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MoU signed to digitise AP's logistics ecosystem

Visakhapatnam / New Delhi: National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (NICDC) Logistics Data Services Limited (NLDSL) and the Government of Andhra Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, on the sidelines of the 30th CII Partnership Summit held in Visakhapatnam. The collaboration aims to digitize the logistics landscape in Andhra Pradesh by leveraging the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP). As part of the initiative, a robust integrated digital platform will be developed and implemented to provide government and private stakeholders in Andhra Pradesh with real-time visibility into the state's logistics operations and performance metrics. The platform aims to enhance coordination, improve efficiency and support informed decision-making across sectors, enabling stakeholders to access real-time information



seamlessly. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, through INCAP, will collaborate with NLDSL to build an integrated logistics dashboard for monitoring logistics-related key performance indicators (KPIs) across various state departments. The analytical insights and actionable reports generated through this dashboard will be used to strengthen and upgrade the state's logistics ecosystem by leveraging the capabilities of ULIP. This MoU represents a major milestone in integrating advanced technological solutions with logistics development and contrib-

utes to strengthening India's position as a global leader in efficient, modern and resilient supply-chain infrastructure. The MoU was signed in the presence of CEO & MD, NICDC, and Chairman, NLDSL Shri Rajat Kumar Saini. The MoU was formally executed by VC & MD, INCAP, Shri C. V. Praveen Adithya, and CEO, NLDSL, Shri Takayuki Kano. This partnership marks a significant step toward building world-class logistics infrastructure aligned with the National Logistics Policy (NLP). ULIP is a digital gateway that enables industry stake-

holders to access logistics-related datasets from various government systems through API-based integration. ULIP has integrated with 44 systems across 11 ministries through 136 APIs, covering more than 2,000 data fields. Over 210 applications have been developed by companies using ULIP, resulting in more than 200 crore API transactions. In addition to private-sector adoption, ULIP is supporting data-driven governance by delivering synthesized logistics insights to ministries and departments, including Coal, Food Corporation of India (FCI) and various state governments.

Ultraviolette opens UV Space Station in Vijayawada

Vijayawada: Following its recent launch of X-47 Crossover, a multi-terrain Motorcycle and UV Crossfade, Ultraviolette furthered its expansion in India with the inauguration of a state-of-the-art experience centre. The newly established UV Space Station, in partnership with dealer Progressive Wheels, will display company's performance motorcycles: X-47, F77 MACH 2 and F77 SuperStreet. The products redefine electric performance with a powertrain boasting 40.2 hp and 100 Nm of torque, accelerating from 0 to 60 kph in just 2.8 seconds. Equipped with a 10.3 kWh battery, it boasts an IDC range of 323 km on a single charge.



Steps Initiated to Establish Tribal University : MP Daggubati Purandeswari



Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, November 14: MP Daggubati Purandeswari said that Birsa Munda, who fought against British colonial rule for tribal rights, remains an unforgettable warrior in

India's freedom history. Speaking at the valedictory of the "Girijana Swabhimana Utsavams - 2025" held at the District Collectorate, she announced that the Central Government has initiated

steps to establish a Tribal University in the state. She added that nine Union ministries have collectively formulated 23 major schemes for tribal welfare. The traditional dance performances by tribal students received

appreciation. Birsa Munda's life stands as an inspiration to youth, showing that determination can overcome limited resources, she noted. Naming the Ranchi Airport after Birsa Munda was highlighted as a mark of respect for tribal heroes. In-charge District Collector Y. Megha Swaroop said the national celebrations were successfully conducted across all mandals from November 1 to 15, along with painting and cultural competitions to create awareness among students. MLC Somu Veerajulu stated that tribals play a key role in preserving India's cultural heritage. Several officials, community leaders, and tribal students participated in the programme.

Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, State Minister Sandhya Rani Attend Birsa Munda 150th Jayanti Celebrations in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 15: The 150th birth anniversary celebrations of tribal legend Birsa Munda were held grandly at A1 Grand Convention in Visakhapatnam, highlighting tribal unity, rights and cultural pride. The event drew massive public participation. Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram

Mohan Naidu, State Tribal Welfare Minister Gummadi Sandhya Rani, and State Tribal Cooperative Corporation Chairman Kidari Sravan Kumar attended as chief guests and paid floral tributes to Birsa Munda, recalling his sacrifice and heroic fight for tribal rights. Ram Mohan Naidu said the Centre is prioritising the

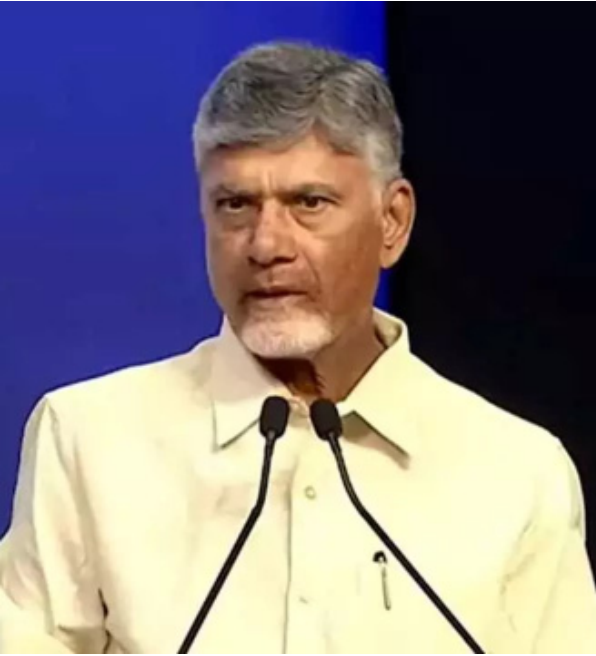
development of tribal regions with major investments in infrastructure, education, healthcare and employment. Minister Sandhya Rani stated that the State government is effectively implementing special action plans for tribal welfare and has declared Birsa Munda Jayanti as 'Tribal National Pride Day'.

Chairman Sravan Kumar highlighted ongoing initiatives for economic empowerment through forest-produce processing, cooperatives and skill development for tribal youth. Cultural performances by tribal artists and youth marked the event, attended by senior officials, tribal leaders and a large gathering of people.

AP sets ambitious Green Energy targets, CM Naidu announces plans

From Our Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, Nov., 15 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has announced the state's ambitious goal of producing 160 gigawatts of green energy as global interest in sustainable energy sources continues to grow. This announcement was made during a signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the World Economic Forum and the Andhra Pradesh government, which took place in the presence of CM Naidu. The agreement establishes the Center for Energy and Cyber Resilience. The event was also attended by Minister Nara Lokesh, Gottipati Ravikumar, Frontier Technologies Managing Director Jeremy Jurgens, and Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand. During his address, CM Naidu underlined the government's commitment to providing electricity at the lowest possible cost while ensuring the necessary cyber security measures are in place for the energy sector. He highlighted that reforms in the united Andhra Pradesh have led to increased electricity consumption, and he urged the reduction of distribution losses and supply costs through innovative technologies like Artificial Intelligence. Emphasising the critical role of electricity across agriculture, commerce, industries, and households, Naidu stated that the highest quality of electricity must be supplied at the lowest cost. He also mentioned ongoing efforts to decrease transmission losses and reinforce systems that



benefit the public from the renewable energy sector. Additionally, the Chief Minister noted the rapid advancement of the solar rooftop project in Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Suryagar Yojana.

Nara Lokesh Advocates for AI Integration at CII Conference in Visakhapatnam

From Our Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, Nov., 15 : The second day of the CII conference in Visakhapatnam featured a discussion on the topic of 'AI - Jobs in the Future', with Minister Nara Lokesh voicing his optimism about the role of artificial intelligence in job creation. He stated, "I believe that every industrial revolution will create more jobs." Lokesh highlighted that Andhra Pradesh is adopting a three-pronged approach to embrace AI: reskilling, redefinition, and reimagining. He announced the development of a platform dedicated to skills enhancement, asserting that "Artificial intelligence is not a threat to humanity; it will shape humanity." The Minister emphasised the pivotal



role of the IT sector in fostering entrepreneurial growth, particularly in areas such as food processing. "We aim to help business owners increase their earnings from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1

lakh per month, and those earning Rs. 5 lakh to reach Rs. 25 lakh," he explained. He reiterated that achieving these milestones is essential for propelling the state towards a \$2.4 trillion economy.

Concluding his address, Nara Lokesh expressed the government's eagerness to collaborate with local entrepreneurs, stating, "We are ready to bring about structural reforms."

Rs.5,000-Crore Shipbuilding Complex to Come Up in Andhra Pradesh

- 20,000 JOBS TO BE CREATED

Visakhapatnam South, Pen Power, November 15: Goa Shipyard Limited's decision to set up an Integrated Shipbuilding & Repair Complex in Andhra Pradesh is a significant step, said State Minister for Education, IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh. During a meeting with Goa Shipyard Projects Head Adikesh Vasudevan on the second day of the CII Summit, details of the Rs.5,000-crore investment project were discussed. Vasudevan informed that the project will generate nearly 20,000 jobs. Minister Lokesh said that Andhra Pradesh, with its 1,057 km strategic coastline,



is emerging as a major hub for the shipbuilding sector and that this is the ideal time to invest in the state. Adikesh highlighted that Goa Shipyard Limited, one of India's leading defence shipyards, provides crucial support to the Indian Navy and Coast Guard. The shipyard specializes in designing and manufacturing advanced warships along with offering lifecycle support, refits, upgrades, and repairs for commercial vessels.

EDITORIAL

America's new move on Gaza

Palestine has already been recognized by 150 countries. In such circumstances, if Trump really wants to solve the problem, what he should do is immediately withdraw Israel from Gaza and the West Bank, its troops, other occupations, and thousands of illegal settlers. Then, whether Israel recognizes it or not, he should recognize Palestine. Then take the necessary steps in the United Nations. If this happens, the problem will be solved right then and there. That is what the Palestinian people and the world are demanding. The reconstruction and development of Gaza and the West Bank will take place gradually. Many countries are ready to help with that. Perhaps because it believes that the 75-year-old Israeli occupation of Gaza is not going 'satisfactorily' and that problems are arising, the United States seems to be trying to directly intervene. While the local Palestinian people are resisting the Israeli occupation fiercely, armedly, and on an unprecedented scale, the world is equally strongly condemning the genocide being carried out by Israel with the support of the United States. Even America's allies have joined in and started recognizing Palestine as an independent state. On the other hand, the United Nations, the Security Council, the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, and human rights organizations are clearly taking an anti-Israeli stance. As a result of all this, Israel has become almost a scapegoat. All these are reasons why the United States feels that the Israeli occupation is not 'satisfactory'.

It is because of such circumstances that US President Trump has been reported to be somewhat harsh towards Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu in recent weeks. Trump, who was angry about the attack on Qatar, is citing Netanyahu's apology to the Qatari Prime Minister as an example of this. However, America will not lose its interests in the region due to Netanyahu's actions. Netanyahu is temporary. Their interests are long-term. Western countries created Israel for those interests. That is why they have been protecting Israel no matter how many other problems they face. That is also why they have been creating obstacles to the establishment of an independent Palestine. Therefore, when problems arise due to a tool called Israel, new tools must be created. That is what Trump seems to be doing. To that end, he prepared a proposal and sent it to some of the Security Council member states. The document has now come to light. According to it, an international military force will be formed to control and administer Gaza, and it will work according to the instructions of the 'Board of Peace' to be formed under the chairmanship of Trump. Before going into the details of what that force is and what the board is, a few things should be said. What the Palestinian people and the world want is the establishment of an independent Palestinian state consisting of Gaza and the West Bank. Along with that, Israel should become another country. The struggles there have been going on for 75 years for that. The only obstacle to that is Israel and the United States. Palestine has already been recognized by up to 150 countries. In such circumstances, if Trump really has the idea of ??solving the problem, what he should do is to make Israel immediately withdraw its troops, other occupations, and thousands of illegal settlers from Gaza and the West Bank. Then, whether Israel recognizes it or not, they will recognize Palestine. Then they will take the necessary steps in the United Nations. If this happens, the problem will be solved right then and there. That is what the Palestinian people and the world are demanding. The reconstruction and development of Gaza and the West Bank will take place gradually. Many countries are ready to help with that. But instead of following this straightforward path, the US president is taking a number of dishonest new steps. All of them have been broadly followed by previous presidents before Trump. When it comes to Trump, he is known to be a real estate tycoon, and he is known to be talking about a new plan. That is, to completely evacuate the Palestinians from Gaza and develop a resort there. After receiving severe criticism, he has wavered and changed his words and now proposed a new model for the same goals. According to it, while Israel withdraws in stages, Hamas will immediately cease to carry out weapons. It will not participate in politics or governance at all. Its weapons factories and tunnels will be completely destroyed. An interim government will be formed with international figures selected by the US, as well as Palestinians who have nothing to do with politics. A temporary military force will be formed with international forces. The Trump board will decide how any development will take place in Gaza. They will decide for themselves how long that arrangement will last. In all this, there is no mention of the West Bank, no word on its future. There will be no role for the Palestinian Authority there. Finally, the mention of a Palestinian state is very vague, without any time frame. On the other hand, there is no mention of a complete withdrawal of Israeli forces. On the other hand, Netanyahu has already announced in his parliament that they will not withdraw completely. Trump did not deny that. The gist of all this is clear, so there is no need to repeat it. Trump's first plan was also heavily criticized. The latest plan he came up with was the aforementioned Security Council resolution proposal. The strange thing is that there is nothing new in it either. Only the mask is new. Otherwise, if such a proposal can be made through the Security Council rather than something they did privately, it will be like pouring water into a bucket and turning it into a lake. Moreover, there is a tradition in the United Nations of handing over disputed territories to some country or countries for temporary administration. Therefore, if that provision is used conveniently, then there is nothing to criticize them for. Even before the establishment of Israel, England was entrusted with such responsibility over that area through the Council. Therefore, Trump is choosing this path. No one can say how long that mandate will last. What is more, the establishment of Palestine is unknown. In short, the control of the US-Israeli alliance will continue indefinitely. In the meantime, Hamas will be destroyed. The Arab countries will not raise their voices unless they are forced to do so because of their love for America. Let's take a look at the details of the US president's latest resolution.

"NDA Will Register Its Biggest-Ever Win" : PM's Bihar 'Prediction' Is Viral

An old video of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in which he asserted that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will register its biggest-ever victory in Bihar, is doing the rounds on social media as the coalition is set to comfortably retain power in one of the most populous states in the country. "I am certain that the NDA will register its biggest-ever victory in Bihar this year. Prepare for a Vijayotsav (grand celebration) on November 14," PM Modi can be heard saying in the viral video. He made the assertion in one of the many political rallies that he addressed in the run-up to the Bihar assembly elections. This evening, he will address the BJP workers at the party's office in the national capital over the landslide victory. With leads and wins in 202

seats, the NDA has failed to break its 2010 election record, in which it secured 206 seats. In the 243-member Bihar assembly, the BJP has emerged as the single largest party with wins and leads in 89 seats. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JDU is leading in 85 seats, Union Minister Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) in 19, Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha in five, and Rajya Sabha MP Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Morcha in four, as per the data from the Election Commission (EC). Live Updates here. The 2010 elections saw the NDA winning 206 seats with the JD(U) winning 115, and the BJP 91. "Bihar's mandate is clear. The people have made it clear - now development is the iden-

tity. Not jungle raj, good governance is needed," said the BJP on X. Political analysts have said one of the key factors in the Bihar election was the role of women voters. Their unprecedented turnout is said to have handed the victory to the Nitish Kumar government on a platter. The BJP transferred Rs 10,000 each into the bank accounts of 75 lakh women - a total of Rs 7,500 crore - just before the elections. Bihar registered a historic voter turnout of 67.13 per cent, the highest-ever in the state. Women's voter turnout was 71.78 per cent, while men's was 62.98 per cent. The state voted in two phases on November 6 and November 11. Strategists say a win in Bihar - the only Hindi-speaking northern state where the BJP has never ruled alone -



could boost the BJP's prospects in other states that are heading into elections next year. States including Assam,

West Bengal and Tamil Nadu are due to go to the polls next year. Of those states, the BJP is in power only in Assam.

The Bihar Election's Script Was Actually Written In Haryana. Here's How

This is unreal, unprecedented. The massive success of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar must have left the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)-Congress alliance numb and shattered. This was an election in which it was believed that due to 20 years of anti-incumbency against Nitish, Mahagathbandhan might sail through. Alas, it lost, and lost very badly. Unlike the 2020 assembly polls, this time, the RJD-Congress-led alliance seemed to be better prepared. Rahul Gandhi had gone on a two-week-long 'Vote Adhikar Yatra', and it was evident that Congress workers in the state had felt re-energised after a long time. After Rahul, the RJD's Tejashwi Yadav also went for a yatra. Over the last five years, both leaders seemed to have grown better prepared to face the Nitish-Modi combination. Still, they failed miserably.

The Signs Were There Already

Is it because the Congress was reluctant to project Tejashwi as the Mahagathbandhan's chief ministerial face and sent the wrong signal to voters - of two main parties fighting with each other? If that was the perception before elections, how could voters trust them as good governance partners? It is also apparent that the Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) hit Mahagathbandhan where it hurt the most. Modi constantly reminded Bihar voters that if Tejashwi became the Chief Minister, then lawlessness would be the order of the day. The RJD did play it safe, and Lalu Yadav was not to be seen anywhere - neither on posters nor as an active campaigner. But it seems voters believed Modi - they hadn't quite forgotten the 'Katta Raj' (gun rule) and the 'Jungle Raj' of Lalu days. This is not the

first election in which political analysts and observers have gone so wrong. The election was believed to throw up a neck-to-neck fight, a contest deemed very tough to predict. Though a few were definitely predicting an NDA win, the margin of victory has surprised every one.

Haryana, Then Maharashtra, Then MP, Then Chhattisgarh

One can argue that all this started with Haryana. Nobody believed that the BJP would win, but the results told a different story. The Congress was accused of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. A similar story repeated in Maharashtra, which, ironically, had just months earlier given a severe jolt to the NDA in the parliamentary elections. Even there, the contest turned out to be a Waterloo for the opposition alliance as the NDA went home with almost three-quarters of the seats. The result surprised all, while the crestfallen opposition had no answers as to why it lost so badly. Similar results shocked the opposition and the country itself in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

So, what is happening?

It seems the ruling BJP has discovered a formula to win elections, and the opposition has no answer to it: cash transfers for women in the run-up to elections.

The Women Who Changed The Game

This formula was tested first in Madhya Pradesh, where the Shiv Raj Singh Chouhan government launched the Ladli Behna Yojana, under which Rs 1,500 were transferred to women's accounts just before the elections. The Election Commission should have intervened to ensure a level playing field for all the contesting parties. But that didn't happen. In Maharashtra, where the



'Mahayuti' was badly beaten in the parliamentary election, the tables were turned in its favour in just six months. The NDA's massive mandate stunned not only the Maha Vikas Aghadi but also political observers. The Ladki Bahin Yojana, through which ?2,500 were given to women, proved to be a game-changer. The same formula was successfully used in Bihar, too. Six months back, it was argued that strong anti-incumbency against the incumbent JD(U) government might unsettle Bihar. People even believed that Nitish Kumar was on his way out. But Kumar, not particularly known to dole out freebies, showered it like never before this election. To give credit where due, his government has indeed launched several schemes since 2005 that have greatly empowered women. But the Rs 10,000 cash transfer scheme announced on the eve of elections was the clincher. Accompanying this was a promise of 125 units of free electricity, and a pension

hike from Rs 400 to Rs 1,100.

Opposition Never Had A Chance

The opposition Mahagathbandhan did realise that the NDA's ?10,000 cash transfer scheme could severely dent its prospects. To counter it, the alliance even announced that it'd deposit Rs 30,000 in women's accounts in January, if elected to power. But perhaps the women believed Nitish more than Tejashwi: money already in hand is much more attractive than a promise. But let's also not discount the fact that in this election, the NDA had a much better caste strategy. Learning from mistakes made in the 2020 assembly election, this time, the NDA could effectively accommodate the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) of Chirag Paswan and the Rashtriya Lok Manch (RLM) of Upendra Kushwaha. The two parties together had bagged almost 7% votes in the 2020 election. Though the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) of Mukesh Sahni left the NDA to join

Mahagathbandhan, Chirag and Upendra successfully added enough heft to compensate for any upsets. A section of political observers doubted the trust deficit between the BJP and the JD(U), and between the JD(U) and the LJP, after the experience of the 2020 assembly elections. But now, it is clear that these speculations proved to be merely that. The caste calculations of the Mahagathbandhan, despite the entry of the VIP and the Indian Inclusive Party (IIP), were no match for the NDA. All this finally tilted the balance against the RJD-Congress-led alliance. Undoubtedly, the Bihar election must have shaken the confidence of the opposition. The hope that was generated by the BJP's weak performance in last year's Lok Sabha election has now disappeared into thin air. The opposition ought now to think afresh and introspect why they have failed so spectacularly, against all hopes, to carry forward the momentum of 2024.

India's New Privacy Rules Demand Compliance From Every One Excepting The State

India has finally switched on its long-delayed data protection regime, and at first glance, the moment looks like a milestone — a country of 1.4 billion people stepping into the league of nations that take digital rights seriously. But peel back the official statements, the compliance countdowns and the carefully crafted rhetoric, and something far more unsettling comes into view. The new Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025 demand strict, almost European-level discipline from companies and individuals — while giving the Indian state the unilateral authority to walk around the law whenever it chooses. That is the real story. Not the notices or the deadlines. The core fact

is that the government has carved out for itself an escape hatch so wide it effectively places the state outside the perimeter of India's own privacy regime.

Once that is recognised, the rest of the framework stops looking like a coherent privacy law and starts looking like a political compromise dressed in legal language. The EU's GDPR holds governments and corporations to the same standard, which is why European regulators routinely haul state agencies and ministries to court. China's PIPL, for all its authoritarian bluntness, is at least ideologically consistent: the state stands supreme over all digital data and declares it openly. The US, with its frag-

mented sectoral patches, still leans on agencies that are structurally insulated from day-to-day political whim. India, in contrast, has built something stranger — a hybrid that borrows the strictest corporate obligations from Europe, the most sweeping state exemptions from China, and the broad discretionary leeway of the American executive. It is a privacy model that inherits the weaknesses of all three systems and the safeguards of none.

The asymmetry is stark. Companies must encrypt, anonymise, obfuscate, tokenise and prepare breach reports within 72 hours. They must maintain access logs for a full year, build business continuity plans, verify age and parental

consent, create plain-language notices, maintain grievance systems, invest in audits, and comply with stringent security controls. Citizens, on paper, are granted the right to access their data, correct it, erase it, and withdraw consent. But none of this is guaranteed if the data holder happens to be the government. A single executive notification — issued quietly, without parliamentary debate, without judiciary review, and without any obligation to disclose — can exempt any government agency from any of the law's core provisions. Consent requirements can be dropped. Breach reporting can be waived. Purpose limitation can be suspended. It is not just a loophole; it is a self-granted

general amnesty.

This is not how modern democracies build privacy architecture. The EU would consider it unthinkable for a government to exempt itself from a law that regulates personal data. Even China's system, which gives the state sweeping authority, at least codifies the state's supremacy explicitly and consistently. India does something more ambiguous: it speaks the language of rights and citizen empowerment while simultaneously reserving the sovereign ability to sidestep the very rights it celebrates. Privacy experts are already calling this the "original sin" of the DPDP Act — a design flaw so fundamental that it shapes everything downstream.

Tribute Paid to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on 150th Jayanti at Rampachodavaram

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Rampachodavaram, Pen Power, Nov 15: The 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda was celebrated with great respect at the ITDA conference hall on Saturday. State ST Committee Chairman S. Bojjireddy, ST Committee Director Gorle Debora Sunitha, RDO P. Ambedkar, APO General DNV Ramana, MPP Bandham Sridevi, ZPTC member Pand Venkatalakshmi, Minority Board Director Sheikh Subhani and others garlanded the portrait of Birsa Munda and paid rich tributes. As part of Jan Jatiya Gaurav Divas celebrations held from November 1 to 15, Bojjireddy stated that many tribal freedom fighters from this region fought bravely against British rule. He said remembering these fighters is a collective responsibility. Birsa Munda's struggle for tribal land rights and Alluri Sitarama Raju's sacrifice were highlighted. He assured efforts to address local tribal issues and stressed the importance of preserving tribal culture and traditions. RDO Ambedkar recalled that Birsa Munda fought for tribal rights and passed away at the young age of 25. Former MLA Seethamsetti Venkateswara Rao spoke about British exploitation of tribal



communities and praised their role in freedom movements. Descendants of Dwarabandhala Chandraiah, a tribal freedom fighter, were felicitated with shawls. Floral tributes were paid to portraits of various tribal and freedom struggle leaders. Earlier, a massive rally was taken out from Ambedkar Centre to the ITDA office, followed by lighting of the lamp and a virtual address by the Prime Minister from Gujarat. Students of various schools performed cultural programs. Officials including DLO K. Koteswar Rao, Additional DM&H Dr. Saritha, Tahsildar Balaji, and several teachers, staff members, leaders, and students participated.

MBA Students of Vignan, Duvvada Visit Heritage Foods Company

Our staff Reproter, Pen Power Visakhapatnam November 15: The MBA students of Vignan Institute of Information Technology, Duvvada, undertook an industrial visit to Heritage Foods Company, Bayyavaram, gaining valuable exposure to real-time industry operations. A total of 120 second-year MBA students participated in the visit. The program was coordinated by Dr. B. Chandra, Head of the MBA Department. Faculty members Dr. K.G.K. Patnaik and Mrs. M. Suchitra accompanied the students and supervised the visit. During the industrial tour, the students learned about production mechanisms, quality control procedures, and human resource management practices from Mr. L.N. Raju Palika, HR Manager, Heritage Foods. Principal Dr. J. Sudhakar, Rector Dr. V. Madhusudhan Rao, and MBA HoD Dr. B. Chandra thanked the management



of Heritage Foods, Bayyavaram, for providing this opportunity. They noted that the visit significantly enriched the students' practical knowledge and strengthened their understanding of industry functioning.

Cleanliness Is a Symbol of Self-Respect: Collector Rajababu



Pen Power, November 15 – Ongole: District Collector P. Rajababu emphasized that maintaining cleanliness ensures good health and enhances self-respect. He participated, along with local MLA B.N. Vijay Kumar, in the Swarn Andhra – Swachh Andhra programme held at Madduluru

village, Santanutalapadu mandal. The Collector stated that the district conducts this cleanliness programme on every third Saturday of the month to create awareness among the public about hygiene and to promote clean surroundings. He stressed segregating wet and dry waste, keeping streets clean, and maintaining personal hygiene, including washing hands with soap and consuming clean food. MLA Vijay Kumar highlighted the importance of keeping households and drainage systems clean for a healthy community. Sanitation workers were felicitated during the event. The Collector also interacted with residents of the SC Colony, educating them on waste management, safe drinking water, and toilet usage. Locals requested facilities such as a community hall, bus shelter, and school compound wall, to which the Collector assured action. Later, he visited the Zilla Parishad High School, demonstrated handwashing to students, and participated in a tree-planting activity. Officials, public representatives, and villagers took part in large numbers.

Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi's Visit – Arrangements Reviewed - Security Measures Must Be Top Priority: District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar

Paderu, Pen Power, Nov 15: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi will visit the district on November 16. District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar instructed officials to focus on strict arrangements and security measures. During a teleconference, the Collector reviewed preparations at the venues for the unveiling of the Birsa Munda statue and the public meeting. The CM will arrive by helicopter at the Legisipalli helipad around 12 PM, attend a lunch hosted there, and then proceed to Chintalaveddhi at 1 PM to inaugurate the statue of freedom fighter Birsa Munda. Later, he will participate in a public meeting at the Government Junior College grounds. He will depart from Legisipalli helipad at 3:30 PM back to Odisha. The event is



organised by NGO Adivasi Kalyan Ashram. Schools in Paderu have been given a holiday on Saturday due to the visit. The Collector directed officials to prevent any untoward incidents, ensure tight security along VVIP routes, and maintain control at the public meeting venue. Special police forces will be deployed, and 24/7 drone surveillance will be arranged. All vehicles entering Paderu will undergo strict checks. Officials were instructed to ensure uninterrupted power supply, drinking water, sanitation, availability of an ambulance, and readiness of a fire engine. Backup generators must also be kept ready.

Cordon Search in West Godavari Suspicious Two-Wheelers Seized



Bhimavaram, Pen Power, Nov 15: To curb crime and ensure public safety, West Godavari district police conducted a widespread cordon and search operation early Saturday on the instructions of District SP Adnan Nayeem Asmi, IPS. The drive focused on preventing bike thefts and other illegal activities. Under the supervision of Narsapuram DSP G. Sriveda and Penugonda CI R. Vijay Kumar, police carried out the operation in Pedamallam village of Achanta mandal from 5:15 AM to 7:25 AM. Several two-wheelers without proper registration documents or ownership proof were seized and shifted to the police station for verification.

CI Vijay Kumar cautioned that every vehicle must be registered under the owner's name, failing which legal action will be taken. He urged villagers to immediately inform police about new or suspicious persons entering the locality. Police assured continued efforts to maintain a crime-free environment, with similar operations to be conducted regularly. Achanta SI K. Venkata Ramana, Penugonda SI K. Gangadhar, Penumantra SI K. Swami, along with circle staff, participated in the operation.

VIMS Observes Swarna Andhra Swachh Andhra Programme



Visakhapatnam East, Pen Power, November 15: Maintaining personal hygiene is key to good health, said Dr. K. Rambabu, Director of Visakha Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS). As part of the state government's Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra initiative held on the third Saturday of every month, VIMS conducted an awareness programme on this month's theme — personal and social hygiene. Inaugurating the event, Dr. Rambabu said that lack of personal cleanliness is a major cause of illness, recalling how the COVID period highlighted the importance of hygiene. He stressed regular hand and foot washing and urged everyone to contribute to social cleanliness as well. Hospital staff created awareness on personal hygiene. Deputy Director Srinivas Kumar, doctors, and staff participated in the programme.

Goal: Making YSR Kadapa a Waste-Free District

Kadapa, Pen Power, November 14: District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri stated that special measures are being implemented to transform YSR Kadapa district into a waste-free district. At a meeting of the Green Leaf Rating District-level Committee, held at the Collectorate on Friday night, the Collector said inspections are being conducted regularly in hotels, stay homes and dharma shalas to assess whether wastewater is being managed properly through waste-management systems without causing harm to the environment or inconvenience to the public. He added that three major waste-management parameters are considered for awarding the Green Leaf Rating. Committee members have been directed to conduct frequent inspections. Committee members including District Tourism



Officer Suresh Kumar, RWS SE Edakondalu, ZP CEO Obulamama, DPO Rajyalakshmi, and officials from related departments participated.

Sunrise Andhra Towards a Vibrant Andhra Pradesh - Record Investments at Global Investors Summit Boost State's Global Standing

Visakhapatnam South, Pen Power, November 15: The Global Investors Summit underway in Visakhapatnam has achieved remarkable success, said State Minister for Information, Public Relations, and Housing Kolusu Partha Saradhi. Speaking to the media on the second day of the CII Partnership Summit, he noted that global investors consider Andhra Pradesh one of the safest and most reliable investment destinations. According to the minister, MoUs worth nearly ?11 lakh crore have been signed across various sectors over the past two days, reflecting strong investor confidence. Several major investors are expected to announce further investments on Saturday. He said investors have immense trust in the vision of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu



Naidu and the leadership of Minister Nara Lokesh, which is driving such large-scale commitments. The government has already provided details of available land banks and is fully prepared to offer necessary infrastructure support. Out of the total commitments, Rs.8.33 lakh crore worth of investments have already been finalized, which are expected to generate employment for lakhs of people. The minister

added that Vizag and the entire state are being viewed by investors as safe and highly favourable destinations. With more major agreements expected on Saturday, Andhra Pradesh is set to shine even brighter.

Fine Arts Workshop Concludes at YVU



Kadapa, Pen Power, Nov 15: Yogi Vemana University Registrar Prof. Putta Padma said Fine Arts students' works reflect aesthetic values and creativity at the valedictory of the week-long "Ink A" printmaking workshop. Students impressed with woodcut and etching works. She urged them to dream big like Leonardo da Vinci and use modern technology. HoD Dr. M?tyunjaya Rao and workshop convener praised students' hard work. Resource persons Prof. M. Krishna Reddy and printmaking expert Chalapaka Appala Chari appreciated the students' enthusiasm. Certificates were presented to all participants.

Kadapa Collector Inspects Anganwadi Supplies Under "Sakshyam Anganwadi" Scheme



Kadapa, Pen Power, November 14: District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri and Joint Collector Aditi Singh inspected the cooking equipment and other essential materials to be supplied to 720 Anganwadi centres under the Sakshyam Anganwadi scheme. The Collector directed officials to ensure only high-quality and durable branded items are supplied, with no compromise on standards. The ICDS officials brought the materials to the Collector's chamber on Friday night for inspection. ICDS PD Ramadevi, supervisors, and committee members participated in the programme.

Honour for Service During Cyclone



Ongole, Nov 15 — District Collector P. Rajababu and SP Harshavardhan Raju appreciated officials and staff for their alert response during Cyclone Montha. At a felicitation event held at Ongole RIMS auditorium, certificates were presented to officers who ensured there was no loss of life. The Collector said coordinated planning and supervision helped the district face the disaster effectively. The SP highlighted the swift action in Kondapi, where 121 tobacco workers were safely rescued with SDRF support. Joint Collector and other officials shared their experiences, praising the team's dedication. Cultural performances by children added colour to the program.

Strict Action Against Drunk Driving - Rs.10,000 Fine Imposed on Two Persons - Gangavaram SI Venkatesh



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Gangavaram, Pen Power, November 15: Gangavaram Sub-Inspector Venkatesh warned that stringent action will be taken against anyone driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol. Speaking to local reporters on Saturday, he said that two individuals who were caught drunk driving in Gangavaram were arrested and produced before the Rampachodavaram court. A fine of Rs.10,000 each was imposed on them for the first offence. He further stated that if the same individuals are caught again in drunk-and-drive cases, they will face imprisonment along with fines. He also warned that action will be taken against those consuming alcohol in public places and causing inconvenience to the public.

Discount Counters for Rice and Toor Dal in Rythu Bazaars: Joint Collector Announces



Ongole, Pen Power, November 15: As part of stabilizing the prices of essential commodities like vegetables, rice, and toor dal, special counters are being set up in all Rythu Bazaars starting Saturday, said Joint Collector R. Gopalakrishna. He visited the Saibaba Gudi Rythu Bazaar and inaugurated the special counters. Rice (BPT variety) is being sold at Rs. 48 per kg, and toor dal at Rs. 100 per kg. The Joint Collector interacted with consumers and instructed the Marketing Department to ensure that these special counters function in all Rythu Bazaars. He also reviewed the price boards and verified the displayed rates. Later, as part of the Swarnandhra-Swachh Andhra 2025 initiative, he issued several suggestions to AD Marketing and Rythu Bazaar officials. Senior Marketing Assistants and Estate Officers participated in the programme.

Rashtriya Ekta Padayatra in Kakinada on November 17

Kakinada, Pen Power, November 15: As part of the year-long celebrations of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary, the Kakinada district administration will conduct a Rashtriya Ekta Padayatra on November 17, District Collector Shanmohan announced on Saturday. The 5-km walk, meant for youth aged 15 to 29, will start at 10 a.m. from Bhanugudi Junction and conclude at Aditya Women's Degree College in Sambamurthy Nagar by noon. The Collector instructed the police department to ensure proper security and traffic regulation, and directed officials to provide medical support and maintain sanitation along the route. He called upon the youth to participate in large numbers and uphold the spirit of national unity.

RITU VARMA'S DENIM DAZE STEALS EVERY GAZE

Ritu Varma, who won hearts with Pelli Choopulu in Telugu and did pretty well in Tamil too, seems to be having a slow phase right now. Her February release Mazaka comedy film didn't really work out, and since then, she hasn't announced anything new.

It's that rough patch most actresses go through after flops, waiting for a script that clicks and brings them back into the game. But flop or not, Ritu knows how to turn heads. Her new pictures in an all-black denim outfit are proof enough. She's seen in a loose, shoulder-drop jacket, a simple black camisole, and messy hair, no heavy makeup, no drama, just easy style. The barefoot pose adds a kind of chill, real-world charm to it, like she's comfortable in her own space. There's something quietly confident about how she carries herself here. Ritu's got that mix of simplicity and spark, maybe next year, we'll see her back on screen, whether it's OTT or theatres, doing what she does best.



Hit In Theatres; Blockbuster On OTT?



Director-turned-actor Pradeep Ranganathan has scored his third consecutive success with his recent film, *Dude*. Starring Mamitha Baiju as the female lead, *Dude* released during the Diwali season and emerged as a good hit at the box office. Now, after its premiere on Netflix, the film is receiving an even more raging response from the audience. Usually, films that do well theatrically tend to get mixed or negative responses on OTT, but *Dude* is surprisingly receiving more positive reactions after its digital release than during its theatrical run. Many users on social media are sharing video clips and standout scenes from the film and are praising the writing and Sai Abhyankar's background score. Whether it's the quirky introduction scene, the interval block, the hilarious wedding dance sequence, or the emotional moments, several scenes are trending across social media. Especially, music director Sai Abhyankar is now receiving more appreciation than he did during the theatrical release. Audiences are now highly excited for his upcoming projects, which include big-ticket films like Suriya's *Karuppu* and the Allu Arjun-Atlee project. *Dude* was a decent theatrical hit, and going by its OTT reception, it might become an OTT blockbuster, which is a rare case. The film is currently streaming in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi.

Esha Singh wins bronze in women's 25m pistol at Shooting World Championships

Cairo: Indian shooter Esha Singh clinched her maiden individual World Championship medal — a bronze in the women's 25m pistol — while Paris Olympics medallist Manu Bhaker once again missed out on a podium finish. Esha shot a score of 30 in the final to finish behind China's Yao Qianxun (silver, 38) and Korea's reigning Olympic champion Yang Jiin (gold, 40). Her effort came as India wrapped up engagements in the 10 Olympic events at the ongoing tournament with a historic haul of one gold, four silver and two bronze medals. Overall, India lie third on the table with three gold, five silver and four bronze medals, behind leaders China with 10 gold and Korea, who are second with six gold. Beginning the day in fourth and seventh spots respectively, Esha and double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker shot confident

rapid-fire rounds to sail into the top eight with scores of 587 and 586. Esha took fifth while Manu took the sixth qualifying spot in the field of 86. Yang topped qualifications with 591, which included a stunning 300/300 in the rapid round. Sevvall Tarhan of Turkey, Iranian Haniyeh Rostamiyan, France's Lamolle Mathilde and North Korea's Kim Hyon Suk also made the final eight. Rahi Samobat's 572 was not enough for the Indian trio to win a team medal as they finished fourth with a tally of 1745, three short of the bronze-winning French team. In the final, Yang and Yao broke away early, while the fight for bronze reached a climax when Esha, Manu and Lamolle tied at 23 hits each after the seventh series. Manu exited after managing only two hits, while Esha and Lamolle shot a perfect five. Esha then struck four to confirm her medal, bowing out after the ninth se-



ries as Yang outgunned Yao for gold. It was Esha's third individual ISSF medal of the year, having won gold and silver in

World Cup stages earlier. Her final international engagement will be at the ISSF World Cup Finals in Doha in December.

Kolkata Knight Riders to release Venkatesh Iyer and Quinton de Kock

Kolkata Knight Riders are gearing up for a massive squad overhaul ahead of the IPL 2026 mini auctions scheduled for next month. With hours to go for the retention deadline to end, KKR have already made up their minds about a number of players including their massive signing Venkatesh Iyer who was bought for Rs 23.75 crore at the IPL 2025 mega auction. Ever since he was bought at that astronomical price, the pressure was on Iyer and he ended up having a disastrous campaign in IPL 2025. The left-hander has also been in poor form for his state side Madhya Pradesh. Releasing him gives KKR a huge boost in funds while going into the mini auction in December. Apart from Iyer, the other major impending releases from the Kolkata franchise are Quinton de Kock (Rs



3.60 crore), Anrich Nortje (Rs 6.50 crore) and Rahmanullah

Gurbaz (Rs 2 crore). All three were major signings, especially de Kock and Nortje, but a disastrous 2025 season for KKR has forced them towards a squad revamp. Spencer Johnson (Rs 2.80 crore), Spencer Johnson (Rs 2.80 crore) and Moeen Ali (Rs 2 crore) are the other players expected to be released by KKR. The Knight Riders are reportedly aiming to get a new leader for their franchise, while also hoping to fix several cracks that were visible in the previous IPL season. The coaching staff has already seen a overhaul with Shane Watson joining as assistant coach and Tim Southee as bowling coach. The highlight signing in this department is obviously that of head coach Abhishek Nayar who gets a promotion after having served the franchise for many years as assistant coach.

Ravindra Jadeja Knows Where He's Going : Ravi Shastri Adds Fuel To Fire Over IPL 2026 Trade

There has been a lot of chatter over all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja's possible move to Rajasthan Royals ahead of IPL 2026 and Sanju Samson coming to Chennai Super Kings as part of a sensational trade deal. Over the past few days, the move has been dissected by several experts and it has already created a major buzz among the fans. During Day 1 of India's first Test match against South Africa on Friday, Harsha Bhogle wondered whether Jadeja will be impacted by the 'noise' off the field. However, former India coach Ravi Shastri promptly put the doubts to rest and said that a player of Jadeja's calibre is aware of his priorities and will not be swayed by the conversations over the IPL trade.

"The talk is more for people on the outside. They are more interested in where he's going and how much he is making. I

think he knew where he was going from the beginning. He was very clear, and his focus was cricket. Let the noise happen on the outside. Noise always happens in India. You know what you want, you know what's coming in your back pocket. I'll give you that, I mean, now. He is far too experienced. He's a gun cricketer, this fellow. I know, just the way he played in England. Over 500 runs in the series," Shastri said on commentary. Earlier, former Indian cricket team spinner R Ashwin also provided his verdict on Jadeja's possible move.

"I totally get the emotional angle of the fans regarding Jadeja's exit from CSK, but I am obliged to say that this is very unlike CSK. The sentiments of the fans are completely justified. CSK's identity was built on stability and trust in its players, and that was a huge message.



What MS Dhoni Said When Ravindra Jadeja Asked About Trade To Rajasthan Royals, Report Reveals

Rajasthan Royals (RR) have traded their captain Sanju Samson to Chennai Super Kings (CSK), according to a report. Samson makes the switch to the five-time champions with hours remaining for the Indian Premier League (IPL) Retention deadline. RR, on the other hand, have acquired the services of veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja and Sam Curran in exchange, ending weeks of speculation. According to a report in Cricbuzz, the move received the green light after initial complications due to the lack of an available over-



seas slot.

"For the record, the trade, which had hit a technical snag due to the lack of an available overseas slot, as first reported by Cricbuzz on November 11, in the Royals' squad, has been cleared by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). An official announcement is expected on Saturday (November 15)," the report said. The report also added that "CSK had been pursuing Samson for the last three years." An IPL CEO, on the conditions of anonymity, labelled this trade as a sweetheart deal for the Royals.