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Mumbai Hostage-Taker Dies After Standoff With Cops..

17 Children Rescued

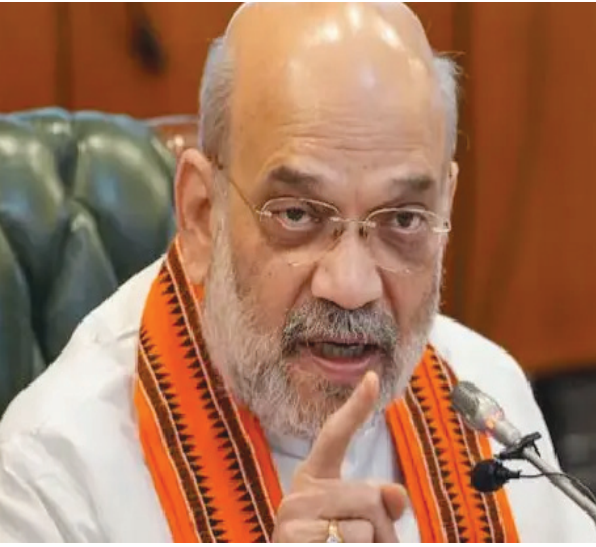


Mumbai: Rohit Arya, the man accused of taking 17 children hostage in Mumbai's Powai area on Thursday, has died after being injured in an exchange of gunfire with police. According to the police, Arya shot at the police using an air gun during a rescue operation, prompting the police to return one round of fire. He was taken to a hospital with gunshot wounds but died of his injuries during treatment.

Amit Shah Announces Grand Parade On Sardar Patel's 150th Birth Anniversary

New Delhi: On the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday highlighted the monumental role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in uniting India post-independence and announced a series of grand celebrations to mark the Iron Man's 150th birth anniversary. Addressing the gathering, Shah said, "We all know that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel played a big role in uniting India post-independence. Tomorrow is the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel. This year's

unique celebrations of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas will include a grand parade. The Home Ministry has decided that, from this year onward, a grand parade will be held on every 31st October. During the Parade, CAPFs and State Police forces will showcase their skills, discipline, and valour. PM Modi will take part in the parade at 7:55 A.M., the way parade is conducted in Republic Day, the same will be held on the Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel every year."



BRS's Big charge and demand to debar Revanth Reddy from bypoll campaigning



Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has lodged a formal complaint with Telangana's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Congress candidate Naveen Yadav, alleging gross violations of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) ahead of the crucial by-election in the Jubilee Hills constituency. BRS leaders, including former minister Gangula Kamalakar, have demanded immediate action, including the registration of a criminal case against the Chief Minister and the removal of his name from the list of Congress star campaigners.

The primary complaint against Reddy centres around a meeting held earlier this week in Yousufguda, which saw a large turnout of cine workers, who are the crucial voters in the Jubilee Hills segment. The BRS alleges that Reddy violated the model code by making "specific promises and assurances" aimed at directly influencing the cine workers.

In Karur Stampede Case, SC Panel Swings Into Action, To Visit Site

New Delhi: The Supreme Court-appointed panel tasked with investigating the stampede in Tamil Nadu's Karur last month is to visit the site of the tragedy soon, sources told Thursday. Ahead of that visit, the panel has written to Tamil Nadu's ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam to appoint a nodal officer - who will act as the 'key facilitator' between the three-member

panel; the Central Bureau of Investigation, which the top court directed to probe the stampede; and the state government, to ensure coordination and cooperation between all three entities. On October 12 the top court had ordered the CBI to probe the stampede, which broke out at a political rally headlined by actor and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam chief Vijay. The TVK chief, who will make his electoral debut in next year's election, has emerged as a dark horse in that race.



Immunisation drive held at the 56th secretariat

Kurnool: The immunization drive held at the 56th Secretariat under the jurisdiction of the Urban Primary Health Centre and Doctors Colony, was inspected by immunisation officer Dr Uma. During her visit, Uma reviewed the progress of the ongoing vaccination activities and interacted with the healthcare workers to assess the implementation of the immunization schedule and awareness among the beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Uma emphasised the importance of administering vaccines to children right from birth up to five years of age. She stated that timely vaccination protects children from several life-threatening diseases and enhances their immunity to fight against various viral infections. She appealed to all mothers to ensure that their children receive the prescribed vaccines as per the government schedule without fail, as this would help in maintaining better health and disease resistance among young children. Highlighting the importance of the Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine, Dr Uma explained that children aged between 9 and 12 months must be administered the first dose (Dose-1) and those between 16 and 24 months should receive the second dose (Dose-2) without fail. These vaccines, she said, play a crucial role in developing immunity and preventing the onset of such infectious diseases in the future. She further mentioned that all vaccines scheduled for children aged 5, 10, and 16 years should be administered and properly recorded in the immunization register.

CM reviews impact of cyclone Montha, says reduced loss

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 30 : Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has described Cyclone Montha as having played "hide and seek" while creating significant challenges for the state. In a review meeting held in Amaravati on Thursday, he noted that technological advancements had helped to mitigate the cyclone's damage. Following the cyclone's landfall at Antarvedi, heavy rainfall was experienced across the state, prompting immediate assessments.

"Initially, we anticipated that the cyclone would come ashore near Kakinada, but it ultimately made landfall at Narasapuram," CM Naidu explained. He reported that the situation had improved considerably within a week, thanks to coordinated efforts across all departments. The Chief Minister highlighted that rainfall exceeded forecasts, with notable downpours



occurring in areas beyond their expectations, including heavy rains in Telangana. He reassured residents that there were no power supply disruptions despite the severe weather, stating that all necessary repairs were conducted promptly during the crisis. Operational village and ward secretariats played a crucial role in managing the situation, particularly in the Nellore and Prakasam districts, where flooding occurred and water reached Pulichintala. During the meeting, CM Naidu requested officials to prepare a report on the extent of crop damage caused by the cyclone, ordering its submission within five days. It has been reported that paddy, maize, cotton, bananas, and various horticultural crops sustained substantial damage due to the adverse weather conditions.

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AP Cabinet Meeting Rescheduled Amid Cyclone Concerns

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 30 : The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet meeting originally planned for 7 November has been postponed to 10 November, as announced by the Chief Secretary's office. The office issued a note instructing departmental secretaries to take note of this change. During the upcoming meeting, the Cabinet will focus on preparations for the investment conference set to take place in Visakhapatnam, delegating organizational responsibilities to all ministers. A cabinet



net sub-committee has already been established to oversee the arrangements. Additionally, discussions will include key topics such as the ongoing development of the capital, Amaravati, and land allocation issues. A review

of law and order concerns is also likely to be a significant point on the agenda. The decision to postpone the meeting is reportedly linked to the adverse effects of Cyclone Montha currently impacting the state.

Pawan Kalyan Visits Cyclone-Affected Farmers in Krishna District

From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, Oct., 30 : Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Pawan Kalyan, visited the village of Kodur in the Krishna district to inspect the damage caused to crop fields by Cyclone 'Montha'. During his visit, he engaged in discussions with local farmers to gather information about their losses and challenges. Kalyan assured the farmers that the government is committed to supporting them in their recovery efforts.

It was revealed that paddy crops in 46 thousand hectares and horticultural crops in 14 thousand hectares were damaged due to the impact of Cyclone Montha. He said that it is sad that a person named Koya Subbarao died after falling on a tree. He said that rice is being provided free of cost to the people of the



cyclone-affected areas. He said that all facilities have been provided in the rehabilitation centers. He said that three thousand rupees are being given to each family even while going home. He said that water has not been accumulated

by dredging the drains. The Deputy CM said that the damage has been reduced to a large extent today due to the measures taken in advance. He said that the problems of the aqua farmers have come to his attention. He made it clear that he

will talk to CM Chandrababu and work for a solution. He said that if the roads in the villages are damaged, work will be done on a war footing. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan said that thousands of staff are working to clean all the garbage in two days.

Cyclone Montha Causes Devastation in AP and Telangana

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 30 : Cyclone Montha continues to bring chaos to the Telugu states, having transformed from a severe cyclonic storm and leaving a trail of destruction in its wake, particularly in Telangana. The state has experienced unexpected damage, with some districts facing unprecedented heavy rainfall. Areas such as Warangal, Nalgonda, and Mahabubnagar have been battered by torrential downpours, leading to significant flooding in low-lying regions. Warangal has been especially hard-hit, with reports indicating that the entire area is waterlogged. Overflowing streams and ponds have disrupted traffic

in numerous villages, while Bhimadevarapalli in the Hanamkonda district recorded the highest rainfall of 41.2 cm. Additional districts are also witnessing heavy to very heavy rains.

The Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for Adilabad, Komaram Bheem, Mancherial, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, and Mulugu districts, forecasting further heavy rain on Thursday. Officials anticipate light to moderate rainfall in the remaining areas. However, the impact of the storm has already severely affected thousands of acres of crops, leaving farmers distressed as their harvests face waterlogging. In Andhra Pradesh,



the effects of Cyclone Montha continue as well, with light to moderate rains expected today in certain regions, including Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Seetharamaraju, Visakhapatnam, Chittoor, and Tirupati. Prakhar Jain, Managing Director of the

Disaster Management Authority, noted that light rains are predicted in the remaining districts. Authorities have warned that heavy rains have caused ponds, canals, and streams to overflow onto roads, advising the public against attempting to cross flooded areas.

EDITORIAL

Has Bihar learned its lessons?

After Bihar, the Election Commission is all set to undertake Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in 9 states and 3 Union Territories from November 4. The exercise includes the soon-to-go states of Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Kerala, as well as the Union Territory of Puducherry. It would be a big mistake to ignore Assam, which is due to go to the polls later this year. The other states and Union Territories on the list are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The last time a voter survey was conducted in 2002 and 2004, this process has been taken up now. It is said that the Election Commission officials will go door to door to ensure that all the voters in the previous voter list are included in the current list as much as possible. The Election Commission suggests that if any name is missing from the list, they can get re-registered in the list using any of the 12 verification documents mentioned, including Aadhaar.

The Election Commission will release the first draft of the list on December 9 and the final list on February 7. If any aggrieved voters are still aggrieved, they can appeal to the district magistrates and the chief election officers of the states. This is the second phase of the process being conducted by the Election Commission. The first phase has been completed in Bihar. The Election Commission says that they have revised the procedures based on the lessons learned in Bihar. It remains to be seen to what extent the Election Commission will follow the Supreme Court's instructions this time that the preparation of the voter list should be an inclusive process and should not exclude voters. Although frequent migration to other areas, deceased voters, and other incorrect information in Bihar have created a mess in the voter lists, and despite the opposition, especially the Congress, pointing out that there are many errors, the Election Commission has declared it a success in correcting them and preparing the lists. The experience in Bihar has shown that a very large number of voters have been at risk of losing their rights. The electoral roll was revised in a very short period of time. One month was spent collecting details and another month was spent receiving objections and disputes. The notable change that has come now is that about 54 days have been officially given to investigate and consider objections. The rushed revision of lists in Bihar has revealed statistical irregularities in the final list. Before the revision, the sex ratio was 907 women for every 1,000 men, but after the revision, the number fell to 892 women. In the 2024 general elections, more women voted than men. But it is noteworthy that women voters, especially those in the 18 to 29 age group, were indiscriminately removed from the lists under the 'permanently shifted' category. Higher female voting compared to lower registration generally indicates male migration. Although the Election Commission claims that its target is to remove only migrants and not regular residents, a large percentage of women have been excluded. These irregularities appear to be built into the procedural framework of the Election Commission. The primary responsibility of verification has been unnecessarily shifted to citizens and party representatives, not booth-level officials and booth-level agents. It is noteworthy that members of parties who are more concerned about political competition have concluded that it is problematic to include all eligible voters in the list. Any voters who are missing from the list can register through booth-level agents. But the manner in which the Election Commission has responded to these irregularities has not been adequate. After the Supreme Court intervened, the Election Commission has made amendments explaining the reasons for the exclusion of voters. The revised model is now widely replicated. The Election Commission's requirement that booth-level officials now conduct three house-to-house visits is welcome. However, temporary settlers, even if they are regular residents under the law, may be left out of the voter list if they are absent during the house-to-house survey. However, the Election Commission suggests that such voters can fill the enumeration form online to avoid this situation, but this is not enough. This provision ignores the digital divide and literacy challenges. It places an unnecessary burden on voters who are not physically present to assist booth-level officials during the enumeration. This exercise highlights the responsibility of civil society, the media and political parties to assume a serious monitoring role that could affect the democratic integrity of India's elections.

These, Really, Could Be Trump's Plans For Pakistan (And Munir)

The overtures that the US is making to Pakistan and the Saudi-Pakistan defence pact are developments that have some implications for India's strategic calculus. President Trump's reasons for his tilt towards Pakistan are unclear. Is it as simple as feeling piqued that he was not given credit by India for brokering the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, which he thought would have made him eligible for the Nobel Peace prize that he is hankering for? Pakistan has played to his vanity by nominating him for the Peace prize and this has won him over.

What Is It With Pakistan?

This would still not explain why he is so enamoured of the Pakistan Army Chief, Asif Munir. Hosting him for lunch at the White House was unprecedented. He lauds Munir in his public statements, which is unusual. In doing so, he does not bother if it diminishes the status of Pakistan's Prime Minister. He seems to have some plans for Pakistan that he believes its army strongman can deliver. Was he unhappy that India clashed with Pakistan militarily and inflicted losses on it, which could derail his plans?

Crypto Trail Or Gaza?

These plans could have been either on the business side or



of a regional nature. As for the business side, the crypto deal with Pakistan that Munir engineered, and which has benefited persons close to Trump, is widely spoken about. Trump, who has been signing critical materials deals with various countries, has been offered one by Munir too. At the regional level, is it that India's attack when Trump was in Riyadh annoyed him because he had some plans for some joint exploration of resources in Pakistan in collaboration with Saudi Arabia? Was Trump giving personal attention to Munir over Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif because he had in mind a role for Pakistan in his plans for Gaza that only Munir could deliver? Was he thinking ahead, about Pakistan participating in a projected Gaza Stabilisation Force following a peace deal? Was he also

calculating that he could push Pakistan to join the Abraham Accords eventually? The US has supplied a fresh consignment of AMRAAM missiles to Pakistan for its F16s. In his public statements, Trump has made it a habit to speak about India and Pakistan, and Modi and Munir, in the same breath. This kind of verbal hyphenation diminishes India and boosts Pakistan. Given Trump's desire to mediate between India and Pakistan, speaking about two countries together is a peep into his mindset. Trump now wants to mediate between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Here again, it would seem that he wants to make Pakistan more secure in its neighbourhood. Whether he thinks a successful mediation can open the doors to the US re-possessing the Bagram base is a matter of speculation.

Whither Now?

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said recently that the US sees an opportunity to expand strategic ties with Pakistan. Already, Pakistan is a Major non-NATO Ally of the US. What would be the content of reinvigorated strategic ties between the two countries? A renewed effort to establish a strategic balance in the sub-continent, which has long been a US objective, but which was largely abandoned after the India-US nuclear deal and other bilateral developments with India? Rubio says that renewed ties with Pakistan will not be at the expense of friendship with India. This is a line the US has also taken in the past to deflect India's concerns about US-Pakistan ties. Rubio believes India has a very mature diplomacy, adding rather strangely that India has "some relationships with countries that we don't have relationships with".

Golden Pushparchana Celebrated Grandly at Simhachalam Temple



Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, October 30: The grand Swarna Pushparchana ritual was held with great devotion at the famous Simhachalam Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple on Thursday. Priests performed the ceremony in traditional Vedic style under the supervision of temple authorities. Thousands of devotees attended and received divine blessings. The idols of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy, along with Sridevi and

Bhudevi, were beautifully adorned and worshipped with 108 golden flowers. Amid chanting of Vedic hymns and devotional music, priests conducted homams and special rituals. The temple resonated with chants of "Jaya Jaya Narasimha!" as devotees participated with deep faith. Officials said the event was a proud moment for the temple and announced that more such spiritual celebrations will be organized in the future.

Daring Rescue Amid Flood Fury



Anakapalli, Pen Power, October 30: Heavy rains in Anakapalli district have led to severe flooding in several areas. In Kotturu village of Rambilli mandal, police, revenue officials, and SDRF teams carried out a daring rescue operation to save a family trapped in rising waters. Acting on the orders of District SP Tuhin Sinha, and under the supervision of DSP V. Vishnu Swaroop, SI Nagendra and his team used

a rubber boat to rescue Prasad, his wife, and son, who were stranded near Kotturu bridge. Eyewitnesses praised the courage of the police involved. SP Sinha commended the coordinated efforts of the police, revenue, and SDRF teams, stating that "saving lives remains our top priority." Authorities urged residents in flood-hit areas to contact local police if anyone remains stranded.

Commissioner Rahul Meena Inspects Road Construction Quality



Rajamahendravaram, Oct 30 (Pen Power): Commissioner Rahul Meena warned that no compromise will be tolerated in road construction quality. He inspected roads at Danavaipeta, Pappula Street, Pandiri Vari Street, Sai Krishna Theatre Road, and Kanchumarthi Vari Street on Thursday. During the visit, he

reviewed the progress of ongoing works and examined the quality of recently completed roads. The Commissioner directed officials to ensure high-quality infrastructure and to prepare proposals based on public needs. SE (In-charge) Rita, EE Madhavi, AEs, and other staff accompanied him.

Officials warned for neglecting RTI Act implementation

Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, October 30: Municipal Commissioner Rahul Meena warned that strict action will be taken against officials who fail to implement the Right to Information (RTI) Act properly. RTI National Convenor Varada Nageswara Rao, National Women's Convenor Akula Vijayabharathi, and former corporator Guttula Muralidhar Rao met the Commissioner and brought to his notice that several officials were showing negligence in enforcing the Act. They complained that Section 5(1), 5(2) boards were not displayed publicly and that Sec-



tion 4(1)(b) information was missing in offices. They also alleged that RTI applicants were receiving irrelevant replies and sometimes facing abuse

from officials. Commissioner Meena noted the issues and assured that disciplinary action would be taken against those violating the RTI norms.

Paderu—Visakhapatnam Ghat Road Closed Due to Heavy Rains

Paderu, Pen Power, October 30: Continuous heavy rains for the past three days under the impact of Cyclone Mocha caused landslides on the Paderu—Visakhapatnam ghat road early Thursday morning. Huge rocks fell onto the road, completely blocking traffic. Authorities immediately halted vehicle movement to ensure public safety. RDOM V.S. Lokeshwara Rao said that officials from the police, revenue, and R&B departments rushed to the spot and began clearance work. Efforts are underway to remove debris and restore the damaged portion of the road. The route will reopen only after the R&B department completes full restoration. Officials urged travelers to cooperate and avoid using the ghat road until it is declared safe.



Strict Plan to Curb Ganja Smuggling — Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar

Paderu, Pen Power, October 30: District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar directed officials to prepare a concrete action plan to curb ganja (cannabis) smuggling in the district. During a review meeting held via video conference with officials from the police, agriculture, forest, horticulture, medical, education, ICDS, DRDA, tribal welfare, excise, and banking departments, the Collector reviewed the implementation of decisions taken in the previous meeting. He said efforts should make it extremely difficult to transport ganja from the Alluri district. He instructed departments to submit monthly reports with key performance indicators and focus more on vulnerable villages. The Collector also reviewed public opinions on ganja



cultivation and the promotion of alternative crops. He directed schools and colleges to install complaint boxes, hold awareness sessions weekly, and engage students through sports and youth clubs. Medical teams were asked to study why youth are drawn to ganja cultivation. SP Amit Bardar warned that assets of those

involved in cultivation and transport of ganja would be seized, stressing that sheltering smugglers from other states is a crime. Banks were told to monitor large cash deposits by unemployed individuals. Officials from various departments including agriculture, education, horticulture, and tribal welfare participated in the meeting.

MLA Promises Aid to Banana and Paddy Farmers

Amalapuram, Pen Power, October 30: Kothapeta MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao assured that the government is committed to supporting farmers affected by Cyclone Montha, especially those who lost banana, paddy, horticulture, and vegetable crops. During his visit to Ravulapadu village in Ravulapalem mandal, the MLA inspected the damaged fields and interacted with farmers, who explained that each banana plant cost around ₹200 to cultivate and that the cyclone winds had completely destroyed their plantations. Moved by their plight, the MLA directed agriculture



officials to record the losses immediately and begin the compensation process. As per government norms, compensation will

be given at the rate of Rs.14,000 per acre for banana, Rs.8,000 per acre for paddy, and Rs.10,000 per acre for vegetable crops.

The MLA assured that every affected farmer will be supported and later inspected the damaged paddy fields as well.

Crop Damage Inspection After Cyclone



Our Correspondent D.V.R.G.V. Ratnam A.S.R. District In-charge. Gangavaram, Pen Power, October 30:

Scientists from Pandirimamidi Krishi Vigyan Kendra and agriculture officials inspected crop fields in Surampalem, Garlapadu, and Kottada vil-

lages that were damaged by heavy rains caused by the recent cyclone. Scientist Dr. Praveen Babu advised farmers on preventive measures to reduce crop loss. He

suggested spraying Hexaconazole (400 ml/acre) in paddy fields after water recedes to control sheath blight. For tuber crops affected by stem rot, farmers should apply a 3 g/litre solution of copper oxychloride both on the soil and plants. To prevent boll rot in cotton, he recommended spraying Hexaconazole at 2 ml/litre. He also advised ensuring proper drainage in waterlogged areas and applying fertilizers once the soil dries. Scientists Dr. Veeranjanyulu, Agriculture Officer Vishwanath, VAA Bhaskar, and local farmers participated in the inspection.

Collector Orders Expedited Crop Damage Assessment

Rajahmendravaram, Pen Power, October 30:

District Collector Keerthi Chekuri directed officials to speed up and complete the assessment of agricultural and horticultural crop damage caused by Cyclone Montha in a transparent and coordinated manner. She personally inspected cyclone-affected areas and interacted with farmers to gather details of the losses. The Collector emphasized that accurate, acre-level data must be collected and comprehensive reports submitted on time to the state government to ensure timely assistance to farmers. During her field visit, she reviewed flood situations in agency areas,



instructed irrigation officials to desilt blocked canals, and inspected waterlogged fields in Tantikonda village. She also examined drainage works in Achyutapuram and directed officials to improve

water flow systems to prevent future stagnation. Collector Chekuri further inspected the Thana bridge area and ordered early completion of pending works along the Rajamahendravaram-Bhadrachalam highway. Offi-

cials including RDO R. Krishna Naik, DWMA PDM. Nagamalleswara Rao, DSP K. Srikanth, Tahsildar P. Ramakrishna, and other department officers accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

Eluru MLA Distributes Essential Supplies to Cyclone Victims



Eluru, Oct 30 (Pen Power): In the wake of Cy-

clone Muntha, Eluru MLA Badeti Chanti distributed

essential supplies to flood-affected families in the 47th

division of Eluru Municipal Corporation.

Speaking on the occasion, he said the state government is extending full support to families relocated to rehabilitation centers. Each affected family received ₹1,000 cash assistance, along with rice, vegetables, oil, candles, drinking water, and medicines. The MLA added that all departments are working together to ensure necessary aid reaches every affected area.

Modern Cancer Screening Bus for Kakinada District – Tenders Invited

Kakinada, Pen Power, October 30: To expand cancer diagnosis services in Kakinada district, Collector Shan Mohan announced the invitation of tenders for the supply of a modern cancer screening bus equipped with advanced medical equipment.

According to the Collector, sealed tenders are being invited on a turnkey basis covering supply, installation, and commissioning. The project is estimated at ₹3,41,07,736, with an EMD of ₹8,52,693 (2.5%). Tender documents will be available for sale from November 1

(10 AM) to November 14 (5 PM) during office hours. The technical bid opening will take place on November 17, 2025, at 3 PM at the Superintendent's Chamber, Government General Hospital, Kakinada. Interested bidders must submit a ₹20,000 demand draft in fa-

vor of "Executive Agency, Cancer Screening Bus, CSR [BPCL]" drawn on a nationalized bank. Preference will be given to bidders who have previously supplied similar advanced cancer screening buses to government departments or agencies.

Cyclone Causes ₹5,265 Crore Loss in Andhra Pradesh

Amaravati, Oct 30 (Pen Power):

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced that Cyclone Montha caused an estimated Rs.5,265 crore loss to Andhra Pradesh. The preliminary assessment shows major damage to roads and buildings (Rs.2,079 crore) and the agriculture sector (Rs.829 crore). The CM stated that while the irrigation department suffered minimal loss, there were no

casualties reported.

Sector-wise damage:
Agriculture: Rs.829 crore
Horticulture: Rs.39 crore
Sericulture: Rs.65 crore
Animal Husbandry: Rs.71 lakh (20 cattle dead)
Aquaculture: Rs.1,270 crore
Municipal sector: Rs.109 crore

Naidu said crops, livestock, and water resources were severely affected and directed officials to expedite district-wise damage reports and relief mea-



sures. He emphasized the need for scientific management of agriculture and

water resources to minimize losses from future natural disasters.

Crops Damaged in 16,000 Hectares Due to Cyclone — Collector Shan Mohan



Kakinada, Pen Power, October 30: Around 16,000 hectares of crops were damaged in the district due to

Cyclone MUNTHA, according to District Collector Shan Mohan. The Collector, along with Revenue

and Irrigation officials, inspected the Dabba Canal bridge at Kandrakota village on Thursday. He said

that 7,000 cusecs of water were released from the Yeleru reservoir and precautionary measures were taken to prevent water from entering residential areas. Continuous monitoring is being carried out by officials, and there is no need for farmers or residents to panic, he added. RDO K. Sreeramani, Superintending Engineer (Water Resources) K. Gopinath, and DEs A. Ravikumar, A. Janardhan, and K. Srikanth participated in the inspection.

Magic Drainage System for Wastewater Management – APD Srinivas Vishwanath

Our Correspondent D.V.R.G.V. Ratnam A.S.R. District In-charge.

Rampachodavaram, Oct 30 (Pen Power): The government is set to bring revolutionary changes in wastewater management through the introduction of Magic Drainage Systems in villages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), said Rampachodavaram DWMA Assistant Project Director T. Srinivas Vishwanath. As part of a pilot project, Rs.1.5 lakh has been sanctioned for constructing the system at



Irlapalli village, I. Polavaram Panchayat, under the directions of District Collector Dinesh Kumar. On Thursday, APD Srinivas

Vishwanath inspected the ongoing construction works, instructing technical staff to ensure quality and adhere to standards. Additional Program Officer

Satyanarayana, Junior Engineer Edwin Babu, Technical Assistants Surreddy, Shekhar, Vaka Veeranna, and Field Assistant Veeramani were present.

Collector Shanmohan Orders Tight Security for EVMs

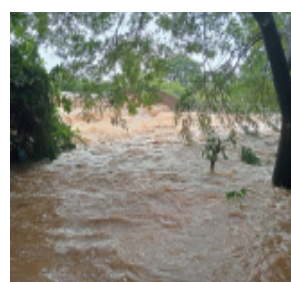


Kakinada, Pen Power, October 30: District Collector Shanmohan directed officials to ensure strict security measures for Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and VVPATs ahead of elections. On Thursday, he inspected the EVM warehouse in Kakinada along with officials from

the Revenue, Election, Fire, and Police departments. The Collector reviewed existing security arrangements and sought explanations from officials. He emphasized that, as per Election Commission guidelines, monthly reviews and reports on EVM warehouse secu-

rity must continue without fail. "No negligence will be tolerated. All necessary measures should be taken immediately to safeguard the EVMs," he said. Election Department DTM M. Jagannatham and other officials were present during the inspection.

Canals Overflow, Low-Lying Areas Submerged in Gokavaram



Rajahmendravaram, Pen Power, October 30:

Heavy downpour on Thursday morning and continuous rains in the upper agency regions led to canals overflowing in Gokavaram mandal, submerging several low-lying areas. The mandal recorded the district's highest rainfall of 52 mm. Overflowing canals flooded localities such as Drivers Colony, Achayyapeta, Muralinagar, RTC Bus Stand area, and Polavaram rehabilitation colonies. Traffic was disrupted on the Jaggampeta Road due to water flow, while residents of Sanjeevayya Nagar and Achayyapeta faced severe waterlogging. District Collector Keerthi Chekuri directed officials to visit the affected areas and resolve the issues.

The Girlfriend: Laayi Le is Melodious Magic

Gorgeous actress Rashmika Mandanna headlining a film titled “The Girlfriend” under the production of Geetha Arts and Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment. The film will have a grand worldwide theatrical release on November 7th. It will be released in five languages – Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada.

After back to back chartbuster songs, the makers unveiled a melodious third single titled “Laayi Le” from the film. Kapil Kapilan’s addictive voice adds magic to the beautiful tune composed by Hesham Abdul Wahab. Rakendu Mouli’s lyrics consist of simple words with deep meaning and emotion.

The natural chemistry between Rashmika Mandanna and Dheekshith Shetty, will light up the screen. Actor Rahul Ravindran who turned director with the Chi Law Sow and



Manmadhudu 2, is at the helm. It is bankrolled by Vidya Koppineedi and Dheeraj Mogilineni. Ace producer Allu Aravind presenting the film. Musical sensation Hesham Abdul Wahab will score the music.

FL: After Hanuman, Mahakali

From Cinematic Universe

After redefining Indian superhero cinema with HanuMan, creative genius Prasanth Varma continues his mythological saga with Mahakali, the third film in the Prasanth Varma Cinematic Universe (PVCU). The production, backed by RKD Studios and Rizwan Ramesh Duggal, is directed by Puja Aparna Kolluru. Prasanth Varma is the showrunner.

The first look of Bhoomi Shetty as Maha has just been revealed. The poster shows Bhoomi Shetty in a powerful avatar. She’s seen with her face painted in red and black, eyes full of intensity, and adorned with traditional gold jewelry and ritual markings. The film’s music is scored by Smaran Sai and cinematography is handled by Suresh Ragutu. Mahakali is shaping up to be one of the most exciting projects from the Prasanth Varma Cinematic Universe. The film’s release date will be announced soon.



Rashmika’s Glam So Sharp It Could Cut Glass



Rashmika Mandanna, who’s been all over social media lately for her sweet “baby talk” while promoting The Girlfriend, showed up in full star mode at the Swarovski Masters of Light Opening Celebration in Los Angeles. She recently said she already loves her unborn kids and would go to war for them, which had fans melting. But last night, she switched gears, no baby talk, just glam, confidence, and that Rashmika sparkle everyone loves.

Her outfit was something else. She slipped into a black-and-white gown that looked straight out of an old-school Hollywood dream. The white corset top hugged her perfectly, while the long black skirt flowed down smoothly. Add in those chunky diamond jewels from Swarovski, and she looked every bit like she belonged on that fancy LA carpet. Her hair was pulled back, makeup simple but sharp, giving her a cool, grown-up glow.

Rashmika didn’t need to try too hard; she just walked in, smiled, and owned it. You could tell she was having fun, soaking in the moment. She’s clearly leveling up, one red carpet at a time, and honestly, watching her balance charm, sass, and grace is kinda refreshing.

Puneri Paltan storms into PKL final after stunning comeback against Telugu Titans



Hyderabad: Puneri Paltan booked their place in the final of PKL 12 after scripting a magnificent comeback to register a 50-45 victory against Telugu Titans at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium in Delhi. This will be the third final in four years for the season 10 champions, who will face Dabang Delhi K.C. on Friday. It was a high-octane clash dominated by the raiders, with Aditya Shinde (21 points) and Pankaj Mohite (10 points) registering their Super 10s. Meanwhile, Bharat Hooda (22 points) and Vijay Malik (10 points) also scored Super 10s that went in vain for the Titans. Aslam Inamdar got the ball rolling, scoring the first raid point for his side before Bharat Hooda did the same for Telugu Titans. The Titans soon stamped their authority with tackles from Ankit and Chetan Sahu. With only three players left on the mat for the Paltan, Bharat Hooda’s immaculate Super Raid helped his side inflict the first All Out of the game, giving them a 10-1 lead. Despite the early pressure,

Puneri Paltan fought back with Pankaj Mohite scoring a couple of raids and Mohd Amaan registering a tackle. Ankit’s Super Tackle ensured that Telugu Titans remained ahead by six points, leading 13-7 after the first ten minutes, despite raids from Aslam and Aditya Shinde. The intensity of this must-win clash rose further as both teams traded successful raids. Pankaj maintained his fine momentum for the Paltan, enabling them to secure their first All Out to cut the deficit to four points. Bharat Hooda completed his Super 10 for the Titans, scoring 14 points in the first half. Meanwhile, Pankaj and Aditya combined for 13 points between them, keeping their team within striking distance with the score at 24-20 at half time. Puneri Paltan began the second half strongly, inflicting a second All Out on their opponents, courtesy of a tackle from Gaurav Khatri. Despite that, they still trailed by two points as Bharat and Vijay ensured the Titans stayed in front. Bharat and Aditya exchanged Do-or-

Die raids, with neither side giving away an inch. However, the season 10 champions got back on level terms as Aditya Shinde and Pankaj Mohite completed their Super 10s. Heading into the final quarter, the teams were tied 33-33. The Titans regained the lead with a Super Tackle from Shankar Gadai, while Aditya kept the Paltan in the contest with his raids. After a quiet night, captain Aslam Inamdar stepped up with a crucial tackle to execute a third All Out on the Titans. That gave Puneri Paltan their first lead of the night—a slender one-point edge—but enough to put them in control with five minutes remaining. The defining moment came from Aditya Shinde, who delivered a sensational four-point Super Raid to put the Paltan firmly in command. The season 10 champions followed it with another All Out, taking a seven-point lead with less than two minutes to go. With the clock winding down, the Paltan played smartly to complete a spectacular nine-point comeback and seal a 50-45 win, booking their place in the final.

Sepak takraw coach Dhanraj Koyalkar struggles with kidney failure

Hyderabad: At 55, Dhanraj Koyalkar, the sepak takraw coach who produced many internationals including A Tarangini, R Navatha and N Madhu, is now staring at an uncertain future, not sure of even raising funds to get treated for a kidney ailment. Dhanraj, who is bedridden in a private hospital in the city since Dussehra this year, has been a mentor, guide and father figure to many who went on to win medals at national and international levels. His dedication, discipline and passion for sepak takraw have inspired generations, his close associates said. Koyalkar, despite close to 25 years of coaching at the LB Stadium and the Telangana State Sports School (Hakimpet), has been struggling to make both ends meet on the financial front because of chronic kidney issues for the last 18 months. His plight might well reflect the fate of many contract coaches in the Sports Authority of Telangana too. With doctors diagnosing him



with multiple organ failure, the family’s concern (one son and a daughter too young for any job) can be easily understood. “Despite our collective efforts, the medical expenses have already crossed Rs 7 lakhs and his condition now requires continued ICU care, ventilator support and advanced treatment, estimated at Rs 25 lakhs,” some of his trainees, who are pooling funds, informed Telangana Today. When approached by the family members, Telangana Sports Minister V Srihari was “kind enough”

to write a letter to the sports administrators to “examine and consider sympathetically” any financial assistance to meet the medical expenses. But they are still awaiting a positive response and desperately hoping for some kind of help for the ailing Dhanraj. Fate, as they say, can be cruel. For someone who shaped the destiny of many young talents in the State, Dhanraj is not sure how the future will unfold in this most critical phase of his life.

Jamshedpur FC fight back to hold NorthEast United in Super Cup thriller

Hyderabad: Jamshedpur FC fought back from two goals down to earn a thrilling 2-2 draw against NorthEast United FC in their second AIFF Super Cup 2025–26 Group B encounter at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim (Goa). Chema Nunez opened the account for NorthEast United in the 20th minute before Alaaeddine Ajaraie doubled their advantage just nine minutes later with a clinical finish. Jamshedpur, staring at elimination, clawed back through Pronay Halder’s header in the 43rd minute,

and their persistence paid off late on when Raphael Messi Bouli struck the equaliser in the 89th to snatch a share of the spoils. What began as a cautious battle amid rain-soaked conditions ended in late drama, leaving both sides frustrated with the result not significantly helping either in their bid for semi-final qualification. Both teams had entered the contest under pressure. NorthEast United, with two points from as many games, remained second in the group, while Jamshedpur, with only one point after this

draw, stayed rooted to the bottom. Their fates now hang in the balance, dependent on FC Goa’s later fixture against Inter Kashi. A victory would put FC Goa on six points, a total neither Jamshedpur nor NorthEast could match even with wins in their final group matches. The game began with a sense of nervous urgency. Yet NorthEast United settled first, adapting better to the conditions. Parthib Gogoi’s early strike in the second minute forced Jamshedpur goalkeeper Albino Gomes into action, signalling intent from the Highlanders.