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Three killed after a lorry creates havoc in NTR Nagar of Nellore

Nellore: A serious road accident occurred Tuesday in NTR Nagar, resulting in the deaths of three individuals and leaving many more injured. The incident unfolded when a container lorry transporting fish barreled down the national highway at high speed, colliding with several locals. The lorry first crashed into a Tata Ace vehicle and three motorbikes, before careening into a tree, finally coming to a halt. Eyewitnesses reported chaos as the lorry ploughed through pedestrians engaged in small businesses along the roadside. Panic ensued in the busy area, which is usually bustling with activity. The police arrived to the scene, where they transported the injured to a nearby hospital for treatment. Unfortunately, the condition of some victims remains critical. According to preliminary investigations, the accident appears to have been caused by the negligence of the lorry driver, who was travelling from Chennai to Kolkata and failed to adhere to local speed restrictions and warning signs. Authorities have registered a case and begun an investigation, as the district grapples with the aftermath of this tragic event that has left the community in shock.

NIA sentences 2 more in Pak-linked Visakhapatnam Navy spying case

New Delhi, Nov., 11 (UNI): Two more accused persons have been sentenced to Simple Imprisonment (SI) in the Pakistan-linked Visakhapatnam Navy espionage case by a Special Court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), an official said on Tuesday. The NIA Special Court at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) has sentenced Kalavalapalli Konda Babu of Visakhapatnam District (Andhra Pradesh) and Aviansh Somal of Kangra District (Himachal Pradesh) to 5 years and 10 months of SI under each of sections 18 of UA(P) Act and section 3 of the Official Secrets Act.

The court has also imposed a fine of Rs 5,000 each, and in the event of default of payment, the ac-



cused persons will have to undergo an additional one-year SI in the case, said an NIA statement. With this, a total of six accused persons have been convicted and sentenced in the case so far, relating to spying at vital installations and Indian Navy establishments by foreign spies/agents with the intent to threaten its unity, integrity, security and sovereignty. The two accused, now convicted and sentenced, were arrested in December 2019 from Mumbai (Maharashtra) and

Karwar (Karnataka) respectively in the case RC-05/2019/NIA/HYD. The NIA investigations revealed that they were in touch with foreign intelligence agencies through WhatsApp, and were involved in the sharing of sensitive and classified information related to Indian Defence establishments and deployments. As per investigations, both men had come in contact with Pakistan intelligence agents through Facebook initially.

CM inaugurates MSME park and lays stone for new developments in Kanigiri

From Our Staff Reporter Kanigiri (Prakasam District), Nov., 11 : In a significant boost to the industrial landscape of Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited Pedairlapadu in the Kanigiri area of Prakasam district, where he inaugurated the MSME Park. During the event, a virtual ceremony facilitated the inauguration of 50 MSME parks across the state. On this occasion, the Chief Minister officially opened 15 industrial parks, covering a total area of 329 acres.

Additionally, foundation stones were laid for 35 more government and private MSME parks, which will span 587 acres. Moreover, CM Chandrababu vir-



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tually laid the foundation stone for a weaver park located in Nayunapalli, within the Vetapalem Mandal of Bapatla district. These initiatives are expected to enhance the local economy and promote job creation in the region.

Mudigubba mandal flood issue taken to the notice of govt



Minister Satya Kumar Yadav meets Irrigation Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu and seeks resolution of the recurring flood problem

From Our Staff Reporter Mudigubba, Nov., 11 : Health Minister and Dharmavaram MLA Satya Kumar Yadav has once again brought the long-pending flood and rehabilitation issues of

Podarallapalli village in Mudigubba mandal to the attention of the State government. Accompanied by affected villagers and farmers, the Minister met Irrigation Minister

Nimmala Ramanaidu at the Secretariat on Monday, urging immediate government intervention to resolve the recurring flood problem and expedite compensation and rehabilitation measures. Yadav reminded the government of his earlier representations on the issue, explaining in detail how the annual inundation was severely disrupting the livelihoods and agriculture of local residents. "This is not merely an environmental concern but a serious livelihood issue. The recurring floods have caused extensive damage, and the government must act

swiftly to ensure justice for the affected families," he emphasised. Responding positively, Irrigation Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu assured that a detailed review was already underway. "We have sought a comprehensive report from the department, and appropriate measures will be taken to ensure justice for the villagers of Podarallapalli. A favourable decision will be announced soon," he said. The Health Minister reiterated that addressing public grievances and ensuring relief for flood-affected families remains his top priority.

Visakhapatnam prepares for CII partnership summit: Nara Lokesh

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Nov., 11 :

Minister Nara Lokesh announced that

tries. In addition to opening and closing ceremonies, cultural programmes are planned for the event. The government

Visakhapatnam, dubbed the 'City of Destiny', is gearing up for the CII Partnership Summit set to take place on the 14th and 15th of this month. He highlighted that significant developments, including road improvements, coastline beautification, and new landscaping projects, are progressing rapidly to attract global investments and leave a lasting impact. Lokesh shared a video of the preparations on social media platform 'X'. The summit will feature 37 plenary sessions and five country sessions over the two days, with participation from representatives of various nations, CEOs of top companies, and financial experts. Discussions will centre around trade opportunities across different coun-



anticipates signing 410 agreements spanning various sectors, with projected investments amounting to approximately Rs.9.76 lakh crore for the state as a result. Minister Lokesh also met the chairman of another group, known for large-scale luxury residential and township projects across India. The Minister requested the company to develop a luxury township in Visakhapatnam, leveraging the city's rapid growth from IT companies and data centre expansion.

BIG WIN FOR NDA IN BIHAR... NO PK IMPACT, PREDICT EXIT POLLS

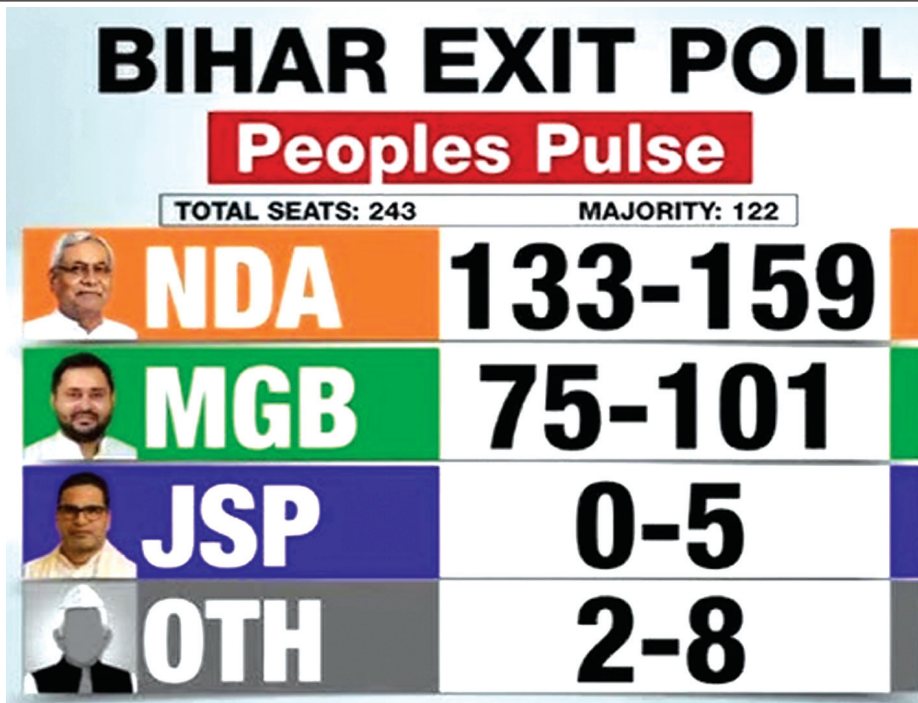
New Delhi: The Bharatiya Janata Party and the Janata Dal United (and their smaller allies, including Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party) will record a comfortable win in the 2025 Bihar Assembly election, picking up 147 of the state's 243 seats, according to the combined data from multiple exit polls. The Rashtriya Janata Dal-led opposition alliance, which includes the Con-

gress that grudgingly named the RJD's Tejashwi Yadav as its chief ministerial candidate, will finish a distant second with 90 seats. And, crucially, poll strategist Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj Party, seen as a dark horse that could play the role of kingmaker in a politically volatile state, is likely to crash on its electoral debut. Kishor's party is not expected to win more than one

seat, at best. As many as five seats could go to non-aligned parties and independent candidates. Health warning: exit poll data is unpredictable and may not reflect final results. The majority mark in the Bihar Assembly is 122. The biggest predicted wins are offered by P-Marq, Dainik Bhaskar, TIF Research, and Matrizze. The P-Marq figures indicated the NDA will get between 142

and 162 seats and the Mahagathbandhan will struggle to get more than 98 and Kishor's Jan Suraj between one and four. Incidentally, P-Marq is the only exit poll to offer Prashant Kishor at least one seat. TIF Research also reported a big win for the BJP-led coalition, with 145 to 163 seats going the way of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar

and only 76 to 95 to the opposition. The Dainik Bhaskar exit poll indicated the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance will win between 145 and 160 seats, while the Matrizze expects a similar return - between 147 and 167. And each gives the Mahagath bandhan between 70 and 90 seats, emphasising the massive margin of victory for the NDA.



Mahagathbandhan loses ground in Bihar, Predict Exit Polls. PK Factor To Blame?

Patna: The poll of exit polls has painted a particularly grim picture of the performance of the opposition Grand Alliance, giving it far fewer than the 110 seats it won in 2020. The worst hit, according to their estimates, is Lalu Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal, which had emerged as the single-largest party last time. That honour, apparently, will go to the BJP this time. Exit polls, though, don't always get it right. Most have got Bihar wrong multiple times. This time, nine exit polls -- including Dainik Bhaskar, Matrizze, People's Insight, Chanakya



Strategies and People's Pulse -- have predicted an NDA victory, with figures ranging from 130 to 167. The Mahagath bandhan's score, they pre-

dict, will be between 73 and 108. The average of the exit polls indicates that the ruling NDA will get 147 and the Grand Alliance 90 seats.

BJP To Displace Tejashwi Yadav's RJD as single largest Party: Exit Polls

Patna: The 2025 assembly election in Bihar could lead to a massive shift in Bihar, at least for the BJP, if exit polls have got it right. The party, exit polls predict, could emerge as the single largest party in the state, cementing its position as the "Big Brother" in the NDA. The BJP will win between 67 and 70 seats, exit polls predict, way ahead of the 56-69 Lalu Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal - the single largest party in 2020 - can expect, the exit polls

have concluded. While this will make it the highest scorer, it is still way below the bar the RJD set last time with its 75 seats. But it would definitely be more than Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal United can expect - 58 to 71 seats. The average score for BJP is 69 seats and that of the JD(U) is 62 seats. The RJD could end up with 63 seats. It is a matter of speculation, though, if being the single largest party will change the clout the BJP already enjoys

on the ground. The BJP has been calling the shots in the state since 2020 -- after Chirag Paswan's decision to go solo cut the ground from under the JD(U). The party, which till then, was the senior partner in the alliance, got only 43 seats. Exit polls, though, don't always get it right. Most have got Bihar wrong multiple times. This time, nine exit polls -- including Dainik Bhaskar, Matrizze, People's Insight, Chanakya Strategies and People's Pulse -- have predicted an NDA victory, with figures ranging from 130 to 167.



EDITORIAL

Tapping the treasury for votes

Bihar is gearing up for the second phase of polling. The NDA government has announced a huge welfare package to woo voters in Bihar, which has a population of 1.30 million. This comes with serious economic implications. The two most important current schemes are already draining up to 10 percent of the state's revenue. Before voters go to the polling booths, 1.5 crore women have been able to receive Rs. 10,000 in cash directly from their bank accounts under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana (MMRY) scheme. The actual cost is likely to increase further as more women register. Another 1.1 crore people, mainly widows, old women and the disabled, have had their monthly pensions tripled from Rs. 400 to Rs. 1,100. As a result, the annual pension has increased by Rs. 8,400 per pensioner. This total is Rs. Increased additional burden up to Rs. 9420 crore. Together, these two schemes will have to allocate one-tenth of the state budget revenue for 2025-26. It is important to note that these are not just guarantees. The MMRY scheme funds have already been distributed. The allocation of pension funds has also started from July. Who will bear such a huge amount? Will the MMRY scheme funds come from loans? Or will they come as grants from the central government? It has been reported that all this amount increased under social security will be borne from the state treasury. But how much will this impact the funds for other development programs? Will the state government reduce its capital expenditure? Does this mean cutting the investments required for the construction of new roads, schools, power generation, and other development programs? Will the increased fiscal deficit result in delays in the payment of salaries to state government employees and teachers? All these are arising. To put it bluntly, has the NDA welfare package sown the seeds of economic ruin in the poorest and least developed state of Bihar in the country? Last year, Bihar's fiscal deficit was 9.2 percent of the state's GDP. Normally, state governments can afford to run a fiscal deficit three times.

When the budget for the current fiscal year was presented in March, the state government boldly promised to reduce the fiscal deficit to 3 percent. However, that is unlikely to happen now, dashing hopes of a welfare package. However, voters seem happy with the announcement of the state government's huge welfare package. The opposition parties are staying away from criticizing the Chief Minister's fiscal irresponsibility. In competition with this, they have also announced their own welfare with huge promises. This political game is very different at the field level. Because the Nitish government is already implementing its promises, voters are under the impression that the opposition alliance is only making promises. Directly depositing cash into the voters' accounts without the involvement of middlemen or corruption seems to be a plus point for Nitish. In the past, only 15 percent of the benefits of such cash distribution and other schemes were received by the beneficiaries. It is natural that there is a lot of opposition to the Chief Ministers in power. If the governance in the states is not good, they vent their anger by voting against it when elections come. Nitish took precautions in this regard in advance. He noticed the opposition to the government and turned it in his favor. They tried to overcome the slight opposition among the voters by joining hands with the Modi government and coming to power. They worked to appease the voters with huge welfare schemes. Will huge welfare schemes be a game changer in this situation? On the other hand, the main opposition alliance won the 'Maha Ghatbandhan' and promised to provide a job to every family within 20 days of forming the government. There are 2.97 crore families in Bihar. Even if we calculate that each family will have to spend Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 20,000 per month, the total expenditure will have to be Rs. 5.35 lakh crore to Rs. 7.13 lakh crore. This shows the absurdity of the job promise. This simple statistic shows the emptiness of the Maha Ghatbandhan idea. Apart from this, interest-free cash for five years of Rs. 5 lakhs, crop procurement guarantee, and free electricity supply up to 200 units are all major features included in the Mahaghatbandhan manifesto. However, economic experts and political observers argue that these free guarantees will not have any impact on the results. In these circumstances, it is noteworthy that many women who are receiving Rs. 10 thousand through bank accounts are also demanding a change in the government.

Longest U.S. Govt Shutdown Ends With Few Concessions To Democrats

After forty bruising days of recrimination and paralysis, the United States Senate on Sunday night finally broke the logjam that had shuttered the federal government, stalled air traffic, and thrown millions of Americans into uncertainty. In a 60–40 vote, senators from both parties agreed to advance a compromise funding package that—if passed in the coming days—would reopen the government through January 30 and set the stage for a December showdown over health care subsidies. The breakthrough, forged after days of backroom negotiations among eight centrist Democrats, Senate Republican leaders, and the White House, represents the first glimmer of bipartisan functionality since the record-setting shutdown began. But as Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R–S.D.) acknowledged late Sunday, “We’re not out of the woods yet.” The deal still needs to clear the full Senate, survive the House—where Democratic leaders have already vowed resistance—and secure President Donald Trump’s signature. The thaw began, ironically, not in the party leadership suites but among a small band of pragmatic centrists weary of the impasse and the mounting public anger it produced. Led by Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D–N.H.), Angus King (I–Maine), and Maggie Hassan (D–N.H.)—all former governors who pride themselves on dealmaking—the group reopened lines of communication with Thune and senior White House aides late last week.

The compromise that emerged was deceptively simple: Democrats would agree to end the shutdown immediately, allowing government funding to resume, in exchange for a guaranteed Senate vote by mid-December on legislation to extend the enhanced Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies that expired earlier this year. Republicans, for their part, agreed to restore pay for all furloughed federal employees, reverse the Trump administration’s controversial layoffs during the shutdown, and ensure food stamp benefits through fiscal 2026. For both sides, it was a face-saving formula—thin on immediate

policy wins, but rich in optics and relief. “It’s the only deal on the table,” Shaheen told reporters. “Waiting another week or another month wouldn’t have delivered a better outcome.” The vote to advance the package marked a significant moment of bipartisanship. Eight Democrats—among them Shaheen, Hassan, King, Tim Kaine (Va.), Catherine Cortez Masto (Nev.), John Fetterman (Pa.), Maggie Hassan (N.H.), Jeanne Shaheen (N.H.), and Jacky Rosen (Nev.)—joined Republicans to break their own party’s filibuster. Republican Sen. Rand Paul (Ky.) was the lone dissenter on the GOP side, demanding unrelated amendments concerning hemp production in his state. But for most Republicans, the calculus was clear: the shutdown was politically unsustainable, the economic pain mounting, and the Thanksgiving travel season threatening to turn chaos into crisis. Thune hailed the vote as a “turning point,” expressing hope the final passage could come as early as Monday. “We had a good vote tonight,” he said. “Now we’ll see how motivated people are tomorrow.” The agreement, however, has left deep fissures within the Democratic caucus. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and other top Democrats opposed the deal, arguing that yielding without securing immediate ACA relief amounted to capitulation. Progressives such as Sen. Bernie Sanders (I–Vt.) and Sen. John Hickenlooper (D–Colo.) blasted the compromise as premature. “If Democrats cave on this issue, it gives Trump a green light toward authoritarianism,” Sanders warned. Hickenlooper was more resigned but no less frustrated: “There’s no good choice. But this strongman approach to governing cannot become normal.” Others saw it differently. Kaine and Fetterman—both vocal supporters of ending the shutdown—insisted that reopening the government was the only way to stop the hemorrhaging. “Reopen our government, and then we can find a way to lower health care costs,” Fetterman said. Kaine added that thousands of federal employees could now “go



home tonight knowing they won’t wake up tomorrow to a pink slip.” President Trump, who had until recently appeared unmoved by the suffering the shutdown caused, signalled Sunday that “it looks like we’re getting close” to an end. According to aides, the White House quietly endorsed the Senate compromise once it became clear that the economic fallout was spilling into critical constituencies—from airline passengers to farmers reliant on federal subsidies. The president’s initial refusal to negotiate over ACA subsidies—insisting instead that funds be redirected directly to Americans—had triggered the standoff in the first place. But as FAA-mandated flight reductions began strangling air traffic and agricultural payments halted across states, the administration’s stance softened. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy warned that air travel would soon be “reduced to a trickle” as Thanksgiving approached. Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture instructed states to cut back on food stamp benefits after the Supreme Court refused to intervene on emergency funding. For the first time in weeks, the shutdown’s pain became visible in everyday life. By most estimates, the shutdown has already cost the U.S. economy more than \$20 billion—roughly \$500 million per day in lost productivity, delayed contracts, and disrupted services. Over

800,000 federal workers were either furloughed or working without pay, from TSA screeners and air traffic controllers to national park rangers and research scientists.

While the Senate’s deal guarantees full back pay for furloughed employees, the disruption to essential services has left scars. Air traffic cancellations in major hubs like Atlanta and Chicago reported burnout and resignations. Federal health agencies slowed clinical trial approvals, delaying access to experimental drugs for patients with critical conditions. The Centers for Disease Control’s seasonal influenza outreach programs were suspended, and the National Institutes of Health halted dozens of grant reviews. Rural communities were hit especially hard as USDA offices shuttered, delaying farm loans and food assistance. In cities, thousands of low-income families saw delays in housing vouchers and food benefits. “The government’s closure has been devastating for families already on the edge,” said one policy analyst with the Urban Institute. “You can’t just flip a switch and resume normal operations after 40 days of dysfunction.” The Senate adjourned late Sunday, with lawmakers expected to reconvene Monday morning for final procedural votes. If the funding package passes the Senate, it will move to the House—where its fate is uncertain.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D–N.Y.) has already vowed to “fight” the measure, calling it “a GOP bill that fails to extend the Affordable Care Act tax credits.” But with many House members stranded by flight cancellations, and growing pressure from constituents, even Democratic hardliners may find it difficult to oppose reopening the government outright.

The emerging deal may not be a grand bargain, but in Washington’s current climate, it is a rare act of collective pragmatism. Both sides have something to claim: Republicans can say they reopened government without conceding on ACA subsidies; Democrats can point to guarantees of worker protections, food security funding, and a coming vote on health care relief. As Thune noted, “We’re here because people chose to work together.” Yet, the real test lies ahead. The December vote on ACA subsidies could easily reignite the same ideological clashes that caused this shutdown. For now, though, the Senate’s action offers a fleeting moment of relief—a pause in the political trench warfare that has come to define the nation’s governance. As the Capitol dome glowed over a weary city Sunday night, staffers filed out of their offices, the corridors echoing with a sentiment rare in today’s Washington: cautious optimism.

Well Done, Delhi. You've Turned Lung Sacrifice Into A Badge Of Honour

Once upon a time, there was a firefighter who would spray kerosene at raging flames. The rationale was simple - the house is burning down anyway, why not expedite the process? He was thrown out of his job and declared mentally unstable. Turns out he wasn't wrong; he was just in the wrong city. Had he been in Delhi, he would have found takers for his worldview - there is pollution anyway, why not add to it by bursting crackers? Research shows that toxic air is reducing the life span of Delhi residents by a decade. So, why not get it over with? As they say, “dhuan dhuan kar do”. The smog on the streets is dense, but not as much as the combination of political failure, whataboutery and public indifference that has made bad air days a part of our calendar.

Collective Resignation
A couple of years ago, we ranted about bad air days. We posted pictures wearing masks, using hashtags such as #righttobreathе, and criticised authorities. Some of us still do, but many have now given up. Instead, many of us are trying to work around it. We are stocking up on medicines and masks, buying air purifiers, opting for WFH, and those who can are leaving the city for a

week or two. Not everyone has these options, and those who don't have stopped caring. But something has changed this year that has brought the illusion... er... delusion of relief to many. Every year, it would be a morning ritual to check the AQI before stepping out. Depending on whether the ranking was ‘very poor’, ‘severe’ or ‘hazardous’, curbs would be imposed and people would prepare themselves for the day ahead. This year, this ritual has become immaterial. Because no matter how bad it looks, the AQI remains in the same range. Multiple reports claim tampering with AQI data and the spraying of water at pollution sensors to keep the numbers at saner levels. Irrespective of whether these allegations are true, people know they cannot trust the data anymore. So, the lungs are not getting enough oxygen, and the brain is not getting reliable information. We can't breathe, and we can't know either.

We're Still Asking Questions
But, this is not where it ends. Till some years back, Delhiites would ask angry questions to those in power about the capital's annual tryst with toxic air. Ministers and officials would mumble some complex numbers and assure that the



issue would be resolved next year - a promise that was never fulfilled. This has changed. Those in the driving seat don't need to answer now. The people are doing it for them. Try this: post about pollution or crackers in your residential society's WhatsApp group or on social media. Some may express solidarity, but a large section would throw a bunch of questions at you. “Why are farmers burning stubble?”, “What did the previous government do?”, “Why only our festivals are targeted?”, “Can you live without your AC?”, “Delhi was always like this”. The government is not on trial, the citizen is. You are. You have to defend your own questions, justify your demand for clean air. It is difficult to keep argu-

ing with a headache, sore throat and a persistent cough, so many of us choose silence and repeat to ourselves: this too shall pass. Some of us, however, muster enough will and courage to hit the streets. A protest call is given, placards drawn and slogans readied. The venue is India Gate. But as soon as the agitation begins, police arrive and tell the protesters they do not have permission to protest at India Gate (it is a wonder that they spotted the monument in the thick smog). Protesters are detained, loaded onto buses and driven away as senior officers explain why people cannot protest at India Gate, but can do so at Jantar Mantar. The policing is swift, unlike the Diwali night when the two-hour window

specified by the Supreme Court for bursting crackers was royally flouted. So, you can't breathe, can't know how bad the situation is, and can't protest. What can you do? You can wait. There will be some Supreme Court hearings, some political blame-game and some social media fights. These will keep you engaged till this passes. And when it will, we shall all pretend to forget about it. Until next year. Sadly, our lungs won't forget. The poisonous air does not discriminate between those who celebrate Diwali and those who don't, those who burst crackers and those who don't, and those who support a particular party and those who don't. One of us may win the debate, but none of us will win the fight to breathe.

Purchases of Paddy at MSP to Exceed Target: Minister Narayana

Kakinada, Pen Power, November 11: District in-charge and State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana directed officials to ensure paddy procurement from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) surpasses the set target of 3 lakh metric tonnes. Chairing the District Review Committee's 5th meeting at the Collectorate on Tuesday, the Minister emphasized strong measures for smooth procurement operations. District Collector S. Shanmohan, MP T. Uday Srinivas, MLAs J. Nehru, V. Venkateswara Rao, V. Satyaprabha, and MLCs K. Padmashree, P. Rajasekharam were among those present. Minister Narayana appreciated Kakinada district for topping the state under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, installing 2,200 rooftop units with a capacity of 12.428 MW, and for completing the computerization of 72 Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies. He also reviewed irrigation and infrastructure works, including Rs.18 crore for Eleru Project, Rs.55 lakh for Pushkar ghats development, and a



Rs.16 crore proposal for sea erosion protection wall at Uppada-Konapapeta. Officials informed that 2.24 lakh acres were under paddy cultivation this kharif season, with an estimated yield of 5.92 lakh tonnes, of which 5 lakh tonnes are expected to reach the market. 269 PPCs have been set up

across 20 mandals for procurement. Minister Narayana instructed that gunny bags, laborers, transport, and PPC kits be made available in full measure. He also reviewed progress on legacy waste clearance, housing geotagging, Smart City projects, Pushkar amenities, and Jal Jeevan Mission works. DCCB Chairman Tummala Babu urged the State Government to provide Rs.1,000 crore share capital assistance for the revival of the District Cooperative Central Bank.

Employment Opportunities for Tribal Youth through Small Industries

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

Gangavaram, Nov 11 (Pen Power): To create employment opportunities for tribal youth in the agency area, small-scale industries will be established, said Rampa Chodavaram ITDA Project Officer B. Smaran Raj. As part of the MSME Development Program, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu virtually inaugurated the Mini Industrial Park at Etipalli village, Gangavaram mandal, from Kanigiri in Prakasam district. At the Gangavaram Junior College grounds, the local inauguration was attended by ITDA PO Smaran Raj, Mandal Parishad President Pallala Krishna Reddy, and ZPTC member Achyuta Baby Ratnam. Smaran Raj said around 20 acres of land have been allocated for setting up micro and small industries to provide jobs to tribal youth. Priority will be given to local youth, and units will be offered on lease or rent basis.

President Krishna Reddy expressed happiness over the establishment of the park and urged the government to improve roads, BSNL network, and tourism in the mandal. Achyuta Baby Ratnam emphasized that government wel-



fare schemes should be utilized effectively and that women's self-help groups could benefit greatly from these industries. Officials and local leaders, including APO D.N.V. Ramana, Vice MPP Gangadevi, and Tahsildar Srinivasa Rao, participated in the event along with college staff, students, and women's groups.

Central Team Inspects Crop Damage Caused by Cyclone Montha



Amalapuram, Pen Power, November 11: A central team visited Penikeru village in Alampur mandal to assess the crop losses caused by Cyclone Montha. The team included Dr. K. Ponnuswamy (Director, Central Agriculture & Farmers Welfare), Srinivasu Bairi (Director, CWC), Aarti Singh (Deputy Director, Central Electricity Authority), and Manoj Kumar Meena (Director, Ministry of Rural Development), along with state officials. District Collector R. Mahesh Kumar said the team inspected paddy fields and other crops affected by the cyclone across the district, noting damages to about 71,000 acres of paddy and 2,500 acres of banana and horticulture plantations. They reviewed the response measures, power restoration, and relief efforts taken during and after the cyclone. Farmers shared their grievances, stating that paddy yield had dropped from 40 to 20 bags per acre due to the cyclone, and requested immediate government support. Officials from various departments and local representatives participated in the inspection.

Focus on Road Accident Prevention : Eluru Range DIG Ashok Kumar

Jaggampeta, Pen Power, November 11: Eluru Range DIG Ashok Kumar emphasized the need to give special attention to road accident prevention, even though the number of accidents, injuries, and deaths in the Jaggampeta police circle has declined. During his annual inspection on Tuesday, he visited the Jaggampeta Circle Office and inaugurated the newly constructed Police Welfare Building funded by TDP leader Musireddy Nageswara Rao of Katravulapalli. Speaking to the media, the DIG said a special night patrol team with SIs and staff will be formed to curb road mishaps. Strict action will be taken against those driving under the influence of alcohol. Drivers showing signs of fatigue will be assisted before resuming travel, and drunk-and-drive tests will be intensified. He also stressed enforcing no-parking zones and ensuring bus safety standards. On the issue of ganja smuggling, he said a dedicated surveillance system and software have been developed to monitor offenders. Awareness programs on drug prevention are being organized. He added that pending NDPS cases are being expedited with

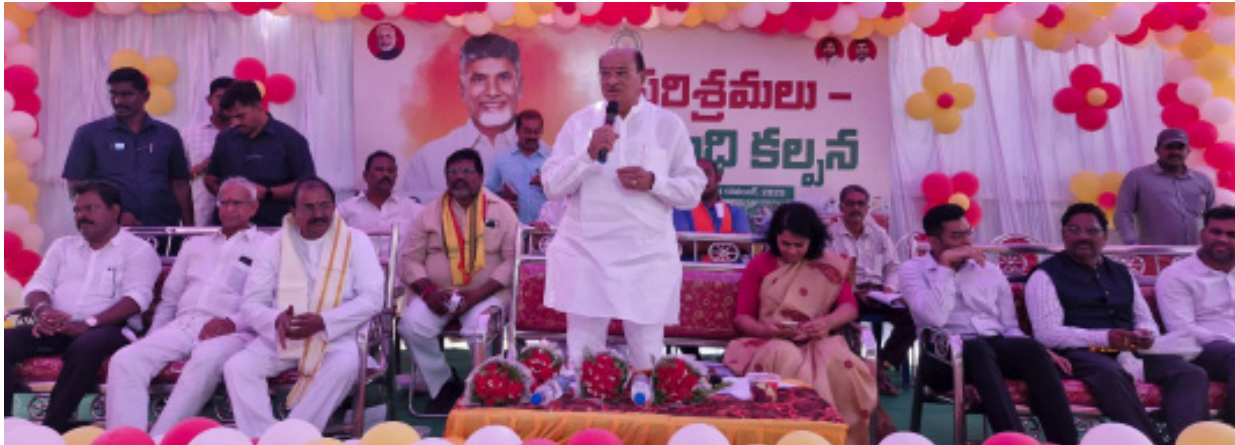


charge sheets filed against identified accused. Financial investigations are being strengthened to track offenders.

assets, the DIG noted. District SP G. Bindu Madhav, DSP Srihari Raju, CI Y.R.K. Srinivas, SIs Tiragunadha Rao and G. Satish, and other police staff were present.

Foundation Laid for Plotted Factory Complex at Dhavaleswaram MSME Park

Rs.15 Crore Boost for Small and Medium Industries – 26 Units to Come Up in 34,000 Sq. Ft Area



Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, November 11: A new chapter in the district's industrial growth began on Tuesday as the foundation stone was laid for the Plotted Factory Complex at the Dhavaleswaram MSME Park. The ceremony was attended by Rajamahendravaram Rural MLA Gorantla Buchaiah Chowdary, District Collector Dr. Keerthi Chekuri, and MLC Somu Veerajulu. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Gorantla Buchaiah Chowdary said that 12 industries are already operating successfully in the park and that the coalition government aims to empower youth through "Plug and Play" industrial facilities that nurture entrepreneurship and skill development. He called upon the youth to come forward and become entrepreneurs — "One Entrepreneur from Every Home" should be the motto, he said. The MLA also announced that Nara Lokesh will visit the district on November 18, encouraging students and youth to present their ideas and development proposals. Explaining the project details, Gorantla said the factory complex will be built on 2 acres, housing 26 indus-

trial units with a total built-up area of 34,444.51 sq. ft. The project, costing Rs.5.15 crore, will provide modern Plug and Play facilities for micro and small-scale manufacturing, assembling, and service units, creating new employment opportunities. MLC Somu Veerajulu said the government's decision to promote "One Entrepreneur per Family" is truly inspirational. District Collector Dr. Keerthi Chekuri added that industrial development will generate more local jobs and urged youth to use their technological and creative skills productively. She mentioned that MSME units worth Rs.15 crore are being established and encouraged entrepreneurs interested in food processing and related sectors to apply through the Single Desk Portal. Officials including Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop, APIIC Zonal Manager Ramana Reddy, APIIC Chairman Manthana Rama Raju, DIO Srivanidhar Raman, MPP (Kadiyam) V. Prasad, MSME Chairman Georgy Babu, RDO R. Krishna Naik, AMC Chairman Marni Vasudev, and several local leaders and industrialists participated in the event.

IG Ashok Kumar Conducts Annual Inspection at Prattipadu Police Circle



Kakinada, Pen Power, November 11: Eluru Range IG G.V.G. Ashok Kumar conducted the annual inspection of the Prattipadu Police Circle office on Tuesday, accompanied by Kakinada District SP G. Bindu Madhav. Upon arrival, the IG was accorded a ceremonial guard of honor and reviewed police records. Speaking to the media, IG Ashok Kumar expressed satisfaction with the police performance, noting that major issues were absent and routine crimes were being promptly resolved. He directed officers to open rowdy sheets against anyone involved in crimes against children. The IG emphasized special measures to prevent road accidents and instructed SIs to ensure daily highway patrolling by one SI in each range. He announced special drives against drunk driving, speeding, and illegal ganja (cannabis) activities. He also urged officers to raise awareness among school children about "Good Touch, Bad Touch" and social media harassment through Shakti teams and local SIs. DSP Srivari Raju, SIs Lakshmi Kantham, Ramalingeswara Rao, Prasad, and other staff participated in the program.

Education is the Key to Ending Poverty – Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri



Kadapa, Pen Power, November 11: Education is the only way to eradicate poverty and achieve national economic growth, said District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri. Speaking at the 138th birth anniversary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, held at the PGRS Hall in the Collectorate under the aegis of the Minority Welfare Department, the Collector emphasized that caste, religion, or community should never be barriers to education. He noted that India's first Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, gave great importance to education and made lasting contributions as a freedom fighter, writer, poet, journalist, and scholar. His birth anniversary is celebrated as National Education Day and State Minority Welfare Day in recognition of his legacy. Dr. Cherukuri said Azad's efforts laid the foundation for India's educational progress over the past seven decades. "Education is the only permanent asset that no one can steal, and it is the starting point for every success," he remarked. Guests also addressed students from various madrasas, urging them to follow in the footsteps of the nation's great leaders and scholars. The program concluded with tributes to Maulana Azad and felicitations for Muslim minority achievers in education, employment, and entrepreneurship. District Minority Welfare Officer Hidayatullah, leaders Amir Babu, Mansoor Ali, Jilani, BC Welfare officials, and several community members participated in the event.

New 'Home Stay' Policy to Boost Tourism and Rural Employment: Collector Keerthi Chekuri

Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, Nov 11: The Andhra Pradesh government has launched the "Home Stay and Bed & Breakfast Policy 2024-2029" to promote tourism and create employment in rural and tribal areas, District Collector Keerthi Chekuri announced. Under the policy, home stay owners will receive 100% SGST reimbursement for seven years, free registration for the first three years, and domestic utility rates for electricity, water, waste, and property tax. Owners can also install solar systems under PM Surya Ghar Yojana and access low-interest Mudra loans. The Collector said the initiative ensures affordable, quality accommodation for tourists while generating local employment opportunities, especially in tribal and rural regions. New home stay owners will get 75 lakh incentives, while existing ones can receive 73 lakh for upgrades under the Swadesh Darshan (Tribal Tourism) Scheme. Home stays must offer facilities like AC, TV, internet, clean environment, drinking water, and security, and owners must reside on-site. Each guest's ID must be recorded. The program includes training in hospitality, hygiene, and safety, with special focus on women and youth.

Registrations will be managed by the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority, and applications reviewed by the District Tourism Council. Home stays will be classified as Silver (basic) or Gold (premium). More details and applications are available on the Tourism Department website, said District Tourism Officer P. Venkatachalam.

CBSE Regional Science Fair Inspires Young Minds



Our Staff Repoter Pen Power Visakhapatnam, November 11: A two-day CBSE Regional Science Exhibition was held on November 7th and 8th at Vignan Steel City Public School, Duvvada, drawing enthusiastic participation from around 40 schools across Andhra Pradesh. The event provided a dynamic platform for budding scientists to display their creativity, scientific knowledge, and research skills. On the inaugural day, students presented over 80 innovative projects across various scientific categories, reflecting their curiosity and problem-solving abilities. All participating teams successfully completed their presentations as per CBSE guidelines.

The concluding day featured the final round of evaluations, where an eminent panel of judges—Dr. Surendra Kumar Sharma (Scientist G, BARC, Visakhapatnam), Dr. N. Tatam Naidu (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, KGH/AMC), Prof. K. Venkateswarlu (Dept. of CSE, Andhra University), Mr. A. Srinu (Asst. Director, MSME-PFO, Govt. of India), and Mr. N. Venkat Reddy (CEO, TechieBot & Vihaan Electric)—assessed the exhibits and selected 14 outstanding projects for the National Level Exhibition to be held in New Delhi. The exhibition aimed to inspire scientific thinking and innovation among CBSE students, motivating them to find practical solutions to real-world problems. Principal Mrs. K. Madhuri expressed heartfelt gratitude to CBSE for organizing the event and stated that such programs nurture scientific curiosity and encourage research-oriented learning among young minds.

Civil Services Trainee Officers Visit Dalipadu Ashram School



Rampachodavaram, Pen Power, November 11: Trainee Civil Services officers touring the mandal visited the Dalipadu Tribal Welfare Ashram Girls' High School on Tuesday. The officers interacted with students, enjoyed their cultural performances, and even joined them in a traditional Dhimsa dance. They enquired about the facilities being provided by the government and appreciated the students' enthusiasm. Teachers honored the officers, and a group photo was taken with students and staff. The officers expressed happiness over the warm welcome and affection shown by the school community. Local leaders including Sarpanch K. Venkayamma, MPKC Valala Vishvamma, MPDO K. Bapanna Dora, Tahsildar P. Venugopal, engineers from various departments, secretariat staff, and teachers participated in the program.

Welfare and Wealth Creation – Government's Dual Goal: Minister S. Savitha

Kadapa, Nov 11 (Pen Power): Andhra Pradesh Minister for BC Welfare and Handlooms & Textiles, S. Savitha, said that the state government is moving ahead with a vision of ensuring public welfare and wealth creation through local resources. Participating virtually in the foundation stone ceremony for 7 industrial units in Kadapa district—with an investment of ₹4,322 crore across 1,179.64 acres—the minister highlighted Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's foresight in promoting MSME parks and job creation across all constituencies. Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri said the district is being developed as an industrial hub, with major



focus on Kopparthi Industrial Park, which is set to become a model industrial zone featuring an Electronic Manufacturing Cluster. MLAs Adinarayana Reddy, Madhavi Reddy, and Krishna Chaitanya Reddy noted that the MSME parks in Proddatur, Mydukur, Pulivendula, Badvel, and Kamalapuram will generate large-scale employment for local youth. The leaders stated that ongoing infrastructure projects like the Bengaluru–Vijayawada Expressway, industrial nodes, and the upcoming steel plant will further boost the region's economy, making YSR Kadapa one of the key industrial centers in Andhra Pradesh.

Industries to Drive District Growth – Minister Narayana

Kakinada, Pen Power, November 11: The state government is committed to promoting industrial growth, said District In-charge Minister Narayana. He laid foundation stones for several industries in Kakinada district, including the expansion of Matt Marine Services Pvt. Ltd. at Kakinada Port, Santoshi Mata Corrugators at Peddapuram, and a flatted factory complex at Tuni. MP Uday Srinivas, District Collector Shanmohan, MLAs Kondababu, MLCs Karri Padmashree and Perabattula Rajasekhar, and other public representatives participated.

Minister Narayana said no major investments were made in the last five years and many local industrialists had moved to other states due to poor governance.



"Earlier, investors hesitated because of law-and-order issues. Now, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Lokesh are inviting global investors to Andhra Pradesh," he said. He added that the government aims to attract Rs.10 lakh crore in investments and create 7.5 lakh jobs. "The state is now focusing

not just on Ease of Doing Business but on the Speed of Doing Business. Equal development of all districts and pro-industry policies are being ensured," he stated. Minister Narayana affirmed that Kakinada has immense potential for industrial growth and promised full support for the port's development.

Education Leads to Personal and Social Progress – Visakhapatnam MP Bharat



Visakhapatnam, Nov 11 (Pen Power): Visakhapatnam MP M.V.V. Bharat participated in a program organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Trust on the occasion of National Education Day. Addressing the students, he said that education not only transforms an individual's life but also drives social progress. He urged students to make the best use of educational opportunities, set high goals, and strive hard to achieve them. "Never be content with less — aim higher and contribute your knowledge to society," he said. Bharat emphasized that every educated person has a

responsibility to use their learning for the nation's development. Trust representatives, teachers, and a large number of students took part in the event.

Quality Policing is Our Goal – SP Adnan Nayeem Asmi

Bhimavaram, Pen Power, November 11: West Godavari District SP Adnan Nayeem Asmi emphasized that maintaining discipline and ensuring quality in investigations are key to strengthening public trust in the police. At the October monthly crime review meeting held at Bhimavaram Police Office, the SP reviewed grave crimes, POCSO cases, road accidents, law and order, and the implementation of new criminal laws. He instructed officers to ensure speed and accuracy in investigations, warning of strict action against



those absent from inquiries. He also directed that charge sheets be filed within deadlines under the new BNS and BNSS laws. The SP stressed stringent action against NDPS and cybercrime cases and ordered tight security during the Kartika month. Additional SP V. Bhima Rao, DSPs Jayasurya, Sriveda, Vishwanath, and other officials attended the meeting.

Not Riyan Parag, These 2 Stars Among Shortlisted To Be RR Captain If Sanju Samson Leaves: Report

Bengaluru: One potentially high-profile transfer that might take place ahead of the IPL 2026 auction is that of Sanju Samson leaving Rajasthan Royals for Chennai Super Kings. While there has been no official confirmation regarding the move, several reports suggest that franchises have held initial discussions with the players involved. To complete the process, both CSK and RR must submit an expression of interest to the IPL Governing Council, naming the three players involved in the potential deal. Once the players give their written consent, the franchises can finalise the agreement, which will then need to be ratified by the governing council, according to ESPNcricinfo. Sanju Samson has been the face of Rajasthan Royals for more than a decade, representing the franchise in 11 seasons. According to a report in TOI, wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel and Team India opener Yashasvi Jaiswal are two likely picks for the captain's post if Samson indeed leaves. Having joined RR in 2013, he quickly became one of their key players and was retained ahead of the 2014 season at just 19 years old.

After RR's two-year suspension (2016-17), Samson re-

turned in 2018 and took over the captaincy in 2021. Under his leadership and with the guidance of team director Kumar Sangakkara, RR reached the IPL final in 2022 - their first appearance since winning the inaugural edition in 2008. Samson led the team in 67 matches, winning and losing 33 each. He had his best IPL season in 2024, scoring 531 runs at an average of 48.27 and a strike rate of 153.47. He was retained for Rs 18 crore ahead of the 2025 season, but a side injury midway through the campaign ruled him out of the second half of the tournament. RR's form collapsed, and they lost several close matches, finishing ninth out of ten. Samson remains RR's all-time leading run-scorer with 4,027 runs, holds the joint-most 50-plus scores (25), and has taken the most catches (149) for the franchise. After the 2025 season, he informed RR management that he wanted a change, prompting the team to explore trade options with other franchises. On the other hand, Ravindra Jadeja has been an integral part of the Chennai Super Kings since joining them in 2012. Apart from the two years when CSK were suspended, Jadeja has been part of the franchise's



core for over a decade, contributing to three of their five IPL titles. He was retained for Rs 18 crore ahead of the 2025 mega auction as CSK's second-choice player after captain Ruturaj Gaikwad. The all-rounder has played 254 IPL matches - the fifth-most in tournament history - and is CSK's leading wicket-taker with 143

scalps, including a best of 5/16. Jadeja's most memorable moment came in the 2023 IPL final, when his last-over heroics against the Gujarat Titans sealed the title for CSK. It was also his best bowling season, taking 20 wickets, followed by another solid batting performance in 2025, where he scored 301 runs with two fifties.

Sourav Ganguly's Clear Message To BCCI Selectors On Mohammed Shami After South Africa Series Snub

New Delhi: Former India captain Sourav Ganguly wants to see Mohammed Shami back in the Indian team across formats, as he reckons the skillful pacer is "fit and is bowling exceptionally well." The Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee, however, appears to have moved on from the 35-year-old, who has been ignored for the upcoming two-Test series against South Africa and last played in the Champions Trophy in March. "Shami is bowling exceptionally well. He is fit, and we saw that in the three Ranji Trophy matches, where he won games for Bengal on his own," Ganguly said after being announced as the global brand ambassador of Kabuni, a UK-based AI-driven sports coaching platform. Shami has so far claimed 15 wickets to help Bengal secure successive wins in their first two Ranji Trophy matches before going wicketless against Tripura. He has bowled 91 overs in three matches this season. The veteran pacer underwent ankle



surgery following the 2023 World Cup, where he finished as the tournament's leading wicket-taker with 24 scalps at an average of 10.70. "I'm sure the selectors are watching, and there is communication between Mohammad Shami and the selectors. But if you ask me, in terms of fitness and skill, it's the Mohammad Shami we

know. So, I really don't see any reason why he can't keep playing Test matches, One-Day cricket, and T20 cricket for India. Because that skill is enormous," Ganguly said. With no red-ball assignments for India over the next six months, it remains to be seen if Shami has already played his last Test - the World Test Championship

final against Australia at The Oval in June 2023. In the longer format, Prasidh Krishna and Akash Deep have become integral parts of the pace attack. With the 2027 ODI World Cup still two years away, Shami's recurring injury concerns could influence the selectors.

Ganguly wants Jurel in playing XI for first Test

Turning his focus to the upcoming two-Test series beginning with the Eden Gardens match on Friday, Ganguly hoped that wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel finds a place purely on batting merit. "He's playing well, isn't he? Rishabh is back, and I don't know what the selectors are thinking. Basically, the spots are taken - two openers, (Shubman) Gill at 4, Pant at 5, KL (Rahul), (Ravindra) Jadeja are there. Players have performed. How easy will it be to open up a slot for Dhruv Jurel at this stage, I wouldn't know," Ganguly said. He suggested that the No. 3 spot could be an option, with Sai Sudharsan being the incumbent.

Consent Obtained By All Three : Report Shares Big Update On Chennai Super Kings-Rajasthan Royals Trade Deal



Mumbai: The high-profile Ravindra Jadeja-Sam Curran-Sanju Samson trade could be finalised in the next 48 hours, according to a report. In what

could be one of the most high-profile trades in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL), Rajasthan Royals (RR) captain Sanju Samson is likely

to join Chennai Super Kings (CSK), with all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Sam Curran reportedly set to go the other way as part of the deal. According to a report in Cricbuzz, the deal is on track as all three players have agreed to the deal, which could be completed in the next 48 hours.

"Consent has been obtained from all three players and the Expression of Interest process has been initiated. All three have signed on the dotted line, but the process will take some time to culminate," the report quoted a franchise official as

saying. However, both the franchises are yet to communicate the details regarding the Samson-Jadeja-Curran deal to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). "Understandably, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is required to be involved, and as of Monday (November 10) evening, neither franchise had officially informed the IPL or BCCI authorities. A top official told Cricbuzz that the matter has not yet been brought to their notice - something an official from one of the two franchises also confirmed," the report added.

Should Mumbai Indians Release Rohit Sharma Ahead Of IPL 2026 Auction? Suresh Raina Gives Clear Take

Mumbai: Ahead of the IPL 2026 retention day deadline on November 15, several rumours are doing the rounds. One among them is that former Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma may be released by the franchise. However, the franchise put an end to the speculation with a social media post. But does retaining Rohit, who is 38, actually make sense for MI in the long run? Former India and Chennai Super Kings star Suresh Raina had an interesting observation. "They should hold him (Rohit Sharma); he has won a lot of trophies for them. Deepak Chahar is just in - it depends on what options they have, so they can either release him or retain him, but they might not get players at the auction.

