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'AP attracts investments of 20 billion US dollars in 18 months': CM

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, Nov., 14 : Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu highlighted that Andhra Pradesh is able to attract investments to a tune of 20 billion US dollars in the past 18 months, providing employment opportunities to 20 lakh youth as promised.

Delivering keynote address at the inaugural session of the '30th CII Partnership Summit 2025' held at Andhra University Grounds in Visakhapatnam on Friday, the Chief Minister expressed confidence

that the government will be able to attract 500 billion US dollars in just three years to provide employment opportunity to 50 lakh youth.

As Andhra Pradesh is gifted with natural resources and a long coastline, they serve as a gateway for investments in several sectors, the CM mentioned. In addition to the existing incentives for investors, the Chief Minister also assured to open escrow accounts, provide sovereign guarantee to those who come forward to setting up industries in the state.



Sagar Defence Representatives Meet Minister Nara Lokesh

Path Cleared for Advanced Marine Technology Hub in Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 14: Representatives of Sagar Defence, a nationally recognized company in unmanned marine systems, autonomous vessels, and defence solutions, met Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT, and Electronics, Nara Lokesh, on Friday. The delegates stated that their goal is to position India as a leader in marine robotics and defence innovation, highlighting their focus on indigenous technology and multiple patents in marine robotics and navigation systems. Minister Lokesh noted that Andhra Pradesh's 1,057 km coastline offers vast potential for marine technology development and urged the company to establish an advanced marine equipment manufacturing unit in the state. He also encouraged further advancements in AI, IoT, and autonomous technologies. The minister expressed confidence that such collaborations would boost Andhra Pradesh's prominence in the marine tech and defence innovation sectors.

Green Signal for Japanese Investments at CII Summit



Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 14: Japanese industries have expressed strong interest in investing in Andhra Pradesh's steel sector, said Japan's Ambassador to India, Ono Keiichi. As part of the CII Partnership Summit, the ambassador met Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday. The two leaders discussed the state's investor-friendly environment and opportunities for industrial growth. Ambassador Ono informed the CM that several Japanese companies are keen to step into the steel sector. CM Naidu highlighted that Japan's cooperation would be crucial in developing Andhra Pradesh into a major pharmaceutical hub. He praised Japan's work culture and quality standards. More than 20 Japanese companies participating in the summit is a positive sign for the state's development, he noted. The Chief Minister also recalled inviting Japanese and Singaporean experts during the Amaravati capital development phase and mentioned that many Japanese firms are already operating successfully in the state.

Key Discussions on Transforming India into a Global Advanced Manufacturing Hub

Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 14: On the first day of the 30th CII Partnership Summit, experts from India and abroad shared their insights during a plenary session on "India - As a Global Hub for Advanced Manufacturing" held at Hall-5 on Friday evening. State Minister for Industries, Commerce and Food Processing T.G. Bharat said that with strong industrial foundations, rapidly improving infrastructure, and digital technology advancements, India is poised to lead the world in modern manufacturing. He emphasized that the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is driving this progress, especially in adopting Industry 4.0 and innovation-based production systems.

Esau Garza de Vega, Economic Minister of Aguascalientes, Mexico, expressed his country's interest in strengthening



cooperation with India and revealed that Mexico is preparing to sign an MoU with India soon. Experts shared strategies to boost India's leadership in electronics, semiconductors, electric mobility, aerospace, and renewable energy. Participants included Satya Ramamurthy (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Singapore), Edith N.

Nordmann (NICSIT & ACG International, Netherlands), Hakan Kingstedt (Monemus AB & KGO Consultants, Sweden), and D.V. Giri (Axis Energy Ventures India Pvt. Ltd.). The session was moderated by Dileep Sahni, Chairman, CII National Committee on Smart Manufacturing and Managing Director, Rockwell Automation India.

CM announced major investments in shipbuilding and tourism, along with youth-focused programs through the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub. Lulu Group Chairman Yusuff Ali said the company is setting up world-class malls and food-processing units across AP in line with Chandrababu Naidu's development vision.

Good Governance.... Development Won

Says PM Modi after NDA Sweeps Bihar Elections

Patna: Thanking the people of Bihar for handing a thumping victory to the NDA, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said good governance and development have won in the state. Taking to X on Friday, the PM said the people gave the ruling alliance a huge victory after witnessing its track record and vision to "take the state to new heights". "Victory of good governance has been achieved. Victory of development has been achieved. Victory of the spirit of public welfare has been achieved."



BJP, JDU Bihar Clean Sweep Powered By Caste Matrix Boost, Muslim + Yadav Push

Patna: The BJP and Janata Dal United are set to record a dominant win over the opposition in the Bihar election, thumping Tejashwi Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal and the Congress by over 160 seats.

One of the bedrocks of this win will be the strong showing among Extremely and Other Backward

Castes, as well as Scheduled Castes and Tribes. And another, critical, platform will be the Muslim + Yadav community that appears to have pivoted from the Mahagathbandhan. Going into Friday's counting of votes, two exit polls - Axis My India and Matriz - said the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance would sweep

the former and the Mahagathbandhan the latter. The Axis My India figures said the NDA would get 49 per cent of votes from SC communities, 56 per cent from STs, 58 per cent from EBCs, and 63 per cent from OBCs. Matriz put 51 per cent of OBC voters and 49 per cent of SC voters in the NDA's camp. Both put 78

per cent of the Muslim votes in the Mahagathbandhan's pocket. As counting progressed, it turned out the caste matrix did favour the NDA. The Kurmi+Koeri community, for example, from which Chief Minister Nitish Kumar hails, voted, unsurprisingly, for the NDA by 65.7 per cent to 31.9 per cent. (Turn to Page 2)

AP aims for \$1 Trillion investment with 20 lakh jobs: CM

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, Nov., 14: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has announced that Andhra Pradesh (AP) is poised to become a prime destination for investors, with no shortage of land available for new industries and projects. Speaking at the CII Investment Summit held in Visakhapatnam, he highlighted that the state has introduced 25 investment-friendly policies and is moving rapidly to allocate land for development.

Naidu revealed that AP has attracted \$20 billion in investments in just 17 months, generating the potential for 20 lakh jobs for the state's youth. He outlined ambitious goals for the future, aiming for



\$0.5 trillion in investments and 50 lakh jobs in the coming years, with a target of \$1 trillion in the next decade. The Chief Minister emphasised the state's infrastructural reforms and the establishment of an es-

crow account to facilitate industry incentives, along with a sovereign guarantee for investors. He expressed confidence that India is emerging as a global leader in attracting investments, with Andhra Pradesh act-

ing as the gateway. Speaking on the attributes of Visakhapatnam, which was recently declared a safe city, Naidu described it as "the most beautiful city in the country."

Global & National Industrial Giants Back Andhra Pradesh's Future Vision

Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, Nov 14: The 30th CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam has transformed the city into a major hub for national and international industries. Business leaders praised Andhra Pradesh's proactive governance, investor-friendly policies, and the rapid industrial growth driven by CM Chandrababu Naidu's vision. Adani Ports & SEZ MD Karan Adani said AP is a national model in "speed of doing business" and noted that the state is emerging as a startup hub. He appreciated Minister Nara Lokesh's skill-development initiatives aligned with industry needs. GMR Group Chairman G.M. Rao stated that the upcoming



Bhogapuram International Airport will be a milestone in AP's growth, with an integrated aerospace ecosystem and MRO center planned at the site. Bharat Biotech MD & CII Vice President Suchitra Ella highlighted that the Genome Valley established

under Chandrababu Naidu empowered biotech firms like hers, enabling the development of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Bajaj Finserv Chairman Sanjiv Bajaj announced skilling centers for youth in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Rajahm

undry, Sri City, and Tirupati, adding that AP is becoming a gateway for trade, technology, and innovation.

Bharat Forge Joint MD Amit Kalyani said AP is emerging as a national leader in AI and data tech under Naidu's leadership.

EDITORIAL

If the givers of life are the Yamakinkaras

According to the saying, Vaidyo Narayano Hari, it is the doctors who should save the lives of the patients who are the ones who are giving life to the terrorist ghost who commits murder. The role of some doctors behind the terrorist suicide bombing near the Red Fort in Delhi is the most sensational incident in the history of the country. This is completely a conspiracy of the Faridabad terror module. A detailed plan was prepared to carry out attacks in four cities across the country. It has been revealed that eight suicide bombers were prepared for this. It has been revealed through their diaries that Dr. Umar Nabi and Dr. Muzammil played a key role in this conspiracy plan. The investigation agencies have found that a strategy for terrorist activities was formed in a room of the boys' hostel of the Medical College of Al Falah University in Faridabad. The latest information is that the accused have collected funds of about Rs. 20 lakh for this conspiracy. So far, terrorist activities have been going on along the Kashmir borders and it has been a routine for the security forces to disrupt them. But now, preparations for terrorist activities are underway in cities within the country itself, which is a new development. The security forces have been at the forefront of safeguarding the country's security by foiling hundreds of terror plots in the last two decades. However, the evidence obtained about the terrorist suicide bombing at Delhi's Red Fort suggests that it was a hasty act. Because it was revealed that one of the perpetrators of this atrocity had been arrested in advance and tried to escape from the trap and flee, which led to the suicide bombing. However, an unimaginable disaster has occurred. The fact that one of the conspirators escaped clearly shows how the security agencies are sleeping. In the context of regular operations to control infiltration from inside and outside the Jammu and Kashmir region, it highlights the gross failure of the security agencies to prevent a terrorist incident in urban areas like Faridabad, unlike Jammu and Kashmir. Wherever such incidents occur in the country, the security agencies prevent them at lightning speed and save the lives of the people of the country. It is unfortunate that such a suicide bomber was not noticed in the national capital. The terrorist activities in the Kashmir Valley are suspected to be linked to the Faridabad network. The shockwaves of Operation Sindoor in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Pakistan have further fueled the hatred of the poisonous snakes that nurture and nurture terrorism. It is believed that they were preparing to carry out attacks with three tons of deadly explosives in retaliation. If they had not been caught, much more destruction would have occurred. Before that, threatening posters were displayed in the Kashmir Valley. But since the security forces could not pay much attention, it can be said that the Faridabad terrorist plot was partially fulfilled. This shows that surveillance should be a continuous action that is carried out by every atom. What is more shocking than all this is the fact that medical professionals play a key role in this huge conspiracy. The fact that these medical graduates, who have taken the oath of medical profession, are involved in a terrorist conspiracy and are constantly working to spread terrorist ideology and convert others is an unimaginable consequence. At least five doctors were primarily responsible for this. Four of them were born and raised in Kashmir. This is a sign of a bigger problem. Educated people are secretly involved in anti-national activities, acquiring the most advanced communication equipment, learning online about the chemicals used to make various types of bombs, getting trained in detonating them through remote control, and joining in these activities. All this is not only a big problem for the security forces, but also a threat to the lives of innocent people.

The perception that educated people are also actively involved in such white-collar terrorism has become a big challenge for the security agencies. After Operation Sindoor, there has been a change in geopolitics with Pakistan and Bangladesh. The threat of terrorism will not disappear with this. Their targets are looking far and wide beyond the Kashmir Valley. The responsibility of the security forces will not be fulfilled by carrying out attacks targeting terrorists. We should enhance the ability to collect intelligence information by coordinating efforts at the national level, integrating with the people of the respective regions, their living conditions and resources. Systems should be developed to immediately disrupt any conspiracy for terrorist activities wherever they are being hatched in the country. The time may not be favorable for this. But from a political perspective, it may be appropriate to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir while maintaining complete control over security.

Bihar's Lesson For Congress And Rahul Gandhi? Just Photo-Ops Won't Do

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has romped back home in Bihar - this time with a mandate more unambiguous than the one it received in 2020. In order of dominance, Bihar's current electoral landscape is divided among three parties - the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the Janata Dal (United, or JDU) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). One outcome of this election has been the emergence of the JD(U) as the party with the second-largest number of seats. But a more significant outcome is the resurrection of Nitish Kumar as the kingmaker (and, possibly, king himself) and undisputed leader of the JD(U).

The Stunning Delivery Of JD(U) And Nitish

In the run-up to the elections, Kumar was being described as someone whose shelf life was over after 20 years in office. Doubts were cast - by his political detractors as well as by his allies - on the state of his mental and physical health. The NDA could not project an alternative chief ministerial face as there was none. The JD(U) had no leader who could seamlessly slip into Kumar's shoes. The ones the BJP had were either out of favour with the party's central leadership (Ravi Shankar Prasad, Rajiv Pratap Rudy) or had passed on (Sushil Modi), forcing it to bring to the fore controversial figures like Samrat Choudhary. So, what kind of turnaround happened in Bihar? Back in 2020, the NDA had won 125 out of a total of 243 seats, just three above the majority mark of 122. The Mahagathbandhan alliance (MGB) had won 110 seats. Despite the 15-seat gap, the popular vote was nearly tied, with the NDA at 37.26% and the MGB at 36.58%. The RJD was the single-largest party with 75 seats and 23.11% of the vote, followed by the BJP with 74 seats and 19.46% votes. The JDU had won 43 seats with 15.39% of votes, while the Congress took 19 seats with around 9.5% of the vote. At the time of writing, the BJP's tally is 94, the JDU's 83, and the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas

(LJP-RV) is hovering around 20. Within the Mahagathbandhan alliance, the RJD's tally is likely to be less than half (around 25), with the Congress getting around five seats. In terms of vote share, while the BJP seems poised around 21%, it is the JD(U)'s share that is seeing an upward swing of around 4%. If we take into account the performance of parties like the LJP(RV) or the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) (HAM-S), the NDA alliance's tally will go up by at least 25 more seats, accounting for eight more percentage points of vote share.

What Really Happened In Bihar?

As the results come in, two striking factors stand out in Bihar. Whether driven by the ₹10,000 cash transfer or by other incentives is a matter for deeper research - but the first clear trend is that more women turned up to vote this time. The second trend challenges the conventional belief that higher voter turnout signals a desire for change. Bihar witnessed a 14% increase in turnout compared to 2020, and this surge appears to have worked in favour of the NDA alliance. In fact, it seems as though even after 20 years in office, voters came out in greater numbers to keep Nitish Kumar in power. It is clear that within the NDA, it was the BJP and the JDU which did the heavylifting. On the campaign trail, NDA partners were speaking in harmony, messaging across the board on local issues based on good governance, development and promise of jobs. This ensured a clear and uncluttered communication addressed to the voter.

Where The MGB Faltered

In comparison, the Mahagathbandhan's messaging had different, even contradictory, strands. While Tejashwi Yadav was harping on jobs, welfare, and development issues targeted at Bihar's youth, Rahul Gandhi continued to highlight "vote chori" and issues aligned more with a pan-India perspective. The Congress party's initial reaction to the early trends stuck to the



same line. The party also dithered on projecting Tejashwi Yadav as a clear chief ministerial face. This lent credibility to the NDA's narrative that all was not well with Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav. One subplot that ended quietly in this election was Prashant Kishor's electoral debut. After months of padyatras (foot marches), mobilisation drives and a high-voltage narrative of political disruption, his party failed to make a meaningful dent in either vote share or seats. For someone long regarded as India's most influential election strategist, the verdict underscored a sobering truth: political consultancy and political mass-building are fundamentally different crafts. Bihar's electorate did not see Kishor's party as a credible alternative, and his experiment, at least in this cycle, collapsed under the weight of its own expectations.

Congress Must Now Really Listen

Bihar's outcome sharpens a question that has haunted the Congress ever since the INDIA experiment was conceived: what place does a weakened national party carve out for itself vis-à-vis assertive regional chieftains? In the NDA, the bargain in Bihar was crystal clear: the BJP would drive the

national narrative and organisational machine while conceding the leadership of the state to Nitish Kumar and allowing the JD(U) to grow. The campaign, seat-sharing, and messaging were aligned to that compact - and the results reflect that coherence. In the Mahagathbandhan, by contrast, the Congress neither fully embraced Tejashwi Yadav as the face of change nor offered a counter-vision of its own. The alliance looked less like a partnership and more like a negotiation in progress, and voters sensed that. That hesitation is not confined to Bihar. Rahul Gandhi's relationships with potential allies - Tejashwi in Bihar, Akhilesh Yadav in Uttar Pradesh, Mamata Banerjee in Bengal, Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi and Punjab, and others - have produced striking images and joint rallies, but not a stable architecture of trust. Regional leaders bristle at the idea of yielding space to a Congress that is organisationally weaker in their states, while the Congress is reluctant to publicly accept a junior role or commit to clear power-sharing arrangements. The result is a politics of half-gestures: common press conferences without common strategies, joint slogans without joint cadres on the ground.

An Existential Dilemma

Whether this is an institutional hesitancy or a reflection of Rahul Gandhi's personal style of engagement is open to debate. What Bihar shows with brutal clarity is that the cost is being paid at the ballot box. The Congress cannot revive itself nationally without encroaching on the anti-BJP space occupied by its regional partners. Yet, whenever it does so without a prior, honest settlement, it weakens the broader coalition and hands the BJP an advantage. That is the party's existential dilemma. And the BJP, far more disciplined in stitching together and managing its alliances, has learnt how to exploit it election after election. Ultimately, Bihar's verdict is not just a rejection of one alliance and an endorsement of another; it is a reminder that Indian voters reward clarity, cohesion, and credibility over sentiment and symbolism. The BJP-JD(U) formula worked because its hierarchy was settled and its message was stable. The Mahagathbandhan faltered because its centre of gravity was never agreed upon. For the Congress and Rahul Gandhi, the deeper lesson is that alliances cannot be episodic or personality-driven. They must be built, tended, and trusted - long before the first vote is cast.

Dear Delhi Pollsters, Please Stop Writing Nitish Kumar Off Every Election

For a leader who has spent decades in power, Nitish Kumar remains a figure beyond calculations. Ahead of nearly every election, commentators predict his fall. They call him indecisive, fatigued, past his peak, or politically overextended. And yet, Bihar has repeatedly turned to him to anchor the state's politics for the last several elections. The 2025 election results have reinforced this pattern with striking clarity: Nitish Kumar remains Bihar's ultimate X-factor, and it's time we stop writing him off so easily.

A Vote Share That Makes Him Indispensable

What keeps Nitish Kumar at the heart of Bihar politics is plain numbers. Across cycles, he has consistently com-

manded a formidable 15-20% vote share on his own. In a fragmented state where no single party dominates across caste and regional divides, this is a mammoth share. It is why from 2005 to 2010, 2015, 2020, and the 2024 Lok Sabha election, political formations that have allied with him have usually ended up winning. Nitish retains credibility among a broad social coalition: OBCs, EBCs, Mahadalits, non-Yadav OBCs, and a steady section of Muslim voters. He is one of the few leaders in Bihar capable of pulling support from communities with competing political interests. One of the most understated aspects of Nitish's politics is the quiet trust he enjoys among Muslims. Under him,

the JD(U) has positioned itself as a centrist, moderate counterweight to majoritarian politics. His presence keeps coalition politics balanced, ensuring that Bihar does not tilt ideologically like many other states have done. This brings him a sizable chunk of the Muslim vote. However, if there is a single constituency that has transformed Nitish Kumar's political fortunes, it is women - arguably the most influential electoral bloc in Bihar today. This support is not sentimental; it is the direct result of policies that touched everyday lives. For instance, the Mukhyamantri Balika Cycle Yojana launched by his government encouraged girls' schooling.

Reading Is the Foundation of Knowledge – Deputy Director Nagarjuna

Kakinada, Pen Power, November 14: Reading habits are essential for building an enlightened and progressive society, said D. Nagarjuna, Deputy Director of the Information & Public Relations Department, Kakinada. He inaugurated the 58th National Library Week celebrations on Friday at the Gandhinagar Branch Library in Vivekananda Park, organized by the erstwhile East Godavari District Library Authority. Nagarjuna emphasized that befriending books enhances knowledge, personality development, and social awareness. He urged students and youth to give priority to



reading. As part of the celebrations, essay writing, drawing, and elocution competitions are being held for school students, said Library Officer Mulampaka Srinivasa Rao. Prizes will be

distributed on November 20 by RDO S. Mallibabu. Retired teachers, cultural leaders, library staff, and a large number of students participated in the program.

Target of 4 Lakh Metric Tonnes Paddy Procurement for Kharif Season : Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop

Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, November 14:

The East Godavari district has set a target of 4 lakh metric tonnes of paddy procurement for the Kharif 2025–26 season, Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop said on Friday. As of November 14, officials distributed 5,890 paddy purchase coupons, and through 122 purchase centres across 16 mandals, they procured 27,616.360 MT of paddy from 3,695 farmers. The government has credited ₹56.84 crore to 3,191 farmers within 48 hours of procurement, ensuring transparency in payments. Farmers were advised to dry their paddy to 17% moisture before bringing it to the centres. Required gunny bags are made available at 212 RBKs. As per MSP, the government is paying Rs.2,389 per quintal for Common variety and Rs.2,369 for Grade-A. Additionally, Rs.4.74 per gunny bag and Rs.₹22 per quintal towards hamali charges are being paid. A district-level control room (8309487151) is functioning from 8 AM to 8 PM for queries and complaints related to paddy procurement.



Royya Viswanath Appointed Additional Public Prosecutor for 13th Additional District Court

Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 14:

Senior advocate Royya Viswanath from Gajuwaka has been appointed as the Additional Public Prosecutor for the 13th Additional District Court. The state government issued orders on Thursday confirming his appointment. Viswanath has been practicing law for the past 18 years, handling various types of cases. He previously served as the legal advisor for the Women and Child Welfare Department in the district and also rendered notable services as the General Secretary of the Gajuwaka Bar Association. His commitment, discipline, and free legal support to the poor are believed to have earned him this recognition. Members of the legal fraternity, including advocates of the Gajuwaka Bar Association and advocate Adari Kiran Venkateswara Rao, congratulated Viswanath on his new role.



Key Review on ONGC Fire Impact Steps to Address Fishermen's Issues: District Collector Shanmohan

Kakinada, Pen Power, November 14: A crucial review meeting was held at the Kakinada Collectorate under the leadership of District Collector Shanmohan, with ONGC officials, Yanam Administrator Ankit, AP Government Whip and Mummidivaram MLA Datla Subbaraju, former Yanam Minister Malladi Krishna Rao, and Kakinada City MLA Vanamadi Venkateswara Rao (Kondababu). A CMFRI scientist, Dr. Joy, presented a detailed assessment of the damage caused to marine life and fishermen's livelihood due to the August 22 ONGC fire accident. Former Minister Malladi Krishna Rao stated that fishermen were facing severe financial distress due to the decline in fish resources and urged that they be provided employment in industrial units. Government Whip Datla Subbaraju pointed out that fish stocks in both sea and rivers have drastically decreased, emphasizing the need for industries to prevent such accidents in the future. Kakinada City MLA Kondababu highlighted that pollution from the fire affected fishermen in



Kakinada as well and requested compensation for them, as they were excluded in earlier ONGC-GSPC settlements. District Collector Shanmohan assured that all issues raised by public representatives would be discussed with ONGC and appropriate action would be taken to safeguard fishermen's livelihoods. ONGC ED Prabal Sengupta said that all necessary precautions and pipeline repair arrangements were being made to prevent similar incidents in the future and sought local cooperation. Several officials, including District Fisheries Officer V. Krishna Rao, participated in the meeting.

58th National Library Week Celebrations Begin in Kakinada



Kakinada, Pen Power, November 14: The 58th National Library Week celebrations commenced grandly on Thursday at the Kakinada District Central Library under the aegis of the erstwhile East Godavari District Library Authority. Kakinada Assistant Collector Manisha attended the event as the chief guest. The programme began with lamp lighting and tributes to Jawaharlal Nehru on the occasion of Children's Day. Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Collector Manisha emphasized the importance of developing reading habits from a young age and encouraged students to explore

books that enhance general knowledge in addition to textbooks. She noted that libraries are treasure houses of all kinds of knowledge and serve as the foundation for a bright future. Market Committee Chairman Bachu Shekhar highlighted that reading improves knowledge and mental growth, urging students to make full use of library facilities. Kakinada City TDP President Mallipudi Veeru recalled the contributions of Ayyanki Venkataramanayya and Paturi Nagabhushanam to the library movement in Andhra Pradesh, noting the significant role libraries played during the freedom struggle. Deputy DEO K.V.V. Satyanarayana advised students to utilise the wide range of books available in libraries, including competitive exam material, literature, history, and health-related resources. Library Secretary (FAC) R.C. Venkata Rao announced that various competitions for students will be conducted from November 14 to 20 as part of the celebrations across all branch libraries. Students dressed as freedom fighters captivated visitors on the first day. Several officials and library staff participated in the event.

Reading Books is the Best Path to Intellectual Growth: District Collector P. Rajababu

Ongole, Pen Power, November 14: District Collector P. Rajababu said that reading books is the best way to enhance intellectual development. He urged students to put aside their cell phones and cultivate the habit of reading from a young age. He participated as the chief guest in the inauguration of the 58th National Library Week celebrations held at the District Library in Ongole. Along with Ongole Mayor Gangada Sujatha, he paid floral tributes to the statue of Goddess Saraswati and to the portrait of Jawaharlal Nehru on the occasion of Children's Day. The Collector said the state government is developing libraries as centers of knowledge to promote a scientific and informed society. He encouraged everyone to make use of libraries and share acquired knowledge with the community. Mayor Sujatha said books are the best companions for students and highlighted the role of the library movement during the freedom struggle. She said the government is organizing Library Week to help fu-



ture generations understand the importance of reading. RDO Lakshmi Prasanna, District Library Secretary Shivarreddy, committee members, and other officials participated in the program.

Special PGRS Requested for Persons with Disabilities in Guntur



Pen Power, Guntur, November 14: Navyandhra Disabled Rights Service Association State President Sheikh Kalesha met Guntur District Collector Tamim Ansaria and requested the establishment of a special monthly Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) for persons with disabilities in the district. He stated that in districts like Prakasam and Bapatla, special PGRS sessions are already being conducted regularly and urged similar arrangements in Guntur to address issues faced by disabled persons coming from remote areas. Kalesha also brought to the Collector's notice that, despite the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the District Disability Rights Committee in Guntur has not been convening meetings for years. He appealed for instructions to the District Assistant Director of the Disabled Welfare Department to hold these meetings without further delay. District leaders Dhoopati Ramanayya, V. Ramakrishna, P. George, and Vemula Madhulatha were among those who accompanied him.

MLA Bandaru Launches Electric Vehicles at Konaseema Tirumala Temple

Amalapuram, Pen Power, Nov 14: MLA of Kothapeta, Bandaru Satyanandarao, inaugurated electric vehicles donated to the Konaseema Tirumala Vaddapalli Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple on Friday. After offering special prayers, he took part in the ceremony held on the temple premises. Temple Chairman Mudunoori Venkatraju and Deputy Commissioner Nallam Chakradhar Rao stated that the vehicles, worth around 20 lakh, were donated by Victory Bazaar head Goluguri Venkat Reddy. Temple officials said the vehicles will be used for the convenience of devotees. Coalition leaders, priests, and temple staff participated in the event.



Doctors, Health Staff Told to Work in Coordination : Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri

Kadapa, Nov 14 (Pen Power): District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri directed doctors and health department staff to work in close coordination at the village level, with special focus on the health of pregnant women, new mothers, and children. At a review meeting on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) held at the Collectorate, he appreciated the health department for securing second place in the state for September KPIs. He urged officials to further improve healthcare services across the district. The Collector stressed that ANMs, ASHA workers, and Anganwadi staff must monitor maternal health closely and work to eliminate malnutrition and anemia in the district. He directed medical officers to attend duties regularly and ensure lower-level staff also maintain punctuality, warning of action against absentees. He instructed officials to improve OP registrations, strengthen immunization, promote institutional deliveries, control communicable diseases, and effectively implement 104 services, Thalli Bidda



Express, Aarogyasri, and Ayushman Bharat. Reviewing maternal mortality, he ordered steps to bring the maternal mortality rate to zero. Deputy DMHOs, DCHS officials, program officers, and mandal-level medical staff participated in the meeting.

Awareness Cycle Rally Against Drugs in Anakapalli District



Anakapalli, Pen Power, Nov 14: A large public response was witnessed for the Abhyudayam awareness cycle rally being conducted under the guidance of Visakhapatnam Range DIG Gopinath Jatti and SP Tuhin Sinha to eradicate

drug abuse and spread awareness among youth and students. In Kotavuratla, MRO Trinadh Rao and MPDO Chandrasekhar flagged off the rally. Under the supervision of SI Ramesh, pamphlets were distributed and awareness activities were held in Kotavuratla, Jalluru, Shankupuram, and Endapalli through mobile units and interaction programs. At Narsipatnam Rural, SI Rajarao organized a rally with students of Bhashyam School, while a human chain was formed near Kenwin School Junction in Narsipatnam Town. DSP P. Srinivasarao, Inspector Revathamamma, Govindarao, and SI Rajarao participated. De-addiction services across five districts in the Visakhapatnam Range have been strengthened, identifying 397 individuals so far and providing rehabilitation to many. The DIG and SP urged citizens to join the fight against drugs, assuring free and confidential de-addiction services. People can share information via toll-free number 1972, nearby police stations, or village drop boxes.

Tech Integration Crucial for Crop Protection, Climate Monitoring: Kadapa Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri

Kadapa, Pen Power, Nov 14: District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri stressed the need for integrating advanced technologies in horticulture crop protection and climate monitoring. At a meeting held at the Collectorate's boardroom, he interacted virtually with representatives of CropIn Technology Solutions and later met officials from Fasal. CropIn representatives Praveen Reddy, Neeraj Sahu and Varun Banoth explained their new device designed to support micro-irrigated crops through improved crop protection monitoring. Fasal representatives showcased their IoT-based smart agriculture devices, highlighting features such as automated irrigation-fertilization systems and real-time data on soil moisture, temperature, humidity, and leaf wetness. They said the technology can enhance water-use efficiency, reduce fertilizer consumption, provide early disease warnings, and improve crop



yields. Appreciating the innovations, the Collector directed the Agriculture and Horticulture departments to introduce these technologies to farmers. Officials including District Agriculture Officer Chandranayak, District Horticulture Officer Satish Kumar, AP Micro-Irrigation Project PD Venkateswara Reddy, Natural Farming District Manager Praveen Kumar, NITI Aayog Young Professionals, and Fasal team members participated.

40th All India Postal Table Tennis Tournament Concludes in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 14: The 40th All India Postal Table Tennis Tournament, organized by the Department of Posts, concluded grandly at S3 Sports Arena, MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam. The tournament was held from November 10 to 14, 2025, with 129 players from 14 postal circles across the country participating with great enthusiasm. The valedictory ceremony began at 10:30 AM.

Andhra Pradesh Circle Chief Postmaster General Ms. B.P. Sridevi attended as the chief guest, while Waltair Division DRM Mr. Lalit Bohra participated as the Guest of Honour. Arjuna Awardee (Boxing) Mr. Seera Jayaram graced the event as the special guest. PMG Visakhapatnam Region Mr. V.S. Jayashankar and PMG Kurnool Region Dr. Vennam Uppender were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. B.P. Sridevi said that every participant was a champion, irrespective of winning or losing. Guest of Honour Mr. Lalit Bohra congratulated all players. PMG Jayashankar appreciated the players and thanked the organizers for conducting the tournament successfully. PMG Dr. Uppender praised the high-quality final matches. Arjuna awardee Seera Jayaram encouraged players to continue honing their skills and aim to represent India internationally. **Winners**
Women's Team Champions: West Bengal
Men's Team Champions: Telangana
Men's Singles Winner: Akash Nath (West Bengal)
Women's Singles Winner: Polami Das (West Bengal)
Runners-up Men's Singles Runner-up: Pawan Kumar (Telangana) Women's Singles Runner-up: Abhinaya Ramesh (Tamil Nadu)

Licenses to Be Cancelled if Norms Are Violated: District Agriculture Officer Vijay Kumar

Kakinada, Pen Power, November 14: District Agriculture Officer N. Vijay Kumar warned that licenses of fertilizer, seed, and pesticide dealers will be cancelled and cases filed if they violate regulations. Speaking at a meeting held with dealers from Peddapuram and Kirlampudi mandals at the office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture, he said that paddy procurement has already begun at 16 centres in Peddapuram and 18 centres in Kirlampudi. He stated that paddy is being procured at the government-fixed MSP and instructed dealers to stock sufficient fertilizers in advance for the upcoming Rabi season. He cautioned that strict action will be taken against anyone selling fertilizers above MRP. Dealers must update stock registers and e-POS sales data daily, issue bills for every sale, and ensure seeds are sold only after verifying germination levels. He



also directed village agriculture assistants to conduct crop-cutting experiments carefully. Assistant Director of Agriculture Nalli Daiva Kumar, Mandal Agriculture Officer Kommoju Sanjay Kumar, and others participated.

Akhanda 2 Tells Greatness Of Sanathana Dharma: NBK



The first single, The Thaandavam, from Nandamuri Balakrishna and Boyapati Sreenu's Akhanda 2 was launched today at PVR, Juhu, Mumbai. Director Boyapati Sreenu stated that Akhanda 2 is a film that can be enjoyed by the entire family. "Akhanda 2 is not just a film; it represents the Atma and Paramatma of the nation. This is my fourth film with Balakrishna. We shot some sequences in extremely cold conditions at -12°C. We truly believe we had the blessings of

Lord Shiva while making this movie." Balakrishna reminded everyone that he has completed 50 years as an actor. "My success streak began with Akhanda. After that, my films Veera Simha Reddy, Bhagavanth Kesari, and Daaku Maharaj turned out to be blockbusters. Now I'm coming with Akhanda 2. You will witness the greatness of Haindava Sanatana Dharma in this film." Balakrishna also shared that the team completed filming in just 130 days.

Satya's Jetlee Title Poster: Amusing

Director Ritesh Rana who shot to fame with Mathu Vadalara and its sequel, is set to direct Satya again in yet another intriguing flick. Clap Entertainment will bankroll the movie and Mythri Movie Makers will present it. On the occasion of Children's Day, the makers revealed the film's title through a hilarious poster. Satya is seen sitting in a squatting pose atop the nose of a jet airplane, holding nunchucks. The sky in the background adds a sense of adventure and scale. The quote on the poster- I'm done with comedy is totally amusing, as the title poster itself looks funny. Miss Universe India Rhea Singha will play the female lead. Vennela Kishore and Ajay will be seen in hilarious roles. The movie which was launched recently will start rolling soon.

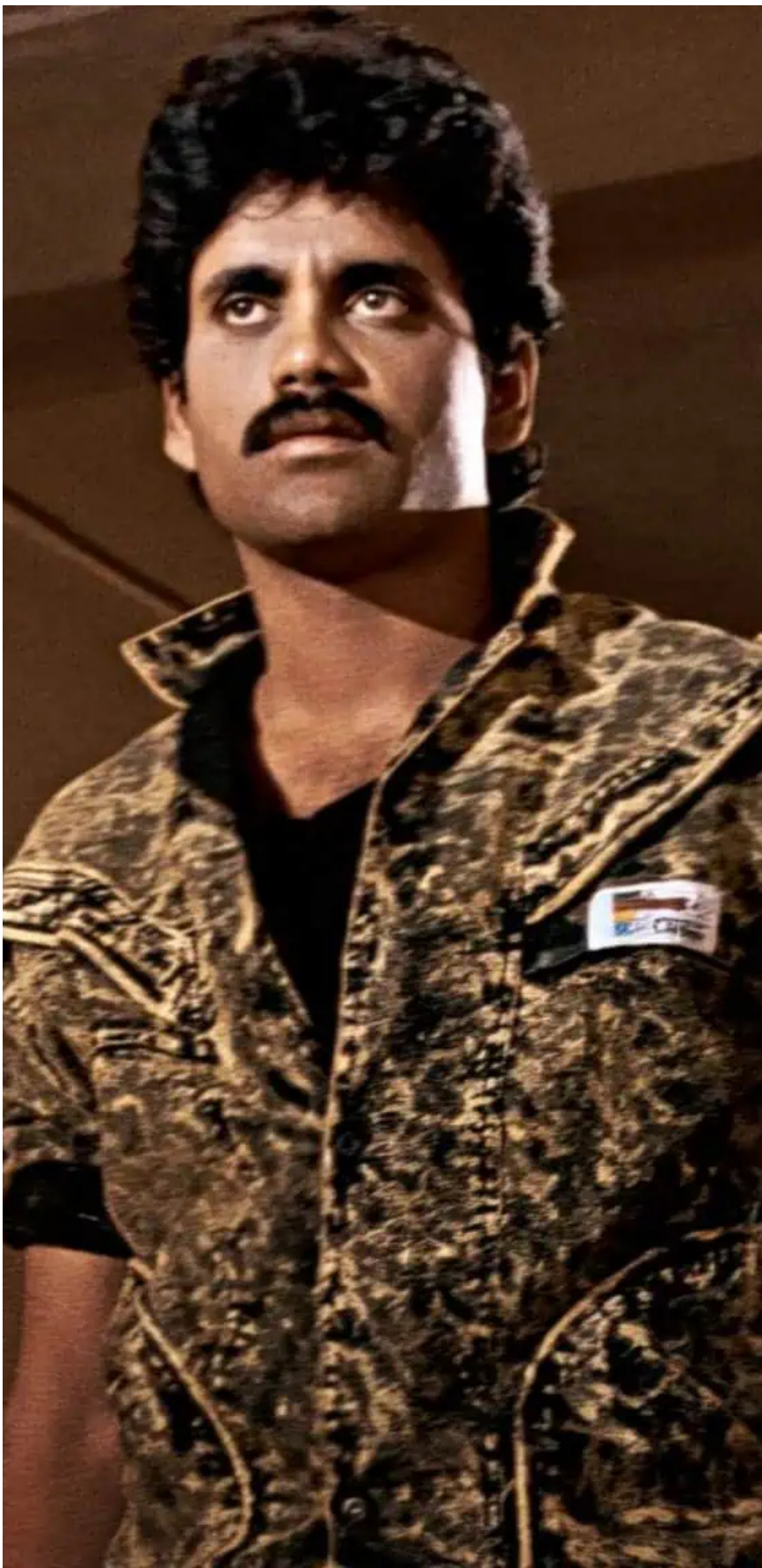


How's Cult Shiva's Response After 36 Years?

King Nagarjuna's timeless classic Shiva opened to a terrific response upon its re-release. Many single screens and multiplexes in Telugu states are witnessing Housefulls for multiple shows today. Fans are rejoicing in the experience of watching the film in remastered 4K and Dolby Atmos versions in theatres. Many single screens in Hyderabad, including Devi 70mm, Sudarshan 35mm, Sree Ramulu, Mythri Vimal, Brahmarambha and Sai Ram, witnessed houseful for the early morning shows. Meanwhile, theatres like Devi, Brahmarambha and Sree Ramulu went housefull for almost all shows today. The trends are looking good in these theatres throughout the weekend.

Many youngsters of the 90s and the 2000s generation didn't get a chance to witness Shiva on the big screen. They are all rejoicing that the experience is now in theatres. On the other side, people who watched it 36 years back in theatres are reliving their memories. All these fans are sharing their experiences of watching Shiva in theatres once again, amidst the euphoria. Especially, Akkineni fans are elated by the response and are creating a festive atmosphere in theatres.

Shiva's director Ram Gopal Varma watched the film this morning at Devi 70mm, the very same theatre where the film was released 36 years ago. It was a memorable experience for him as well. On the whole, Shiva opened to a positive response and is expected to register good numbers at the box office, which is a terrific feat for a film released 36 years ago.



'Hope They Boo Me': Cristiano Ronaldo's Remark On Dublin Crowd Ahead Of Ireland Clash

Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo said he wants Ireland fans to boo him World Cup qualifier in Dublin. Portugal will reach the 2026 World Cup finals with a victory and Ronaldo said if the crowd focused on him it could take pressure off his team-mates. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner is aiming to play at a sixth World Cup next summer and Portugal lead qualifying Group F by five points with two matches remaining. "The stadium will boo me, I'm used to it, I certainly hope they do -- maybe it will take the pressure off other players," Ronaldo told a news conference Wednesday. Ronaldo said he expected it would be a "difficult" match, with Ireland sitting back and denying him and his team-mates space. The former Manchester United and Real Madrid forward was also asked about the possibility of scoring his 1000th career goal in the World Cup final. "You've been watching too many movies, that would be too perfect," laughed



Ronaldo, 40. "Getting back to reality, all this data makes me happy. A national team never depends on one player, but I like being able to make a difference with goals. "It's always good to score goals, that's my position. I want to play in this next World Cup, otherwise I wouldn't be here, but let's take it step by step." Ronaldo, currently playing at Saudi Arabia side Al Nassr, has scored 953 goals in his career to date. The striker is the leading men's international goalscorer with 143 goals and

said Tuesday he believes the 2026 World Cup will be his last and he expects to retire from football within a couple of years. However on Wednesday Ronaldo said he preferred to focus on the team's goal of qualifying rather than discuss his future in the game. "There's no point in being repetitive and losing focus," he added. "Maybe later on I'll give more interviews and speak more clearly about what I think for the future, but Portugal has another opportunity to be in another finals."

Cristiano Ronaldo Elbows Ireland Player, Sent Off. Likely To Face Ban At World Cup



Cristiano Ronaldo is at serious risk of being banned for the first game of the 2026 World Cup if Portugal qualifies as expected. The soccer superstar was sent off for elbowing Ireland defender Dara O'Shea in the second half of a qualifying game Thursday that Portugal lost 2-0 in Dublin. Ronaldo will

serve a mandatory one-game ban imposed for any red card when Portugal hosts Armenia on Sunday, knowing a win will secure a place at the World Cup hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico. FIFA disciplinary rules require its judges to impose a ban of "at least two matches for serious

foul play." The ban should be "at least three matches for violent conduct" or "at least three matches or an appropriate period of time for assault, including elbowing."

A FIFA ban would apply to competitive games and could not be served in pre-tournament exhibitions. Ronaldo spun round and swung his right elbow into O'Shea's back as they waited for the ball to be crossed around the hour mark at Aviva Stadium with Ireland holding a surprise 2-0 lead. The referee issued a yellow card but minutes later upgraded it to red after a video review at the pitchside monitor. Ronaldo curled his lips in a wry look as he walked off the field being jeered and mocked by Ireland fans.

Historic Pole And Podium For Atiq Mir In F1 Academy-Backed COTFA Series

Indian racing prodigy Atiq Mir stormed to a historic pole position before finishing third on the podium in the opening round of the Formula 1 Academy backed COTFA UAE karting series here. The 10-year-old is the first Indian to be supported by Formula 1. Already part of the Champions of the Future Academy (COTFA) international series, Atiq last month was picked by Formula 1 Academy for the two-round COTFA UAE championship. With more eyeballs on this championship, there was additional pressure to deliver and Atiq did not disappoint. She clinched the pole position, becoming the first-ever female in



the world to achieve this feat in COTFA mini class before adding a Heat win to a successful weekend. She capped off a memorable week by finishing third in the final.

Atiq was coming into the weekend after a stellar October when she secured multiple podiums across championships including a race win at the RMC Championship.

No Sense : Gautam Gambhir, Shubman Gill's 1st Test Selection Shocker Slammed By Ex India Star

Despite registering scores of 87 and 39 in his last Test for India, Sai Sudharsan had no place in the team for the first Test against South Africa at Eden Gardens, starting Friday. Sudharsan was replaced by Dhruv Jurel in the Indian team as skipper Shubman Gill and head coach Gautam Gambhir went ahead with a bowling-heavy side. India named as many as 4 spinners and 2 pacers for the Test, while also picking 2 specialist wicket-keeper batters in the team. The team composition triggered a big debate on social media. Sudharsan has been seen as India's long-term bet for the No. 3 spot. The batter was drafted into the team after Cheteshwar Pujara's exit. But, the management already seems to be losing its hope in



the young left-hander. Dodda Ganesh, one of India's former cricketers, took a sharp swipe at the decision. He posted on social media: "Why would you drop Sai Sudharsan? Makes no sense whatsoever." "The no 3 in the batting lineup is the most important slot in a test XI & India is playing musical chairs without a vision. Can't believe this is happening at the test

level. Should've given Sai Sudharsan these tests. You don't need 4 spinners, no matter how much turn the pitch offers," he wrote in another post on X. At the time of toss, India skipper Gill refused to explain the reason behind the change. He said: "I think the only toss that I'm going to win is hopefully in the WTC finals. Yeah. Looks like a good surface. Hopefully, we'll get some movement early, hopefully we're able to extract that. Dressing room is pretty amazing. This Test bunch is very hungry and is always determined to perform every time we come out." "These two test matches for us are very crucial and we're as hungry as ever. Looks like a good surface. It's going to be a good surface for the first day or a couple of days.