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4-Month-Old 'Mini Tirupati' Temple Had Same Entry-Exit: Lapses Exposed



Srikakulam: An under-construction temple, a common entry-exit, and an Ekadashi rush -- the aftermath of the stampede at Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Andhra Pradesh's Srikakulam has put the spotlight on the circumstances leading to the nine deaths in the temple tragedy. According to sources in the Andhra Pradesh government, an 80-year-old

man, Harimukunda Panda, built the temple dedicated to Lord Venkateswara on his land. The temple, which opened to devotees just four months back, is modelled on the grand Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Tirumala and is called "Chinna Tirupati", meaning 'Mini Tirupati'. There is a common entry and exit point, and handrails flank the narrow passage.

Kanhaiya Kumar Tells Why He's Not Fighting Bihar Election

Patna: Congress leader Kanhaiya Kumar explained why he is not contesting the assembly election in Bihar, despite his constant rhetoric about bringing change in his state. While the assembly election presented the shortest route to working for the people of Bihar, the former student leader instead turned his focus toward national politics. "I went to study there [Delhi], not to contest elections. If Patna University

was very good, I wouldn't have left home and gone outside the state to study. But after I joined a political party, I had to follow the party's instructions, and go wherever they deploy me," Kumar said at Bihar Power Play in Patna. After he finished studies in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), he joined the Communist Party of India and fought the 2019 Lok Sabha election against the BJP's Giriraj Singh from Begusarai.



Chandrababu Naidu Blames Temple Authorities For Stampede, Jagan Reddy Slams Negligence



Amaravati/Srikakulam: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has pinned the blame on the temple authorities after nine devotees died in a stampede at a newly constructed shrine in Andhra

Pradesh's Srikakulam this morning. The state government is committed to saving lives, but actions by some individuals are leading to such incidents, he later said at a public event in the Sri Sathya

Sai district. The tragedy at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Kasibugga occurred amid a heavy rush of devotees on the occasion of Ekadashi, an auspicious day for Hindus. At least eight women and a child were among the dead. "Unfortunately, the organisers did not inform the police or local authorities about the event. Had they informed us, we would have provided police protection and controlled the crowd. Nine people died, and five were injured. This is so disturbing. While I am trying to save every life (in a cy-

clone), some private individual is doing such things," said the Chief Minister. YSRCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy attacked the Naidu government over negligence and accused it of failing to take proper precautions despite similar tragedies in the past. "This repeated loss of innocent lives reflects the inefficiency of Chandrababu Naidu's administration," the former chief minister said. The temple, known as 'Mini Tirupati', is privately owned. It is not managed by the government's Endowments Department.

"Society Has Accepted ": RSS Leader On Mallikarjun Kharge's "Ban" Remark

New Delhi: The face-off between the Congress and the BJP's ideological mentor Rashtriya Swamasevak Sangh, has escalated with party chief Mallikarjun Kharge's comment that the organisation should be banned. The RSS, which does not usually react to such statements, has responded saying the organisation has been "accepted" by the country. "An organisation that works for the security, development, culture, unity of the country -- a political leader is asking for its ban.

But he would not say why," said Dattatreya Hosabale of the RSS. "He (Kharge) tried this earlier too. What was the result? The society has accepted the Sangh and the government has also concluded that the bans were illegal and decided accordingly. I think such a leader should take things in a sensitive manner," he added. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge had recently held the RSS and BJP responsible for the state of law and order. He said if Prime Minister Narendra Modi truly respects the views of



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, he should take the decision to ban RSS, citing how Patel banned the organisation earlier. "These are my personal

views and I openly say that there should be one (a ban on the RSS). If PM respects the views presented by Vallabhbhai Patel, this should be done.

AP Home Minister Anitha orders thorough probe into Srikakulam temple stampede

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Nov., 1: A tragic stampede at the Kasibugga Venkateswara Swamy Temple in the Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh has resulted in the deaths of ten people, including nine women and a 12-year-old boy. Two additional individuals suffered serious injuries and have been taken to the Srikakulam RIMS for treatment. Expressing her deep shock over the incident, Andhra Pradesh State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha addressed the media and confirmed that she has instructed senior police officials, including the Superintendent of Police, to conduct a thorough investigation into the causes of the tragedy. Minister Anitha described the incident as highly unfortunate, noting



that the temple, which had reopened just four months ago, experienced a surge in visitors due to the Ekadashi festival on Saturday. The stampede reportedly occurred when devotees were attempting to have darshan of Lord Venkateswara. Eyewitnesses indicated that the calamity was triggered by a railing that broke as people climbed the stairs to the

temple, leading to chaos and the tragic loss of life. In response to the incident, Home Minister Anitha stated that the Director General of Police, Harish Kumar Gupta, has already ordered a comprehensive investigation. She emphasised that strict measures will be implemented to prevent future occurrences of such tragedies.

GOOD NEWS FOR FARMERS Another key decision by AP government

Amaravati, November 1: The coalition government has given good news to the paddy farmers in AP. Minister Nadendla Manohar has announced that the procurement of paddy will start from Monday. Minister Nadendla issued a statement to this effect today (Saturday). Minister Nadendla Manohar suggested that farmers should use the WhatsApp number 7337359375 to register the details of the paddy. Farmers were directed to register on this WhatsApp number. He said that a decision has been taken to purchase 51 lakh tonnes of paddy in Kharif from 2025 to 2026. He said that 3,013 farmer service centers are being set up across AP. It was revealed that 2,061 paddy purchase centers are being set up across AP. Minister Nadendla Manohar said that steps have been taken to ensure that the paddy money is credited to the accounts of farmers within 24 to 48 hours after the paddy is purchased.



Minister Lokesh announces assistance to victims of Kasibugga Stampede

Srikakulam, November 1: Minister Lokesh responded to the incident in which 9 devotees lost their lives in a stampede at the Kasibugga Venkateswara Swamy temple in Srikakulam district. He said that the incident was very painful. He said that 16 people were injured in the stampede. Three are in intensive care. He announced that the state government will provide assistance of Rs. 15 lakh each to the families of those who died in this incident. He said that he is receiving assistance of Rs. 2 lakh from the central government. He explained that those who were seriously injured will receive assistance of Rs. 3 lakh from the state government. He explained that the center is receiving assistance of Rs. 50 thousand. He announced that the families of the deceased will be provided with Rs. 10 thou-

sand for cremation. Among the deceased, three are also from the TDP. He said that they will get an additional insurance of Rs. 5 lakh. Lokesh visited the incident site in Kasibugga and the injured undergoing treatment at Palasa Hospital. Later, he spoke to the media there. He said that this temple was built by a 94-year-old devotee named Panda for the people. He said that the temple was built to make it accessible to the people because there should be a temple for the devotees of Lord Venkateswara. He said that this temple has been being built for the last four to five years. He said that up to Rs. 15 crores have been spent on 12 acres. He said that neither the local authorities nor the police expected that so many devotees would come to the temple today. He explained

that this time more devotees have come than ever. He said that darshan has been arranged from 6 am to 12:00 pm. He said that the entry way has been closed because the temple has to be opened again after three hours. The minister explained that the stampede happened because those inside were coming out at the same time as those outside wanted to go inside. He said that as soon as he got the information, he met with the ministerial group and spoke to local MLA Sirisha. He said that the district collector, SP and other officials worked on a war footing. He said that the Prime Minister's Office spoke as soon as the incident was known. He said that he has directed the district collectors and SPs across the state to collect the rules and regulations regarding the temples in the state. Lokesh



said that crowd management will also be monitored using technology. He said that there will be a monitoring for endowment temples under the government's control. He said that the government has taken the incident very seriously. He said that the CM will discuss future action after the London program. He

said that the officials are collecting all the information. He said that they are collecting details about the priests and the panda. He said that SOPs will be prepared for the temples under the Endowment Department and private temples and a decision will be taken with the Committee of Ministers.

JAGAN UNFIT FOR PUBLIC LIFE: KOLUSU

Nellore: Information and public relations minister Kolu Parthasarathy on Friday lashed out at YSRCP chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging that he is "not suitable for public life." Addressing a press conference at the TDP office here, Parthasarathy criticised Jagan for targeting the coalition government instead of helping people affected by the recent cyclone. He said it was unfortunate that, as opposition leader, Jagan chose to criticise the government's relief measures "while sitting in Bengaluru," rather than visiting the flood-hit areas or mobilising his party work-

ers for relief activities. The minister recalled that during Jagan's tenure as Chief Minister, his visits to flood-affected areas were conducted in a "highly sophisticated manner," with red carpets and elevated platforms. Parthasarathy said that on October 29, when the cyclone hit the coast N Chandrababu Naidu and human resources development minister Nara Lokesh personally monitored the situation from the Secretariat until midnight, issuing real-time instructions to district administrations. Their prompt coordination, he said, ensured that the state re-



corded zero human casualties. He added that immediately after the cyclone crossed the coast, the Chief Minister visited the affected areas and interacted directly with victims to assess the damage. Question-

ing Jagan's credibility, Parthasarathy said the former Chief Minister should "first recall how his own government handled flood relief" before criticising the coalition. The minister revealed that

around 1.75 lakh farmers suffered losses amounting to Rs 2,300 crore due to damage to paddy crops across 2,305 mandals, while horticulture crops worth Rs 829 crore were also affected by Cyclone Montha.

EDITORIAL

Let go of revenge and make mutual friendship

The unexpected meeting between the leaders of the United States and China, who are disrupting global trade with their retaliatory tariff hikes, in Busan, South Korea, is a development. This is the first time the two leaders have met in six years. In this meeting that lasted for about two hours in Busan, US President Trump announced that he had signed an agreement with Chinese President Jinping. He also announced that he would visit China in April, followed by a visit by Jinping to the United States. It is a good development that the two leaders, who were enemies until recently, have become friends. Russian President Putin is still not getting his way, and therefore, if he develops friendship with China, he can pressure Putin to stop the war in Ukraine. However, none of these issues were mentioned in this meeting, and they focused only on trade issues. Trump's current main goal appears to be to strengthen the US economy, which is already in a shutdown.

China is also facing an economic crisis as high tariffs have reduced exports to the US. At this stage, it is essential for both countries to try to achieve mutual benefits. However, as the world gets used to the gap between what Trump says and what he does, there may be some respite from worries. Believing that all problems will be resolved in a short time may mean that this time Trump is inclined to prove his words with deeds. Trump announced that the US tariffs on China will be reduced by up to 10 percent. The tariffs will be reduced from 57 percent to 47 percent. In return, China has removed restrictions on rare earth exports for a year. This is a sign that the end of the trade war that has disrupted supply chains and disrupted global trade is beginning.

All countries may have opportunities to prepare for an agreement with the US or to identify their export destinations. In the last six months, economic and trade transactions in the world have been disrupted by Trump's capricious whims, speculation, high tariffs, and retaliatory tariffs. Along with China and Brazil, India has also become a victim of this. Trump continues to indiscriminately accuse India of filling the Russian treasury through oil purchases from Russia and contributing to Russia's war in Ukraine. Therefore, India is also facing high tariffs from the US. That is why Trump has repeatedly demanded that India stop buying oil from Russia. To this extent, the situation indicates that oil imports from Russia to India have also come to a halt.

Trump announced during his meeting with Xi Jinping that he would reduce the 20 percent tariff imposed on China in retaliation for China's acceptance of the US request to prevent the supply of chemicals needed to make the synthetic drug fentanyl by 10 percent. In this context, the question arises whether Trump's attitude has changed so that trade agreements with India and Brazil can be concluded in a reasonable manner soon. There is a debate about whether Trump has yet to realize that if tariffs are imposed on any goods imported into the US, everyone in the US will have to pay more out of their own pockets. While Ronald Reagan opposed the burden of tariffs on Canada, it is difficult to predict that Trump's tariff tactics will largely stop in order to bring that view back to the fore, and when there is some regulation in world trade, it is difficult to predict that it will run smoothly from 2026.

India is supporting the reduction in purchases from Russia, so it is logical for India to sign a trade deal with it. China may have forced its hand to buy soybeans to please Trump and American farmers. But India may be in a quandary on this issue. Although Trump is touting his achievements as having significantly reduced petrol prices and grocery prices in supermarkets in the US after months of global turmoil, there are signs that Trump is backing down from his hardline stance. That is good, but despite the many punitive measures and retaliatory tariffs, both world powers understand the current situation. Although the US's huge trade deficit with China has caused a fight, they have not taken enough risks to endanger the global economy.

Amazon Layoffs, And Lessons From A Late Bihar Treasurer

What has the late Sitaram Kesri got to do with artificial intelligence and layoffs by global companies? Nothing, on the face of it, as Indians look back at the Bihar leader who was in the news last week as a controversy brewed over how he was shunted out as president of the Congress party. But before that event, for decades, he was the Congress treasurer, whose eminence was summarised in a latter-day proverb: "Na khata, na bahi, jo Kesri kahe, wahi sahi" (No account, no book. What Kesri says, that's what is right). That saying belongs to the age when the red-coloured cloth-bound account book ('bahi') was where accounts were kept, and Kesri was the trusted man who, as the legend goes, received cash in kerosene tins and kept track of who donated how much with no questions asked. From clothbound books to notebooks, typed sheets, printouts, and computer files and sophisticated software made by the likes of Tally, Intuit, Oracle, and SAP, we have come a long way in the way technology has changed bookkeeping. But two things have not changed: the concept of keeping accounts, and the importance of trust. As AI and a fresh wave of technologies sweep the planet, it is wise to keep an eye on what won't change - and what you are and you can do at the core of it all.

Amazon's Layoffs, Nvidia's Record Market Cap

Amazon led a global wave of layoffs last week, deeply worrying 'techies' - the moniker given to an assorted bunch of code writers, software developers, engineers, solutions architects, and a host of people like marketing folks and storytellers thriving around them. Contrast that with the fact that Nvidia, the company that makes the cutting-edge microchips

that power AI-driving data centres, hit a world-beating market capitalisation of \$5 trillion. That's Rs 440 lakh crore, compared with about Rs 20 lakh crore for India's most valued company, Reliance Industries. As that happened, Sam Altman, a key leader in the software part of the AI race, said his OpenAI, associated with Microsoft, was committed to developing 30 gigawatts of computing resources for \$1.4 trillion. Those financial figures linked to the hardware part of the AI revolution contrast sharply with news of layoffs. An estimated 1,72,000 layoffs have been announced in America over the past month, with Amazon slashing 14,000 jobs and Facebook-owner Meta 8,000. Automation, especially that linked to AI, is seen to be a major axe driver. Earlier months saw Microsoft, Salesforce and Google announcing layoffs in various shapes and sizes.

What Huang Said About 'Electricians'

It is possible now to present a dystopian future in which Nvidia-powered data centres and OpenAI-generated software pieces replace writers, editors, programmers, customer support staff and accountants. In a tragic and yet comic projection, Nvidia's CEO Jensen Huang said last month that skilled workers like electricians and plumbers will be in high demand as data centres for AI grow in size and number. Whether his words are dystopian or Utopian depends on which side of the AI revolution you are on. But it is clear to me as a long-time technology watcher that both greed-fuelled growth and employment-linked fears may be overstretched because it takes time, processes, and new skills to scale up a new revolution. No boom is useful if your skills do not match up, and any boom is



good if you can reinvent yourself, building on what you can do and adapting to a new environment. The transition is the tough part, and here is where a self-audit as well as basic human attitudes like a willingness to learn, teamwork and humility, might help. Avoiding unrealistic loans or having extravagant spending might take away what I call the transition cushion that techies could do with.

A Mix Of Skills

Beyond that, there is the comforting fact that AI itself may require plumbing - not the data centre kind that Huang speaks of. "Agentic AI", in which intermediate pieces of technology enable efficient automation, requires a mix of skills that blend software with the ability to generate code using AI, or knowledge of industry or customer-specific details. Small language models are like interpreters at a tourist spot, helping adapt large language models like OpenAI's GPT and Google's Gemini. Also, there is the basic economics of supply and demand. When something becomes easier to generate, it is consumed and used - and misused or abused - in larger quantities. As demand

for AI products grows and new variations of AI tools get developed (picture it similar to the excess of Instagram videos and Facebook posts), there will be a need to sift, sort and secure the new environment. Cybersecurity is growing in importance as deepfakes helped by AI penetrate. Imagine it like a city in which as citizens multiply in number, both traffic police and coffee shops need to grow. What we are about to witness is a chaotic wave of growth, with pains along the way.

Remember Naya Daur? It's Here

The Hindi movie Naya Daur (New Age) made in 1957 by BR Chopra and starring Dilip Kumar features an electric saw that hurts the livelihoods of woodcutters at an old-fashioned mill. There are lessons to be drawn from that film about the introduction of a new technology and resistance to it. Ironically, the word film itself sounds out of place in the age of digitally stored cinema being watched at home on broadband connections, even as large-screen multiplexes struggle to reinvent themselves. Technology keeps

changing, but the good news is that time may be on the side of those who fear change. Amara's Law, coined by futurist Roy Amara, suggests that people tend to overestimate the short-term impact of a new technology while underestimating its long-term effects. Consider the idea that even now, there are villages on the planet that are not electrified, although electrification dates back to the 1880s. As I see it, AI involves key elements of human behaviour, trust/mistrust, opportunities and fears, and each of these involve work or jobs that involve helping people move forward as well as protecting people from the fears generated by the new technology. Remember, railways produced tracks and coaches, but it also gave rise to engine drivers and level-crossing guards. What matters most for the average techie is to find how to be above average, and mix the right attitude with one's core aptitude - and keep some reserves ready to surf the change. Trustworthiness, the thing Sitaram Kesri was famous for in the pre-computer era, will remain a key asset. After all, AI is not human, but we are.

CM Praises Minister Vasamshetty Subhash



Kakinada, Pen Power, October 1: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu lauded State Labour Minister Vasamshetty Subhash for his exemplary relief efforts during Cyclone Mantha. In a program held at his residence in Undavalli on Saturday, the CM presented Subhash with a commendation certificate and memento. Naidu appreciated Subhash's effective coordination in Konaseema, ensuring evacuation and facilities for affected families, and his efficient supervision in Krishna district as in-charge minister. The CM noted that Subhash's dedicated public service and compassionate leadership stand as an inspiration for the state.

BJP Spokesperson Sadineni Yamini Sharma Condemns Kasibugga Temple Stampede, Extends Condolences and Calls for Accountability

Amaravati: Sadineni Yamini Sharma, BJP Andhra State Spokesperson says I'm deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic incident at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Kasibugga, Srikakulam district, where several innocent devotees lost their lives in a painful stampede. On behalf of the Bharatiya Janata Party, I express my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. May Lord Venkateswara give them strength in this hour of grief, and may the injured recover swiftly.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has also expressed his deep condolences and pain over this unfortunate tragedy and announced an ex-gratia of Rs.2 lakh each to the families



of the deceased and Rs.50,000 to those injured. We acknowledge that the government has responded promptly and is providing the necessary medical assistance to the injured devotees. However, the BJP urges that a transparent and

time-bound inquiry be conducted and that those responsible be held accountable. Let this tragedy remind us of the urgent need for better safety measures in our temples, ensuring that faith and devotion are never met with fear again.

CM Praises "Montha Cyclone Fighters" for Exemplary Public Service



Kakinada, Pen Power, Nov 1: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu felicitated the "Montha Cyclone Fighters" who tirelessly served the public during the recent cyclone. At a special event held at his camp office, the CM personally presented certificates and mementos to the honorees. He praised their dedication and coordination in relief efforts. Rajya Sabha MP Sana Satish Babu was specially recognized for his outstanding coordination and service during the cyclone. The CM lauded his leadership and humanitarian efforts, stating that serving society in times of crisis is truly commendable and encouraging everyone to continue such selfless service in the future.

Be Cautious About WhatsApp Forwards: Guntur SP Vakul Jindal

Pen Power, Guntur, November 1: Guntur District SP Vakul Jindal urged citizens to be alert about information circulating on WhatsApp groups. He clarified that recent notices issued to group admins are meant only to raise awareness about responsible social media use — not to threaten or restrict anyone. Officials sought details such as the group's purpose, admin information, and member count to ensure accountability. SP Jindal advised verifying the authenticity of any news before sharing it online and using social media responsibly to maintain peace and order. He emphasized that police are taking precautionary steps to prevent unrest caused by fake news or provocative posts, and requested group admins to cooperate with law enforcement efforts.



Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar Calls for Grand Celebration of Dharti Abha Bhagwan Birsa Munda's 150th Birth Anniversary



Paderu, Pen Power, November 1: As part of Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas, District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar announced that the 150th birth anniversary of the great tribal freedom fighter Dharti Abha Bhagwan Birsa Munda will be celebrated grandly from November 1 to 15 across the three ITDA regions of

Alluri Sitarama Raju district. The Collector inaugurated a tribal carnival from ITDA Paderu to Coffee House, showcasing tribal dance, music, and culture in a festive atmosphere. The celebrations began with lamp lighting and floral tributes to Birsa Munda's portrait. Speaking on the occasion, he praised Birsa Munda as

a tireless warrior of India's freedom struggle and emphasized the need to preserve and pass on tribal heritage, values, and achievements to future generations. He highlighted that Andhra Pradesh was the first state to introduce ITDAs for tribal welfare, setting an example for other states. The Collector noted

that both central and state governments are implementing numerous welfare schemes for tribal development — covering health, education, agriculture, roads, drinking water, nutrition, housing, and digital connectivity. He mentioned that under the Adhiyogi Karmayogi Abhiyan, development plans for 521 villages have been approved, with 800 more villages to be included soon — earning the district a national award for its efforts. He appealed to public representatives, officials, and citizens to actively participate and make the celebrations a success. Among those present were In-charge Joint Collector & ITDA PO T. Sree Pooja, TRICOR Chairman K. Krishna Rao, Coffee Board Chairman Borra Nagaraju, PMU Nagaraju, ITDA APD Venkateswarlu, Administrative Officer Hemalatha, and other district officials.

Andhra State Formation Day Celebrated Grandly



Ongole, Pen Power, November 1: Andhra State Formation Day was celebrated with grandeur under the leadership of Sri Devaki Venkateswarlu, Chairman of Vasavi Satram Communities and Member of the Srisailem Devasthanam Trust Board.

Speaking on the occasion, he paid rich tributes to Amarajeevi Potti Sriramulu, who sacrificed his life after a 58-day hunger strike for the formation of Andhra State. He appreciated the coalition government for recognizing the Arya Vysya commu-

nity and declaring Vasavi Mata's self-sacrifice day as a state festival. He also lauded the government's initiatives to install a 100-foot statue of Amarajeevi Potti Sriramulu and rename Penugonda as "Vasavi Penugonda," honoring the birthplace of Goddess

Vasavi. District General Secretary of the World Arya Vysya Mahasabha, Rachapudi Venkateswarlu, called upon every Arya Vysya to work towards fulfilling Potti Sriramulu's ideals. Earlier, floral tributes were paid at the statue of Amarajeevi Potti Sriramulu near the Ramalayam temple. Several community leaders including Devaki Srinivasulu, Bacchu Ramesh, Koliparthi Venkataswamy, Chakka Basaveswara Rao, Madala Subbarao, Anguluri Anil, Narlapati Mallikarjun, Bacchu Venkalarao Gupta, Racharla Naresh, Garre Srinu, Gonuguntla Pavan, Bacchu Srinu, and Addanki Subrahmanyam participated in the event.

Grand Celebration of Bhagwan Birsa Munda Jayanti at Rampachodavaram



Our Correspondent D.V.R.G.V. Ratnam A.S.R. District In-charge. Rampachodavaram, Nov 1 (Pen Power): The 150th birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda was celebrated

grandly at the ITDA office. ITDA Project Officer B. Smaran Raj, State ST Commission Chairman S. Bojji Reddy, and other officials paid floral tributes. Leaders highlighted Birsa Munda's role in fighting for tribal

rights and urged unity for tribal development. As part of the event, a rally was held with students, officials, and women's groups. Subsidy-based farm equipment worth ₹46.62 lakh and 100 oil engines were distributed to

tribal farmers. Families of tribal martyrs were honored, and saplings were planted in memory of freedom fighters. Various department officials and public representatives participated.

Public Urged to Stay Alert Against Seasonal Diseases

Bapatla, Pen Power, November 1: District Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar advised the public to stay vigilant as stagnant rainwater is leading

to the spread of mosquitoes and seasonal diseases. He urged citizens to keep their surroundings clean, wash hands regularly with soap, and

drink only boiled water. Following these precautions can help prevent infections and ensure good health, the Collector said in a statement.



Collector Visits Flood-Affected Areas, Assures Support to Farmers

Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, November 1: District Collector Keerthi Chekuri toured the flood-affected villages of Rapaka, Munagala, and Srirangapatnam in Korukonda and Seethanagaram mandals on Saturday. She interacted with local farmers and residents to understand the problems caused by flooding. Accompanied by irrigation and revenue officials, the Collector inspected vulnerable areas that face inundation every year. During a review, irrigation officials informed her that proposals to widen Torrigadda and Koonavaram drains have been sent to the government and that work on 53 tanks needs to be taken up. Speaking with farmers in Srirangapatnam, Keerthi Chekuri enquired about



crop losses and assured them of government support. She instructed officials to expedite flood-prevention measures through inter-departmental coordination and to raise awareness among farmers on damage-control steps. Ag-

riculture Department Joint Director J. Sasi Bindu noted that since crops haven't yet reached the flowering stage, they can recover if drainage is improved. A team of agricultural scientists will visit the affected areas on Monday to guide

farmers on crop protection methods. Revenue Divisional Officer R. Krishna Naik, Irrigation DE P. Purushottam, Tahsildars, MPDOs, engineers, and farmers participated in the visit.

Coalition Government Leads in Welfare Scheme Implementation: GCC Chairman Kidari Shravan Kumar

Paderu, Pen Power, November 1:

GCC Chairman Kidari Shravan Kumar visited Mullumetta village in Paderu mandal of Alluri Sitarama Raju district, where he distributed pensions to the elderly, widows, and differently-abled persons. Speaking on the occasion, he said the coalition government, under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, is effectively implementing welfare schemes inspired by the vision of late N.T. Rama Rao. He highlighted that the state government is currently providing ₹4,000 to senior citizens, ₹6,000 to the differently-abled, ₹4,000 to single women, ₹10,000 to sickle cell patients, ₹15,000 to paralysis patients, and



₹4,000 to widows as pensions. Shravan Kumar criticized the previous government for neglecting welfare and development, stating that the current coalition government is balancing both. He added that new employment and livelihood

programs will soon be launched to support the unemployed, emphasizing that every family's economic upliftment is the government's goal. GCC Director Borra Nagaraju, State Secretary Subba Rao, MPTC Gudepu Usharani,

Cluster In-charge Ramesh Naidu, TDP leaders Bhavani Ramu, Darelu Sarpanch Panduranga Swamy, Vice-Sarpanch Bureddy Ramu, Konathala Prashanth, EOPRD Ramesh, Achhi Babu, and other secretariat staff participated.

Grand Rath Mahotsavam of Sri Kanaka Mahalakshmi Ammavari Celebrated in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam, Nov 1 (Pen Power): The Rath Mahotsavam of Sri Sri Sri Kanaka Mahalakshmi Ammavari Temple at

Burujeputa was celebrated with great devotion ahead of the upcoming Margashira Masotsavams starting on the 19th of this

month. MLA Vamsikrishna Srinivas participated in the special puja and led the grand procession. Special abhishekam rituals were

also performed to the deity, followed by blessings from Vedic scholars. Temple EO Sobharani distributed tirtha prasadam to devotees. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Vamsikrishna Srinivas said that elaborate arrangements are being made to ensure smooth conduct of the festivities, with coordination among all departments for hassle-free darshan to devotees. Temple EO Sobharani, AEOs, temple staff, local corporator Vijayalakshmi Narasimhachari, and leaders from TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP took part in the event.

Minister D.S.B.V. Swamy Distributes NTR Bharosa Pensions

Ongole, Pen Power, November 1: Social Welfare Minister Dr. Sri Bala Veerananeyya Swamy distributed NTR Bharosa pensions at Thoorpu Naidupalem village in Tanguturu mandal. The minister said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu ensures pensions are distributed on the 1st of every month, even during floods. He added that ₹32,000 crore is being spent annually to support the poor, reflecting the CM's vision to see happiness in people's lives. Andhra Pradesh stands as the leading state in India for



providing social pensions, he noted. Swamy also said the coalition government proved its commitment to people's

welfare during Cyclone Mantha. Local leaders and officials, including Sarpanch Talapaneni Ravibabu, Social Welfare

DD N. Lakshmana Naik, the Tahsildar, MPDO, and other village representatives, participated in the event.

Have look at Achiyyamma from Peddi



Mega Power Star Ram Charan's rural backdrop action drama *Peddi* directed by Buchi Babu Sana and produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru on Vriddhi Cinemas features Janhvi Kapoor essaying the female lead. Mean-

while, the makers introduced Janhvi's character through two posters. Janhvi Kapoor's character name is Achiyyamma and she is defined as fierce and fearless. In fact, both the posters present the courageous nature of the ac-

trix. In one poster, she exudes rustic charm in a saree, while standing on the stage before a mic with a stern glaze. In another poster, she is seen standing on a jeep and waving to a cheering crowd. *Peddi* is the ambitious project for Buchi

Babu Sana who penned the script in a way that every character has its own significance. The makers earlier introduced Shiva Rajkumar's character as well. *Peddi* is scheduled for its release on Ram Charan's birthday on March 27, 2026.

Released On OTT But Still Going Strong In Theatres

This year's biggest blockbuster, *Kantara* Chapter: 1, is continuing its dream run at the box office. Despite getting released on OTT, the film is still making huge sales in theatres, as per the trends suggested by the online ticketing platform.

As per reports, *Kantara* is doing significantly well in theatres even after four weeks of its release. It is being predicted that most of these collections are coming from North India, as the Hindi version will premiere on OTT only after 56 days of its release.

As of now, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam versions of the film are out on Amazon Prime Video, and the Hindi version will premiere on Netflix later this month.

Neither Diwali nor any other October releases managed to stop *Kantara*'s dominance at the box office, and thus, the film is still doing well in the-



atres. Many people on social media felt that if the OTT release was delayed, it would have had a longer run in theatres. For now, it remains to be seen whether filmmakers will recognize that strong content can still draw audiences to theatres and start opting for longer OTT release windows instead of the current four-week gap.

Biker Glimpse: Sharwa's Thrilling Racing Stunts



Charming Star Sharwa is coming up with a sports and family drama, *Biker*. The promotional activities began recently with the release of an impressive title and first look, followed by Sharwa's gym photos, which grabbed huge attention. Today, the makers released the film's first glimpse.

The glimpse begins with a powerful voiceover: "Every biker has a story. A story of racing against time. A story of facing death. A story of

stubbornly refusing to give up, no matter what." These lines capture the bikers' way of life, the hardships they endure, and the daring feats they perform, risking everything for victory.

The glimpse showcases electrifying bike racing sequences that will leave viewers on the edge of their seats. The final dialogue, "Winning isn't everything... Fighting till the very end is," delivers a truly inspiring message. Director Abhilash Reddy

Kankara deserves appreciation for conveying a strong message while authentically portraying the life of bikers. Sharwa's committed physical transformation is remarkable, giving him the determined look of a man carrying a legacy. He sports a stylish appearance, and his presence is highly impressive as a racer. He is seen performing some thrilling racing stunts.

J Yuvraj's exceptional cinematography shines in the racing

sequences, while Ghibran's energetic background score amplifies the strength of the narrative. UV Creations is handling the movie ambitiously, with the production design looking solid and impactful. Through the glimpse, the makers have also announced the film's release date. *Biker* will hit screens on December 6th. With the teaser setting high expectations, anticipation is building for the next set of promotions.

Dabang Delhi crowned PKL Season 12 champions; wins thriller against Puneri Paltan in final



Hyderabad: In front of a packed home crowd, Dabang Delhi KC were crowned champions of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12, after a thrilling 31-28 victory against Puneri Paltan at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium in Delhi on Friday. This is their second PKL title, having previously been crowned champions in Season 8, when current head coach Joginder Narwal was their captain. In doing so, Dabang Delhi became the first home team since U Mumba in Season 2 to lift the trophy. Meanwhile, Fazel Atrachali also became the most successful foreigner in the history of the PKL.

Neeraj Narwal and Ajinkya Pawar led the raiding unit with eight and six points, respectively. Meanwhile, for Puneri Paltan, Aditya Shinde registered a Super 10 and Abinash Nadarajan scored four tackle points, which went down in vain. As has been the case for most of the season, Aslam Inamdar and Ashu Malik opened the account of their respective teams in the grand finale. Neeraj Narwal then took the onus for Dabang Delhi, bagging a two-point raid and a tackle to give his side a four-point lead in the initial exchanges. Puneri Paltan did not

succumb to the early pressure, however, as Gaurav Khatri secured a couple of Super Tackles to make it a one-point game. With the tempo slowing down slightly as both teams resorted to the Do-Or-Die strategy, Ajinkya Pawar ensured that Dabang Delhi held a two-point lead after an engaging first quarter. Abinash Nadarajan registered a third Super Tackle for Puneri Paltan, keeping it a one-point game, but Dabang Delhi's Ajinkya Pawar inflicted the first ALL OUT of the game with close to five minutes to go in the first half. That gave his side a six-point lead, allowing them some breathing room in this contest. The home team further asserted itself courtesy Neeraj Narwal's Super Raid, extending their lead to eight points. Puneri Paltan responded with a tackle from Pankaj Mohite and a two-point raid from Aditya Shinde, closing the gap slightly. However, Ajinkya Pawar instantly responded with a multi-point raid of his own, keeping Dabang Delhi in the lead with the score at 20-14 at halftime. The second half began in a sedate manner with Dabang Delhi eager to hold onto their advantage. Puneri Paltan tried their best to find a way back into the match, relying on their defence

and Do-Or-Die strategy to try and force a way back. Gurdeep secured a couple of tackles to help them cut the deficit to four points, before a Super Tackle from Dabang Delhi helped them retain their six-point lead heading into the final quarter of the season. 24-18. Ashu Malik scored his first point of the night, and a Super Tackle from Anurag re-established an eight-point lead for Dabang Delhi, putting them in the driver's seat. However, Puneri Paltan weren't prepared to wave the white flag yet. A tackle from Mohd Amaan and a string of raids from Aditya Shinde helped them register a timely ALL OUT, bringing the Season 10 champions back in the game with the score at 28-25 with under three minutes to go. The raider brought it down to a one-point game before Neeraj Narwal reopened the three-point lead. With a two-point raid, Aditya Shinde completed his Super 10 as a solitary point separated the two teams heading into the final minute. Fazel Atrachali showed all his experience to score his first point of the game at a clutch moment with a tackle on Aditya Shinde, securing a second trophy for Dabang Delhi KC, this time in their own backyard.

Indian Karate style 'Senkoukai' gets official recognition from Japan's IBKA



HYDERABAD: It is a great moment for the martial arts exponents of India with Senkoukai Karate, founded by the Legend of Indian Karate, Soke Hanshi Shaswat Kumar (10th Dan Black Belt), receiving official international recognition from Japan's International Bujutsu Karate Association (IBKA), headquartered in Sapporo. The recognition was

issued by Grandmaster Masaki Watanabe (10th Dan), Founder of IBKA Japan, who praised Hanshi Shaswat Kumar as one of his most dedicated and disciplined students, appreciating his lifelong contribution to promoting the true spirit of Karate across the world. This marks the first time in Indian history that a Karate style developed

in India has been formally recognized by Japan. Senkoukai Karate now holds full authority to conduct belt examinations from 1st Dan to 10th Dan, officially approved by IBKA Japan. Senkoukai Karate is a completely independent Karate style. It follows its own rules, syllabus, and grading system, all designed and established by Soke Hanshi Shaswat Kumar. The style does not follow or come under the control of any other Karate organization, association, federation, or world council. No external rules or systems are applicable to Senkoukai Karate or to Hanshi Shaswat Kumar its authority and identity are fully self-governed and internationally recognized. Known for its powerful full-contact techniques, discipline, and unique philosophy, Senkoukai Karate stands as a proud representation of India on the world martial arts stage.

Shreyas Iyer recovering after suffering spleen injury during Australia ODI

Hyderabad: Shreyas Iyer sustained a blunt injury to his abdomen while fielding during the 25th ODI against Australia on 25th October 2025, resulting in a laceration of his spleen with internal bleeding. The injury was promptly identified, and the bleeding was immediately arrested following a minor procedure. He has undergone appropriate medical management for the same.

He is now stable and recovering well. The BCCI

Medical Team, along with specialists in Sydney and India, are pleased with his recovery, and he has been discharged from the hospital today. The BCCI extended its heartfelt gratitude to Dr Koroush Haghighi and his team in Sydney, along with Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala in India, for ensuring Shreyas received the best treatment for his injury. Shreyas will continue to stay in Sydney for his follow-up consultations and will return to India once he is deemed fit to fly.

