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Fake TTD letters... Minister PA complains to the police

From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, Nov., 17 : The circulation of fake TTD letters in the name of Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Y Satyakumar has created a stir. Minister Satyakumar PA approached Vijayawada police. The police have registered a case and are investigating. According to the police report, recently several devotees bought TTD letters in the name of Minister Satyakumar from brokers. Later, they went to Tirumala for darshan. TTD officials clarified to them that the letters were fake. In this context, they said that they were cheated and took up the matter with the attention of Minister Satyakumar's office. The minister's office has noticed that fake TTD letters are being issued in the minister's name for the past few days. Minister Satyakumar PA has filed a complaint with the Vijayawada City CP. Satyakumar PA has requested Police Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu to investigate the issuance of fake TTD letters in the minister's name. CP Rajasekhara Babu revealed



that a case has been registered and an investigation has been initiated. On the other hand, the police have already arrested several people who were selling fake TTD tickets in the names of MPs, ministers and MLAs in Tirumala. Within a few days, they came out and are selling these tickets again. Taking the support of devotees coming from far away places, they are selling these fake documents. They are charging huge amounts of money for it. If you go to see Theera Swamy, the TTD officials are making it clear that these are fake letters. Devotees are becoming victims of this and are climbing the steps of the police station, saying that they have been cheated. Devotees are appealing to the TTD officials to take strict action against those who indulge in such frauds.

AP CPS Employees Association's new committee elected

Tirupati: Andhra Pradesh CPS Employees Association held its Tirupati district committee elections. The elections were conducted in the presence of State Associate president Cheerla Kiran, who acted as the observer, and district honorary president N Madhu Babu, who served as election officer. After the voting process, the new district committee took charge and was administered the oath of office by the election officials. The declaration forms were also handed over to the newly elected members. State associate president Cheerla Kiran demanded the government for immediate removal of CPS (Contributory Pension Scheme) and restore old pension system as promised earlier.

Kartika vana samaradhana, marriage meet held

Kurnool: The Andhra State Adishaiva Brahmin (Archaka) Association, Kurnool District Branch, conducted the Kartika vana samaradhana and marriage introduction meet at the Sri Dattatreya Swamy Temple in Nerawada village. The programme began with Ganapathi Pujya, Usiri tree worship and a community breakfast, followed by a formal gathering. President of the Andhra Adishaiva Brahmin Association, Yanamandra Satya Seetharama Sharma (Muramalla Rambabu), attended the event as the chief guest and extended his blessings to the participants. District president Shankaraiah Sharma (H. Kairavadi), district general secretary Shivarchakula Prasad Sharma, and district treasurer Lakshminarayana Sharma led the arrangements. Key issues related to community welfare and priest development were deliberated during the meeting. Discussions covered the proposal to establish a dedicated corporation for Adishaiva Archakas, issuance of identity cards for priests, measures for temple development, expansion of welfare benefits, and initiatives to strengthen the safety, recognition and dignity of archakas. Leaders resolved to prepare detailed proposals for submission to the government. A large number of Adishaiva Brahmin families from across the district participated in the event, contributing to its smooth conduct and overall success.

CM Sees Google Unleashing \$1 Trillion Boom In Andhra



Amaravati / New Delhi, Nov., 14 (UNI): Some three decades ago, when N Chandrababu Naidu was seeking to turn southern India into a global tech hub, he regularly encountered skepticism from investors. "I used to fight with them," Naidu, 75, said in an interview from the coastal town of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, the south-eastern state he has led on and off since 1995. "You are having the wrong impression. The day will come. We'll prove it." These days, he said, India is seen as "indispensable." Naidu, who first won elected office nearly half a century ago, rose to global prominence

in the 1990s by encouraging Bill Gates to bring Microsoft Corp to Hyderabad and later welcoming Bill Clinton on the first visit by a sitting US president to southern India. Investor-friendly policies laid the foundation for a regional boom that generated a pipeline of sharp minds following in the footsteps of local hero Satya Nadella, Microsoft's current chief executive officer. Today, CM Naidu again is looking to build from the ground up, after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014 siphoned off Hyderabad — one of India's wealthiest cities — into what is now the neighboring state of Telangana. Yet he sounds more optimistic than ever about India's future, even as his state feels the brunt of President Donald Trump's 50 per cent tariffs and strict immigration policies. Describing the US-India spat as a "temporary setback," Naidu said a deal between Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi should come "very soon." "Always challenges and opportunities will go together," he said. CM Naidu, who retook control of the state in 2024 for a fourth term, scored a big win last month when Alphabet Inc.'s Google announced it would invest \$15 billion in data centers over the next five years. According to Naidu, that's only the start for Google and others: He's targeting an ambitious 15 per cent growth rate for the state, double the national pace, fueled by \$1 trillion in investments over the next decade in a bid to "leapfrog" development. At an investment conference over the weekend, Naidu pitched Andhra Pradesh as the next

Expansion plans of SEIL set to transform industrial landscape of Vizianagaram



From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, Nov., 17 : Aligning with India's National Green Steel Mission and Andhra Pradesh's vision of sustainable industrialisation, the State government signed memoranda of understanding with Steel Exchange India Limited (SEIL) and its 100 per cent subsidiary SEIL Infra Logistics Limited for two landmark industrial projects in Vizianagaram. Through its investment promotion agency, Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB), the government inked a pact with SEIL for the projects with an investment

commitment of Rs 4,650 crore. As part of the agreement, Steel Exchange India Limited will undertake one million ton per annum (MTPA) expansion of its integrated steel plant in Vizianagaram with an investment of Rs 3,450 crore. The expansion will emphasise green steel manufacturing, energy-efficient production processes and advanced specialty steel grades for construction, automotive, and engineering sectors. The project will feature a modern electric arc furnace and continuous casting technologies along with waste heat recovery sys-

tems and progressive adoption of renewable energy to reduce carbon intensity per ton of steel produced. The expansion is expected to generate around 3,000 direct and 4,000 indirect employment opportunities, catalysing industrial activity and skill development across Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts. As a strategic complement, SEIL Infra Logistics Limited will invest Rs 1,200 crore to establish a state-of-the-art Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) and cargo terminal. The MMLP is strategically located to integrate the Visakhapatnam and Gangavaram Ports, the Chennai-Delhi industrial corridor, and the Vizag-Raipur economic corridor, while also connecting the Golden Quadrilateral highway network and the upcoming Bhogapuram International Airport. This strategic convergence will enable seamless connectivity across sea, rail, road and air, positioning the facility as a key gateway for both domestic and export-oriented industries. The MMLP will offer container handling, warehousing, cold chain and value-added logistics services thereby improving freight efficiency and reducing logistics costs for regional industries.

Naidu extends full support to PM Modi's Panchamrit vision

From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, Nov., 17 : Reaffirming Andhra Pradesh's leadership in India's clean-energy transition, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has extended full support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Panchamrit Vision, calling it a historic national mission vital for environmental protection, economic sustainability, and the long-term welfare of future generations. He stressed that broad public

participation is essential to counter climate change and reaffirmed the State's commitment to the national goals announced by the Prime Minister at the Glasgow Climate Summit—achieving 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030, meeting 50% of energy needs through renewables, reducing carbon emissions by one billion tons by 2030, and reaching Net Zero by 2070. Andhra Pradesh has already initiated measures to contribute nearly 160 GW

to the national renewable-energy target. In a major Statewide infrastructure upgrade, Andhra Pradesh Government in partnership with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), will be partnering for one of India's largest LED public-lighting expansions. The project includes installation and upgradation of 10 lakh LED streetlights in urban areas and planning for 7 lakh new lights in rural areas—on top of the 23 lakh rural lights already installed. With mainte-

nance responsibilities restored through a Government Order, rural LED coverage will rise to 3 million, and the State's overall footprint will reach 4 million LED streetlights within one or two years. This will make Andhra Pradesh one of the best-illuminated states in the country, enhancing public safety, energy efficiency, and daily convenience. At the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, in the presence of Ministers P. Narayana, Kondapalli Srinivas and



Kandula Durgesh and Secretary to CM PS Pradyumna, Special CS. Ajay Jain, Principal Secretaries, S. Suresh Kumar, N. Yuvaraj, Amrapali Kata.

EDITORIAL

Is this a big deal for journalists?

The Press Council of India, set up to protect press freedom in the world's largest democracy, has not been functioning for a year. After the 14th term of the Press Council ends on October 5, 2024, it may come as a surprise to many that the legitimate, quasi-judicial system of a country with a population of over 140 crores will not have a functioning committee. The government has not taken any practical steps to constitute the 15th Council of the PCI. Describing the delay in the formation of the new Council as surprising, various journalist organisations have urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps. Many of them have also demanded that the PCI be empowered to bring news channels, radio and digital platforms under its purview and, if necessary, rename it as the Media Council of India. It goes without saying that PCI is an autonomous body. It was first established in 1966 under the Press Council Act, 1965. It was later re-established in 1979 under the Press Council Act, 1978. Its main objective is to protect press freedom in the country and improve the standards of newspapers and news organizations. This council has a tenure of three years. Last year, the Chairperson did not take the initiative to constitute a new council. PCI consists of a Chairman (usually a retired Supreme Court judge) and 28 members. Out of these, 13 are professional journalists. Six of them should be newspaper editors and seven others should be working journalists. Another six members represent the management (including owners) of newspapers. One each is drawn from large, medium and small newspapers. One member represents news agencies. Both houses of Parliament send five members. Three persons are nominated by the University Grants Commission, the Bar Council of India and the Sahitya Akademi from the fields of education, law and literature respectively. But the PCI can only review the performance of newspapers, magazines and news agencies. Moreover, it has limited powers to enforce the guidelines. News agencies, their editors and working journalists cannot be punished for violating the guidelines. India has about 1,00,000 publications (approved by the Registrar of Newspapers for India) published in various frequencies and languages, including English. India is home to about 400 satellite news channels, along with thousands of portals, WhatsApp channels, and other digital outlets. Indian newspapers, magazines, and periodicals have seen their revenues (from sales and advertising) decline as other media outlets have gained dominance in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, many print observers believe that traditional media will slowly recover from the losses. Readership is expected to rebound as consumers shift from digital media to traditional media for reliable information. They argue that print media outlets will almost double their readership by 2030.

Recently, several media houses have opposed changes in the PCI rules. The National Union of Working Journalists is opposing the idea of ??taking members from various press clubs instead of working journalists. They argue that press clubs are generally for recreational activities and their coverage areas are usually confined to a particular region, city or town. Press clubs also offer membership to non-working journalists (such as academics, writers, film personalities, diplomats). Moreover, members of a press club/ press guild/ media club do not represent different regions of the country. Recognised journalist unions usually have members from most parts of India. The Indian Journalists Union, which has affiliates in states and union territories like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Sikkim, etc., has moved the court seeking justice for professional scribes across the country, supporting over 23,000 members. Meanwhile, the All India Working News Cameramen's Association has challenged the PCI, alleging that its members were not included even after fulfilling all the necessary criteria. The PCI takes action on complaints alleging that a particular newspaper/news organisation or an editor/working journalist is degrading journalistic standards through his professional misconduct. Therefore, it should always be vigilant. It also has the power to make observations if it is found that the government's conduct is not appropriate in a matter where press freedom is guaranteed. Therefore, the Council should be activated and reconstituted. Moreover, the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting should immediately initiate steps to bring all types of media organisations under its purview.

Complete Polling Station Rationalisation Strictly: Collector Sridhar Cherukuri

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name changes and 19 location changes. He stressed ensuring that members of the same family are assigned to the same polling station and that voter enrolment, corrections, and deletions are carried out strictly as per election guidelines. Representatives from various political parties offered suggestions regarding the new polling stations. Officials and party leaders from TDP, YSRCP, Congress, BJP, JSP, BSP, CPI(M), CPI, and AAP participated.

For BJP, Bengal Won't Be As Easy As Bihar



Getting the details right in West Bengal, on culture, history and politics, is not easy; the land and its people are complicated. Storytelling is invariably different from the factual details; when in 1895 Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose wrote his magnificent 'Bhagirathi Utsa Sandhane' ('In Search of the Origins of the Bhagirathi'), being a scientist, he was precise and particular. His search was for the origins of the river, Bhagirathi, because, in his words, "Right from the days of my childhood, I have felt a deep friendship with the river." The Ganga does flow through the doab into Bihar, then Jharkhand, and finally, West Bengal; it then splits into the Bhagirathi and the Hugli and the Padma. It does flow down to the sea, creating on its journey the world's largest delta, but not alone. It is joined by the Meghna, that is the Brahmaputra in this mighty endeavour, along with a lot of tributaries that snake through the landscape of Bengal and the Sundarban.

Why This Matters

As a metaphor of the principal river of the North of India, the name Ganga is just about perfect; the facts as they are may be a different matter. Politics requires a magical mix of both, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi was entitled to frame the next election battle for ousting the redoubtable Mamata Banerjee and her Trinamool Congress from power in West Bengal in terms that would be widely understood. It is only nit-picking Bengalis who would question the statement for veracity. Why does any of this matter when electoral politics is an intensely fierce competition where the winner takes all? It matters because the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has worked hard to win in West Bengal ever since 2019, when it captured 18 of the total of 42 seats in the Lok Sabha elections, getting a little over 40% of the vote share against the reigning Trinamool Congress's 29%. The BJP's gains in that election were at the cost of the Trinamool Congress, the Congress and the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M)-led Left coalition. By the time the 2021 state assembly election were scheduled, the BJP was gung ho that it would win close to 200 seats out of the total of 294 seats in the West Bengal state assembly. It won 77 seats and 38.7%

of the votes after it poached a slew of Trinamool Congress heavyweights, including Suwendu Adhikari, who defeated Mamata Banerjee as a candidate for the Nandigram seat in East Midnapore. Since then, the BJP's strength in the state legislature has declined to around 65 seats with defections and losses in by-polls.

Bengal Is Very, Very Different

Despite the setbacks, the BJP has not given up its indefatigable quest to win in West Bengal. It is entirely right that as BJP's star campaigner and the architect, along with Amit Shah, of the series of wins in Maharashtra, Haryana, Delhi now Bihar, Modi should be impatient to win in West Bengal. Astute as the Prime Minister is politically, he knows that the task is easier said than done. Unlike in other states, the BJP in West Bengal is fighting a lone battle against a powerful and successful regional party that is culturally savvy and has mastery in knowing how to stir up Bengali nationalist emotions to serve political ends. It has no partners like the Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena or Ajit Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) in Maharashtra, nor does it have partners, small but significant as they are, in Uttar Pradesh.

Multiple Contenders In Bihar

In Bihar, the wave of support that lifted the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) was set off by Nitish Kumar on the one hand and possibly Chirag Paswan; the Janata Dal (United) (JD-U) almost doubled its seats from 43 in 2020 to 79 in 2025; the Lok Janashakti Party (LJP) scored a massive increase from a single seat in 2020 to 19 in 2025. The BJP's seat share improved from 74 in 2020 to 91 now, making it the single largest party in the Bihar state assembly, a position that it has worked hard to attain. In contrast, in West Bengal, the BJP is up against not only the ruling Trinamool Congress headed by a leader who has till now effectively fought off the attack, but also up against the CPI(M), which maintains that it is regaining some pockets of support that it lost so spectacularly in 2011 to Mamata Banerjee and the Congress, which, in turn, has a new team of leaders who are hungry to win. The 2021 state assembly election wiped out both the Congress and the

Left, but that did not make these parties irrelevant in West Bengal, because the defeats did not demolish the bases of these parties, even if it shrunk them.

What Ails Mamata

On paper, the Mamata Banerjee government, after three tumultuous terms in office is facing strong anti-incumbency sentiments. The shocking revelations of corruption among her most trusted lieutenants within the Trinamool Congress and the government, the outrage reflected in spontaneous street rallies after the brutal murder and rape of a young doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, followed by other incidents of rape, are the big-ticket issues; it is the everyday experiences of people dealing with the Trinamool's local babubalis (muscle-men and power-brokers) that has generated serious discontent with the government she runs. A constant stream of gossip in the state is about the links between her nephew and probably her apparent Abhishek Banerjee, as also about corruption, though incontrovertible evidence for it is missing.

What Being A 'Bengali' Means

Language as a marker of identity matters in West Bengal, as it does in Bangladesh. Bengali may be the national language of Bangladesh, but it is the universal language of people who call themselves Bengali, regardless of citizenship. The BJP in search of its core constituency in West Bengal has made illegal migrants from Bangladesh its key campaign issue. In this, the confusion it has created for itself is that illegal migrants are not only Muslims; there are more Hindu illegal migrants than Muslims in West Bengal. The Dalit Matuas are not the only people who came across the international border in successive waves from 1947; there are millions of non-Matua Hindus who also did. By virtually taking ownership for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls by the Election Commission to produce "pure electoral rolls" and then launching its five-plus district exercise to persuade illegal Hindu migrants to sign up for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the BJP has blundered. It has instilled fear and distrust within the Hindu vote bank it cultivated so assiduously as a constituency.

Guidelines Issued for Margashira Festival Arrangements Collector Reviews Temple Preparations



Visakhapatnam South, Pen Power, November 17: District Collector M.N. Harendhra Prasad directed all departments to prepare comprehensive plans for the smooth conduct of the upcoming Margashira month celebrations. On Monday evening, he personally inspected the arrangements at the Kanaka Mahalakshmi temple. He reviewed the dharmadarsan queue lines, general queue lines, entry-exit points, security measures, and visitor amenities based on the expected crowd. The Collector also examined the layout maps, route plans, and devotee flow

management strategies prepared by officials. He instructed them to rectify past shortcomings and ensure all works are completed on time, providing devotees a peaceful environment, quality annaprashadam, and adequate facilities during the festival. Later, he held a review meeting with AEOs, engineering staff, temple authorities, and representatives of various departments, emphasizing coordination for the successful conduct of the festivities. Temple EO Shobharani, EE Venkataramana, AEOs, and other officials accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

emand for Advocates' Protection Act Lawyers Stage Dharna in Rajamahendravaram



Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, Nov 17: Lawyers under the banner of the East Godavari District Advocates' Protest Committee staged a dharna at the Sub-Collector's office on Monday, demanding that the government enact an Advocates' Protection Act in view of rising attacks on lawyers across the state. Speaking on the occasion, committee representative P.V.V.S.B. Raju said over 50,000 advocates are practicing in Andhra Pradesh, yet incidents of attacks by police, accused persons, and vested interests are increasing. He urged the state government to introduce the protection law during the Assembly session. The protesters demanded the withdrawal of Sec-

tion 41A, alleging it is affecting advocates' livelihood, and sought mandatory bail hearings in courts. Other key demands included ₹50 lakh free health insurance for advocates and their families, enhancement of junior advocates' stipend from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000, funds for libraries, issuance of white ration cards, and allotment of government housing. Several advocates including Doodala Trinadharao, Dhanalakota Venkateswara Rao, Sadiq Hussain, S. Praveen Kumar, Badugu Raju, Kondeti Varlakshmi, Rupa Rajeshwari, Bira Arun Kumar, Nanda, Janga Rajashekar, B. Veeraj, Dangeeti Mounika, D. Raja Ratnam, Otlar Srinivas, and Chandasi Chinnababu participated.

Complaints Must Be Resolved Without Delay: District SP Harshavardhan Raju



Ongole, Pen Power, November 17: District SP V. Harshavardhan Raju instructed officers to ensure swift and effective handling of all public complaints without any delay. A total of 130 grievances were received during the Spandana grievance redressal program held on Monday at the SP office. The SP informed that citizens who are unable to visit the district police office can submit their complaints at local

police stations, circle offices, and sub-divisional offices. Most complaints were related to civil, land, and financial disputes, domestic harassment, job frauds, and cheating cases. PCR Inspector Durga Prasad, Ongole Rural CI N. Srikanth Babu, Podili CI M. Rajesh Kumar, Giddalur Rural CI Ramakotayya, Pamuru CI M. Srinivasa Rao, Grievance Cell SI Janardhan Rao, and other staff participated.

Speed up development works : Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar

Paderu, Pen Power, November 17: District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar directed officials to accelerate all ongoing road construction and development works and complete the pending projects by January next year. Reviewing engineering works of Roads & Buildings, Panchayat Raj, and Tribal Welfare departments, he instructed officials to quickly repair cyclone-affected roads, fill potholes, and ensure faster clearances for National Highway expansion. Proposals should be prepared for new road projects and funds released promptly for works completed on time. He emphasized improving connectivity to tourist locations, ensuring quality in construction, and assigning new works only to contractors who have completed previous projects satisfactorily. The Collector reviewed the progress of BT roads, causeways, retaining walls, Gram Panchayat buildings, Anganwadi centers, and multi-purpose community halls across the three ITDA regions through a PowerPoint presentation. He asked officials to speed up Gram Panchayat building works under RGSA and pay special attention to Anganwadi construction under the PM Janman scheme. Proposals should be prepared for replacing dilapidated structures with new buildings. Officials including the in-charge Joint Collector, Paderu ITDA PO Tirumani Sri Pooja, Rampachodavaram ITDA PO Smaran Raj, Chintoor ITDA in-charge PO Shubham Nokhwal, R&B EE Bala Sundar Babu, District Planning Officer P. Prasad,



and engineers from various departments participated.

Legal Awareness Seminar Held in Chennur - Focus on Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act - Organized by Legal Aid Defense Counsel at DWCRA Building

Kadapa, Pen Power, November 17: As per the instructions of the Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Amaravati, a legal awareness seminar on the “Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act–2007” was organized at the DWCRA building in Chennur under the supervision of the District Legal Services Authority, Kadapa. The programme was conducted by the Legal Aid Defense Counsel advocates following the directions of Dr. C. Yamini, Chairman-cum-Principal District Judge, and S. Baba Fakruddin, Secretary-cum-Senior Civil Judge. Speaking on the occasion, the advocates stated that the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 provides constitutional protection for the care of the elderly. They informed that the Act came into force in Andhra Pradesh on 22-09-2008, and tribunals headed by the RDO have been set up in every revenue sub-division to ensure speedy disposal of petitions. They explained that senior citizens or parents who are unable to maintain themselves have the right to file an application for maintenance under Section 5, and such applications must be disposed of within 90 days. Children who fail to comply with tribunal orders may face penalties or imprisonment up to one month. The maximum maintenance amount cannot exceed Rs. 10,000 per month. They further stated that abandoning elderly parents attracts a penalty of three months' imprisonment or a fine of Rs. 5,000. In



Kadapa district, the RDOs of Kadapa, Rajampet, and Jammalamadugu are functioning as tribunals, and the District Collector acts as the Appellate Authority. The advocates also explained various initiatives implemented by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) such as the Senior Citizens Legal Services Scheme–2016, NALSA–Jagruiti Scheme–2025, key sections of the Legal Services Authorities Act, constitutional guarantees, government welfare schemes, and free legal aid services. For free legal aid, citizens can contact 15100, the Senior Citizens Helpline 14567, or apply online through the NALSA LSAMS portal. Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel M. Haribabu, Legal Aid Defense Counsels Manohar, Raviteja, Akbar Ali, Assistant Project Manager Venkateswarlu, Para Legal Volunteer Dasharatharamireddy, and local residents participated in the programme.

Resolve PGPRS Grievances Promptly to Avoid Public Dissatisfaction: Collector Keerthi Chekuri



Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, November 17: District Collector Keerthi Chekuri directed officials to address PGPRS applications without delay, noting that unresolved

grievances are causing dissatisfaction among applicants. During the PGPRS grievance redressal session held at the Collectorate on Monday, she and Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop received public petitions. The Collector stressed the need for clarity, speed, and accountability in all departments. She said the State government is collecting feedback through IVRS to measure public satisfaction and instructed officials to ensure responsibility in resolving each petition. She emphasized effective coordination between the Revenue and Fisheries Departments for issuing licenses to fishermen. She also instructed employees to complete the mandatory training courses on the Karmayogi App within the given timeframe. Regarding the PM-Kisan Annadatha Sukhivbha Scheme (2nd instalment), the Collector directed officials to make all necessary arrangements for timely disbursal to farmers. Petitions related to school record corrections, lake encroachment reports, Deepam scheme payment issues, and Bodhi Marg encroachment were forwarded to the concerned officials for immediate action. Joint Collector Megha Swaroop, DRO T. Seetharama Murthy, and other officials participated.

Leadership Behind the Success of Partnership Summit Collector, JCs Felicitated by Revenue Association



Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 17: The district Revenue Association on Monday felicitated Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad and Joint Collector K. Mayur Ashok for their key role in the successful conduct of the Partnership Summit held on November 14 and 15, which showcased the district's administrative efficiency. At a program held at the PGPRS office, association representatives presented bouquets and



shawls to the officials, praising their coordination and leadership that set an example for the district administration. Officials present at the event applauded the Collector and JCs with loud appreciation. Revenue Association State Sports Secretary Rajendra Varma, District President S.A. Trinadha Rao, District Secretary Shyam Prasad, Collectorate AO B. Rani, DTs Yogi, Raviprakash, Kishore, and several section superintendents participated in the program.

Swift Justice for Citizens : SP Vakul Jindal Leads Public Grievance Redressal Programme

Pen Power, Guntur | November 17 : A special Public Grievance Redressal Programme was held at the Guntur District Police Office conference hall on Monday (17.11.2025), aimed at providing speedy solutions to citizens' complaints. District SP Vakul Jindal, along with senior police officials, personally heard various grievances brought forward by the public. The SP issued instant instructions to concerned officers and even contacted them directly over phone to ensure quick action. SP Jindal emphasized that: Every complaint must be resolved within the stipulated legal timeframe. Complaints should be handled thoroughly so that citizens do not have to run around police stations repeatedly. Officers must act with empathy, instilling confidence and trust among the public. The initiative aims to strengthen public-friendly policing and reinforce people's faith in the police department. Multiple complaints relating to family disputes, land issues, property disagreements, financial conflicts, fraud cases, and social inconveniences were received and forwarded for immediate inquiry. Officers were instructed to



keep complainants updated on the status of their cases. Additional SP (Administration) G.V. Ramanamurthy, Women Police Station DSP Srinivas Reddy, Guntur West DSP Aravind, South DSP Bhanoday, CI Bilaluddin, along with several CIs, SIs, and staff participated in the programme.

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JTIMA to Be Held in January

- Minister Md. Farooq Participates in Ijtima Committee Meeting



Kadapa, Pen Power, November 17: The State-level Ijtima will be held in Kadapa district on January 23, 24 and 25. Minister for Minority Welfare Md. Farooq directed officials to complete all arrangements in advance. A meeting

of the Namaz Ijtima Committee was held at the PGPRS Hall in the Collectorate, attended by Minister Md. Farooq, Kamalapuram MLA P. Krishna Chaitanya Reddy, Kadapa MLA Madhavi Reddy, District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri, Joint Collector Aditi Singh, and District SP C. Nachiketh Vishwanathan. The Minister instructed officials and committee members to responsibly handle duties related to infrastructure, drinking water, electricity, medical facilities, traffic control, security, fire safety, and barricading. He stressed ensuring a peaceful and incident-free event. The District Collector said a detailed plan is being prepared for the three-day programme. Departments have already been assigned duties, and the APIIC grounds at Kopparthi have been identified as the venue. Delegates from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and across the country are expected to attend. Officials including DRVO Visweshwara Naidu, Kadapa RDO John Erwin, Jammalamadugu RDO Sai Sri, Kadapa Commissioner Manoj Reddy, and committee members participated.

Quantum Computing Round Table & MoU Signed with QUBITECH at Vignan, Duvvada



Our Staff Repoter Pen Power, VISAKHAPATNAM Nov 17: As part of the national initiative “Viksit Bharat 2025 – Young Leaders' Dialogue”, a Round Table discussion on “Tech for Viksit Bharat – Quantum Computing” was held on Monday at Vignan Institute of Information and Technology (Autonomous), Duvvada. The event was jointly organized by MY Bharat (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India) and the YOBHA Foundation. A key highlight of the program was the signing of an MoU between Vignan Institute of Information and Technology and QUBITECH, a leading quantum research organization. Dr. Rohini Kumar, Dean–Industry Relations, and Dr. Omkar, In-charge ED Cell, have been appointed as faculty coordinators for the collaboration. The event featured distinguished guests including Shri Kesineni Venkateswarlu, CEO, Science City of Andhra Pradesh; Shri Haranath Mopuri, IRAS, Senior Divisional Financial Manager, Waltair; Shri Prudhvi Pinnaka, CEO, QUBITECH; and Shri Chandan Rao Matcha, Founder, YOBHA Foundation, who addressed the gathering and inspired the student community. Speaking virtually as Chief Guest, Shri M. Bharat emphasized the vital role of youth in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. He noted that emerging technologies such as Quantum Computing will play a decisive role in making India a global technological leader. Chief Guest Shri Kesineni Venkateswarlu highlighted the opportunities being created for the youth in frontier technologies,



urging students to innovate and explore fields like Quantum Technology, AI, and Data Science. Shri Haranath Mopuri underlined the transformative impact of technology on decision-making and financial systems, stating that early learners in Quantum Computing would gain significant advantages in the future. QUBITECH CEO Shri Prudhvi Pinnaka encouraged students to consider Quantum Computing as a strong career path, stressing India's potential to lead in deep-tech innovations. YOBHA Foundation Founder Shri Chandan Rao Matcha said that Indian youth are well-positioned to drive global shifts in Quantum Computing, AI, and Deep Tech sectors. Vignan CEO Shri N. Srikanth remarked that educational institutions play a pivotal role in preparing youth for emerging technologies, while Rector Dr. V. Madhusudhana Rao stated that innovation and research are key to India's scientific growth. Principal Dr. J. Sudhakar added that the Round Table discussion would strengthen students' technical understanding and critical thinking abilities. Students actively participated by raising questions on Quantum Computing, startup avenues, and future research directions, which were addressed in detail by the experts. During the program, Vignan CEO, Rector, and Principal felicitated the chief guests. Deans, Heads of Departments, and faculty members were also present.

Will This Bolly Star Kid Pass In Tollywood Where Her Mother Failed?

Superstar Mahesh Babu's nephew and Ghattamaneni Ramesh Babu's son, Jayakrishna Ghattamaneni, is all set to make his on-screen debut under Ajay Bhupathi's direction. The film was announced recently and now, the makers have revealed another star kid Rasha Tadani to be the female lead of the flick. Rasha is the daughter of veteran actress Raveena Tandon. She made her Bollywood debut earlier this year with Azaad and is now making her entry into Tollywood. While her mother had an average journey in Telugu cinema, it remains to be seen how Rasha's career shapes up in the industry. Raveena acted in four Telugu films, Bangaru Bullodu, Ratha Saradhi, Akasha Veedilo and Pandavulu Pandavulu Thummeda. Only Bangaru Bullodu among them was a successful outing at the box office. Rest of them ended as average films in theatrical run. Meanwhile, Rasha's maiden Bollywood film Azaad was a big



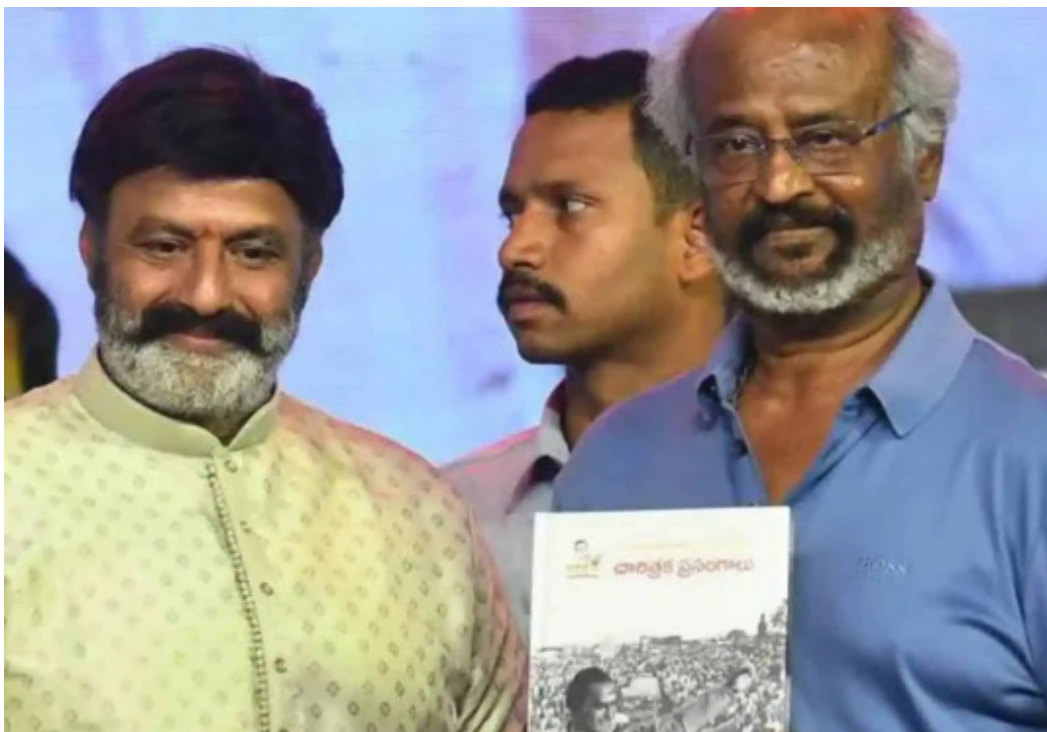
flop. So, this film's success is important for her career not only in Tollywood but in whole. The regular shoot of this upcoming project is expected to begin soon and it will hit the screens in 2026.

Balayya and Rajini To Get A Rare Honor Together

Legendary actors of South Indian cinema, Rajinikanth and Nandamuri Balakrishna, who are celebrating 50 years in the film industry, will be honoured at the closing ceremony of the upcoming International Film Festival of India in Goa. Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L. Murugan announced the news at a media meet in Goa.

He said that Rajinikanth and Balakrishna will be felicitated by the government at IFFI's closing ceremony, for completing 50 years in cinema, a milestone that celebrates their enduring influence on Indian film culture. He added that this felicitation recognises Rajinikanth and Balayya's iconic body of work, widespread popularity, and contribution to shaping Indian storytelling across decades.

Rajinikanth made his acting debut with the 1975 film Apoorva Raagangal. Since then, he has acted in many successful movies over the last five decades and has become



one of the iconic actors in Indian cinema. On the other side, Balayya also acted in more than 100 films in his 50-year-old career. He is also an active politician, serving as the MLA of Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh.

Coincidentally, Balayya was also honoured with the prestigious Padma Bhushan award earlier this year. This year's edition of IFFI will be held from November 20-November 27 in Goa. The closing ceremony of

the festival will be organised at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium. A total of 7500 delegates registered for this festival. Around 270 films from 84 countries will be screened at this prestigious film festival.

Pooja Hegde feels 2025 turned out to be a good year for her

Pooja Hegde went through a difficult phase in her career in the last two years. She did not get a single release in 2024, and her only film in 2023 failed at the box office. With two years of setbacks, many believed her career had reached a dead end.

However, 2025 turned into a strong comeback year for her. She acted alongside Suriya in "Retro." Although the film did not succeed commercially, her special number in Rajinikanth's "Coolie" became a sensation. The song kept her trending for months and helped revive her popularity.

Pooja Hegde had three releases in 2025 and is gearing up for the release of Vijay's "Jana Nayakudu" in January 2026.

She also has two more projects in hand, including a Telugu film that is currently on the sets. Overall, the year brought her back into the spotlight and



restored her busy schedule. Reflecting on her journey, she said the year has been a creative turning point. "It has been a very satisfying year from a creative point of view, with the kind of reception and love I received for my performances, especially my role in 'Retro'. And the 'Monica' song turning into a rage added to that. It has been creatively fulfilling," she told Travel + Leisure Magazine.

Gautam Gambhir, Ajit Agarkar Grilled After Loss To South Africa In 1st Test: "Selections Without Clarity

Former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad has criticised the selectors and team management following the loss to South Africa in the 1st Test in Kolkata on Sunday. India were outplayed by the Proteas on Day 3 after having dominated the first two days of play at the Eden Gardens. Chasing 124 to win, India were bowled out for 93 after captain Shubman Gill did not bat in the second innings. Gill, who retired hurt due to a neck injury after playing just three balls in the first innings, was taken to the hospital for observation on Saturday. Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Prasad put the blame of the loss on the selectors, as well as head coach Gautam Gambhir. He rued a lack of clarity in the team selection, while highlighting the team's poor record in Tests since Gambhir took charge. "While we have been excellent in white-ball cricket. We can't call ourselves a top Test side with such planning. Selections without clarity and over-tactical thinking are back-



firing. Poor results over a year in Tests barring a drawn series in England," Venkatesh posted on X. Spinner Simon Harmer was the hero for South Africa as he claimed a match haul of eight wickets, four each in both the innings. Harmer, who had figures of 4-30 in the first Indian innings, struck key blows in the second session including getting Rishabh Pant caught and bowled for two to

dent the opposition chase. Left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj struck twice in two balls to pack off India and trigger wild celebrations in the South African camp with the reigning world Test champions taking a 1-0 lead in the two-match series. South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma hit a defiant 55 not out to lift his team's second innings total to 153 after they slipped to 91-7 on day two.

Mohsin Naqvi's Surprising Post As Pakistan Shaheens Beat India A In Asia Cup Rising Stars

India A suffered a shocking eight-wicket defeat against arch-rivals Pakistan Shaheens in the Asia Cup Rising Stars tournament in Doha on Sunday. Opting to field first, Pakistan staged a remarkable comeback to bowl out India A for just 136 after the latter were cruising at 91 for three in the 10th over. In reply, Pakistan Shaheens chased down the target of 137 with 40 balls to spare, registering their second victory in the tournament. Following the win, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi congratulated the team for their brilliant performance. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Naqvi lauded the team for playing dominant and fearless cricket against their arch-rivals. "What a proud moment for Pakistan and for the Board today! Our Pakistan Shaheens defeated India A by 8 wickets, chasing a dominant, fearless, and un-



forgettable performance in the Asia Cup Rising Stars Tournament in Doha. Superb cricket by our young guns-the future of Pakistan is shining bright. Congratulations to the nation!" wrote Naqvi on X. The post from Naqvi, however, was quite unexpected for many, as the victory for Pakistan Shaheens was a solitary result in the team's favour, and that too at a relatively early stage in the tournament. Hence, the post was surprising for many. The result marked the first time in a

long while that Pakistan defeated India in any cricket tournament. Their most recent losses came in the senior men's Asia Cup 2025, where India beat them thrice. Interestingly, the captains of the two teams did not shake hands at the toss, continuing the precedent set during the senior men's Asia Cup 2025 encounters. However, a wild claim emerged on social media suggesting that Indian players reached out to their Pakistani counterparts at the end of the game. These claims, however, were far from reality. A video circulating online showed Pakistani cricketers and support staff shaking hands with each other after the match concluded. As for the match, Pakistan opener Maaz Sadaqat was the star of the match, smashing an unbeaten 79 off 47 balls, studied with seven fours and four sixes. He also contributed with the ball, taking 2/12 to round off a brilliant all-round performance.

Sourav Ganguly Stirs Fresh Eden Gardens Pitch Debate, Sends Blunt Message To Gautam Gambhir

The Kolkata pitch ploy came back to haunt the Indian team as the game concluded inside three days, with the Temba Bavumal South Africa securing a 30-run win, while defending a total of 123 runs. The early conclusion of the game, together with the excessive help bowlers found on the surface, triggered a huge controversy over the nature of the pitch. India head coach Gautam Gambhir, however, refused to blame the pitch, saying the wicket was exactly the way his team wanted for the series opener. Sourav Ganguly, former India captain and current Cricket Association of Bengal president, however, wants Gambhir to alter his approach.

Pitches like the ones at Eden Gardens have widely been blamed for Test cricket's low death, especially in India. Since the conclusion of the game, many have questioned Gambhir and his team over the reason behind their insistence on playing cricket on such a pitch. Ganguly, in a chat with India Today, revealed that Gambhir and his management themselves spoke to the curator to pre-



pare such a pitch. "There is no controversy. It was not the best Test wicket, but unfortunately, India lost. And they still should have got 120. It wasn't the greatest of Test pitch. Gambhir said they wanted such a pitch and that they themselves instructed the curator," Ganguly said. Despite the result not going his way, Gambhir himself said at the post-match press conference that the curator made the pitch exactly the way the Indian team wanted.

"Yes, that is true - instructions were given, and I'll just repeat what I said earlier. I am very fond of Gautam; he has done well

for India in England, in ODIs, in T20 cricket. We will continue for a while, but we must play on good pitches," Ganguly asserted. Ganguly expressed his admiration for Gambhir but wants the India head coach to change a few things, with respect to how match-winners like Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Mohammed Shami should be trusted. "He must have faith in Bumrah, Siraj, and Shami. Spinners, who win Test matches for them," he added. To conclude, Ganguly lent an important advice to Gambhir, "Win Test matches in five days, not three days".