges in the state. CM Chandrababu stated that work on railway projects worth Rs. 33,630 crores currently in progress in AP is yet to be undertaken.

Cyclone Montha: PM Modi speaks to CM Chandrababu, assures support

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 27 : With severe cyclonic storm Montha closing in on the Andhra Pradesh coast, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu over the phone and enquired about the cyclone. In a post on X, the CM wrote, "The Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi called and discussed the current situation in the state due to the cyclone's impact. He assured us of providing assistance and support to the state. I urge all citizens to follow government instructions and take necessary precautions." The Chief Minister reviewed the developing situation from the Real Time Governance Centre (RTGS) at the Secretariat and instructed authorities to monitor the cyclone's movement hour-to-hour and take zero-risk measures, especially in coastal



and low-lying habitations. The CM has also appealed to citizens to stay indoors and remain vigilant until all-clear instructions are issued. The government has placed the administration on maximum alert. The cyclone is expected to make landfall near Kakinada on Tuesday night with 90-110 kmph winds and heavy to extremely heavy rainfall across multiple districts.

Minister for Real Time Governance Nara Lokesh is coordinating inter-departmental response, communication systems, and district-level readiness. He directed all municipal bodies and district administrations to operate 24/7 control rooms, ensure uninterrupted communication, and issue alerts through RTGS, Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority

(APSDMA) and local networks. Officials said that vulnerable populations, including pregnant women, the elderly and coastal belt residents, shifted to safer locations. A total of 260 relief centres have been opened in Kakinada district and 140 in Nellore district, with food, milk and water stocked for 2-3 days. The authorities have also readied 364 schools as cyclone shelters.

Govt committed to develop temples: Anam

From Our Staff Reporter Nellore, Oct., 27 : Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy asserted that the government is committed for bringing past glory to the ancient temples by reconstructing them across the State. He laid foundation for the reconstruction of Sri Kodandarama Swamy temple at Kavaliyedavalli village of AS Pet mandal in Atmakur constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Anam has said there are 27,000 temples in the State and 30 per cent of them are in dilapidated condition due to lack of maintenance and other reasons. When the issue brought to the notice of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, he immediately accepted to release funds for the reconstruction of temples, he added. Anam said as part of the initiative to protect ancient culture, the government has decided to run temples situated on hills and forest areas itself from now on.



Kurnool mishap: Road safety should be a priority, not an afterthought

From Our Staff Reporter Kurnool, Oct., 27 : Full details of the horrific Kurnool bus mishap in Andhra Pradesh, in which 20 people died, are yet to come out, but the accident proves for the nth time that the authorities in our country are not proactive but reactive—and that too in a slow and slipshod manner. For a few days before this, a fire in a moving AC sleeper bus burned at least 20 passengers alive and wounded 15 on the Jaisalmir-Jodhpur Highway. Even the Rajasthan tragedy did not wake up the officials concerned in other states. To be sure, intercity private

buses are generally doing a good job by providing comfortable travel to passengers at reasonable prices; the entrepreneurs running these services are doing what the Railways has failed to do despite its massive resources and government support. It is a measure of government incompetence and apathy at all levels, Central as well as state, that the authorities haven't even been able to come up with realistic rules and regulations to ensure smooth and safe operations by private bus companies. Despite the vital role these buses play, the regulatory framework governing them remains chaotic and outdated. Operators are required

to obtain multiple clearances—from transport authorities, road safety departments, and local administrations—but these are often reduced to paperwork rather than meaningful checks. Vehicle fitness certifications, driver training standards, and fire safety inspections are either perfunctory or routinely bypassed through bribes and middlemen. The Kurnool tragedy underlines the tragic consequences of this regulatory vacuum. Most intercity buses, particularly AC sleeper coaches, are not equipped with basic fire-suppression systems or emergency exits that meet modern safety standards. In many cases, buses are illegally

modified—wooden interiors, non-standard electrical fittings, and extra berths are added to increase revenue, often at the cost of passenger safety. Drivers are overworked, maintenance schedules are ignored, and routes are extended beyond legal limits. Authorities, who are supposed to monitor and enforce the rules, remain invisible until an accident occurs. Equally troubling is the lack of coordination between state and Central agencies. Road transport is a shared responsibility, yet each level of government tends to pass the buck to the other. The Centre frames the Motor Vehicles Act, but implementation is left to the states. State



transport departments, underfunded and understaffed, struggle to monitor thousands of buses running across districts and borders. The result is a patchwork of oversight, with no unified safety protocol, no centralized inspection sys-

tem, and no real-time monitoring of bus operations. When accidents occur, the official response follows a predictable script: expressions of condolence, a promise of compensation, an inquiry committee, and a few suspensions.

EDITORIAL

'Quota' clash on Ambedkar's way

Even after 75 years of the Indian Constitution coming into force, social justice remains elusive. Parties are not sincere in creating equal opportunities for other backward castes both in the country and in the state. They are still not represented in education, employment and politics according to their population. While the upper castes have gained additional rights, the OBCs are suffering severely. They are just becoming pawns in vote bank politics. The response of the parties to the BC Reservation Bill brought by the Telangana state government recently is an example of this. GO 9, which was brought to implement 42 BC reservations in local bodies, faced obstacles in the court. Due to this, a bandh was declared in the state on October 18 under the leadership of the United Action Committee of BC associations to achieve BC reservation. This was supported by three major political parties, BJP, BRS and Congress. They limited themselves to mutual political accusations for political mileage. It is clear that no party has the commitment to provide a legal solution to the 42 percent BC reservation. According to the Constitution of India, reservation is the representation of the respective communities. But the Supreme Court imposed a 50 percent limit in the Indira Sawhney case. If the rulers elected by the people want to, can't this limit be removed?. Who is actually stopping it? Judicial positions? Policies that are not legally binding?.. We need to think about it. There should be a nationwide debate on this.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar played a major role not only for the Dalits but also for the upliftment of other backward classes. Ambedkar adopted the ideas of backward class movement leaders like Mahatma Phule and Sahu Maharaj and reflected them in the Indian Constitution. Although the OBCs did not come with him, Ambedkar persistently tried to ensure that they got equal justice, educational opportunities and political representation. In the Round Table Conferences, he convinced the British government to provide special opportunities to the backward castes in education, employment and politics. Article 340 was included in the Constitution. This paved the way for the establishment of the Backward Classes Commission. Based on this article, the government became constitutionally responsible for preparing a list of OBCs and providing reservations for them. Apart from this, the Kalelkar and BP Mandal Commissions were set up. It was because of him that the reservations of the BCs were legal to some extent. Ambedkar was appointed as the Law Minister in Jawaharlal Nehru's first cabinet after independence.

In 1951, he proposed the Hindu Code Bill to provide inheritance and equal rights to women. This was opposed by leaders of the Congress Party and other political parties, who expressed concern. As a result, Ambedkar resigned from his ministerial post on October 10, 1951. He also cited the failure of the then government to set up a BC Commission as a reason for his resignation. The BC community needs to know this fact. After his resignation, Ambedkar felt that it was necessary for SCs, STs, BCs and minorities to unite and grow as a force. Dalits, BCs and women fought for equal rights through political platforms like the Scheduled Caste Federation. Today, Ambedkar is a compass for the welfare of BCs in the country. Therefore, now the struggles of these great men need to be a lesson in history for the liberation of BCs.

After Ambedkar, Kanshiram, who led his movement, also fought for the rights of other backward classes. In 1980, the Mandal Commission recommended 27 percent reservations for OBCs. Kanshiram staged a 48-day dharna in front of the Delhi Boats Club to implement this. Then the V.P. Singh government brought a law providing 27 percent reservations for OBCs in education and jobs. In this way, Kanshiram's BC reservation movement created a revolution in the country. Another self-respecting BC movement should be launched in that direction. In this order, a BC Reservation Implementation Committee was formed under the leadership of BC SC ST JAC State Convener Dr. Visharadhan Maharaj, Joint AP Chief Justice Justice Easwariah, retired IAS Chiranjeevulu, Balagoni Balaraju Goud, Ponnamm Devaraj Goud, and G. Kiran Kumar. This committee is demanding that 42 percent reservations be given to the BC categories and that they be included in the 9th schedule of the Constitution on the lines of Tamil Nadu. This will be a scientific solution to the BC reservations. Legal protection will be provided. A strong movement is being launched to implement these reservations in politics, education and jobs. A Mahadharna was organized at Indira Park on the 24th of this month. The next BC awareness march is going to be undertaken. Along with BC associations, other caste associations should join this committee and become a nationwide movement. Only then will the BCs have a chance to get social justice and state power. In Telangana state, all the Bahujan communities have been exploited by the upper caste rulers for generations. In this order, 90 percent of the BC, SC, and ST force should be freed from the shackles of slavery. For this, the BC, SC, and ST Joint Action Committee (JAC) was formed on March 31, 2025, based on the idea of ??Dr. Visharadhan Maharaj, to lead them on the path of Phule, Ambedkar, and Kanshiram. Under its auspices, a one lakh kilometer Rath Yatra started on April 14, 2025, with Adilabad as its center. It is fighting for all the constitutional rights of the lower castes. It is waging a righteous war for state power. It is roaring like a lion on public issues. This Yatra is initiating revolutionary changes in the social and political lives of the lower castes. It is an alternative opposition and is fighting for social justice. BC Intellectual Forum President T. Chiranjeevulu, who is part of this, is working to awaken the BCs. Justice Easwariah, who comes from backward classes, has inspired the legal struggles of BCs. This trinity has walked the path of Ambedkar, ignoring the upper caste parties, and is raising their voices for the liberation of the oppressed classes. Now they are also playing an active role in the BC Reservations Sadhana Samiti. They are leading the BC movement as protagonists. Various university professors, intellectuals, and caste organizations are joining them. In the past, Dr. Visharadhan Maharaj did a 10,000-kilometer Swarajya Padayatra under the auspices of the Dalit Shakti Program. BCs, SCs, and STs, ignited the consciousness of state power by walking the caste quota. This is the reason for today's organized movement of BCs.

Railway department on alert in wake of Cyclone Montha

East Coast Railway cancels 43 trains passing through Visakhapatnam

Many trains cancelled on 27th, 28th, 29th

CANCELLATION OF COACHING TRAINS DUE TO CYCLONE MONTHA

In view of the imminent Cyclone MONTHA and in the interest of passenger safety, East Coast Railway has announced the cancellation of several coaching trains operating in the Waltair region and connected routes. The cancellation is a precautionary measure based on the IMD alert reports.

Cancellation of trains:

1. The train No. 18515 Visakhapatnam- Kirandul Night express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
2. The train No. 18516 Kirandul- Visakhapatnam Night express leaving Kirandul from 28.10.2025 to 30.10.2025 will be cancelled
3. The train No. 58501 Visakhapatnam-Kirandul Passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
4. The train No. 58502 Kirandul-Visakhapatnam passenger leaving Kirandul on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
5. The train No. 58538 Visakhapatnam-Koraput Passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
6. The train No. 58537 Koraput- Visakhapatnam passenger leaving Koraput on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
7. The train No. 18512 Visakhapatnam- Koraput express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
8. The train No. 18511 Koraput- Visakhapatnam express leaving Koraput on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
9. The Train No. 67285 Rajahmundry Visakhapatnam MEMU leaving Rajahmundry on MEMU on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
10. The Tr. No. 67286 Visakhapatnam-Rajahmundry MEMU leaving Visakhapatnam on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
11. The Tr. No. 17268

Visakhapatnam-Kakinada Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled

12. The Tr. No. 17267 Kakinada-Visakhapatnam Express leaving Kakinada on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
13. The Tr. No. 08583 Visakhapatnam -Tirupati special express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
14. The train No. 08584 Tirupati- Visakhapatnam special express leaving Tirupati on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
15. The Tr. No. 22875 Visakhapatnam-Guntur double decker Uday Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
16. The Tr.No. 22876 Guntur-Visakhapatnam double decker Uday express leaving Guntur on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
17. The Tr. No. 22707 Visakhapatnam- Tirupati Double decker Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
18. The Tr. No. 18526 Visakhapatnam-Brahmapur Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
19. The Tr. No. 18525 Brahmapur-Visakhapatnam Express leaving Brahmapur on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
20. The Tr.No. 17243 Guntur-Rayagada Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
21. The Tr. No. 17244 Rayagada- Guntur Express leaving Rayagada on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
22. The Tr. No. 67289 Visakhapatnam-Palasa MEMU leaving Visakhapatnam on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
23. The Tr.No. 67290 Palasa-Visakhapatnam MEMU leaving Palasa on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
24. The Tr. No. 67287 Visakhapatnam-Vizianagaram MEMU leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
25. The Tr. No. 67288 Vizianagaram- Visakhapatnam MEMU leaving Vizianagaram on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
26. The Tr. No. 68433

Cuttack-Gunupur MEMU leaving Cuttack on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled

27. The Tr. No. 68434 Gunupur- Cuttack MEMU leaving Gunupur on 29.10.2025 will be cancelled
28. The Tr. No. 58531 Brahmapur- Visakhapatnam passenger leaving Brahmapur on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
29. The Tr. No. 58532 Visakhapatnam – Brahmapur passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
30. The Tr. No. 58506 Visakhapatnam-Gunupur passenger leaving Visakhapatnam on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
31. The Tr. No. 58505 Gunupur-Visakhapatnam passenger leaving Gunupur on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
32. The Tr. No. 17220 Visakhapatnam - Machilipatnam Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled

33. The Tr. No. 12727 Visakhapatnam- Hyderabad Godavari Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled

34. The Tr. No. 12861 Visakhapatnam - Mahabubnagar Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
35. The Tr. No. 12862 Mehabub Nagar – Visakhapatnam express leaving Mahabubnagar on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
36. The Tr. No. 22869 Visakhapatnam-MGR Chennai Central weekly express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
37. The Tr. No. 22870 MGR Chennai Central - Visakhapatnam weekly express leaving MGR Chennai Central on 28.10.2025 will be cancelled
38. The Tr. No. 12739 Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad Garib Rath Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled

39. The Tr. No. 20805 Visakhapatnam-New Delhi AP superfast express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled

40. The Tr. No. 20806 New Delhi-Visakhapatnam AP Express leaving New Delhi on 29.10.2025 will be cancelled
41. The Tr. No. 22707 Visakhapatnam Tirupati double decker Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
42. The Tr. No. 18519 Visakhapatnam LTT Express leaving Visakhapatnam on 27.10.2025 will be cancelled
43. The Tr. No. 18520 LTT - Visakhapatnam Express leaving LTT on 29.10.2025 will be cancelled

Inconvenience caused is deeply regretted. Passengers and the general public are advised to check with respective railway inquiry offices or in official website for the latest updates on train operations.

'Greater Tirupati' is CM Naidu's vision, asserts TDP



Tirupati: TDP Tirupati Parliamentary president and Yadava Corporation Chairman G Narasimha Yadav said that the development of Tirupati began and flourished under the leadership of TDP. Addressing the media at Tirupati Press Club on Sunday, he asserted that major infrastructure and civic developments in the temple city were initiated during the tenures of Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR) and N Chandrababu Naidu.

Yadav criticised the behaviour of YSRCP corporators in the recent Municipal Corporation Council meeting, calling it 'ridiculous and politically motivated.' He stated that the concept of Greater Tirupati was envisioned by Chandrababu Naidu, and it was under the previous TDP government that master plan roads were allocated to support this vision. Referring to the Municipal Corporation building, Yadav alleged that the govern-

ment was acting arbitrarily. "During our tenure, we resolved to construct the building near Rythu Bazaar on RC Road after allocating the existing site for TUDA. But the YSRCP ignored these plans, started construction elsewhere, and left it incomplete," he said. Deputy Mayor RC Muni Krishna said that the TDP government gave priority to education and healthcare in Tirupati. He alleged that the YSRCP corporators acted arbitrarily during the council meeting, demanding discussion on

the 100th agenda item without addressing prior points. "It was absurd to see them bring placards supporting Greater Tirupati while accusing coalition leaders of opposing it," he remarked. Muni Krishna clarified that the Greater Tirupati proposal was included in the agenda as per the Chief Minister's vision and accused the YSRCP of trying to obstruct development for political gain. TDP leaders Pathakam Venkatesh, Subbu Yadav, and Ganji Sudhakar Reddy were also present.

Kerala Opposition Bid To Create Rift In LDF Foiled

A determined attempt by the Opposition in Kerala to create a rift in the Left Democratic Front (LDF) on the PM SHRI scheme has failed.

The exercise, which came to grief, was to discredit the LDF Government and create a rift between the principal partners in the LDF, the CPI(M) and the CPI. The endeavour met with the same fate which befell many an earlier effort to destabilize the LDF Government.

A desperate Opposition – the Congress-led United Democratic Front(UDF) and the BJP – pounced on the Kerala Government's signing of the PM SHRI scheme to secure an estimated Rs 1446 crore for the modernization

of schools in the State to score political brownie points. The opposition thought it had secured a potent weapon to discredit the LDF Government on the eve of the local bodies election due in December. But the exercise came to grief in the face of the stout defence made by the ruling front.

The Opposition was trying to capitalize on the CPI's reservations over the decision to sign the PM SHRI. The CPI rightly felt that the scheme was intrinsically linked to the "anti-federal and reactionary" National Education Policy. The party felt that committing to the PM SHRI would amount to adherence to the NEP, which sought to



saffronise and centralise education by negating cultural, ethical and linguistic diversities by prescribing a "one-size fits all" teaching template. According to CPI sources, the party's ministers had conveyed their fears about registering for the PM SHRI scheme.

It may be mentioned that other States like Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have refused to sign the scheme, voicing their skepticism about the Union Government's attempt to tie the scheme to acceptance of the NEP.

The CPI was also unhappy that the Government signed

without taking into confidence either the cabinet or the LDF coordination committee. The 'hasty' decision was in violation of the coalition ethics, CPI State secretary Binoy Viswom said, voicing the party's displeasure over the signing of the scheme.

Resolve Public Grievances with Quality: Collector Rajakumari



Nandyal, Oct 27 (Pen Power): District Collector G. Rajakumari directed officials to resolve all Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) applications with quality and within the stipulated time, ensuring citizen satisfaction. During the PGRS review meeting at the Collectorate, she noted that 282 new applications were received. The Collector instructed officials to clear 481 reopened applications, mainly

from the Revenue and Survey departments, without delay. She emphasized improving public feedback response from 39% to 50% and focusing on pending audit issues. Among the petitions received were land disputes and compensation claims related to Papili, Pagidyal, and Allagadda mandals. DRO Ramu Naik issued endorsements to concerned officials to ensure timely resolution.

Alert over Cyclone Montha

Kakinada, Pen Power, October 27: District Collector Shanmohan Sagili inspected Uppada Kothapalli Beach along with Special Officer Krishna Teja and SP G. Bindu Madhav, reviewing precautionary measures against Cyclone Montha. The officials observed high tides and directed departments to stay vigilant. Families from low-lying coastal villages are being shifted to rehabilitation centres. The Collector instructed Revenue, Panchayat, and Police departments to work in coordination and ensure all staff remain on duty. He emphasized uninterrupted drinking water supply, quick removal of fallen trees



and electric poles, and immediate power restoration. Special attention is being given to pregnant women, elderly, and infants shifted to hospitals. A total of 269 relief camps have been set up, and schools are

closed for safety. The Collector urged people in thatched or weak houses to move to shelters voluntarily, as heavy rains and strong winds are expected till October 29, with landfall likely on October 28.

Control Room Staff Must Remain Available : ITDA Project Officer Smaran Raj



Our Correspondent D.V.R.G.V. Ratnam A.S.R. District In-charge Rampachodavaram, Pen Power, October 27: ITDA Project Officer Smaran Raj directed that

the control room staff should remain available at all times until the cyclone subsides. On Monday, he inspected the cyclone control room set up at the Health Monitoring Cell Hall in the local

ITDA office. Speaking on the occasion, he stated that officials and staff in the control room should stay on duty continuously and monitor cyclone-related issues until the situation normal-

izes in the agency areas. They must promptly collect reports and take necessary action. He added that arrangements have been made to ensure that if cyclone victims from any of the seven mandals contact the control room at any time, officials will respond immediately and take appropriate measures. The Project Officer instructed APO (General) DNV Ramana to continuously monitor the functioning of the cyclone control room. Deputy Tahsildar Piyaz Basha (Jilani), B. Margadarsi, P. Lakshmireddy, Nagendra, and other control room staff were present during the inspection.

Public Safety is the Coalition Government's Top Priority

Kakinada, Pen Power, October 27:

Labour Minister Vasamshetty Subhash inspected the Kotipalli Revu and a government rehabilitation centre in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district as part of cyclone Montha preparedness. He directed officials to remain alert and ensure safe drinking water, food, milk, and other facilities at relief camps. The minister urged people in affected areas to stay indoors and report emergencies to the control room. He assured that the coalition govern-



ment had taken all precautionary measures, deploying special officers for each district and cancelling government staff

leave. Drawing lessons from past cyclones like Hudhud and Titli, he said steps are being taken on a war footing to prevent

loss of life and property. Senior coalition leaders, local officials, and police accompanied the minister during the inspection.

Five Parks Developed in Rajamahendravaram with Rs.1.95 Crore – MLA Adireddy Srinivas



Rajamahendravaram, Oct 27 (Pen Power): City MLA Adireddy Srinivas (Vasu) inaugurated a newly developed park at

Morampudi Colony in the 10th Division, constructed at a cost of ₹15 lakh. Speaking on the occasion, he said that five parks are being

developed across the city in Phase-I with a total budget of ₹1.95 crore. He stated that most of the city's development took place dur-

ing the TDP government's tenure and clarified that their aim is to develop all 30 parks in phases, not just focus on a single location like Kambala Cheruvu Park. The MLA added that the parks are being designed to provide a pleasant environment with facilities such as open gyms to promote public health. Adireddy criticized the previous YSRCP government, alleging misuse of public funds and poor-quality development works. TDP leaders, party workers, division committee members, and municipal officials participated in the program.

East Godavari on Red Alert: Collector Urges Caution



Rajamahendravaram, Oct 27 — East Godavari District Collector Keerthi Chekuri has urged officials and the public to stay alert as the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority issued a red alert warning of heavy rain with thunder and lightning. The Meteorological Department has

predicted winds of 50–60 km/h. The Collector advised people to avoid open areas and trees, disconnect electrical appliances, and take safety precautions. Farmers were asked not to go to fields during thunderstorms and to secure equipment, while fishermen were warned not to venture into the sea. Con-

sidering the cyclone impact, all government and private schools in the district will remain closed on Tuesday. Officials and field staff have been instructed to stay vigilant and monitor the situation. For emergencies, people can contact helplines: 112, 1070, 1800 425 0101 (24x7).

No Need to Panic Over Cyclone Montha : Chittoor Collector Sumit Kumar

Chittoor, Pen Power, October 27: District Collector Sumit Kumar assured that there is no threat to life or property in Chittoor district due to Cyclone Montha. He urged the public not to believe rumors or panic, as the district administration is fully prepared with all precautionary and relief measures. The State Disaster Management Authority has issued a red alert for October 28 and 29, forecasting

heavy to very heavy rainfall in parts of the district. People are advised to stay alert, keep mobile phones charged, follow official weather updates, and move to safe shelters if their homes are unsafe. Residents should avoid staying near old buildings, trees, or electric poles during the cyclone.

Emergency helplines: Collectorate Control Room, Chittoor: 08572-



242777 RDO Offices — Chittoor: 6302905772, Palamaneru: 9491074510, Nagari:

9491803680, Kuppam: 9491074513/6303024467 State Toll-Free Numbers: 112, 1070, 1800-425-0101

Cyclone Montha Preparations Underway — Public Safety Top Priority: MP Sana Satish Babu

Kakinada Rural, Oct 27 (Pen Power): Rajya Sabha MP Sana Satish Babu, along with Kakinada Rural MLA Pantham Nanaji, inspected rehabilitation centers set up in view of Cyclone Montha. They visited the Zilla Parishad High School in Pagadalapeta Uppalanka, where they reviewed facilities such as drinking water, sanitation, electricity, medical camps, and food arrangements. The MP urged coastal residents, especially those in vulnerable low-lying areas, to move to relief camps as a precaution. He emphasized that people should stay in shelters until the cyclone



threat subsides. He said that, following Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's directions, all pre-

ventive and safety measures have been implemented to ensure zero loss of life. MLC Perabattula

Rajashekar, senior leader Thota Naveen, and other alliance leaders participated in the inspection.

Not Even a Single Life Should Be Lost: Minister Narayana



Kakinada, Pen Power, October 27: State In-charge Minister and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana directed district officials to take all precautionary measures to ensure no loss of life due to Cyclone Montha, which has formed over the northwest Bay of Bengal. Speaking at a review meeting held at the

Collectorate, the Minister said the cyclone could be as severe as the one that struck in 1996, and emphasized the need to strictly implement a comprehensive action plan for the protection of people and property. Officials briefed the Minister on preparedness measures, including the setup of 24x7 control rooms and

269 rehabilitation centers equipped with drinking water, food, medical aid, electricity, and charging points, with supplies sufficient for seven days. A total of 50 SDRF and 30 NDRF personnel, along with 40 boats and 140 swimmers, are on standby. 142 pregnant women and new mothers have been shifted to safety,

and medical camps have been established. All schools will remain closed from October 27 to 29, and 14,499 students have been sent home. Fishing activities are banned, and all boats at sea have been recalled. Farmers were advised to postpone harvesting and safeguard their livestock. To ensure power restoration, 1,000 electricity staff from Rayalaseema have been deployed. The Minister warned against spreading false information on social media and assured that the administration is fully prepared to minimize inconvenience. "The government's top priority is that not even a single life should be lost," Minister Narayana affirmed.

Be Vigilant, Says District SP

Ongole, Oct 27 (Pen Power): In view of the impact of Cyclone Montha, District SP V. Harshavardhan Raju stated that the police department is fully prepared to ensure public safety and prevent loss of life. After visiting the police control room on Monday, he reviewed cyclone preparedness with officers. The SP instructed that Dial 100 and 112 control rooms operate 24/7, and all calls from the public must be attended to promptly. He directed officials to monitor drone live feeds regularly and take immediate action in risky areas. Special emphasis was laid on coastal security, coordination with SDRF, Fire, Revenue, and Electricity departments, and



creating public awareness in low-lying areas to move people to safe shelters. He also ordered to identify and secure vulnerable bunds

and overflowing canals, and to keep dozers, JCBs, and cranes ready to clear fallen trees or poles to maintain smooth traffic. SP

Harshavardhan Raju was accompanied by SB Inspector Raghavendra, Control Room Inspector Durgaprasad, SIs, and staff.

Justice Manavendranath Roy Assumes Charge as AP High Court Judge



Amaravati, Oct 27 (Pen Power): Justice Chikati

Manavendranath Roy took charge as a Judge of the

Andhra Pradesh High Court on Monday. Chief Justice Dheeraj Singh Thakur administered the oath to him in Court Hall No.1 at the High Court in Nelapadu. A native of Parvathipuram in the erstwhile Vizianagaram district, Justice Roy began his judicial career in 2002 as a District Judge and served in various positions across the Telugu states. He earlier worked as Registrar General of the High Court from July 2015 and served as a

Judge of the AP High Court from June 2019 before being transferred to the Gujarat High Court in November 2023. Returning to his home state, he has now resumed duties as a Judge of the AP High Court. The ceremony was attended by High Court judges, Advocate General Dammalapati Srinivas, Additional Solicitor General Challa Dhananjaya, and the High Court Bar Association president.

Ensure Uninterrupted Power Supply : Collector Keerthi Chekuri

Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, October 27 —

In view of the ongoing cyclone impact, Collector Keerthi Chekuri conducted a surprise inspection at the Rajanagaram substation on Monday. She directed electricity department officials to take preventive measures to ensure uninter-

rupted power supply despite weather challenges. The Collector reviewed the substation's operational capacity, load details, and preparedness for heavy rains. She instructed officials to work in coordination to maintain continuous power to consumers. During the visit, she interacted



with field staff to assess local conditions. APEPDCL SE K.

Tilak Kumar and other officials accompanied her.

Sreeleela: 'Had MBBS Exam On Guntur Kaaram Release Day'

Sree Leela is not just a busy actress. She is also studying to become a doctor. She says her life runs in two directions. On film sets she is dancing in bright costumes. In college she wears a white coat and focuses on studies. This mix keeps her grounded and stops fame from affecting her.

She says she has always been a workaholic. Since childhood her day was full of school dance music swimming and tuition. Even now she does not like sitting idle and always wants to stay occupied. When she wants to relax she listens to music. She plays Telugu songs in Hyderabad Kannada songs in Bangalore and old classic songs when she is with her grandparents. Sree Leela says she is an overthinker but tries to keep peace in her life. She thinks about situations calmly and avoids anger or

holding grudges. She became famous at a young age and says success now feels normal though she knows people look at her differently. In the beginning she got regular roles but she treated every film as a learning step. She feels happy when a scene she worked hard for looks good on screen.

She follows one clear rule. She will act only in films that families can watch together. From senior actors she learned discipline people handling and how to deal with situations politely. She also learned to solve problems with a smile or humor. She says she would like to do a good love story someday but commercial cinema still gives her a special excitement. Her next movie Mass Jathara will release on October 31st. She says it will be a complete commercial entertainer with comedy thrills and strong emotions.



Not Just Theatres, Firestorm Takes Over OTT Too!

Powerstar Pawan Kalyan's OG is currently performing extremely well on the OTT. Released on Netflix on October 23rd, the film is setting huge records on the streaming service. Directed by Sujeth, OG's firestorm is evident on Netflix, too. OG collected an overall revenue of 300 Cr rupees at the box office. Now, OG is also continuing in the top place on Netflix nationwide. A lot of people who already watched the film in theatres are now revisiting the film on the OTT space. Additionally, the audiences who missed it are finding it extremely entertaining now. OG has come to theatres in a situation where Pawan's fans are not happy with Hari Hara Veera Mallu. From the beginning, OG carried a lot of expectations and when it was released, it carried huge buzz at the box office. Prakash Raj, Emraan Hashmi, Priyanka Mohan, Sriya Reddy, Arjun Das and others are also a part of the movie. DVV Danayya produced the film under the DVV Entertainments banner.



Balakrishna & Nayanthara Combo on Cards for the Fourth Time?

Megastar Chiranjeevi is working with Nayanthara in Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu. The film marks their third outing together. With Nayan garnering the limelight now during the promotions, the audiences are glued to witness more of her. Banking on this craze, the makers of Balakrishna's next seem to have zeroed in on Nayanthara for the actor's next outing. Already, Balakrishna has worked with Nayanthara three times. In Simha, Sri Rama Rajyam, and Jai Simha, we have seen this pair. Now, for the fourth time, director Gopichand Malineni plans to unite the combination. This would be his second outing with Balayya Babu and his first one with Nayanthara. Billed to be a period actioner, with some faction elements, the film has Nayanthara in a prominent character. Nayanthara enjoys working with Balakrishna, which she revealed many times, and they enjoy the hit pair tag already. The untitled film has already locked its streaming partner and is creating some buzz in the film circles. The addition of Nayanthara will generate significant buzz for the film. If MSVPG becomes a hit, that advantage will also help Nayanthara for Balakrishna's film. Moreover, Nayanthara also looks like focusing more on grabbing films in Telugu than Tamil which is her comfort zone.



Aha's upcoming content: Thrills, entertainment & much more

It's no secret that aha's fiction originals faced a tough period recently; many felt the stream lacked standout series and wondered if the platform had lost some mojo. Now, Telugu people's favourite platform returns with blockbuster entertainment in the form of an upcoming lineup. Season 2 of 3 Roses, the film Chiranjeeva starring Raj Tarun set for November 7, the crime thriller Dhoolpet Police Station, and a brand-new mystical thriller promise to keep viewers hooked. On top of that, returning hits like Chef Mantra: Project K and Sarkaar Season 6 (hosted by Sudheer) are back in action. This calendar suggests a clear turnaround: acknowledging past lapses and making a visible bet on diverse, high-profile content. The timing and variety



make this interesting: the film anchors the campaign, the thrillers cater to weekend/binge viewers, and the talk/reality shows engage recurrently. With this lineup, aha is signalling that it's back in the game – and ready to show why it remains a beloved Telugu OTT.

Everyone Just Trying to Push Them Down": SA Great Sympathises With Rohit Sharma-Virat Kohli



"India's veteran players Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli silenced their critics with an impressive show in the third and final ODI against Australia. The duo forged an unbeaten 168-run stand for the third wicket to help the Shubman Gill-led side outplay Australia by 9 wickets in the dead rubber at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday. Rohit smashed 121 not out, while Kohli contributed an unbeaten 74. Both players failed in the first game but bounced back brilliantly later in the series. Rohit, who started the series with a 14-ball 8, scored 73 in the second game and followed it up with a sensational century. Kohli, on the other hand, registered two consecutive ducks before capping off the series with a gritty fifty. Both the players were at their free-flowing best, delivering a

formidable display to help India avoid a series whitewash against Australia on Saturday. Rohit picked up from his impressive show in the second ODI and played an even more chanceless knock, notching his 33rd ODI hundred. He is third in the tally for most hundreds in the format, behind Kohli (51) and Sachin Tendulkar (49). Meanwhile, Kohli's unbeaten 74 saw him surpass Kumar Sangakkara to become the second-highest run-getter in Men's ODI history. Currently boasting 14,255 runs from 305 matches, Kohli is only behind Sachin Tendulkar in the all-time tally. While speaking about the two veteran players, South African legend AB de Villiers said that many people want to see the duo's downfall. He added that such individuals try to push Rohit and Kohli down. "I

don't what it is about people. I don't know if I can call them people. Cockroaches climbing out of their holes as soon as players get towards the backend of their careers. Why? Why do you want to pour negative energy into players that have given their lives for their country and this beautiful game of cricket. This is the perfect time to celebrate them," de Villiers said on his YouTube channel. "

They have taken a lot of criticism in the last few months. Everyone is just trying to push them down for what reason I have no idea. Obviously, I am referring to the minority because I think the majority of people celebrate Rohit and Virat and their incredible careers. And it is a fantastic time to celebrate them once again," he added.

I Deserved Better": Karun Nair Doesn't Mince Words, Slams BCCI, Ajit Agarkar Over Selection Snub



"One of the most consistent batters in domestic cricket over the last couple of years, Karun Nair was rewarded for his consistency in red-ball cricket as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selection committee named him in the India squad for the five-match series in England. With 1,533 runs to his name in two Ranji Trophy campaigns, Karun was confident of earning the recall. But little did he anticipate that his stay at the Indian cricket's top tier would only last for one se-

ries. Karun played a pivotal role in helping Vidarbha win the Ranji Trophy last season. His Don Bradman-esque average in domestic red-ball cricket, however, didn't convert to useful performances on the England tour. The batter aggregated a total of 205 runs in eight innings at 25.62 with one half-century. The stats weren't enough for the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee to pick him for the West Indies series or even the India A games against South Africa A. "Obviously, it is quite

disappointing. After the last two years I've had, I think I deserved a lot better. More than a series," he said on the sidelines of Karnataka's Ranji Trophy match against Goa on Sunday. "There are certain individuals in the [Indian] team who have had good conversations with me about how they felt. That's about it. It does get into the head. But the second thought would be to do your job, which is to score runs and let people have their opinions." When asked about his next target in professional cricket, Karun said that he isn't giving up the dream of playing for the national team. "Honestly, what target can I have next? All I want to do is to play for the country. If you're not able to do that, the next thing would be to try and win games for the side you are playing for." Chief selector Ajit Agarkar was asked about Karun Nair's non-selection when the squad for the West Indies series was named. He said that ideally, he would've liked to give more chances to the Vidarbha batter, but his performances on the tour of England weren't enough to justify an extension. "We expected more from him (in England). He played four Tests, and there was just one fifty. We would like to give 15 to 20 chances to everyone, but unfortunately, it does not work that way," Agarkar had said.

Shreyas Iyer Admitted To ICU In Sydney, Injury 'Could've Been Fatal': Report

India's ODI vice-captain Shreyas Iyer has been admitted to a hospital in Sydney and is currently in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) after suffering internal bleeding resulting from a rib cage injury sustained during the third match against Australia. Iyer, who had taken a brilliant catch running backwards from backward point to dismiss Alex Carey, appeared to have hurt his left rib cage in the process and was rushed to the hospital soon

after returning to the dressing room on Saturday. "Shreyas has been in ICU for the past couple of days. After the reports came in, internal bleeding was detected, and he had to be admitted immediately. "He will remain under observation for anywhere between two to seven days depending on recovery, as one needed to stop spreading of infection due to bleeding," a source privy to the development told PTI on condition of anonym-

ity. The BCCI medical team acted swiftly after Iyer's vital parameters fluctuated upon his return to the dressing room. "The team doctor and physio didn't take any chances and took him to the hospital immediately. Things are stable now, but it could have been fatal. He's a tough lad and should be fine soon," the source added. Initially, Iyer was expected to be out of action for about three weeks, but the recovery period may now be longer.