



MESSAGE OF PEACE

Milad-un-Nabi procession was taken out across TG on Thursday. The procession in celebration of Prophet Muhammad's birthday was postponed to September 19 from September 16 in view of Ganesh idol immersion.

Members of the Muslim community take part in a Milad-un-Nabi procession at Charminar in Hyderabad on Thursday. | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

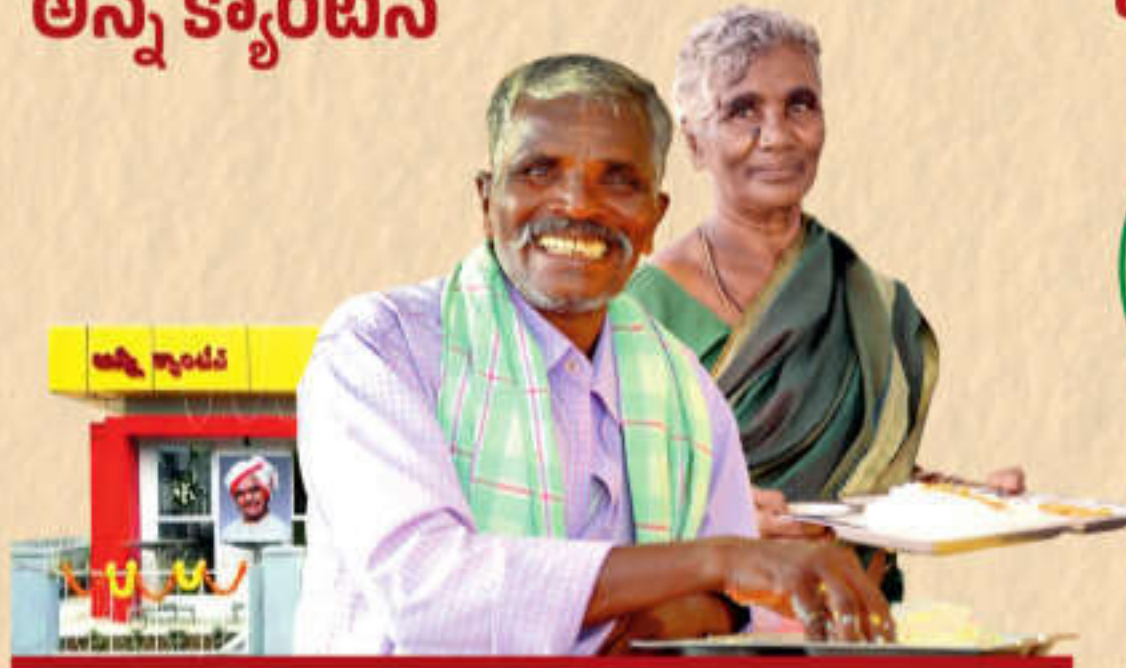


సంక్షోభంలోనూ సంక్షేమం అందించి, అభివృద్ధికి రెక్కలు తొడిగి, మొదటి 100 రోజుల్లోనే 'ఇది మంచి ప్రభుత్వం' అని ప్రజల చేత అనిపించుకుంటోంది కూటమి ప్రభుత్వం

అవ్వతాతలకు పింఛన్ రూ.4000 అయ్యింది దివ్యాంగులకు రూ.6000 ఇస్తున్నారు



అమ్మలాగా లక్షల మందికి ఆకలి తీరుస్తున్న అన్న క్యాంప్స్



నిరుద్యోగ యువత భవిష్యత్తుపై వెలుగు సంతకం మెగా డీఎస్సీ



కష్టాల్లో ఆపుడిలా తోడు నిలిచాడు వరదపై విజయం సాధించేలా చేశాడు



ల్యాండ్ ట్రైటిలింగ్ యాక్ట్ రద్దుతో ప్రజల ఆస్తుల భద్రతకు భరోసా



రైతుబిడ్డకి తెలుసు రైతు కష్టం రూ.1674 కోట్ల ధాన్యం కొనుగోలు బకాయిల చెల్లింపు



ఇది మంచి ప్రభుత్వం

ఇక మీదట కూడా ప్రజల ఆకాంక్షలకు, అవసరాలకు అనుగుణంగా కూటమి ప్రభుత్వం పనిచేస్తుందని చంద్రబాబుగారు హామీ ఇస్తున్నారు

జాబ్ చేసినవారు: ధీరేశ్వర్, సమాచార మరియు సౌర సంబంధాల శాఖ, ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ ప్రభుత్వం.



HYDRAA SET TO OUTSOURCE DEMOLITION WORK

The proposal is to hire a contractor for a 1-year term for demolitions in the city and outskirts

S BACHAN JEET SINGH @Hyderabad

AS part of the ongoing efforts to address unauthorised structures within the full tank level (FTL) and buffer zones of water bodies, government lands and parks, the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) is set to engage a demolition agency for demolition, which would be responsible for demolishing these structures and transporting debris.



262 illegal

structures have been razed by the HYDRAA since its inception in July earlier this year. The highest number of demolitions were carried out at Chinthala Cheruvu in Gajularamaram, where 54 structures were removed from a land parcel spanning 3.5 acres

should efficiently dismantle structures with a total area of 40,000 square feet—including ground and five upper floors—within five hours, with certification from the appropriate field officer. Additionally, the agency must have two excavators, two JCBs, and other necessary demolition equipment.

Contractor to bear all costs

The contractor will be responsible for all costs of transport and proper disposal of debris.

The agency must have executed at least one demolition project critical or emergency conditions directly or indirectly, in the government sector, public sector undertaking (PSU) or corporate sector anywhere in Telangana. Priority will be given to bidders with experience in demolishing structures without damaging immediate neighbouring and adjoining structures.

Currently, HYDRAA is temporarily hiring private agencies to raze illegal structures. The agency has been demolishing under-construction multi-storied apartments, large buildings, sheds, compound walls and villas built within water bodies in Hyderabad and its outskirts within the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

Since its inception in July, HYDRAA has demolished 262 m., encroachments across 26 locations, reclaiming 111.72 acres of land. The highest number of demolitions occurred at Chinthala Cheruvu in Gajularamaram, where 54 structures were removed from 3.5 acres, along with 45 structures in Bum-rukn-ud-Dowla lake, Rajendranagar (12 acres), 42 structures near Sunnam Cheruvu (10 acres), 24 structures in Ameenpur lake, 10 in Gandipet lake (6.5 acres) and other places.

HYDRAA has invited proposals to engage a demolition agency for a one-year term. Sources said that the selected agency must possess machinery/equipment including a hi-reach hydraulic boom capable of reaching heights up to 20 metres along with a jaw crusher, shear cutter, additional shear cutter, rock breaker with bucket, blade attachments and other materials required. The demolition machine



A minor fire broke out at a Milad-un-Nabi rally organised by the All India Sunni United Forum at Charminar on Thursday.

The fire was caused by sparks from an overheated sound system. The fire was brought and nobody was injured

Docs save infant who swallowed safety pin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

DOCTORS at city-based Ankura Hospital saved the life of a three-month-old infant who accidentally swallowed an open safety pin.

The incident occurred when the infant's six-year-old sibling, inadvertently caused the baby to ingest the sharp object.

Dr Parijat Ram Tripathi, a consultant Pediatric Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist, examined the infant. A radiographic exam revealed that the safety pin had pierced the infant's stomach lining, a life-threatening condition that required urgent intervention.

The 2 cm safety pin, lodged dangerously in the stomach lining, was successfully extracted using endoscopy, a minimally invasive technique. This approach reduced the need for open surgery and minimised the risks of infection and extended recovery time.

According to Dr Krishna Prasad Vunnam, founder and managing director, Ankura Hospital for Women and Children, "This incident serves as a stark reminder that even seemingly harmless household items can pose significant dangers to young children."

93% of households in TG spend on mosquito repellents: Survey

AARTI KASHYAP @Hyderabad

ABOUT 93% of households in Telangana spend between ₹200 and ₹5,000 on mosquito repellent measures each month, according to a recent survey conducted by LocalCircles, a community social media platform.



Electric rackets, 14% employed fogging services and 9% used coils to combat mosquitoes.

August-October identified as peak season

Additionally, 71% of respondents identified August to October as the peak period for mosquito prevalence in the state, while 18% pointed to May to July as the peak season for mosquito activity.

The survey highlighted the widespread occurrence of dengue and chikungunya cases in cities like Hyderabad, Pune, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kochi. Despite this, local civic bodies have failed to address key issues such as open drains and potholes, which serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes, leading to the spread of vector-borne diseases and serious health risks in both urban and rural areas, it added.

The survey also cited figures shared by the Centre on dengue cases, with Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Prataprao Jadhav informing the Lok Sabha that over 32,000 dengue cases were reported nationwide this year up to August 2, compared to 18,391 cases during the same period in 2023.

The survey also found that 59% of households in Telangana used repellent liquids, sprays and creams, while 34% used mosquito nets, 29% used elec-

EXPRESS READ

TG girl wins award at national science exhibition

Hyderabad: Subhashree Sahu from Paramita Heritage School in Karimnagar was selected for the National Level Exhibitions and Project Competition (NLEPC) Awards - MANAK scheme for the year 2023-24, held from September 17 to 19. These awards are organised by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. About 350 projects were displayed at the exhibition, with 31 selected as winners.

Transport dept bans smart card maker

AJAY TOMAR @Hyderabad

THE state Transport department has debarred Colorplast Systems Private Limited, which supplies smart cards for vehicle registration certificates (RCs) and driving licences (DLs), from participating in future tender processes.

In an order dated September 18, the Transport Commission initiated legal action against the Delhi-based company after its responses were deemed unsatisfactory regarding compliance with Smart Card Operating System for Transport Application (SCOSTA) guidelines set by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH).

According to a report from MeitY's National Informatics Centre (NIC), Colorplast supplied non-compliant cards, violating contractual conditions among other issues.

Vulnerable to data breach

In May, Kamal Soi, chairman of the Punjab-based NGO Raahat (The Safe Community Foundation), alleged that the China-manufactured chips in the smart cards were substandard, vulnerable to data breaches and did not adhere to SCOSTA norms.

On Monday, during a press conference, Soi told T/NE that the NIC's Smart Card Technology Division had received 20

sample cards, which returned two different answers to reset (ATR). Testing with an OEM tool revealed that 12 of the cards were non-compliant, specifically for the chip-maker Samsung and the chip model S3K140A.

The order reiterated Soi's claims, indicating that some sample smart cards were non-compliant with SCOSTA mandates while others met the requirements.

Earlier, Soi stated that Colorplast was awarded the tender to provide chips for ₹32 each, while the chips used in these cards are available for ₹3 to ₹4 and SCOSTA-compliant chips would cost around ₹27 to ₹28.

IMD issues yellow alert for thunderstorms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow warning for thunderstorms and lightning across various districts from September 21 to 23.

The districts include Adilabad, Kumurambheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahbub-

nagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal.

Light to moderate rains will also be experienced at isolated places in the state till September 25.

Over the next 48 hours, the city will experience light rain or drizzle during evening or night. Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 33°C and 23°C respectively. Surface winds are likely to be north-westerlies with wind speeds around 6-10 kmph.

Citing free bus travel for women, HC rejects case transfer plea

TG NAIDU @Hyderabad

NOTING that travelling by TGRTC buses was free for women in the state, the Telangana High Court on Thursday dismissed a woman's plea seeking to transfer divorce proceedings from Nirmal district to Hyderabad.

Presiding over the case, Justice P Sree Sudha said there was no valid reason for the transfer. "As both parties are residing in Nirmal, this court finds that

there is no reason to transfer this petition from the Senior Civil Judge Court, Nirmal, to the Principal Family Court Judge, Rangareddy district at LB Nagar or Principal Family Court at Hyderabad," the judge observed.

The court also highlighted that the Telangana government provides free bus services for women, making travel less burdensome. As a result, it ruled that the peti-

tion lacked merit and was "liable to be dismissed".

The case originated when the woman's husband filed a divorce petition under Section 13(1)(ia)(b) of the Hindu Marriage Act in Nirmal, citing cruelty and desertion. The woman, in turn, filed a criminal case against him and his family members under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Dowry Prohibition Act, accusing them

of cruelty.

In her plea for the transfer of proceedings, the woman argued that she was residing with her parents in Hyderabad, along with their two-and-a-half-year-old child. She claimed that frequent travel from Hyderabad to Nirmal without male assistance was challenging.

However, her husband contested these claims, stating that the woman had an MSc in Geology and worked in the private sector. He asserted that she was

living in Nirmal with her parents and had only filed a "false complaint" against him and his family, utilising her brother's position in Hyderabad to manipulate jurisdiction. He also noted that the wife had received legal summons at her Nirmal address before moving the transfer plea.

The court, after considering both parties' arguments, found no compelling reason for the transfer and dismissed the woman's petition.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20th September: According to the most ancient omens, when Venus rises as the Morning Star, it's known as the Herald of Day. This is a sign that well-behaved people will be super-charming, and rude people will be much more polite than usual. Sounds good to me - and I always like to think of it this way!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Your social relationships are obviously very important to you, but the time may have come to put to flight anyone who has taken your affections and little kindnesses too much for granted. Your head and your heart agree for once, so you should be taking the right decisions.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) There are certainly some tempestuous conditions in the air, but by no means will current developments be difficult. Much depends on your attitude; in other words, on your willingness to welcome change and accept criticism. It's not easy, but you can do it.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Now that the Moon is so positive, you may demand your fair share of attention. Domestic questions are likely to be more important than public ambitions, and you will have to settle private matters before turning your gaze to the demands of the big world.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Even those with whom you have had fairly straight-forward connections in the past, now seem to be making quite outrageous demands. Don't worry - it's only those lively planets Mars and Uranus stirring up fresh ideas and offering renewed stimulation.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) You have been weighed down with responsibility-lies, perhaps forced to adjust to a different lifestyle. Friends and partners will be a valuable source of support, so don't be afraid to ask for assistance - and don't be slow to come up with the necessary cash, either.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23) No two Virgos are exactly alike, but if you are loosely typical of your birth sign you may now have to extricate yourself from one particular burdensome association. One last bond and you should be free! While you're at it, keep an eye on potential cash complications.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Only by distancing yourself from people who have tried to dominate you, will you find the perfect solution to current personal differences. Ambitious Librans must wait another month or so for plans to come to fruition, but patience, as you know, is a virtue.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Light may be shining on hidden areas of your life right now. Venus and Mars, a bright celestial duo if ever there was one, are making very helpful headway into your domestic and family affairs, revealing that the way forward lies through love and friendship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) It's a tough week astrologically speaking, but, considering quite a few other people seem to be having a hard time, you aren't doing too badly. You can probably afford to give yourself a pat on the back for having survived this far! At least the truth seems to be coming out.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Life is not all a bed of roses and it must be perfectly obvious by now that you have to do certain things which are not to your liking. But, then, don't we all? There is no point in believing that you have been singled out for harsh treatment. It's just that it feels that way!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Matrimonial and partnership affairs are going through an interesting phase. The correct strategy may be that of the carrot and the stick. That is, partners need to be persuaded and enticed as well as bullied or bamboozled. You might also have to fork out some extra cash!

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) As from today the planets will focus on your domestic situation. This is a time which favours seclusion and privacy and you may be persuaded and enticed to force you out of your nest. Still, you should appreciate the fact that a partner seems to have more energy and enthusiasm these days.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid.

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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-25 indicating starting points for clues.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Book transport for a group (7)
5 Agree but say nothing (3)
8 Wild lion scared no one; certainly not him (9)
9 Biochemistry for member of a West African people (3)
10 Blow on the foot for warmth (4)
12 Pains grip sick Greek hero (8)
14 Ice cold (6)
15 In Latin 'I' is used by many showing selfishness (6)
17 An A for apprenticeship (8)
18 Small soft cry (4)
21 Margaret shortly turned to stone (3)
22 Talk of past crimes in Egyptian capital maybe (9)
24 Sedan built for the likes of Schmeichel or Wozniacki? (5)
25 Used by writer and poet perhaps (7)

DOWN

- 1 Salvo possible but not rounds (5)
2 Agree but say nothing (3)
3 Harbour bar in which business is unusually brisk (4)
4 Go for the best (6)
5 Ties even if beatings are evident (8)
6 Painting that lacks humanity? (5,4)
7 This animal won't always die a natural death (7)
11 Skilled worker in the main? (9)
13 Pure ices for them of course (8)
14 New-fangled sort of wheel (7)
16 Indispensable member of locksmith's staff? (3,3)
19 Quietly start to pray (5)
20 Some soldiers can return to university (4)
23 A detergent without a special offer (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Mattered, 5 Amid, 9 Kaput, 10 Prisons, 11 Poor relation, 13 Outlaw, 14 Sprout, 17 Paving stones, 20 Silence, 21 Irate, 22 Dray, 23 Staggers.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

Jumble puzzle with words GEDEW, IGNTA, ROMRYA, DUONFE and a cartoon illustration.





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## SC THROWS OUT CURATIVE PETITION OF VODA, AIRTEL OVER MEGA DUES

The court dismissed pleas by Vodafone Idea, Bharti Airtel and others, seeking correction of alleged errors in the Adjusted Gross Revenue

## COURT'S BLOW COULD LAND TELCOS IN THE RED

The court order will be a big blow to the telcos, especially Vodafone Idea, which analysts warned could face a financial crisis in the absence of AGR relief. The telecom companies had moved the Supreme Court claiming there were several errors in the government's calculation of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues. The court dismissed the plea in 2021 after which the curative pleas were filed

## NO MORE DISPUTES OVER AGR, COMPANIES TOLD

Vodafone-Idea's liability is ₹58,254 cr and that of Airtel's is ₹43,980 cr. The dues are currently on moratorium till September 2025 as part of a government relief package for the telcos approved in 2021 | P10  
Dismissing the curative pleas, the top court said telecom companies shall not raise any dispute and there shall not be any re-assessment

25 years

HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE VI TO ORGANICALLY PAY ITS DUES AS PER ANALYSIS BY MACQUARIE

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## HOMETOWN GLORY

R Ashwin walked to bat when India were struggling at 144 for six. Along with Ravindra Jadeja he rebuilt the innings and scored his sixth Test century to take India to a strong position at the end of the day one against Bangladesh | ASHWIN PRASATH | P11

## India rubbishes Pannun lawsuit as unwarranted

PM's meeting with Trump not firmed up yet, says foreign secretary

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

FOREIGN Secretary Vikram Misri on Thursday dismissed imputations in a civil lawsuit filed by Khalistani separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun against the Indian government and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in an American court ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's US visit. The case pertains to the alleged attempt to bump him off by a hired gunman. The court issued summons and sought a response within 21 days.

The foreign secretary described Pannun's allegations as "unwarranted and unsubstantiated, adding "it doesn't change our views about the underlying situation." Misri said Pannun's antecedents are well known.

"I would also like to underline the fact that this person represents an organisation which is unlawful and has been declared as such under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967 and it has been done so on account of its involvement in anti-national and subversive activities aimed at disrupting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India," Misri added.

As for the buzz on Modi meeting former US President Donald Trump, Misri said it has not been firmed up yet. A couple of days ago, Trump had said he was looking forward to meeting Modi during the visit. "PM Modi is a fantastic man and is coming to meet me next week," he had said.

"We are currently trying to schedule several meetings of the prime minister, based on the time available.

At this moment I cannot specifically tell you whether meetings have been fixed or not. We are looking from all viewpoints, considering how much time we have with whom the meetings can be arranged. We will update once they are fixed," Misri said.

Regarding the Quad summit, he said, all regional, international, geopolitical situations will be on the agenda and the essence from the discussions will be reflected in the joint statement. "All key challenges confronting the international community on development, peace, security will be discussed."

The PM will depart on September 21 and his first engagement is the Quad Summit at Delaware. The White House said China will be high on the agenda of the summit.

## NO BILATERAL WITH YUNUS

Modi will have a number of bilateral meetings with world leaders, but not with the head of the interim govt in Bangladesh, Muhammad Yunus. Besides, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has not requested a meeting with the prime minister, says MEA

## DIASPORA DIALOGUE

On Sept 22, Modi will attend a diaspora event at Nassau Coliseum in New York. Arrangements for this event has been made privately, so there is no clarity on who all will be invited. Next day, Modi will address the Summit of the Future at New York

## MONEY LAUNDERING FATF red-flags India's low conviction rate

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

PARIS-based Financial Action Task Force has asked India to reduce the number of pending trials in money laundering cases. In its mutual evaluation report released on Thursday, the money laundering and terror financing watchdog said India must increase conviction-based confiscations.

The report notes that the Enforcement Directorate has made non-conviction based seizures to the tune of ₹16,497 crore from FY19 to FY23, while confiscations based on convictions were worth ₹39 crore. During the five-year period, the ED started 4,163 investigations, of which 28 cases ended in conviction. In 132 cases, the ED decided to not probe further.

According to the report, the number of investigations has been increasing but the number of prosecution complaints has not kept pace. To increase the rate of conviction, the FATF suggested that India enhance resourcing for ED and specialised courts to be able to swiftly conclude pending prosecutions and sustain timely investigation, prosecution and conviction.

The evaluation report praises India for its "strong provisional measures for depriving criminals from the benefits of their crimes and helping prevent asset flight through the attachment (seizure) of proceeds of crime".

## BUILDING FUTURE

## HELP SKILL VARSITY BECOME A MODEL: CM TO CORPORATES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy appealed to industrialists and corporate houses to come and partner with the Young India Skill University by contributing to the corpus fund and constructing infrastructure which would be named after the donors.

Revanth held a meeting with the Board of governors of the varsity, industrialists and representatives of various companies and sectors where he said that the varsity should be made a model in the country.

He expressed confidence that Skill University chairperson Anand Mahindra, who has the experience as well as a unique identity, will add to the brand value of the institution.

Revanth announced that the responsibility was being handed over to the University Board and said that the state government has allotted 150 acres and ₹100 crore to the university. He said that the government will now focus on the establishment of Young India Sports University. "The sports university will be set up



Skill University chairman Anand Mahindra speaks as CM A Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and IT Minister Sridhar Babu look on, on Thursday

in around 200 acres and training will be provided to athletes with the aim of bringing a gold medal to India in the 2028 Olympics," Revanth said. He appealed to industrialists to participate in the development of the varsity. "Funding is not a problem for the state government. However, beyond financial cooperation, all industrialists and businessmen of the state should take part in these initiatives," Revanth said.

Expressing concern over the lack of skill among graduates and postgraduates, he said that lakhs of youngsters who have completed engineer-

ing are unable to find jobs.

Apart from Mahindra and IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, university co-chairman Srinu Raju, Board members P Devaiah, Suchitra Ella and Satish Reddy, Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari, special chief secretary (IT) Jayesh Ranjan, principal secretary to CM Seshadri, businessperson N Brahmani, film producer D Suresh Babu and others were present while Board members Manish Sabharwal, Sanjeev Bikhchandani, MM Murugaparan and KP Krishnan participated through videoconference. **CONTINUED ON P4**

## Report questions quality, with riders Naidu at an all-time low: Ex-TTD chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tirupati

A National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) report, released on July 23, 2024, has raised doubts over the quality of ghee used in Tirupati laddus, suggesting potential adulteration with foreign fats. The report, submitted to the Water and Food Analysis Laboratory of the TTD, followed tests on a sample sent by the TTD on July 12, 2024.

However, the NDDB made it clear that certain factors, such as feeding cows high amounts of vegetable oils or employing specific extraction methods, could lead to false positives.

According to the report, an analysis showed that several of the tested sample's S-values fell outside the standard limits, suggesting the presence of foreign fats such as soyabean, sunflower, palm kernel fat, or even lard and beef tallow. The acceptable S-value range for pure milk fat is between 98.05 and 104.32, but the tested sample exhibited values ranging from 19.72 to 117.42. **CONTINUED ON P5**



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

CONDEMNING Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's comments accusing the previous regime of using animal fat for preparing Srivari laddus, YSRC Rajya Sabha MP and former Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) chairman YV Subba Reddy said the party will move the Supreme Court and file a defamation case if the TDP-led NDA government does not submit evidence to support its claims.

Charging Naidu with hurting the sentiments of lakhs of devotees of Lord Venkateswara, Subba Reddy asserted, "As a Hindu and a devotee of Lord Venkateswara, I have strived to ensure no mistake or sacrilege occurred in TTD. Me and my family are ready to take an oath before the almighty regarding Tirumala prasadam. Is Chandrababu willing to do the same with his family?"

Speaking to mediapersons at YSRC party headquarters on Thursday, the MP said Naidu had stooped to an all-time low to gain political mileage. **CONTINUED ON P5**



NAIDU: TTD PROBE CONFIRMED USE OF SUBSTANDARD INGREDIENTS | P5

## Cyberabad SOT sleuths arrest Jani Master in Goa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

CYBERABAD Special Operations Team on Thursday arrested an award-winning choreographer Shaikh Jani Basha, also known as Jani Master, in Goa and produced him before a local court.

"The accused is being brought to Hyderabad on a transit warrant and will be produced before a regular court," Rajendranagar DCP Ch Srinivas confirmed.

After a complaint of sexual assault was lodged against Jani by a 21-year-old woman choreographer who worked with him as an assistant, he had been absconding. She had accused Jani of sexually assaulting, harassing and intimidating her multiple times.

Based on her complaint, a zero FIR under relevant IPC Sections was registered by the Raidurgam police and the case was then taken up

by Narsingi police. Investigations led police to believe that the girl had been allegedly assaulted by Jani when she was still a minor. Consequently, Sections of the POCSO Act were included in the case on Wednesday and the police booked him on a non-bailable offence.

Meanwhile, Jani's wife Sumalatha reached the Narsingi police station after she reportedly received a call from an unknown number

about the choreographer's arrest. It may be mentioned here that the survivor also mentioned Sumalatha in her complaint and said that the latter slapped her multiple times.

Earlier, the Telangana Film Chamber of Commerce suspended Jani from his post as the president of the Telugu Film & TV Dance Directors Association. After the case was filed, the choreographer, a member of Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party, was also asked to stay away from party activities.



## Docs relent, agree to join emergency duty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

JUNIOR doctors in West Bengal, who were protesting over the brutal rape-murder of a resident doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, have decided to resume emergency services from Saturday. However, the trainee doctors said they have not called off their protest seeking justice for their colleague and will not join duty in the OPDs across government hospitals.

"We are withdrawing our cease work partially," said a protesting doctor.

Before partially lifting their sit-in protest, the doctors plan to hold a march from Swasthya Bhawan, the state health department headquarters, to CBI office at Salt Lake area.

Earlier in the day, the doctors submitted a draft of the key points discussed in the meeting they had with government officials on Wednesday, to Chief Secretary Manoj Pant. The draft, detailing the

points which were taken up agreed upon by the two sides and also those which weren't, was sent so that the government may issue directives.

Meanwhile, the state government issued a list of directives on the safety, security and efficient functioning of healthcare professionals, saying those orders need to be implemented immediately. The directions mentioned the need for "adequate availability of on-duty rooms, washrooms, CCTVs, drinking water facilities in the healthcare facilities."

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### Suo motu contempt case against BJP MP

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has initiated suo motu criminal contempt proceedings against BJP MP M Raghunandan Rao for his remarks, during a presser, against the judiciary for its stay order on demolitions | P4

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# GRADUATES MLC POLL: JEEVAN LIKELY TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

BRS hopes to capitalise on 'anti-incumbency' factor, BJP too keen to clinch the seat

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY  
@Hyderabad

THE election to the legislative council from the Graduates Constituency of Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar-Medak is creating excitement among all parties. The election is likely to be held between January and February, 2025.

Sitting MLC from Congress, T Jeevan Reddy is expected to test his luck once again. The party high command has reportedly promised to him that he would be fielded once again. The party wants to renominate Jeevan Reddy as a reward for convincing sitting Jagtial BRS MLA Dr M Sanjay Kumar to join the Congress.

Meanwhile, the BRS is facing stiff competition to contest from this seat since the sitting MLA is not in the party anymore. The pink party had retained the seat twice in the past.

It is learnt that the BRS is seeking to field a strong candidate this time to clinch the seat, capitalising on an "anti-incumbency" factor that is perceived to be working against the government. To this end, the BRS is planning to field former Karimnagar mayor Sardar Ravinder Singh or former MP B Vinod Kumar.

## Young leaders seeking opportunity to contest

A few young leaders, who served as corporators and chairpersons of corporations, are also in the race. For instance, Errolla Srinivas and Ch

Rakesh Kumar are among those who are waiting for party chief K Chandrasekhar Rao's blessings. They have Osmania University background and had taken an active part in Telangana movement, which may keep them in good stead.

The BJP, which had recently won eight Lok Sabha seats in the state and also won the election to the council from teachers' constituency of Mahbubnagar, Rangareddy and Hyderabad, is showing keen interest to win this election also.

The saffron party might consider fielding Kisan cell senior leader P Sugunakar Rao, who contested unsuccessfully in the last election. He is now requesting the party to give him another opportunity.

The party is also searching for a potential independent candidate to persuade him to join the party and fight the election. A few lecturers are showing interest in contesting the election on the BJP ticket.

The party has already spotted one such independent who is said to have the backing of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar. U Muralidhar Goud, who contested unsuccessfully from Kamareddy in the Assembly elections in 2009, is also also eyeing the ticket.

Meanwhile, all the parties have started their poll preparations, including conducting camps to reach out to the voters in each district in the constituency.

# BRS gave ₹15K cr to farmers who did not cultivate land: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@Hyderabad

AGRICULTURE Minister Thummala Nageshwara Rao on Thursday alleged that the BRS when it was in power extended Rythu Bandhu benefits running into thousands of crores to farmers who did not cultivate any land.

The minister was speaking at the "Growth with impact - Government summit" organised by Deloitte in New Delhi.

"Between 2018 to 2023, the then BRS government disbursed over ₹15,000 crore to landowners who did not cultivate land under the Rythu Bandhu scheme," he said.

Comparing the previous regime's policies and schemes with that of the present Congress government, he said: "Our welfare schemes, such as Rythu Bharosa and Rythu Bima



Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageshwara Rao with Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Delhi

## THUMMALA ASKS CENTRE TO RELEASE FUNDS TO PROVIDE AID FOR THE FLOOD-HIT

Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageshwara Rao visited the stall set up by Telangana government at the World Food India Summit in the nation capital. He also met Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and urged him to ensure release of funds for damaged crops due to recent floods and rain. He also called on Union Food Processing Minister Chirag Pashwan and sought Centre's assistance in setting up of food processing units in Telangana. During a meeting with Union Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu, he requested the Centre to expedite the process of building airports in Warangal, Adilabad, Mahbubnagar and Kothagudem. He also informed the Union minister that land has already been allocated for establishing the airport in Kothagudem.

have been pivotal in supporting farmers. But there have been challenges in implementation of these schemes. Our government recognises these gaps and we are leveraging technology to refine our systems and ensure that benefits reach farmers who need them the most."

## 'Farmers, govt need private sector's expertise, resources'

The minister also said that the farmers and government need the private sector's expertise, resources and innovative capacity for improving the agriculture sector: "From AI-driven crop management systems to

productivity. "Our irrigation and power initiatives have not only spurred unprecedented agricultural growth but also brought new challenges. One such challenge is the over-reliance on paddy cultivation. Today, paddy dominates 44 per cent of the cropped area in Kharif and a staggering 76 per cent in Rabi season. This heavy reliance on a single crop places immense pressure on our water resources and exposes farmers to risks associated with market volatility and soil degradation," he said.

"To address this, the government is actively promoting crop diversification. Our Oil Palm Mission is a key initiative in this regard. By 2029, we aim to cover 3.5 lakh acres with oil palm cultivation, offering farmers a more sustainable and profitable alternative," the minister added.

blockchain-based supply chain solutions, Telangana is fast becoming a hub for agritech innovation," he added.

Nageshwara Rao said that the government is also committed to promoting farm mechanisation and data analytics to optimise input use and increase

# Danam's remarks on Kangana are disrespectful to women, says KTR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao condemned the derogatory comments made by MLA Danam Nagender against BJP MP Kangana Ranaut, emphasising that no political goal should justify disrespect towards women.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, Rama Rao expressed his dismay over the vile language used by Nagender. "While I may not agree with her opinions or her party's ideology, the level of discourse should never sink to such lows. Respect towards women should be non-negotiable," he said.

Rama Rao recalled that when Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma made disgraceful comments against Sonia

## BJP Mahila Morcha complains to Women's Commission

Hyderabad: BJP Mahila Morcha complained to Telangana Women's Commission against MLA Danam Nagender for the derogatory comments he made against BJP MP Kangana Ranaut. On Thursday, Morcha members, led by their state president Shilpa Reddy, met Women's Commission chairperson N Sharada and handed over a complaint copy. In their complaint, they alleged that Nagender described Kangana as an actor who plays Bogam (courtesan) roles in Bollywood movies. Stating that his comments were an insult not just for Kangana but also to the all women artists in the country, they demanded the commission take action against Nagender.

Gandhi, it was BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao was the first to condemn those remarks.

"A heinous crime, be it rape, murder or a degrading remark against a woman, should be condemned with equal intensity," he said and called upon

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to set a higher standard within his party and instill values of decency and respect towards women in his cadre.

"Political affiliations do not determine respect for women. This is about basic human decency," he added.

# Mahindra all praise for CM

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Sridhar Babu explained the salient features of Young India Skill University. Stating that the government was working hard to make Hyderabad a world-class destination, he said that as part of this, a new Future City will be established and plans have been prepared for the establishment of an AI city.

Meanwhile, Mahindra praised the idea of the chief minister to provide skilled youth from Telangana to the world. He described Revanth as a competent leader with a good vision. He said: "That's why I agreed when the CM asked me to be the chairman of the university board. Governments generally give more priority to subsidies and attractive schemes, but the CM appreciated the way he thought of training the youth as professionals."

## Courses from next month

The University Board has decided to start the courses in newly established Telangana Young India Skill University from this year itself. Tentatively, courses will be started in October after Dasara. Temporarily courses will be started in the Engineering Staff College of India. Healthcare, commerce and logistics courses will be launched first. Apollo, AIG, Lenskart, Flipkart, Amazon, Alcargo, Pro Connect, O9 Solutions companies have come forward to conduct these courses. It was decided to train 2,000 people in the first year.

# Gandhi hosp deaths: BRS forms panel to find facts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Thursday announced the formation of a fact-finding committee by the pink party to investigate the ongoing maternal and infant deaths at Gandhi Hospital.

In a statement issued here, the BRS leader said that the committee, consisting of experts, will conduct a detailed study and share its findings with both the government and the public.

He urged the government to cooperate with this initiative and to accept the advice and suggestions provided by the



BRS leaders on Thursday submitted a representation to DGP Jitender, seeking strict action against those who were "attacking" their party members. They alleged that Congress leaders were colluding with a few police officers and attacking the BRS members

Opposition in order to improve public health.

Rama Rao expressed disappointment with the government's focus on retaliating against the BRS for bringing

this issue to light, instead of addressing the core problem.

He criticised the government for diverting attention away from solving the issue and instead engaging in blame game.

# Bandi expresses ire over state of Eklavya schools

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UNION Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar has expressed anger over the state of Konaraopet and Marimadla Eklavya Model Residential Schools.

The MoS, accompanied by Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha and SP Akhil Mahajan, visited the Eklavya schools on Thursday.

During his visit, he expressed displeasure over the staff serv-



ing substandard food to students as well as lack of water in toilets. "The Union government is providing funds for Eklavya schools. Modi government is allocating ₹1.09 lakh per each student. Then why these minor problems are not being resolved," he asked the staff.

When the students brought to his notice the issue of lack of washrooms, he immediately laid the foundation stone for construction toilets.

## EXPRESS READ

### ONOE will boomerang on BJP, says Chamala

Hyderabad: Bhongir Lok Sabha member and senior Congress leader Chamala Kiran Reddy on Thursday accused the BJP of trying to divert public attention from the failures of the Narendra Modi government with its "one nation, one election (ONOE)" proposal. He criticised the Union government for not holding Lok Sabha elections in a single phase despite the Cabinet approving such a proposal. Addressing a press conference at the Gandhi Bhavan, Kiran Reddy also alleged that the BJP lacks the strength to amend the Constitution to implement ONOE.

# Complete works on Kondangal residential school by Oct-end: CS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

CHIEF Secretary Santhi Kumari instructed the officials to complete the grounding of integrated residential schools at Kondangal and at Lakshmi-puram village in Madhira constituency by the end of next month. The first meeting of the management committee for monitoring of integrated residential schools was held at the Secretariat on Thursday.

During the meeting, the procedures to be adopted for submitting proposals for administrative sanction and finalisation of nodal department to process the proposals was discussed. The meeting also discussed the issue of management of the integrated residential schools as well as the matter relating to alienation of land to the residential schools. It was also decided to hold weekly meetings to monitor the progress of the construction of integrated residential schools.

Advisor to the Government Srinivas Raju, Principal secretaries Navin Mittal, B Venkatesh, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Sridhar and Special Secretary Finance Krishna Bhaskar attended the meeting.

# BJP glorifying bulldozer action, alleges Owaisi

## Asad condemns Bandi's remarks on Madrasas

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi condemned the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar's remarks that Madrasas are breeding grounds for terrorism, adding that it fuels Islamophobia. "This person is the MOS Home and makes a general sweeping statement against madaras it shows the Honourable Minister's mindset. Every Indian should strongly condemn this hateful statement of MOS Home that he is encouraging Islamophobia in India," Owaisi posted on X.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

STATING that his party is eagerly waiting for the Supreme Court to lay down guidelines in the next hearing on unauthorised demolition of private properties, scheduled for October 1, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Thursday stated that the BJP has been glorifying the bulldozer action and not the Constitution.

On September 17, the apex court passed an order, staying unauthorised demolition of private properties across the country till October 1.

During an interaction with mediapersons here, Owaisi cited an example of the BJP targeting only the people from the minority community. "The BJP is glorifying the bulldozer and not the Constitution. Suppose there are 50 houses in one neighbourhood, but the only house being demolished is of Abdur Rehman, then it is being claimed that not the whole locality is illegal but only his house. This is a prime example of creating hatred," he said.

Meanwhile, refer-

ring to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remark that the Union Cabinet accepting "one nation, one election" proposal showcases PM Modi's iron will to bolster the democracy through clean and financially efficient elections, Owaisi asked: "What were electoral bonds? You accepted donations of ₹10 crore even from owners of meat factories. Was those electoral bonding clean? Did the economic growth not accelerate over the past 10 years? Was it because of this [one nation, one election]?"

# HC initiates suo motu contempt case against BJP MP Raghunandan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

THE Telangana High Court has initiated suo motu criminal contempt proceedings against BJP MP M Raghunandan Rao for his remarks against the judiciary during a press conference. The contempt case was taken up by a bench comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J Sreenivas Rao, based on a letter from a single judge.

In a press conference on August 24, the MP questioned the decision of the court to grant a stay on the demolition in N-Convention. He had cited a 2014 judgment by another high court judge ordering the demolition of the same property. The MP criticised the judiciary for allegedly rushing into the matter and issuing a stay order without thoroughly examining the previous demolition directive.

In the press conference, Raghunandan Rao reportedly stated that "Judges should remove the ribbons of blindfold from

their eyes" and be more aware of what was happening around them. When a reporter expressed concern over his remarks, the MP asserted that he had the right to speak out and that he was not attacking the judiciary's dignity but rather urging judges to "know and learn the law."

The single judge who brought the matter to the HC's attention noted that the remarks amounted to scandalising the judiciary and were intended to undermine public confidence in the courts. The judge expressed concern that such statements, if ignored, would damage the court's authority and hinder the enforcement of the rule of law. The letter said that Raghunandan Rao's repeated press conferences and interviews reflected contemptuous attitudes toward the judiciary.

After reviewing the contents of the letter, the high court panel determined that the MP's actions prima facie amounted to criminal contempt.



# HYDRAA plaint: GHMC officer seeks anticipatory bail

NANDAGIRI Sudhamsh, a GHMC officer of the deputy commissioner rank in Secunderabad Zone, has moved the high court seeking anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No. 42/2024 being probed by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Cyberabad Police. Sudhamsh, listed as Accused No. 2 in the case, faces allegations of misconduct under various Sections of the BNS. The case stems from a complaint filed by HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath on August 30, 2024, accusing Sudhamsh and other officials of approving unauthorised constructions within the buffer zone of Erla Cheruvu, a protected water body in Chandanagar Circle. These illegal constructions were demolished by HYDRAA on August 10 and 11 following an inquiry.

The allegation is that building permissions and occupancy certificates were granted for several plots in violation of buffer zone regulations. Despite repeated warnings and formal requests from the Irrigation department to halt the construction, the accused officials allegedly proceeded with approvals. In his petition, Sudhamsh said that since its inception in July 2024, HYDRAA has acted on numerous public complaints about encroachments, taking strict action by demolishing buildings that violated local laws and regulations. He argued that his role was to render his services in accordance with official duties and requested the court to grant him anticipatory bail.

# HC relief for woman in dispute transfer petition

Justice P Sree Sudha of the Telangana High Court on Thursday allowed a woman — petitioner in a matrimonial dispute transfer petition — to submit a chief affidavit and attend cross-examination either through videoconferencing or by appointing an advocate commissioner at her place of residence, thus dispensing with her physical presence in court. The relief was provided after the petitioner, who is residing with her four-month-old child at her parents' house in Peddapalli, said that the 190-km distance to the Family Court in Hyderabad was difficult for her. Her husband, the respondent in the case, submitted a medical certificate stating that he was suffering from severe back pain, which prevented him from travelling long distances. He also argued that his financial situation was precarious as he worked as a barber and was dependent on his sister for support.



# Probe confirmed substandard ingredients: Naidu

CM says no one expected YSRC govt would cause such damage to sanctity of the hill shrine

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Vijayawada

STATING that an enquiry initiated by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) revealed that substandard ingredients were used in the preparation of Prasadam at the Srivari temple in Tirumala during the previous regime, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said no one expected the YSRC government would cause such damage to the sanctity of the hill shrine.

Speaking to mediapersons after inaugurating the 'Anna Canteen' outside the State Secretariat on Thursday, Naidu alleged that the YSRC, then in power, committed mistakes beyond limits and that Lord Venkateswara Swamy was no exception for their greed.

Asserting that the TDP-led NDA government has already taken up the cleansing of Tirumala and was getting results, Naidu remarked, Hindus desire to have darshan of Lord Venkateswara Swamy at least once in their lifetime to share their wishes. But such a holy place was treated sacrilegiously during the previous dispensation. There will be action against all those responsible for destroying the reputation of Tirumala. Those who committed mistakes should be



punished." Further, the Chief Minister alleged that the TTD would perform rituals similar to Kalyanotsavams outside the temple, disregarding norms, for various functions.

## TTD had blacklisted ghee supplier

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The NDDB report indicated that technological treatments like cholesterol removal or fractionation, as well as ghee extracted using methods like Gerber or Schmid-Bondzynski-Ratalaff, might contribute to inaccuracies. The NDDB stated that the method specified in ISO 17678 may still be used for determining milk fat purity in non-cow bovine milk until further validation studies are completed.

It may be noted that, TTD's lab tests revealed that 20,000 kg of the supplied ghee was of substandard quality. However, it remains unclear if the sub-

standard ghee is linked to recent concerns about ghee laced with animal fat.

TTD EO J Syamala Rao informed the blacklisting of a ghee supplier for delivering substandard products and said criminal charges would be filed. The vendor had been awarded a contract to supply 8.5 lakh kg of ghee, out of which 68,000 kg had been delivered.

Reacting to this, former TTD Board chairperson Bhumana Karunakar Reddy said that the ladhu prasadam are prepared by individuals of the Sri vaishnava clan, and neither the officers nor the Trust Board members have any involvement in this process.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bengaluru

AN FIR has been registered against Union minister Ravneet Singh Bittu for calling Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi as "terrorist". The case was registered by the High Grounds police, following a complaint by a member of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), on Wednesday. Also, the police have booked BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal for making derogatory remarks against the Congress leader.

Bittu, who serves as the Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries, had reportedly called Rahul as the "number one terrorist", following the latter's controversial remarks on the Sikh community during his recent visit to the US.

KPCC member Ravindra MV, the complainant, stated that during the inauguration of a Vande Bharat train in Bihar on September 15, the Union minister, in his speech, had said that "Rahul appeases Muslims, but it is Sikhs who are protecting the borders of the country".

"The minister has further said that Rahul Gandhi's family hates Sikhs and there is no protection for Sikh women from the Gandhi family, and that Rahul is the biggest enemy and terrorist of the country," the complainant alleged, adding that the statement creates rift between religions.

Accordingly, the police have booked Bittu under Sections 353(2) (making, publishing, or circulating a statement or report with false information, rumours, or alarming news),

192 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), and 196 (promoting enmity between different groups based on religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and engaging in acts prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony) of the BNS.

Meanwhile, KPCC general secretary S Manohar filed a complaint against Vijayapura City BJP MLA

Yatnal, stating that while speaking to the media, the latter had questioned which caste

Rahul Gandhi belonged to, asking "whether he was born to a Muslim, a Christian, or a Hindu Brahmin". He also allegedly mentioned that "Rahul's mother is from Italy and his father is a Mughal". Based on Manohar's complaint, the police have booked Yatnal under Sections 192, 196, and 353(2) of the BNS.



# Maintained high standards: Subba Reddy

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Asserting that the Srivari temple Trust not only maintained high standards in preparing Naivedyam and Prasadam from 2019 to 2024, but also improved the quality of the ingredients used in comparison to before 2019, the former TTD chairman said, "In the run-up to elections,

the TDP chief had made several baseless allegations against the YSRC government and resorted to malicious propaganda, besides making a plethora of impossible promises. Now, after failing to keep those assurances in the first 100 days after forming government, Naidu is

making such baseless allegations to divert the attention of people."

Refuting Naidu claims, Subba Reddy clarified that the TTD used only pure cow ghee and organic products for the Prasadam.

He pointed out that 60 kgs of ghee was sourced daily from a dairy in Rajasthan.



# Corporators 'study-tour', on public cost

S BACHAN JEET SINGH  
@ Hyderabad

MOST corporators from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) will be unavailable in the city from September 21 and 26, as they embark on study tours to various cities across the country to learn about best practices. The civic body will spend ₹80,000 per person for the study tour, with overall cost around ₹1.25 crore.

One group, led by Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalaxmi will visit Indore, Lucknow and other places along with 48 corporators from Congress and BRS. Another group, led by Deputy Mayor Mothe Sri-latha Reddy, will visit Assam and Guwahati with 47 corpo-



rators from Congress and BJP. MIM members will form a separate batch.

In the name of study tours, a large number of corporators will leave the city on Saturday and visit the respective cities and surrounding areas and return on September 26. As many as 48 corporators

from Congress and BRS parties would accompany the mayor, while 47 corporators from Congress and BJP would accompany the deputy mayor.

Indore, recognised annually for its cleanliness programmes, will be a focus of study. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy recently directed municipal officials to examine the successful sanitation policies in Indore and consider utilising relevant agencies for implementation in Hyderabad.

As many as 16 MIM members will depart separately on September 22, also visiting Assam and Guwahati. Other members remain undecided on their travel plans but have the opportunity to choose their destinations later.

# Warangal to be health hub soon: Minister

Warangal: The Congress government is set to establish organ and kidney transplantation centres in Warangal to enhance super speciality medical services at the government hospital, said Health Minister C Damodar Rajanarasimha while inaugurating the Government Medical College in Narsampet Assembly Constituency on Thursday. Speaking at the event, Rajanarasimha said the previous BRS government neglected health education and merely announced new government medical colleges without providing necessary amenities.

# 29 faculty from UoH in top 2% of most-cited global researchers

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@ Hyderabad

A global study by John PA Ioannidis revealed that the Professor of Medicine, of Epidemiology and Population Health at Stanford University and 29 retired and present faculty members/associates from the University of Hyderabad are among the top 2% of most-cited researchers worldwide.

This prestigious ranking is based on standardised citations, h-index, co-authorship adjusted hm-index and a composite indicator (c-score). The August 2024 update includes over 2,17,000 researchers across 22 scientific fields and 174 subfields.

Notable UoH researchers come from fields like Chemistry, Life Sciences, Computer and Information

Sciences, High Energy Materials, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences and Physics, in Literary/Communication and Textual Studies, and Mathematics and Statistics.

In a unique distinction, Prof Pramod K Nayar is the only Indian university researcher in Literary Studies to make the global top 2% and has now entered the global top 100 in this field.

The recognised faculty include: Prof. Govardhan Mehta, Prof. MNV Prasad, Prof. Attipalli R. Reddy, Prof. AS Raghavendra, Prof. Soma Venugopal Rao, Prof. Pramod K. Nayar, Prof. Ashwini K. Nangia, Prof. Rajadurai Chandrasekar, Prof. Anunay Samanta, Prof. Nagender Kumar Suryadevara, Prof. Satish Narayana Srirama, Prof. Alok Singh, Prof. Ni-

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Commenting on this achievement, Prof B J Rao, UoH vice-chancellor, stated: "With this fifth iteration of the Stanford study, UoH continues to excel in global research rankings. We take pride in having 29 of our faculty in the global top 2%, covering such a wide range of areas. This reinforces UoH's status as a leading research university."



## EXPRESS READ

### Hyd int'l airport bags awards for excellence in energy management

Hyderabad: Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Limited (RGIA) recently conferred two titles at the 25th National Award Ceremony for Excellence in Energy Management organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry on September 12. The first award, "National Energy Leader", marks RGIA's sixth consecutive win, while the second, "Excellent Energy Efficient Unit", was secured for the eighth successive year. As per the airport authorities, these operations have led to significant energy savings of around 1.82 million units over the years.

### Gachibowli flyover to be closed till Sept 26 for SRDP works

Hyderabad: The Gachibowli flyover will be closed from 11 pm to 6 am till September 26 as the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation will be undertaking construction work for the SRDP Shilpa Layout Phase-II flyover. Commuters traveling from Biodiversity junction to IIIT junction should bypass the flyover and use the route beside it via Bicha Reddy sweets to Gachibowli junction, then proceed to IIIT junction. Those travelling from IIIT junction to Biodiversity junction should also bypass the flyover and take the route beside it via Gachibowli junction.

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## TAKE REGIONAL PARTIES ON BOARD, ALLAY FEARS ON SIMULTANEOUS POLLS

THE Union cabinet has accepted the recommendations of the 'One nation, one election' report prepared by the Rammath Kovind Committee. A bill for the simultaneous holding of Lok Sabha and state assembly elections is likely to be introduced in the winter session of parliament. 'One election' has been one of the key poll promises of the ruling BJP. The party has argued against the country being in a permanent poll mode, which results in a huge financial burden and affects decision-making because of long periods under the model code of conduct.

There is no doubt that by cutting down electioneering, simultaneous elections would give governments more time to focus on governance. It could also diminish voter fatigue and encourage greater participation in the electoral process. The idea presents a transformative opportunity for economic efficiency and political stability. It could help save the billions of rupees spent on multiple elections. This money can be used for development projects and welfare schemes. Logistically, a unified election cycle would reduce the strain on the government and security machinery that are moved away from their primary responsibilities for election duty.

However, a large number of regional political parties have expressed their opposition to the idea, saying it would adversely impact the country's federal structure and undermine democratic diversity. The Union government needs to take the regional parties on board and allay their fears of local issues getting drowned in the cacophony of national campaigns. The states also need to be reassured that a unified election would not affect their linguistic and cultural identities. The states' criticism of the idea also underscores deep fears about the centralisation of power and dilution of their relevance. These concerns must be addressed and the doubts about the new arrangement being a threat to the delicate balance of the constitutionally-mandated federal system of power-sharing must be removed. The idea is also being opposed by national parties such as the Congress, CPI(M) and AAP on similar grounds. A wider consultation by the government will go a long way in removing the misgivings and demonstrating the benefits to the nation. It will also help the government gain support for the bill and pass it with a comfortable majority.

## NEW KEYS TO UNIVERSE IN GALAXY-KILLING FIND

A new finding about a galaxy-killer black hole has excited astronomers and astrophysicists. An international team co-led by University of Cambridge researchers has found that the galaxy GS-10578, nicknamed Pablo's galaxy, has been rendered 'dead' by a supermassive black hole at its centre. By 'dead' it's meant that the black hole has 'killed' the galaxy's star-formation capability by pushing out the gases required to make stars. The researchers, who used the James Webb space telescope, reported their findings in the *Nature Astronomy* journal this week.

Pablo's galaxy is 12 billion light-years away. What has baffled scientists is how this supermassive black hole's action could have taken place when the universe was so young. The universe is 13.8 billion years old now; which means the rendering of Pablo's galaxy 'sterile' by a supermassive black hole took place just about 1.8 billion years after the formation of the universe. Astronomers are also baffled over this galaxy being so massive at such an early age of the universe—it's about the size of our Milky Way and 200 billion times the mass of our Sun.

The supermassive black hole was detected on the James Webb telescope expelling huge volumes of gas out of Pablo's Galaxy at speeds of 1,000 km per second—fast enough to escape the galaxy's gravitational pull. The ejected mass was also greater than what is required to keep forming new stars, starving the galaxy to death in the process. The telescope was able to see the dark ejected gas clouds as they blocked the stellar lights from the galaxy behind them. Before this finding, theoretical models were only able to predict that black holes had this effect on galaxies, but the James Webb telescope delivered the finding with higher sensitivity.

The findings are set to take understanding black holes to the next level. The Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array in northern Chile will reveal more about the effect of this supermassive black hole in the region surrounding Pablo's galaxy. The findings also better position research on the supermassive black hole in our own Milky Way, called Sagittarius A, which is 4 million times the mass of the Sun and 26,000 light years away from us. We hope such exciting findings will spur more Indian students towards science and astronomy.

### QUICK TAKE

#### LIMIT DATA CENTRE EMISSIONS

A recent analysis shows that emissions from data centres owned by Google, Microsoft, Meta and Apple could be 7.62 times higher than the officially reported level. Amazon, the biggest emitter among tech giants, was kept out of the calculation for difficulty in isolating centre-specific figures. This has immense significance after another recent research estimated that data centres would globally produce about 2.5 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents by 2030. The AI boom has made this industry more power-hungry than ever. India, which expects its data centre capacity to double in three years, must build environmental obligations into what is emerging as one of the most polluting industries.

THE GST was to be a 'good and simple tax' when introduced in 2017 after a decade in preparation. After the latest meeting of the GST Council, it is difficult to perceive it as such. Time was spent on reporting on new revenue collection from 'demerit' goods such as gambling, horse racing and the like, while reporting on rate rationalisation was relegated to an anticipated report from a group of ministers.

This reverse prioritisation of revenue over rates revealed that the GST has been misunderstood. The GST is not a tax whose foundation is revenue collection. It is a tax whose first objective is to minimise distortions in the market caused by high and multiple tax rates, achieve a large and uniform tax base, and guarantee that taxes paid on inputs are refunded to suppliers (producers and sellers) in the production-distribution process.

This ensures that any tax paid on inputs does not get embedded in its outputs, that is, there is no hidden 'tax on tax' or, in tax terminology, no 'cascading'. Without that, productive activity takes place through hurdles and obstacles that the suppliers of goods and services suffer.

Once the correct base and rate structure is set, automatically, the GST should become a good revenue generator. That is because it should reduce economic distortions as tax cascading is cut down when credit is given to any supplier for the tax he has paid on his purchases. The smooth supply chain thus generated should ensure economic growth with minimum market hindrances caused by taxes.

Selected changes in the base and rates were announced for an array of goods and services, such as exemptions for electricity charges and waiver of interest or penalty on tax demands for trade facilitation. While affiliation services by universities will continue to be taxed at 18 percent, it will be 5 percent on helicopter services and flying training services will be exempt. While affiliation services by CBSE remain taxable, those provided by government schools will be exempt. An intended reduction in the tax rate on insurance premiums was announced.

There was a bundle of other rate changes including that for namkeen and savouries to be brought down from 18 percent to 12 percent. These changes appear more like revenue collection through selective excises under the GST rubric. They also reflect micro-management and bargaining within the council over the minutiae of the GST's structure. Further, such specifications are usually

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## WHY GST IS NO LONGER A GOOD AND SIMPLE TAX

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impossible to implement efficiently. For one, exempt and non-exempt goods tend to overlap in their classifications, as do goods and services. They also give rise to continued lobbying for lower rates.

Instability in rates is the Plassey of GST. Usually, a stable GST regime is set before it is introduced, as elaborated in the recommendations of the 2015 Tax Administration Reform Commission. A simple rate structure with a broad base is the crucial anchor of a GST. It should comprise a general rate, a lower rate for essential goods, and a higher rate for luxuries—that is, three rates, together with as broad a base as possible with the fewest exemptions. It may be claimed that the GST has achieved a structure similar to this, but the actual structure

remains much more complex. Only after meaningful simplification can it be called a genuine GST.

For the taxpayer, ease of payment and regularity of refunds are crucial elements in their willingness not to avoid the tax. The role of the GST Council should be to pore into easing the processes in GST administration that will truly convert it to a tax the taxpayer would be willing pay due to its simplicity and customer facilitation.

However, crucial gaps remain. One example is the institutional delays in making refunds after exports are made. International practices of advanced administrations are to make refunds immediately and, at the same time, to monitor and control illegal tax evasion.

Instead, the Indian tax administration requires various proofs before a refund. This makes export activity challenging and possibly leads to an incidence of tax avoidance, if not evasion, by a subsection of taxpayers. Consequently, the population of taxpayers suffers due to the illegal actions of a few.

Audit can be conducted either by the central or state administrations. Thus, a taxpayer in Bihar, importing goods from Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata or Mumbai, may be picked up by the administration of any of those states or by the central GST administration. Whether in practice that is happening or not—apparently, there is an unwritten division of jurisdictions among the administrations—there is a trepidation among taxpayers that must be curtailed. These are the array of issues the GST Council should address rather than a few rate changes and revenue gains.

There was the promise of simultaneously populating the GST output and input return forms. That is, once the output forms are filled, the input forms would get automatically filled in. This way, there would be no possibility of overclaiming input tax credit. This is a crucial instrument to check evasion and is employed in advanced GST and value-added tax administrations.

In its absence, the central and state GST administrations can prevaricate GST audit on all sorts of issues. Until successful implementation of this is achieved, the GST will remain without its automatic cross-verification characteristic. The council should ensure that this happens.

Finally, a reminder on the overall design of direct-versus-indirect taxes. The latter are based more on consumption and, therefore, on a higher portion of a poorer household's budget than that of a richer one. As an economy advances, the direct tax share, including all income and income-related taxes, increases in comparison with indirect tax including GST, selective excises and customs duties. Thus, the progressive income tax share surpasses the more regressive indirect taxes.

After steady attempts to expand the income tax base, India had achieved a 50-50 share. But in recent years, due to the lack of emphasis on expanding the base and direct tax rates, and the higher incidence of customs duties, the share of indirect taxes has been increasing. This moves India away from advanced economy tax systems.

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## THE OTHER LAW WITH STRINGENT BAIL RULES

THE Supreme Court, in the *Shajan Shariah vs Kerala* case (2024), while granting anticipatory bail in an FIR registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, has laid down parameters for granting anticipatory bail.

Anticipatory or pre-arrest bail is sought by a person who apprehends arrest in an FIR that is registered or likely to be registered against him in a non-bailable offence. It is presently governed by Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (earlier, Section 438 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973).

On the contrary, to curb the historical atrocities committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, parliament enacted the SC & ST Act in 1989. Besides other things, the Act's Section 18 contemplates not granting anticipatory bail to non-SC/ST people if the FIR is registered against them for committing any of the atrocities prescribed under Section 3, such as different forms of untouchability, insult, etc.

Due to the likely misuse of the SC & ST Act, the SC in *Subhash Kashinath Mahajan vs Maharashtra* (2018) held that there is no bar against granting anticipatory bail in cases registered under the Act if *no prima facie* case (based on first impression) is made out, and further held that the arrest of a non-SC/ST person can be made only after approval from the senior superintendent of police or appointing authority if the accused is a public servant.

The judgement drew huge resentment from the SC/ST community. To mitigate its effect, parliament brought amendments in 2018 to the Act by inserting Section 18-A to the SC & ST Act, which states that there is no requirement of prior approval for arrest and, notwithstanding a court's judgement, anticipatory bail cannot be granted. Besides bringing amendments, the Union government also filed a review petition for SC's 2018 judgement. In *Union of India vs Maharashtra* (2019), the SC recalled its 2018 judgement, which required approval before arrest. But nothing was discussed about anticipatory bail.

Section 18-A was challenged in *Prathvi Raj Chauhan vs UOI*, (2020), where the SC rejected the petition on the grounds that it had already recalled its 2018 judgement.

But it held that anticipatory bail can be granted if a *prima facie* case is made out. In the *Shajan Shariah* case (2024), by explaining the *prima facie* test, the SC held that if the necessary ingredients to constitute an offence under the SC & ST Act are not made out, anticipatory bail can be granted. It also held that where a non-SC/ST person takes a defence of

down in the *State of Haryana vs Bhajan Lal* (1990) to quash the entire case against the accused. This is now introduced to grant anticipatory bail in SC/ST cases. Further, the defence of "malicious prosecution" due to vendetta not being allowed may defeat the purpose of laying down the parameters, because all that an SC/ST person—who, with vengeance, intends to get a non-SC/ST person arrested—requires is to draft his complaint by adding the necessary ingredients prescribed under Section 3 of the SC & ST Act.

As observed by the SC recently in *Manish Sisodia vs Directorate of Enforcement* (2024), the "trial courts and high courts attempt to play safe in matters of grant of bail". Thus, such stringent conditions will only make the session or High Court play it safe by denying anticipatory bail, leading the person to approach the SC, which requires huge legal expenses, to obtain anticipatory bail. Hence, obtaining anticipatory bail in SC/ST cases becomes a herculean task.

This article is not intended to harm or criticise any SC/ST person, as the fact remains that even today SC/ST people face atrocities in some form or the other. At the same time, there should be checks against the people who try to misuse the law against non-SC/ST people because the Constitution guarantees equanimous protection and enjoyment of right to everyone. Therefore, a balanced approach has to be culled out.

In *Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia vs Punjab* (1980), a landmark ruling on anticipatory bail and the parameters while granting it under Section 438 of CrPC were laid thus: seriousness of allegations, flight-risk (accused's presence not being secured at trial), and tampering with evidence or pressuring witnesses. These parameters are followed in all cases pertaining to bail. In SC/ST cases, while applying these parameters for the *prima facie* test, the seriousness of allegations could be tested in more detail from the perspective of humiliation—that is, for untouchability or social stigma.

Though the objective behind laying down parameters for determining *prima facie* test was to ensure "personal liberty" of an individual is safeguarded against arbitrary arrests, which is welcome, these parameters are very stringent. The test that allegations should not attract the ingredients of offence was a criterion laid



The provision on anticipatory bail laid down in the 1989 law protecting scheduled castes and tribes from atrocities has gone through changes in the judiciary and legislature. These communities continue to face abominable cruelty. But there should be checks on the law's misuse

"malicious prosecution" due to political or private vendetta, then anticipatory bail cannot be granted. In simple words, in order to grant anticipatory bail, the courts have to see if allegations fall under Section 3 of the Act. It further held that the Sessions or High Court can conduct a "preliminary inquiry" to determine if essential ingredients are made out.

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#### Investigate Nipah

Ref: *Combined efforts needed to understand epidemiology of Nipah* (Sep 19). The editorial rightly analyses the reason for the consistent onslaught of the dreaded Nipah in the northern part of Kerala. One cannot tell with absolute certainty that the virus would not permeate expansively elsewhere if left undetected. A scientific probe into the region's wildlife is the need of the hour.

Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

#### Elite language

Ref: *Docs' stir puts band-aid on a festering wound* (Sep 19). The author is guilty of two sins. One, the use of the word 'confabulation', which almost none of the audience would understand. Two, the implication that one or both parties should be diagnosed as delusional. If that wasn't the intent, it's dog-whistling to a tiny elite of privately educated English speakers.

Mo Riddiford, email

#### Ill-suited scheme

Ref: *Cabinet stamp on 'one poll' scheme* (Sep 19). The one nation, one election proposal, while potentially effective in smaller, more homogenous countries, is ill-suited for India. It would need substantial constitutional amendments, potentially undermining the nation's quasi-federal structure. It could diminish the regional parties' ability to voice their constituents' unique concerns.

Priyanshu Priya, Noida

#### Herculean tasks

Simultaneous elections is a good concept. But how far it works in practical terms is to be seen. It would save money and time. But deploying troops and polling personnel is a herculean task. Dissolving newly-elected state assemblies will have legal hurdles. Opposition parties need to be taken into confidence, failing which the mission will be hard to achieve.

NR Ramachandran, Chennai

#### Marital rape

Ref: *Pleas on immunity to husband on marital rape* (Sep 19). It is unfortunate that the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita still has the exception for marital rape that the Indian Penal Code did. It is violative of the dignity and right of a woman over her body.

Sundaram Govind, Kadungalloor

#### Compassionate writing

Ref: *Days before SL polls, Tamils in North couldn't care less* (Sep 18). The author seems to be a compassionate journalist and her narrative was well-analysed. Salutes to all the contributors to the 'Bright Side' section too. I consider *TNIE* the most compassionate newspaper.

S Anantharaman, Chennai





President of India @rashtrapatibhvn  
I would like to tell all educational institutions and teachers to encourage daughters to pursue higher education and become self-reliant.



Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh  
The BJP government and its dormant departments have failed in the maintenance of the Taj Mahal, the wonder that attracts tourists from across the world.



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Three major announcements were done during the inaugural session of World Food India 2024 on September 19 at Bharat Mandapam.

■ Accuses NC and Cong of following Pak agenda on Art 370, says only BJP govt can restore statehood ■ Jairam Ramesh questions why govt is unable to attract investment

# 3 dynastic families failed J&K, says Modi

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A day after the first phase of the three-phase Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hit out at three dynastic families for failing J&K and putting stones in hands of the youth.

He accused the National Conference and Congress of following Pakistan's agenda on Article 370 and vowed not to allow this to happen. He said that only the BJP government would restore statehood to J&K.

"The three (NC, Congress and PDP) families were responsible for the destruction of J&K. The three families want to come to power through any means and loot the public and feel it is their birthright. They have given only fear and anarchy to J&K. Now youth are challenging them and J&K will no longer be in the grip of these three families," the PM said while addressing a poll rally in Sheri Kashmir cricket stadium in Srinagar.

The PM said J&K youth suffered a lot during the rule of these three families. "Many youths, who are 20-30 years old, have remained deprived of education. Many others took more years than other students of the country to reach 10th, 12th or college. This did not happen because J&K youth failed but because the three families of



PM Narendra Modi in a roadshow for J&K Assembly elections in Reasi on Thursday | PTI

Congress, NC and PDP had failed," Modi said.

He said the three families always sold hate. "The youth were kept away from studies in schools and colleges and the three families were happy by putting stones in their hands. For their political interests, they ruined and played with the future of J&K youth," the PM said.

"We won't let another generation get ruined at the hands of these 3 families. Today schools and colleges are open across J&K and now youth don't have stones in their hands but pens,

books and laptops," he said.

"Freeing J&K from terror, defeating all the forces who are conspiring against J&K and giving jobs to J&K youth here is Modi's intention and guarantee," he said. Later addressing a rally at Katra, Modi said, "Since Article 370 wall has been broken, terrorism and separatism have been steadily weakening here. J&K is on path towards total peace. With the support of people, J&K will be free of terrorism. BJP will issue white paper on terrorism so that terror victims can get justice."

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# Cong: Govt trying to infringe on J&K executive powers

Not possible to turn the clock back, says Shah

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID electioneering in J&K, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that neither Article 370 nor terrorism would return to Kashmir as long as the Modi government remains in power.

Shah's remarks came in response to Pakistan defence minister Khawaja Asif's statement on the Congress and the National Conference regarding Article 370 and 35A. He accused Congress of having shared intentions with Pakistan, saying, "This statement has once again exposed Congress and made it clear that Congress and Pakistan have the same agenda."

"Pakistan defence minister's statement about Congress and JKNC's support on Article 370 and 35A has once again exposed Congress. This statement has once again made it clear that Congress and Pakistan have the same intentions and agenda. For the last few years, Rahul Gandhi has been standing with every anti-India force, hurting the sentiments of the countrymen," Shah wrote on X.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN the wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to J&K, the Congress on Thursday hit out at the Centre and the BJP accusing the government of attempting to infringe on the political executive's powers in the Union Territory.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh posed three questions to the PM. In July 2024, the Home Ministry amended the rules under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, giving powers to make decisions on crucial matters such as police and all-India services officers and granting sanctions for the prosecution in various cases solely to the Centre-appointed Lieutenant Governor, Ramesh pointed out.

"By curtailing the J&K political executive's policing and administrative powers, the Home Ministry has severely compromised the functioning of the future J&K government," said Ramesh. "If the Central government is sincere in giving complete statehood to

the people of J&K, then why is it continuing to compromise the to-be state government's powers," he asked.

Ramesh further asked if the Union government's actions were popular, "why do the BJP and its proxies keep getting rejected by the people of J-K." The BJP refused to contest the Lok Sabha elections in the Kashmir Valley, instead implicitly supporting candidates put up by its proxies, he claimed.

Why is the government unable to attract investment in J-K, even in lithium mining, he also asked. "The non-biological PM's government generated considerable excitement and rightfully so about the discovery of nearly six million tons of lithium in the Salal-Haimana area of Reasi District in J&K. A year later, however, it had to scrap two rounds of auctions for rights to mining in the area, after failing to generate enough interest from investors," he said.

Voting for 24 seats was held in the first phase on Wednesday. Next, polling for 26 seats would be held in the second phase on September 25.

# MHA fast-track immigration plan expanded to 21 major airports

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has decided to expand special fast-track immigration programme, which was first implemented at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi, to 21 other major civil aviation infrastructure facilities across the country, officials said, adding that these will be available for pre-verified Indian nationals and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders.

The officials said that the Fast Track Immigration-Trustee Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP) was first launched at Delhi's IGI Airport on June 22, and now work is in progress at seven major airports - Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin and Ahmedabad and the rest will be taken up soon. The officials said that the expansion plan of the FTI-TTP was one of the initiatives taken by the MHA under its first 100 days of the Modi 3.0 government.

The FTI-TTP ensures faster immigration clearance and so far 18,400 people including Indian citizens and OCI cardholders have registered themselves and as many 1,500 passengers have been granted clearance through the e-gates at the IGI Airport till now, the officials informed.



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The FTI-TTP has been introduced with the purpose of facilitating international mobility with faster, smoother and secure immigration clearances. It is similar to the United States' Global Entry Program, which allows fast-tracked clearance for pre-approved and low-risk travelers upon their arrival at select airports in the US.

Under the FTI-TTP programme, eligible passengers are allowed to utilise e-gates and bypass regular immigration queues for a seamless experience. Under the programme, the passengers are allowed to get through the e-gates on the basis of their boarding pass and biometrics.

As soon as registered passengers arrive at the e-gates, they are required to scan their boarding pass issued by the airlines to get the details of their flights and then their passport are also scanned and their biometrics are authenticated at the e-gates. Once their identity is confirmed and biometric authentication is done, the e-gate opens automatically, indicating that the immigration clearance has been granted.

Eligible persons can apply for FTI-TTP through the government website: www.ftittp.mha.gov.in, where they have to furnish all the required details, which then are verified by the Bureau of Immigration. Once approved, applicants are required to schedule an appointment to provide their biometrics, which they can do at designated international airports in India or at the nearest Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO).

# Cong slams 'senseless' Nadda letter to Kharge...

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

TERMING the reply of BJP chief JP Nadda in response to Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge writing to PM Modi as "intemperate" and "senseless," the Congress on Thursday said the ruling party has "mastered the art of cheap politics; of using hatred and polarisation to distract people from its glaring failures."

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the Congress is shocked that the letter written by Kharge to the PM was passed on to Nadda to respond.

"The silence of the PM on a matter as grave as a threat to the life of the leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha is very disturbing... Your response to Shri Mallikarjun Kharge's letter to the PM is both juvenile and shallow, and a shameful attempt to distract from the serious threats to Shri Rahul Gandhi's life," Ramesh wrote to the BJP president on Thursday.

Following Nadda's letter, Ramesh also took a jibe at Modi, saying there was once a PM who, for 17 years, replied to each and every official and personal letter sent to him. With the 17-years remark, the Congress general secretary made an obvious reference to India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru.



"Former PM Dr Manmohan Singh writes to the non-biological PM on Covid-19. The Health Minister is given an abusive reply in his name. Congress President and LoP in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge ji writes to non-biological PM on the grave threats being hurled at the LoP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi by Mr Modi's colleagues. The BJP chief is given the task of sending an intemperate and senseless reply," Ramesh posted on X.

He accused the BJP for employing hate and divisive politics to divert people's attention from 'failure' of the government. "In striking contrast to the INC's politics of inclusion and progressivism, the BJP has mastered the art of cheap politics; of using hatred and polarisation to distract people from the failures of government".

# ... meanwhile, BJP hits back, says 'attempt to polish failed product'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

BJP chief JP Nadda has hit out at Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge for writing to PM Modi, accusing Rahul Gandhi of having a "history" of abusing the Prime Minister and the OBCs. In an open letter, Nadda also accused the leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha of siding with anti-India forces. Kharge had recently written to the PM on "disciplining BJP leaders" over their violent and abusive language against Rahul.

Nadda in his letter said that Kharge's letter was written under "political compulsion" to polish a "failed product" (alluding to Rahul Gandhi), which has been repeatedly rejected by people. Citing many derogatory words used against the PM Modi by Rahul and other Congress members, Nadda alleged that Gandhi has a history of calling the Other Backward Classes, including the PM, a "thief" and others. He alleged that Congress leaders insulted the PM more than 110 times in the last 10 years.

"If I start citing what your party leaders said against PM Modi, a book would be written on them", Nadda said in the letter. Naming Sam Pitroda and Digvijaya Singh, Nadda accused them of defaming the country and Congress for inciting anti-national forces. "It appears from your letter that you have either forgotten the misdeeds of Gandhi and other leaders or have deliberately ignored them," wrote the BJP chief.

# Reinstated civil judge entitled to full salary: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has directed for payment of full salary to a civil judge removed for allegedly having an illicit relationship with a woman judicial officer.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Prasanna Bhalachandra Varale said on Wednesday that when judgment of the Punjab and Haryana High Court dismissing the writ petition challenging the termination has been set aside, the natural consequence is that the employee should be taken back in service and thereafter proceeded with as per the directions.

"Once the termination order is set aside, then the employee is deemed to be in service," the bench said, directing that the appellant judge, Anantdeep Singh, would be entitled to salary from the date of judgment of April 20, 2022 till the fresh termination order was passed on April 2, 2024.

It also directed the authorities concerned for payment of 50% of back wages for a peri-

**ALSO IN TOP COURT**

**'Bail in NDPS case very serious issue'**

Granting anticipatory bail in a case registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act is a "very serious" issue and "unheard of", the Supreme Court said on Thursday. A three-judge bench was hearing a plea seeking regular bail in a case lodged for alleged offences under provisions of the NDPS

**CJI: 37K judgments translated into Hindi**

Nearly 37,000 Supreme Court judgments since Independence have been translated into Hindi and now the process is underway to translate them in other regional languages, Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said on Thursday. After Hindi, "Tamil is leading now", the CJI said during the hearing of a case.

od between 2009 and 2022. The apex court passed the order after hearing an appeal filed by Singh seeking to get his back wages and the salary. The appellant Singh, who had joined Punjab Civil Services (Judicial Branch) in 2006, was terminated before completing three years probation in 2009 over his wife's allegations of an illicit relationship with a lady judicial officer.

The HC's full court recom-

mended his termination, which was approved by the state government. Singh appealed to the Supreme Court, which found procedural lapses in handling the case, such as the absence of an independent inquiry and insufficient evidence.

The SC set aside the termination order and asked Singh to challenge the termination order. The matter is currently subject to further legal proceedings in the High Court.

# ADDRESSING SRI LANKAN DEMOCRACY DEFICIT, GRAFT AS IMPORTANT AS ECONOMY



**DILRUKSHI HANDUNNETTI**  
Award-winning journalist and lawyer, founder and director of the Colombo-based Centre for Investigative Reporting (CIR)

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's economic crisis is directly linked to its governance crisis, and unless accountability issues, including corruption and democracy deficit, are addressed, the island may not be in a position to overcome its current challenges, subject experts say.

As Sri Lanka goes to polls on September 21, poor governance remains a key concern.

To restore public trust and to change the country's trajectory, a few measures must be taken in the first 100 days of a new presidency, including the abolition of executive presidency, steps to return to a parliamentary system and create the post of independent public prosecution, says Dr Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, internationally renowned rights advocate, Executive Director of the Colombo-based Centre for

Policy Alternatives and Co-Convener of the Center for Monitoring Election Violence.

Addressing governance concerns are as critical as economic reforms and relief to the people, he says. "The 2024 presidential election is not about selecting the best formula for economic revival. The IMF diagnostic report and a Sri Lankan civil society study have both identified systemic corruption as a significant malaise. The 2022 people's movement was not just a reaction to the economic crisis but more of a reaction to the governance crisis. People called for an end to corruption, to drive corrupt politicians home, to create a meritocracy. Curbing corruption is at the centre of any future solution," adds Dr Saravanamuttu.

Saliya Peiris, PC, former president of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, says, democracy and governance are tied to sustainable development.

"There are those who claim that economic development must be given priority over democracy and governance. They

argue that for the sake of the economy, democracy and the rule of law may be sacrificed. Those who believe these claims are willing to ignore the rampant corruption of politicians at the highest levels costing the public billions of rupees, cronyism, violation of orders of the highest courts, attacks on the judiciary, the weakening of inde-



pendent institutions, the intolerance of dissent, appointments of corrupt and unsuitable persons to highest offices," says Peiris.

"However, the reality is that democracy and governance are tied to sustainable economic development of a nation. Long-term economic stability is linked to the respect for democracy, the rule of the law, governance, and

the rights of people," he adds.

The democracy agenda is going to be key to the success of the next administration. The IMF diagnostic also identified systemic corruption as a contributor to the crisis we find ourselves in. Corruption and lack of accountability were significant drivers of Aragalaya, the 2022 people's movement. People felt the urge to protest, demand accountability, force the Rajapaksa family to step down and end family rule, all because their names were linked to grand corruption. "Addressing accountability issues of all kinds and prioritising governance will be key to success," says Manjula Gajayanayake, Executive Director of Institute of Democratic Reforms.

Adds Imran Furkan, a geopolitical risk analyst: "For Sri Lanka to overcome the current economic crisis, it is critically important to create conditions conducive for foreign direct investment. Nobody wants to invest in a country notorious for corruption with no systems in place."



INDIA	Max	Min	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42

● CM says she'll snap ties with Damodar Valley Corporation ● Sankalp Patra announces ₹2,100/month for women

# Govt denies Didi charge on man-made flood in Bengal

**JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi**

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has accused the Centre of flooding the state affecting agricultural fields, homes and public properties. However, the Centre has denied the allegation saying water was released from the reservoirs in consultation with officials of the state government. The situation worsened due to heavy rains in the basin causing a threat to the dams' safety.

After visiting flood-affected areas in Panskura, Medinipur district, Mamata blamed the Centre for its "irresponsible act" that caused flooding in the state.

"I do not know why the Central government is not raising this issue with the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) as they have released the water in Bengal. I am sorry but this is not Bengal water

**Centre's claim**

The Ministry in its statement said that after detailed discussions with Bengal, water releases were initiated at 10:40 am on September 17 when it was no longer feasible to hold waters in Maithon and Panchet dams



weather patterns. The Maithon and Panchet reservoirs are managed by a committee with active participation from the governments of West Bengal and Jharkhand Central Water Commission (Member Secretary) and from DVC.

The Ministry in its statement said that after detailed discussions with West Bengal, water releases were initiated at 10:40 am on September 17 when it was no longer feasible to hold waters in Maithon and Panchet dams, prioritizing dam safety.

According to the Ministry, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted heavy rainfall (71-100 mm) from September 14-16 across the Barakar-Damodar basin. Despite having flood cushions, an unprecedented rainfall on September 16 & 17 worsened the situation.

# BJP's 20 Haryana promises — jobs, cooking gas subsidy

**HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh**

THE BJP on Thursday released its 'sankalp patra' for Haryana that includes 20 promises for the assembly elections. It promises two lakh government jobs in the state and a monthly stipend from the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, besides Rs 2,100 per month for women under the Lado Lakshmi Yojana.

It also assures the state women of cooking gas cylinders at Rs 500 under the Har Ghar Grihini Yojana. Scholarships for OBC students and SC communities from the state to study in any government medical or engineering college across the country are the other promises of the party. The Awaaz Balika Yojana will provide Scooties to college girl students in rural areas.

Under the Chirayu-Ayushman Yojana, free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh is provided to each family and free treatment facility up to Rs 5 lakh to each elderly person above 70 years of age in the family.

The saffron party also promised MSP on 24 crops. The party promises construction of 10 industrial cities and special incentives to entrepreneurs to provide 50,000 jobs to local youth



five lakh houses in urban and rural areas. It also promises free dialysis in government hospitals and diagnosis in all hospitals.

While releasing party manifesto in Rohtak, BJP chief JP Nadda asserted that the party has always fulfilled its promises and even achieved what was not promised during elections.

Hitting out at the Congress, he said that when the Congress was in power, the farmers were given a crop compensation of ₹1,158 crore, while during the of BJP rule, Rs 12,500 crore was given as crop compensation to farmers which is about 10 times more.

"What was the image of Haryana 10 years ago? It was about getting jobs on the basis of 'kharchi' and 'parchi' (favoritism and bribery). Haryana was known for land scams, and jobs were given only on paper," said Nadda.

## Additional SP suspended over custody death

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Raipur**

A trainee IPS officer of 2020-batch and Kawardha district additional superintendent of police (ASP) Vikas Kumar has to face the ire of the government that suspended him on Thursday following a custody death of a person.

A 27-year-old Prashant Sahu, who died on Wednesday, was arrested along with the 68 persons in connection with the attack on the house of deputy sarpanch in Kawardha. During the commotion the mob also confronted the police.

The district police detained Prashant Sahu and other accused on September 15 after the deputy sarpanch Raghunath Sahu and his family members were attacked by an agitated crowd. Prashant, his brother and mother were among those arrested by the police.

According to police, Prashant was taken to a local hospital after he complained of some uneasiness on Tuesday. He was treated and discharged the same day but on Wednesday he again faced problems and collapsed. He died while he was being taken to a hospital. There is an allegation that Prashant's health deteriorated after he was thrashed by the police before being lodged in the jail.

## Protest in Bhopal school over sexual assault of pre-nursery student

**ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal**

ANGRY over the alleged sexual assault of a three-and-half-year old pre-nursery student by the staff of the school, Hindu outfits and parents protested outside the private school in Bhopal on Thursday.

Demanding capital punishment for accused Qasim Rehan, ABVP, Karni Sena and Sanskriti Bachao Manch workers, joined by the parents of the students of the school, protested outside the school.

Angry protestors vandalised the school's signboard and burnt the effigy of the arrested accused. Heavy police force deployed outside the school, however, ensured that the mob didn't storm the campus.

With the protestors not relenting and demanding action against the school, especially the administration didn't take any action, despite complaints by the parents, the Bhopal district administration sealed the school premises.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Archana Sharma told reporters, "We have sealed the school building and the process to cancel its affiliation has been initiated. The order will be issued in the next few hours. A committee has also been formed to investigate the matter. We will complete the probe within two days."

On Wednesday, CM Mohan Yadav had asked chief secretary Veera Rana to take up the issue with the Madhya Pradesh High Court Chief Justice for speedy trial through a special court. School education minister Rao Udai Pratap Singh had said that action would be taken against the school also, if it is found to be negligent.

The shocking incident of student being sexually assaulted by the technical staff multiple times in the school's toilet had come to light on Tuesday evening after the minor's parents approached the police, alleging inaction by the school administration. The school's principal, however, claimed that the matter wasn't come to her notice.

The accused was booked under BNS and Pocco Act and arrested on Wednesday. The police probe revealed that the student was sexually assaulted not once, but multiple times by the accused, whom she addressed as 'Daddy Uncle.'



## Cong questions govt 'silence' as Mahadalit houses burnt

**RAMASHANKAR @ Patna**

AFTER a mob of musclemen set ablaze around 80 thatched houses in Mahadalit Tola in Bihar's Nawada district, a verbal duel erupted on Thursday between the opposition and ruling alliance leaders.

A group of miscreants set aflame thatched houses in Mahadalit tola, constructed along Krishna Nagar River at Dedaur village under Mufassil police station limits on Wednesday around 7 pm.

An FIR has been registered at Mufassil police station under various sections of BNS (Bharat Nyay Sanhita), Arms Act and SC/ST Act against a total 28 named accused and others in this connection. An SIT formed to probe the case arrested 15 people including the main accused Nandu Paswan.

Nawada district magistrate Ashutosh Kumar Verma said that as many as 21 houses were completely damaged while 13 partially damaged. The land dispute between two sides led to the incident, he added. Preliminary investigation found that the incident happened due to a long-standing land dispute between both sides. A case in this regard is also pending in the district



**Land dispute behind mob fury, says Nawada DM**

Nawada District Magistrate Ashutosh Kumar Verma said that as many as 21 houses were completely damaged while 13 partially damaged. The land dispute between two sides led to the incident, he added. The incident happened due to a long-standing land dispute

court, sources said.

Nawada superintendent of police Abhinav Dhiman said that 15 out of the 28 named accused in the case have been arrested and raids were on to nab others.

Taking a serious note of the incident, chief minister Nitish Kumar reviewed the situation in Nawada and asked additional director general of police (law and order) to visit the spot. He also directed the officials concerned to take action against people responsible for the incident.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge commented on 'X', "The terror of the musclemen in the Mahadalit Tola is another proof of the 'Jungle Raj' of the NDA double engine government. It is highly condemnable that around 100 Dalit houses were set on fire, firing was done and everything of the poor families was snatched away in the darkness of the night. The BJP and its allies' utter indifference towards the Dalits and the deprived, criminal neglect and patronage of anti-social elements are now at their peak."

## BJP joins Cong to slam DGP linking leaders with law & order in U'khand

**NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun**

FORMER Uttarakhand CM Harish Rawat of Congress, along with BJP leaders, including Haridwar MP Trivendra Singh Rawat and former MP Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', have voiced strong objections to DGP Abhinav Kumar's statement regarding the state's law and order situation.

A few days ago, Kumar questioned political leaders about their statements on the alleged poor law and order situation in the state.

In an embarrassing rebuke to their own government, BJP leaders have publicly criticized the DGP's remarks. Haridwar MP Trivendra Singh Rawat went a step further, saying, "The DGP should work within his domain."

Following criticism from three former Chief Ministers of Uttarakhand regarding the state's law and order situation, DGP Abhinav Kumar responded at a press conference, urging

**Have faith: DGP**

Following criticism from three former CMs regarding the state's law and order situation, DGP Abhinav Kumar urged senior leaders to refrain from making such statements. "We respect their concerns, but they should have faith in police and government," he said.

senior leaders to refrain from making such statements. "We respect their concerns and criticism, but they should have faith in their police and government," DGP Kumar emphasized.

With many BJP leaders choosing not to comment on Trivendra's statement, Congress seized the opportunity to go on the offensive, demanding accountability from the state government and the DGP.

The saffron party's eerie si-



## Punjab pvt hosps refuse cashless treatment

**HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh**

THE claims of the AAP-led Punjab government that it is providing the best healthcare facilities in the state seems to fall flat as private hospitals and nursing homes have refused to provide cashless treatment to patients under the Ayushman Bharat Mukh Mantri Sehat Bima Yojna across the empanelled private hospitals in the state.

These hospitals claim that the state government is yet to clear an outstanding payment of Rs 600 crore for various treatments availed of under the scheme. The government says the total pending amount for both public and private hospitals is Rs 364 crore.

As per an MoU between the state health agency (SHA) and the empanelled hospitals, the payment for each case must be completed within 15 days once the patient is discharged. This decision is supposed benefit 42 lakh beneficiaries, of which 13 lakh have been registered under the below poverty line category in Punjab.

Dr Vikas Chabra, president of the Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association,



**What's the problem?**

What state owes to public hospitals: **₹166.67 CR**

Dues to private hospitals: **₹197 CR**

**GOVT CLAIMS** (From April to August this year) **TOTAL DISBURSALS ₹214.30 CR**

**WHY DELAY?**

- Technical glitches after switching to new software for claim processing
- Process on to expedite claims

said initially only 13 lakh families falling below lakh poverty line (BPL) were entitled to the benefits. But the then state government in 2022 before assembly polls extended the scheme to 29 lakh above poverty line (APL) card holders too.

"The claim settlement, including uploading documents on the State Health Agency (SHA) software is completed by us on the day a patient is discharged. The SHA then has 15 days to process the claim, dismiss or accept it and disburse the amount to the hospital. We incur 1% interest for every payment that remains pending after 15 days," he said.

Chabra said, "We have been providing services in good faith, but no payments have been made for months. The financial burden has become unsustainable."

Despite repeated assurances of payment clearance within two weeks, no action has been taken, he said. "With no resolution in sight and hospitals facing punitive action for refusing treatment, we announce suspension of all cashless services under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme," said Chabra.

Refuting the claims made by the Private Hospitals and Nursing Home Association Punjab Health and Family Welfare



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### DYFI state secretary appears before CBI

West Bengal state secretary of DYFI, Minakshi Mukherjee, appeared before the CBI's Salt Lake office on Thursday in connection with the investigation into the RG Kar hospital rape-murder case. The Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) is the youth wing of the CPM. "I will cooperate with the CBI officers in every way," Mukherjee said as she arrived at the agency's office following her return from Raiganj in north Bengal early this morning. The fire-brand CPM youth leader, who spent two hours at the CGO complex, later told reporters that she wanted the CBI to address issues related to the tampering of evidence.



### TMC MPs unhappy with CM over RG Kar incident

With TMC being criticised after the RG Kar incident, a section of MPs of the party are not happy with the way chief minister handled the case. Jwahar Sircar, who has already resigned, claimed that despite informing chief minister Mamata Banerjee several times, she did not give time to her MPs to listen to their grievance and also take suggestions from them. Suwendu Sekhar Ray is still unhappy with TMC and he openly protested against the RG Kar incident. A senior TMC MP said "if the situation inside TMC goes like this we will protest on streets against CM's decision."

### DM, MLA of Birbhum fall into river after boat

Around 13 people, including Birbhum DM Bidhan Roy, two MPs Samirul Islam and Asit Mal, Labhpur MLA Abhijit Sinha, who were travelling in a boat during flood inspection in Birbhum had a narrow escape on Wednesday after they fell into the flood water as their boat capsized. All of them were rescued by the local people. It was learnt that none of them were wearing a life jacket when they were travelling on a boat to inspect the flood situation. Sources said that the boat had hit a submerged tree and stopped functioning. It then capsized due to a whirlpool in flooded water. As many as 15 villages went under water after embankments collapsed.



## Hasina party leader beaten to death at B'desh univ campus

DHAKA

A Bangladeshi student leader was beaten to death at his university campus in an apparent reprisal for attacks on protesters during the uprising that ousted ex-premier Sheikh Hasina last month. Shamim Ahmed was enrolled at Jahangirnagar University in the capital Dhaka, and was a top member of the student wing of Hasina's Awami League party, police officer Abu Bakkar said.

Bakkar said Ahmed was beaten by unknown assailants on Wednesday night for leading an attack on student demonstrators at the campus in mid-July, when protests demanding Hasina's removal from office were gaining momentum. "We took him to the Gonoshasthaya Hospital, where he later died," the officer added.

Staff at the hospital confirmed that Ahmed had died after being brought in with multiple injuries. Ahmed is at least the second leader of the

Awami League's student wing to be killed this month. Fellow leader Abdullah Al Masud died hours after being beaten by a mob in Rajshahi on September 8, according to local media.

He had also been accused of marshalling counter-demonstrations against the student-led uprising against Hasina, who fled the country in early August moments before protesters stormed her Dhaka palace. Hasina's government was accused of widespread abuses, including extrajudicial killing of political rivals.

More than 450 people were killed in the weeks of violence leading up to the autocratic leader's toppling.

Since her departure for exile in neighbouring India, cabinet ministers and other senior members of Hasina's party have been arrested, and her appointees have been purged from courts and the central bank. At least 25 journalists seen as close to Hasina's regime have also been taken into custody.

## Army units detonate suspicious devices to mitigate Lebanon risk

BEIRUT

AS Lebanon continues to be gripped by fear of further electronic devices exploding, the authorities are trying to mitigate the risk, *BBC News* reported. "Specialised army units are detonating suspicious pagers and communication devices in different areas," the army said in a post on X.

Controlled explosions like these were also carried out last night, and the army is continuing to urge citizens to steer clear of sites where detonations are happening and to report any "suspicious device or object". Lebanon's Health Minister Firass Abiad said 37 people were killed and more than 3,500 wounded in a new toll after hand-held devices used by Hezbollah members exploded across Lebanon, in attacks blamed on Israel.

Abiad said 25 people were



(Above) Lebanese army preparing to destroy in a controlled explosion a communication device (right) found on the ground on Thursday | AFP

killed on Wednesday and 12 on Tuesday, updating an earlier toll of 32 dead overall.

Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah acknowledged on Thursday his powerful group had suffered an "unprecedented" blow when thousands of operatives' communication devices explod-

ed in attacks it blamed on Israel.

Delivering a speech Nasrallah struck a defiant tone and warned of retaliation. Describing the attacks as a possible "act of war", he said Israel would face "tough retribution and just punishment, where it

expects it and where it does not". Even as he delivered his televised address, Israeli warplanes broke the sound barrier over Beirut.

Israel said Thursday it bombed Hezbollah sites in Lebanon, piling pressure on the militant group already reeling after a series of deadly explosions targeting its communications systems that it blamed on Israel.

In the latest cross-border fire, the Israeli military said it struck six Hezbollah "infrastructure sites" and a weapons storage facility in southern Lebanon overnight.

The exchanges of fire have also forced tens of thousands of people on both sides of the border to flee their homes.

Hezbollah on Thursday said 20 of its members had been killed, with a source close to the group saying they had died when their walkie-talkies exploded a day earlier. *AFP*

## EXPRESS READ Genocide charges on IS hand for Yazidi torture

COPENHAGEN: Swedish authorities on Thursday charged a 52-year-old woman associated with the Islamic State group with genocide, crimes against humanity and serious war crimes against Yazidi women and children in Syria in the first such case of a person to be tried in the Scandinavian country. Lina Laina Ishaq, who's a Swedish citizen, allegedly committed the crimes from August 2014 to December 2016, in Raqqa, the former de facto capital of the self-proclaimed IS caliphate and home to about 300,000 people. The crimes 'took place under IS rule in Raqqa, and this is the first time that IS attacks against the Yazidi minority have been tried in Sweden,' senior prosecutor Reena Devgun said in a statement. According to the indictment, the aim was "completely or partially annihilating the Yazidi ethnic group as such and were part of or otherwise related to an armed conflict," the court said. In 2014, IS Yazidi towns and villages in Iraq's Sinjar.

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA IRRIGATION & CAD DEPARTMENT**  
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Tender Notice No. 04/2024-25 (1<sup>st</sup> Call) Date: 13.09.2024  
Name of the work: I&CAD Department - Operation & Maintenance of Phase-I & Phase-II Systems - To lift water from River Godavari near Gangaram (V), Kannagudem (M), Mulugu District with 2.5M Dia pipeline from intake to R.S. Ghanpur Tank in four (4) lifting stages via Bheemghampur, Pulkurthy and Dharmasagar under Phase-I and Single Pipeline of Dia 3.0, 2.5, 2.0m from intake to Tapaspally Tank via Bheemghampur, Salvagu, Dharmasagar, Gandiramaram and Bommakur in six (6) Stages and R.S. Ghanpur to Ashwaraopally Tank in Single Stage from 01.06.2024 to 31.05.2026 (24 Months) w.e.f. 01.10.2024 to 31.05.2026 (20 Months). Estimate Cost Value: **Rs.24,87,65,542/-**. Tender documents available from **20.09.2024 @ 11.00 AM** onwards. For more details and for downloading tender documents please visit: <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>.  
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(i) Design, Supply, Erection, testing and commissioning of 1 no 200 KVA Silent DG (CPCB IV norms compatible) set complete in all respect for Power House no. 1 Gangwal of ASHP, Anandpur Sahib.  
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Under the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order passed in Contempt Petition No. 1798/2018, the Government has reconsidered the decision to implement computer increment in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and has decided to make it effective from 01.11.1993.  
Now, the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, has conveyed for implementation and grant of computer increment to all employees of RRBs who were in service/probation as on 01.11.1993 as per the Supplementary Memorandum of Settlement dated 29.10.1993 between Indian Banks' Association and Employees Associations of Nationalized Commercial Banks, w.e.f. 01.11.1993, along with payment of arrears thereof.  
Therefore, through this public notice it is informed to all such employees, who were in the Bank's service/probation on 01.11.1993 and are not currently drawing pay or pension, have been dismissed/deceased, have taken compulsory retirement/ resigned or their legal heirs to apply for the said computer increment through email id [pw.staff@kgbk.in](mailto:pw.staff@kgbk.in) & [pw.salary@kgbk.in](mailto:pw.salary@kgbk.in) or by personal visit to Head Office, Ballari. The last date for submission of application is **24.09.2024**.  
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Date : 19.09.2024 HR Wing, KGB HO, Ballari

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND F.W. DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
Date: 20th September, 2024  
Draft guideline on "Withdrawal at life support in terminally ill patients"  
Ref No. Z-280201/13/2024-SAS-II  
The Directorate General of Health Services, MOHFW has recently developed a draft guideline on "Withdrawal of life support in terminally ill patients". These guidelines aim to:  
• Minimize Patient Suffering: By ensuring that terminally ill patients receive appropriate care that avoids unnecessary pain and prolonging a life without hope of recovery.  
• Respect Patient Autonomy: By encouraging open communication between health care professionals, patients and families regarding end-of-life wishes.  
• Reduce Financial Burden: By allowing for the redirection of resources towards patients with a better chance of recovery, alleviating the financial strain on families.  
• Minimize Emotional Stress: By providing clear guidelines for health care professionals to navigate difficult conversations with families about end-of-life care choices.  
• Optimize Resource Allocation: By ensuring that ICU beds are prioritized for patients who can benefit from critical care interventions.  
As this matter concerns the health of the general public, comments are invited till 20th October, 2024. The draft guidelines are available on the Ministry of Health portal:  
<https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20for%20withdrawal%20of%20Life%20Support.pdf>  
and  
<https://dghs.gov.in/Uploaddata/Guidelines%20for%20withdrawal%20of%20Life%20Support%2014624.pdf>  
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# Markets rise on Fed rate cut, Nifty hits all-time high

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market benchmarks - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 - opened on Thursday at a record high level, up 1% each from the previous session closing, after the Federal Reserve decided to lower interest rates by 50 basis points (bps). The market, however, failed to sustain the momentum and gave up much of the gain over growing economic slowdown concerns in the US.

The BSE Sensex scaled to a record high of 83,184.80 during intraday trade but closed 236.57 points or 0.29% higher at 83,184.80. The Nifty50 touched an all-time high of 25,415.80 before ending Thursday's session 38.25 points or 0.15% higher at 25,415.80. Border market came under selling pressure with smallcap shares seeing maximum selling. The Nifty Smallcap 100 index fell 1.26% while the Nifty Midcap 100 index ended 0.67% lower on Thursday.

"FOMC has started the new rates easing cycle with a 50 bps rate cut to 4.75-5%, but markets did not seem pleased about it. The broad sense has been 50bps is a sign of slowing economy and is a Fed's wake up call. Equity markets fell (after a short rally), Gold was flat, silver rallied, and US 10-year remained sticky," said Ankita Pathak, Chief Macro & Global Strategist, Angel One Wealth.

Pathak added that the US' economic outlook for 2024 has worsened, with the unemployment rate now predicted at 4.4% (vs 4% in June). Powell in his press conference tried to soothe the investors, with a constant tone of Fed avoiding a



Airtel m-cap hits 10L cr, 4th firm to hit this mark

NEW DELHI: Telecom major Bharti Airtel became the fourth listed Indian company to achieve the Rs 10 lakh crore market capitalisation milestone. This record level valuation for the company comes after its shares rallied more than 65% so far this calendar year. In comparison, Nifty50 has gained 17% during the same period. *ENS*

recession, alongside meeting its inflation target. He also highlighted that 50bps shouldn't be considered the new pace, calling it a "recalibration" and not an action to be repeated. "Previous rate cuts have co-existed with market corrections and economic recessions. We believe a soft, bumpy landing is rather a possibility this time around and therefore we prefer a defensive tilt to portfolio allocation," suggested Pathak. Angel One Wealth said that the dot-plot indicated two more 25bps cuts this year, taking the range to 4.25-4.5%. Another 100bps is expected in 2025. "We expect that recession can still be avoided and continue to actively track economic data.

# Experts see muted Fed rate cut impact on India

Fund managers, analysts expect decision to strengthen rupee, increase forex inflows, and lower cost of funds

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE impact of the US Federal Reserve's rate cut will be muted on the country as it is mostly priced in, a top government official said on Thursday.

Fund managers and analysts expect the decision to strengthen the rupee, increase forex inflows and soften bond yields, thus lowering the cost of funds for the economy as a whole. They also expect the Reserve Bank to follow suit by December.

"The impact of the Fed rate cut on us will be a little muted as much of it has already been priced in," chief economic advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said in New Delhi at an event on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the Fed voted to cut the federal funds rate target range by 50 basis points to

4.75-5.00% from 5.25-5.50%, against expectations of a cut half that size. This level of rate cut is the third in the history of the Fed, the other being in 2001 (after the 9/11 terror attack) and then in 2007 after Lehman Brothers went belly up sending the whole world into recession.

The US central bank had kept interest rates at an over decade high for 14 months.

Earlier in the day, economic affairs secretary Ajay Seth had also said the rate cut was unlikely to have any significant impact on foreign inflows into.

"I don't see that making any significant impact on inflows. We have to see from where the US interest rates levels are. We have to see how do other economies, markets behave," Seth told reporters in the Capital.

Anindya Banerjee of Kotak



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Securities, the 50 bps rate by the Federal Reserve marks only the third time in its history that the Fed has initiated a rate-cutting cycle with a 50 bps reduction, the previous in-

stances being in 2001 and 2007. However, unlike those past events, this cut comes at a time when the economy is still performing well.

Fund managers and market

watchers are expecting the Reserve Bank to follow the Fed by December, apart from the rate action strengthening the rupee and pulling down the domestic bond yields leading to cheaper fund flows to the market.

The Fed action, however, did not create a rally on Dalal Street, as mid and small caps fell sharply Thursday, though the Sensex and Nifty closed with around 30 bps gains after rallying close to 900 and 225 points in morning trade. While the rupee lost 006 paise to the dollar at 83.66 at 1330 pm, the benchmark bond yields was trading down 0.090 or 1.33 percent at 6.869.

Nilesh Shah, the managing director at Kotak Mahindra AMC said the Fed rate cut will facilitate flows to the emerging market assets with weaker dollar and lower rates.

# SC rejects telcos' plea for AGR re-computation

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN a setback to the telecom service providers, the Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed the petition of telecommunication companies seeking re-computation of adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues.

The telecom companies had approached the court, claiming several errors in calculation of dues, which exceeded ₹1 lakh crore. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Sanjiv Khanna, and BR Gavai dismissed the curative petitions, stating that no valid case was made out within the parameters set by the court's decision.

"We have gone through the curative petitions and the connected documents. In our opinion, no case is made out within

the parameters indicated in the decision of this court... The curative petitions are dismissed," the court said in the order dated August 30 but was uploaded on September 19.

The court in October 2019 allowed the Centre's plea to recover AGR of ₹92,000 crore from them. The telcos filed review petitions against this decision, but the same were dismissed in January 2020. On September 1, 2020, the court passed an order requiring tel-



cos to pay their AGR dues over a period of 10 years. In 2023, telecom companies including Vodafone filed curative petition against the January 2020 decision (dismissing review petitions). They said in the petition that Department of Telecommunications (DoT) had committed grave errors in computing final demand. For instance, the DoT had raised a demand of ₹58,254 crore in case of Vodafone.

whereas the company's own assessment was of ₹21,533 crore.

Following the rejection of petition, shares of Vodafone Idea (VIL) fell 20% on Thursday, hitting a 52-week low of ₹10.33. Now the company will have to pay ₹70,320 crore as AGR to the DoT.

VIL sought three main reliefs from the court: Correcting arithmetic and clerical errors in the AGR demand, requesting that the penalty be limited to 50% of the shortfall, and revising interest rate on penalty to 2% above the State Bank of India's prime lending rate.

The decision has brought the future of Vodafone Idea into limbo as the cash-starving company continues to lose its subscriber base and market share to its competitors, Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio.

# FREIGHT COSTS Govt takes steps to address export issues

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a bid to tackle the rising freight costs, shipping delays, and container shortages, commerce minister Piyush Goyal convened an inter-ministerial meeting on Thursday to address the operational hurdles faced by exporters, which have been exacerbated by current geopolitical tensions and market dynamics.

During the meeting, Goyal announced a series of measures to reduce shipping costs and enhance availability of containers. Key decisions included the Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) allowing empty containers to be stored free-of-charge for up to 90 days at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), alongside substantial reductions in loading and handling fees.

The Railway Board's Chairman Satish Kumar said a cut in charges for extended container storage from ₹3,000 to ₹1,500 beyond the 90-day period, while storage fees for a 40 ft container will drop from ₹9,000 to ₹2,000, and from ₹6,000 to ₹1,000 for a 20 ft container. Goyal said the need for a collaborative approach, urging stakeholders to work together to mitigate exporters' challenges. Highlighting the impact of the Red Sea Crisis and ongoing geopolitical conflicts on global trade, he called for a multi-disciplinary team to engage with these issues.

The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) also announced chartering of container ships to add 9,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) to current container capacity, with plans to acquire five additional container ships. T K Ramachandran, Secretary of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, said port capacities have already been boosted by 2.3 mn TEUs.

## EXPRESS READ

### Refund cap for Sahara investors raised to ₹50K

NEW DELHI: The government has raised the cap on refund amounts for small depositors of the Sahara Group Cooperative Societies to ₹50,000, up from the previous limit of ₹10,000, a senior cooperation ministry official said on Wednesday. The government has so far released ₹370 crore to more than 4.29 lakh depositors of Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies through the CRCS-Sahara refund portal. *ENS*

### EY employee's death: 'Probe is underway'

NEW DELHI: Death of Chartered Accountant Anna Sebastian Perayil was being investigated, Labour and employment minister Mansukh Mandavdya said on Thursday. Sebastian, worked with S R Batliboi, a member firm of EY Global, died of cardiac arrest in Pune in July. Her mother wrote to EY India Chairman Rajiv Memani, flagging the issue of overwork at the firm. *ENS*

# RBI lifts restrictions imposed on IIFL Finance's gold loan business

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank has lifted the restrictions imposed on IIFL Finance's gold loan business in March for failing to meet a slew of regulatory requirements.

"The RBI through its communication dated September 19, 2024, has lifted the restrictions imposed on the gold loan business of the company. The decision is effective immediately and allows us to resume the sanctioning, disbursal, assignment, securitization, and sale of gold loans in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations," said IIFL Finance in a stock exchange filing Thursday.

The central bank had imposed the curbs on the company on March 4, 2024 which had badly impacted its business including unpaid sala-



ries. Its employee number in gold loan branches has dropped from 15,000 in March to 12,000 in June, according to its financial reports and the gold loan book more than halved to ₹12,162 crore as of August since the March ban. IIFL fell under regulatory scrutiny in March amid a crackdown on financial firms, when it was asked by the RBI to stop disbursing new gold-

backed lending following "material supervisory concerns".

Following this all the main local rating agencies Crisil, Ica, and Care Ratings had put it under rating watch with negative or developing implications following the ban. International rater Fitch Ratings also put its B+ rating on negative watch.

In March, the central bank said an inspection of the company was carried out by it with reference to IIFL's financial position as of March 31, 2023.

"Certain material supervisory concerns were observed in the gold loan portfolio of the company, including serious deviations in assaying and certifying purity and net weight of the gold at the time of sanction of loans and at the time of auction upon default..." it noted.

# Konoike wins Ferro Scrap bid with ₹320 crore offer

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Alternative Mechanism, a ministerial group empowered by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), has given green light to Konoike Transport Co. Ltd's bid of ₹320 crore for the full equity stake of MSTC Ltd in Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL), finance ministry said Thursday in a statement.

The deal is in the final stages, with upcoming steps including issuance of Letter of Award, signing of share purchase agreement (SPA), and fulfilment of the conditions precedent outlined in the SPA by the involved parties before the transaction is officially closed. FSNL, 100% subsidiary of MSTC Ltd, under the Ministry of Steel, was established on March 28, 1979, to provide services to steel mills, specialising

in recovery and processing of scrap from slag and refuse generated during iron and steel production across plants. The CCEA had granted approval for the strategic sale back in October 2016, outlining a two-stage auction process to identify a strategic buyer.

Following this, a bidding process was initiated, with professional advisers appointed to guide the transaction. The Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) was published on March 31, 2022, inviting expressions of interest. After a review, five bidders were short-listed, with four of them obtaining security clearance from home ministry. Konoike's bid of ₹320 crore exceeded this figure, outbidding alternative proposal from Indic Geo Resources Pvt. Ltd, a subsidiary of Chandan Steel Ltd.

# 10th round bidding for oil, gas assets early next yr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE 10th round of bidding for oil and gas assets under the open acreage licensing programme (OALP) will be held in early next year, said a senior official of the petroleum and natural gas ministry.

Bidding for 28 oil and gas blocks in the ninth round is set to close on September 21, with preparations for the 10th round already underway. The official noted that the Oil (Regulations and Development) Amendment Bill, aimed at reforming the oil and gas exploration sector, is expected to be passed in the upcoming winter session of Parliament. These reforms are anticipated to take effect for the 10th round.

"OALP round nine closes the day after tomorrow, and we are already in advanced stages of preparing for OALP round 10. We are hopeful that the ORD Act will pass in the winter session, which will facilitate our



Oil Regulations Bill could be passed in winter session

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The next round is likely to include areas that were previously designated as 'no-go' zones, where exploration and production of oil and gas were restricted for strategic reasons.

To boost India's oil and gas

production, the government has recently opened up more than 1 million square kilometers for exploration and production operations that were formerly categorised as 'no-go' areas.

India is the third-largest importer of oil and gas, relying

on imports for approximately 85% of its energy needs. Efforts to enhance domestic production are critical for ensuring energy security. In FY24, India imported 233.1 million metric tons (mmt) of crude oil, compared to 232.7 mmt in FY23.

The OALP rounds are essential for India to raise domestic crude oil and natural gas production. Currently, India imports more than 85% of its crude oil needs and roughly half of its gas requirement.

In the previous eight OALP rounds, 144 exploration and production blocks comprising a total area of 242,055 sq km have been awarded.

The government introduced the OALP in 2017 to attract oil and gas firms to develop India's upstream sector. The OALP guarantees marketing and pricing freedom with a revenue-sharing model, apart from offering reduced royalty rates.

# Relief for importers as Gujarat HC revises ruling in Cosmo Films case

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IN a major development for Indian importers, the Gujarat High Court has reviewed and amended its earlier decision in the Cosmo Films vs. Union of India case.

This move comes in response to concerns about the application of a key rule related to the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had been investigating Indian exporters, alleging they improperly benefited from both exemption on Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) and a rebate on exports. The central issue revolved around Rule 96(10) of the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Rules, which underwent major changes in 2018, leading to confusion over its application and prompting legal battles across the country. In its initial ruling, the Gujarat High Court upheld the constitution-



ality of Rule 96(10).

However, following a review petition filed by lawyer Abhishek A Rastogi, the court agreed to reconsider its decision. The review identified eight significant errors in the original judgment. In the revised order, the court clarified that Notification No. 54/2018, which was initially interpreted to apply retrospectively, will now only be applied prospectively.

This change protects exporters from facing unfair charges related to past transactions. Ad-

ditionally, the court corrected its earlier statements regarding interest on IGST, further relieving importers from potential liabilities. Recent changes made during the 54th GST Council meeting, which removed Rule 96(10), now enable importers to reassess their bills and rectify any previous import issues.

While this ruling brings positive news for Indian exporters, the ongoing debate regarding interest charges remains unresolved, and Rastogi has indicated plans to challenge the rule's validity in the Supreme Court.





Coco Gauff split from coach Brad Gilbert after more than a year and one Grand Slam title together, the pair announced via separate messages on social media. The end of their partnership comes 2 1/2 weeks after Gauff's defense of her 2023 championship at the U.S. Open unraveled in the fourth round.

Tamil Nadu all-rounder Ashwin, with the support of Jadeja, rescues India on opening day of the first Test against Bangladesh at Chepauk

# A CENTURY TO REMEMBER

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

RAVICHANDRAN Ashwin is the epitome of success. In his decorated career so far, the India all-rounder has conquered many milestones to become one of the leading figures in the sport. On Thursday, Ashwin once again came to the fore. Playing in familiar conditions in his hometown, Ashwin cracked a brilliant century to lead India's fightback against Bangladesh on the opening day of the first Test. Thanks to his effort with the willow (102 not out off 112 balls) and valuable knocks by Yashasvi Jaiswal (56) and Ravindra Jadeja (86 not out), the hosts finished the day with a respectable 339/6 in 80 overs at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, here.

Before Ashwin's arrival, India were in a spot of bother. The hosts, at one stage, were 34 for three with certified batters - Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli - already back in the pavilion.

The Tamil Nadu star reached his sixth century with a single off Shakib Al Hasan in the mid-wicket region. He was naturally stoked with his contribution. "Always a special feeling to play in front of the home crowd. This is a ground I completely love to play cricket in. It's given me a lot of wonderful memories. It does feel special (century). It helps that I have come back at the back of a T20 tournament (TNPL), and worked quite a bit on my batting. Of course, I have always been wafting my bat around outside off-stump. I worked on a few things and on a surface like this with a bit of spice, if you're going after the ball, might as well go after it really hard like Rishabh does," said a visibly delighted Ashwin after the end of day's play.

It was Ashwin and Jadeja's unbeaten stand of 195 runs off 227 balls for seventh wicket enabled the hosts to recover. India were 144 for 6 when Ashwin joined Jadeja in the middle. Both played sensible cricket to keep the scoreboard ticking and now have handed India a massive boost heading into the second day. They were



R Ashwin & Ravindra Jadeja added an unbeaten 195 for 7th wicket | ASHWIN PRASATH

**India 1st Innings:** Jaiswal c Islam b Rana 56, Sharma c Shanto b Mahmud 6, Gill c Das b Mahmud 0, Kohli c Das b Mahmud 6, Pant c Das b Mahmud 39, Rahul c Hasan b Mehidy 16, Jadeja batting 86, Ashwin batting 102; Extras: (B-18, LB-5, NB-4, W-1) 28; Total: (6 wkts, 80 ovs) 339; FoW: 1-14, 2-28, 3-34, 4-96, 5-144, 6-144; Bowling: Taskin 15-1-47-0, Mahmud 18-4-58-4, Rana 17-2-80-1, Mehidy 21-2-77-1, Shakib 8-0-50-0, Haque 1-0-4-0.

watchful against the pacers and were milking runs from the spinners. Ashwin even managed to delight the crowd with a slog sweep that attained maximum runs off the bowling of Shakib. On a bouncy surface, Ashwin put his height advantage to good use to deal with the Bangladesh fast bowlers. The 38-year-old was also thankful to Jadeja for guiding him from the other end.

"It's an old Chennai surface with a bit of bounce and carry. The red soil pitch allows you to play a few shots if you are willing to just get in line and give it a bit of a tonk when there's width. He (Jadeja) was of real help. There was a point in time when I was really sweating and getting a bit tired, Jaddu

noticed it quickly and guided me through that phase. Jaddu has been one of our best batters for our team in the last few years. Him being there, pretty solid and he was also very helpful in terms of telling me that we don't have to convert twos into threes which was really helpful for me," assessed Ashwin, who is making his 101st appearance in Test format of the game.

At 38, Ashwin is at a stage where he is looking to enjoy every moment. And that was visible during his knock that comprises 10 fours and two sixes. He seemed to be in the zone as he even lifted Nahid Rana to the third man fence. Jadeja also seemed to be enjoying his knock as he matched

Ashwin stroke for stroke.

## Top-order collapse

Before Ashwin and Jadeja entered the picture, Bangladesh speedsters had bowled with plenty of fire to trouble the India top order. Hasan Mahmud was the pick of the bowlers for the visiting team with figures of 4 for 58. As Bangladesh bowlers bowled with real intent, India lost three wickets (Sharma, Gill and Kohli) in the first 10 overs.

After asking India to bat first, Bangladesh's new-ball pair of Taskin Ahmed and Hasan exploited the conditions to keep openers Jaiswal and Sharma on their toes. The latter was especially struggling to read the pacers. And after a 19-ball six, the India captain fell to Hasan. Gill lasted just eight deliveries. His intended flick of Hasan ended up as an edge to Litton Das behind the stumps. The same combination of Hasan and Das ended the brief stay of Kohli, who nicked a full delivery behind the wicket. It was evident that Kohli lacked red-ball match practice. Kohli's dismissal sent shockwaves into the stands as India were staring at a potential collapse.

Full credit to Bangladesh coach Chandika Hathurusingha as he prepared his team well for the contest. Not only did he read the pitch correctly and opted to bowl, but he also ably fine-tuned the skillsets of his fast bowlers to make an impact against the famed India top order.

Despite the chaos around him, Jaiswal maintained his calm to forge a good stand with Rishabh Pant, who entered the middle after Kohli's dismissal. Just when the partnership was displaying signs of promise, Pant lost his concentration to be the next man to be dismissed. He edged a wide delivery off Hasan to Das. It was a clear case of poor shot selection. Jaiswal continued to play with purpose before reaching his half-century.

With the wickets easing a bit, India would be hoping to pile on as many runs as possible on the second day.

Full story: [newindianexpress.com](http://newindianexpress.com)

# Mahmud lone bright spot on otherwise tough day

GOMESH S @Chennai

IN the lead up to the first Test between India and Bangladesh, the buzz was about the two fast bowlers the visiting team had brought to the shores — Nahid Rana and Hasan Mahmud. Mahmud, in particular, had taken a fiver in the second Test against Pakistan, playing a crucial role in Bangladesh's clean sweep recently.

However, Chennai is not Rawalpindi. The MA Chidambaram Stadium has been a paradise for spinners and the back-breaking heat the city had experienced in the week leading up to the Test had cast doubts over the combinations both teams would choose and how much of a help the pacers will get on the red soil surface.

On Thursday, however, thanks to some overnight showers the city was unusually cloudy, and the pitch had a tinge of grass. Najmul Hossain Shanto opted to bowl first and the onus was on Hasan Mahmud to make the most of it. The 24-year-old, playing only his fourth Test, was sharing the new ball with Taskin Ahmed and did not take long to hit the strides.

Mahmud stuck to the good length, leaving both Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal in two minds. He was consistently using seam up and wobble seam deliveries and the surface had consistent bounce and he was able to shape the ball away from both only added to it. Soon, Mahmud accounted for Rohit, it had a sharp late movement away after pitching in good length, who edged the pacer to the slip cordon.

In his next over, Shubman Gill fell to a down-the-leg delivery, but his biggest scalp came four balls later. Till then, Mahmud had hardly bowled any bad balls and was operating at less than 2 runs per over while the Indian batters tried to go after Taskin. Up against Virat Kohli, Mahmud pitched the first ball of the tenth over up and the Indian defended it with ease. The second one, he pushed



Hasan Mahmud (L) celebrates with Najmul Hossain Shanto | ASHWIN PRASATH

it a little wider — an area where Kohli had often tried to push, especially early in his innings, and get out — and got the expected results. Kohli chased the delivery without any foot movement and the ball took the outside edge on its way to the slips.

Mahmud, who in the past is known for not celebrating his wickets aggressively, would let out a roar 'yes, come on' with a fist pump. India three down inside ten overs on the first day of a home Test indeed deserved

a celebration. The hosts would lost three more before getting to 144 and from there, R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja took them to 339/6 at stumps. Mahmud, with four wickets for 58 runs, was easily the best bowler of the day despite Bangladesh not being able to capitalise. "My plan was very simple. With the new ball, I was bowling to my strengths. I try to bowl seam up and shape the ball into (the batter) or away any given time. I kept trying that," the youngster, who seems very calm for a pacer, explained after the day's play. Ask for the wicket of Kohli, Mahmud said it was more of a gesture of happiness than a celebration for dismissing one of the best contemporary batters in the world. "You should be happy about that," Mahmud said with a smile.

Now, Mahmud, in his mid-twenties, comes off as a mature athlete. After all, his road from the 2018 U19 World Cup till this point has not been smooth. He rose through the ranks for the first couple of years and even made his T20I debut for Bangladesh in 2020. Soon, he even got a Test call-up and was touted as the one to watch out for by Otis Gibson, whom Mahmud had credited for his variations and upskilling in the past.

However, injury concerns meant he was looked at as a white-ball specialist for a long while. It was only late in 2023 that he was included in the Test team again. The Pakistan tour came as a breakthrough and Mahmud grabbed it with both hands. Another four wickets against India in Chennai has only raised the profile of the pacer, who is not just skillful but has a good understanding of the game. He admitted that Bangladesh could have been more economical but was trying for wickets having already taken six of them in the first two sessions.

"We were trying to reduce the pressure and now the momentum is in their favour. If I can take an early breakthrough, I will try to reset the momentum so that we can bowl them out under 400," said Mahmud.

## EXPRESS READ

### Malvika enters China Open quarterfinals

CHANGZHOU (CHINA): India shuttler Malvika Bansod notched up another notable win on Thursday to enter the women's singles quarterfinals of the ongoing China Open, a BWF Super 1000 event. The Indian, who had stunned Paris Olympics medalist Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in Round 1, beat Scotland's Kirsty Gilmour 21-17, 19-21, 21-16 and will face Akane Yamaguchi next.

### Commonwealth C'ships: Gold for Babu

SUVA (FIJI): Indian weightlifter Valluri Ajaya Babu produced a record-breaking performance to clinch gold in the men's 81kg junior and senior categories at the Commonwealth Championships on Thursday. The 19-year-old Babu heaved a total of 326kg (147kg + 179kg). With his performance, Babu set a Commonwealth record C&J in the 81kg junior category.

# Iyer fails again but India D post 306/5 vs India B

AGENCIES @Anantapur

THE under-pressure Shreyas Iyer's dismal run continued but strong performances from the other frontline batters, including Sanju Samson, guided India D to 306 for 5 on the opening day of their Duleep Trophy match against India B here on Thursday. Iyer, aiming to make a comeback to India's Test squad, fell for a second successive duck in the ongoing tournament. However, Devdutt Padikkal (50), Srikrishna Bharat (52), RickyBhui (56) and Samson (89 not out) smashed half-centuries as India D batters produced a solid show. At stumps, Samson and Saransh Jain (26) were at the crease.

For India B, leg-spinner Rahul Chahar (3/60) was the standout bowler, claiming three wickets. Mukesh Kumar (1/37) and Navdeep Saini (1/51) picked

**BRIEF SCORES:** India A 224/7 in 77 ovs (Rawat 122 batting, Mulani 44; Kamboj 3/40, Vyshak 2/33) vs India C; India D 306/5 in 77 ovs (Samson 89 batting, Padikkal 50, Bharat 52, Bhui 56; R Chahar 3/60) vs India B.

up a wicket each after India B won the toss and elected to field first at the Rural Development Trust Stadium.

### Rawat hits ton for India A

Meanwhile, in another match, Shashwat Rawat led India A's dramatic recovery with an unbeaten 122 to steer them to 224 for seven on day one of their tie against India C. The left-handed batter, who plays for Baroda in domestic cricket, got support only from Shams Mulani (44 off 76) after India A were reduced to 36 for five in the 20th over.

Pacer Anshul Kamboj, who took eight wickets in an innings last week, was again the standout bowler for India C.

# Oly: Open team senses global glory

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

SEPTEMBER 19 could potentially go down as a red-letter day in the history of Indian chess. They have had a world champion but they have never tasted Olympiad gold — the highest honour in the game among teams — so far. That may change in the next day or two. For, on Thursday, India walloped Iran, joint-second coming into the eighth round, to extend their lead at the top of the standings in the Open section by at least two points. The Open team, after D Gukesh's finger-nail-chewing, endgame madness over Wei Yi late on Wednesday, were on 14 points after seven games.

Hot on their heels, though, were Iran, led by the veteran Parham Maghsoodloo. While they weren't as aggressive as India in the first seven rounds, what they were doing was equally impressive. They were

## Numbers that matter

**16** At the end of eight rounds, the Open team are on 16 points.

**8** The Open team have won eight straight games

**3** There are three more rounds remaining, with the last set of matches to be played on Sunday.

**0** Both the Open and women's teams have never won gold in an over-the-board Olympiad.

just one point behind and none of their players were yet to lose a game.

But the Open team, with brave, front-foot chess, won as many as three games in relatively short time. After R Praggnanadhaa drew his game, all of Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi and Gukesh won their games for a huge 3.5-0.5 win. It's now eight in eight for the Open teams all of whose players are bang in form. Gukesh and Erigaisi have drawn only one game while Praggnanadhaa has been

rock solid in Board 2. Gujrathi and P Harikrishna have also kept the score ticking over on the last board. It's a team that's bang in form.

And, that, really has been the key behind this run they have been on. After the rest day on Tuesday, captain Srinath Narayanan, in an interview to this daily, had remarked that there were no secrets, they have just played better chess than their opponents. "I think the players have simply played stronger so far, not in any one particular department, but in terms of practical play," he had said. That same theme continued against Thursday's opponents. Continue in the same vein and they may well take out the gold before the final round on Sunday.

### Women's team in trouble

The women's side, who began Thursday as sole leaders, stumbled against Poland as R Vaishali lost on Board 2.

# ISL Odisha FC aim to snap away losing streak

AGENCIES @New Delhi

A DEPLETED Punjab FC will look to make adjustments in the absence of key striker Luka Majcen and aim for a maiden win over Odisha FC when they host them in an ISL match here on Friday.

Punjab FC began their campaign with an injury-time winner in a 2-1 verdict against Kerala Blasters FC, while Odisha FC suffered a 2-3 loss against Chennaiyin FC at home. Punjab, however, have been dealt with an issue as Majcen was ruled out for 6-8 weeks due to an injury. Punjab head coach Panagiotis Dilmeris praised

Majcen for his impactful cameo after coming off the bench in Kochi, with the forward securing a goal and an assist. Their



adjustment without the Slovenian in the setup will play a big role in shaping their season.

"Luka is the captain of this team and a leader. He's a great player but I have to say more about his personality. He didn't complain about being on the bench but he realised that I might start with (Mushaga) Bakenga. "He's a great example for the young players who sometimes feel angry or disappointed because you don't start them or you don't get them on the bench," said Dilmeris.

Punjab FC are yet to register a win against Odisha FC, having lost both their encounters in the 2023-24 season.

## STALEMATE

# Champions League: Manchester City and Inter draw on goal-shy day

AGENCIES @Geneva

WHERE did all the goals go? The 0-0 draws between Manchester City and Inter Milan in their rematch of the 2023 final, after Bologna and Shakhtar Donetsk also could not find a goal, capped an untypically goal-shy evening for the Champions League on Wednesday.

Just 13 were scored in six games one day after 28 were fired on Tuesday, including nine by Bayern Munich alone. How unusual was this? Two 0-0 draws after just 12 of 144 games to be played in the new league

phase is already halfway to the total of four in 96 games one year ago in the group-stage format that is now abolished. The entire competition averaged three goals per game last season. Paris Saint-Germain and Girona also were heading for a blank until a horrible 90th-minute error by the Spanish debutant's goalkeeper, Paulo Gazzaniga 'spilling a cross by Nuno Mendes through his own legs' gifted a 1-0 win.

The new format has welcomed new faces and long-absent friends in European soccer's marquee competition.



Man City's Erling Haaland (L) & Inter Milan's Alessandro Bastoni (R) challenge for the ball during the Champions League match in Manchester, on Wednesday | AP

**RESULTS:** Bologna 0-0 Shakhtar Donetsk; Sparta Prague 3-0 Red Bull Salzburg; Club Brugge 0-3 Borussia Dortmund; Celtic 5-1 Slovan Bratislava; Manchester City 0-0 Inter Milan; Paris Saint-Germain 1-0 Girona.

Sparta Prague rose to the challenge of their first game for 19 years at this stage of the Champions League by beating Salzburg 3-0. Slovan Bratislava was overmatched in its first game since 1992-93, the first season of the Champions League rebrand from the old European Cup. They could not keep out Celtic, which won 5-1 in Glasgow.

There was nothing to separate the champions of England and Italy, 15 months after Man City beat Inter 1-0 in Istanbul to lift the European Cup trophy for the first time. Ilkay Gundogan wasted two late chances for Pep Guardiola's team, failing to convert two headed chances. It was the first time City had failed to score at home in Europe's elite tournament since being held 0-0 by Sporting Lisbon in March 2022, and just the second time at home in all competitions since then. The other was a 0-0 draw with Arsenal in the Premier League in March.



**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice**  
Tender No: Re-58.59&60/2024-25/SE/PH/MVPA

JM-NELL KRUZHY PANCHAYATH - Package - II/58/Production components - Well cum Pump house, WTP & Row water pumping main(59)Production components - Well cum Pump house & Installation of Pump sets (60)WTP to Vengoor, Asamannoor & Mudakkuzha panchayaths-Construction of 2LL sump cum pump house & 4 LL OHSR at Ambaranala, and laying 250 mm DI gravity main, 200 mm DI pumping main in Asamannoor Panchayath. EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/- Tender fee : Rs. 1,10,025/- Last Date for submitting Tender : 10-10-2024 04:00 pm. Phone : 0485 2835637  
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in  
KWA-JB-GL-6-616-2024-25 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Muvattupuzha

**PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY TENDER CALL NOTICE**  
NO.EM/MS-25/2024  
File No.EM/MS/TECH-05/2024/1298  
Date: 11.09.2024

Name of the Work "Grant of license for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of 02 nos. 100 Ton Capacity HMC's for a period of 05 years" Last date and time of submission of bid: 21/10/2024 up to 1800 Hrs. Refer our website for details: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer (M) Workshop Division-II Paradip Port Authority  
PPA/PR/37/2024-2025 dtd.18.09.2024

**The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking**  
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

**TENDER NOTICE**  
E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.  
(1) 79225 - Thermal Paper Roll,  
(2) 78103, (3) 79081.

Re - invited e-tenders  
(2) 78103, (3) 79081.

Note: For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>  
PRO/AAM(M)/63/2024 GENERAL MANAGER

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.H. DIVISION, BHANJANAGAR AT CHATRAPUR**  
Phone - 06811 263909 / E-mail - eepchndr@gmail.com  
**CANCELLATION OF TENDER**  
Bid Identification No. 36/ 03 / SPH(C) 12024-25 dt. 31.08.2024

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Procurement of 100mm to 300mm dia DI pipes in connection with the work-Improvement of water supply to Digapahandi NAC and Balliguda NAC under AMRUT 2.0 SWAP-III	Rs.540.73 Lakh

The tender invited by this office for the above work vide Bid Identification No. 36/ 03 / SPH(C) 12024-25 dt. 31.08.2024 (Tender Id. 2024\_PHEO\_104579\_1) is hereby cancelled due to error in uploading of BOQ.  
Sd/-Superintending Engineer P.H. Division, Bhanjanagar at Chatrapur  
OIPR-13013/11/0007/2425

**BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED**  
(Wholly owned by Government of Karnataka undertaking)  
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

**BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION**  
(Through e-procurement)

BESCOM invites tenders through e-procurement platform from eligible Bidders vide Enquiry No. : BESCOM/2024-25/EL/WOR/INDENT208 for the Work of Upgradation of HT/LT network in Devanahalli Town by taking up improvement works on feeders pertaining to Devanahalli Sub division of Hosakote Division, Bangalore Rural Circle of BRAZ, BESCOM for a period of two years on Total Turnkey percentage quoting basis.  
Bid Documents available: 23.09.2024. Last Date for Bid Submission: 22.10.2024 15:00 Hrs. Opening of Bid Document: 23.10.2024 15:15 Hrs.

The Tenders can be obtained through KPP portal web-site <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Aspiring Bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with KPP help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777) or email at support@eprocurement.com.  
Sd/- The Chief General Manager, Etc., Download "BESCOM Mitra" Mobile APP

**CIDCO WE MAKE CITIES**

**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
Providing and fixing of structural steel work for light weight roof structure over the existing subways constructed by Railways along with color coated Zincalum / galvalum single skin roofing system at Targhar. (2nd CALL)

CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of E-tendering invites "ON LINE" item rate percentage Bids from experienced prospective Bidders fulfilling the mandatory eligibility criteria, registered with CIDCO Ltd. or with Central Govt., or with State Govt. of Maharashtra and its undertakings in class-III and above & equivalent, who have completed work of similar nature "Work such as Railway Stations, Metro Stations & Offices, Warehousing Complex, shopping Malls, Factories, Buildings, Skywalks, Foot Over Bridges, Bridges" which involves structural steel trusses / structural steel trusses with roofing system for the work mentioned below:  
1) Name of Work: Providing and fixing of structural steel work for light weight roof structure over the existing subways constructed by Railways along with color coated Zincalum / galvalum single skin roofing system at Targhar. (2nd CALL) 2) C.A. No. : 01/CIDCO/EE(NUR)/2024-25 3) Cost put to the Bid: ₹2,93,23,555.14 (Excluding GST) 4) E.M.D.: ₹2,93,300.00 5) Registration Class: Class - III & above (Civil) 6) Completion Period: 180 (One Hundred and Eighty) Days (including Monsoon) 7) Tender Processing Fee: ₹11,800.00 (Rupees Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Only) (Non-Refundable) (including 18% GST)

Bid Document along with Bidding programme will be available on the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> from 24/09/2024 at 17.01 Hrs.  
Superintending Engineer (Paighar & Railway) CIDCO/PR/230/2024-25

**GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION REVENUE DEPARTMENT**  
e - TENDER NOTICE

Tender cum Auction is invited for the following work in Two Cover System as per details furnished below.

**R.D.C.No.CC/6223/2024**  
Granting License Right for Commercial usage of GCC's land parcel at R.A.Puram, 4th Main Road in Division-123, Zone-09 Submission of E.M.D. Rs.16,887/- through online net banking transaction on e-tender portal only.  
Tender document will be available in website : <https://tntenders.gov.in>  
Tender last date and time of submission : 26.09.2024 upto 3.00 p.m.  
Tender opening date and time : 27.09.2024 at 3.00 p.m.

City Revenue Officer /c (Revenue Department)  
DIPR / 3795 / Tender / 2024

**Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**  
Office of the Executive Engineer Project South, South Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd block, Bengaluru - 560011  
Contact No: 080-22975713 Email: eeprojectsouth@gmail.com

**INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (Call-2)**  
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)  
(Through GoK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)

The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP, invites tenders on behalf of the commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Providing Security Guards to BBMP Schools and Colleges of South and RR Nagar Zone on out sources basis (Call-2). Approx. Amount put to tender: Rs. 1,92,20,040/- EMD: Rs. 2,88,300/-.

Calendar of Events : 1) Pre bid meeting will be held at the Office of the Executive Engineer Project (South) 27-09-2024 at 3:00 P.M. 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is: 11-10-2024 up to 4.00. 3) Technical Bid opening date: 14-10-2024 at 4.30 PM. 4) Financial Bid opening date: 18-10-2024 at 4.00 PM or After Technical bid approval.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project South

**HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE**  
Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.  
CIN: U65930MH2008PLC384221.

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
UNDER RULE 8(2) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd (HLF) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 08.03.2024 calling upon the Borrowers M/s. Shiva Sai Mouldings, Mr. Bhaskara Chary Peddappa, Mrs. Kalavathi Peddappa, Mr. Raju Peddappa, Mr. Peddanna Peddappa, M/s Shirdi Sai Mouldings and M/s Om Sai Polymers who have availed loan against mortgage of property vide Loan Account No. APHOHY00727 of our Hyderabad Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 2,12,40,435/- (Rupees Two Crore Twelve Lakh Forty Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Five Only) as on 27.02.2024 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 13th day of September, 2024.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited for an amount as mentioned above with interest thereon.

**Description of the immovable property: Schedule of Property - I:** All that the Piece and parcel of an Open Plot Nos.59 to 65, 71 and 72 Part, measuring Area 2051.56.. (Out of 3578 Sq.yds) in Survey Nos. 291, 292, 293 & 294. Situated at "West Madhurapur" Kondapur Village and Grampanchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Rangla Reddy District, under S.R.O. Ghatkesar and bounded by: North: Lingi Chetty Kunta, South: 40 Wide Road, East: 40 Wide Road, West: Plot Nos.66 to 70. **Schedule of Property - II:** All that the Piece and Parcel of an Open Plot Nos. 69 & 70, measuring Area 582 Sq. Yds., (Out of 3578 Sq.yds) in Survey Nos.291, 292, 293 & 294. Situated at "West Madhurapur" Kondapur Village and Grampanchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Rangla Reddy District, under S.R.O. Ghatkesar and bounded by: North: Lingichetty Kunta, South: Plot No.68, East: Plot Nos.59 to 62, West: 40 Wide Road.

**Schedule of Property - III:** All that the Piece and Parcel of an Open Plot Nos. 66, 67 & 68, measuring Area 611.11Sq. Yds. (Out of 3578 Sq. yds) in Survey Nos.291, 292, 293 & 294. Situated at "West Madhurapur" Kondapur Village and Grampanchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Rangla Reddy District, under S.R.O. Ghatkesar and bounded by: North: Plot No.69, South: Existing Wide Road, East: Plot Nos.65, 64 & 63, West: 40 Wide Road  
Dated: 13-09-2024 FOR M/S HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD. Place: Hyderabad. Authorised Officer

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE TELANGANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
Viduyt Nyantran Bhavan, G.T.S. Colony, Kalyan Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 045  
**Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (TGRANSKO)**  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
O.P.No.14 of 2024 and O.P.No.15 of 2024

1. Notice is hereby given to all that the Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (TGRANSKO) has filed before the Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission (TGERC) for ARR and proposed charges for Transmission Business and State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) activity of TGRANSKO for FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29. These filings have been taken on record by the Commission in O.P.No.14 of 2024 (Transmission Business) and O.P.No.15 of 2024 (SLDC activity), respectively.

2. Copies of the filings referred are available in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Comml. & RAC) Room No. 149, 'A' Block, TGRANSKO, Viduyt Soudha, Hyderabad - 500082 and the Chief Engineer/Metro Zone, Rural Zone, Karimnagar Zone and Warangal Zone and Superintending Engineer/OMC/TGRANSKO (Khammam, Nizamabad, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, Warangal, Metro East, Metro West, Metro Central, Sangareddy located at Hyderabad) from 20.09.2024. Interested persons may inspect/peruse the said filings and take note thereof during office hours at any of the said offices free of cost. These proposals are also available on [www.tgransko.com](http://www.tgransko.com) and the same may be also accessed at [www.tgerc.telangana.gov.in](http://www.tgerc.telangana.gov.in). A copy of these filings can be obtained from the above office on payment of photocopying charges by cash.

3. Objections/suggestions if any, on the said filings together with supporting material may be sent to the Chief Engineer (Comml. & RAC) Room No. 149, 'A' Block, TGRANSKO, Viduyt Soudha, Hyderabad - 500082 in person or through Registered Post so as to reach on or before 11.10.2024 by 5 pm. A copy of the same must also be filed with the Commission Secretary, TGERC, at the address mentioned above. The objections/suggestions should be duly signed and should carry full name and postal address of the person(s) sending the objections/suggestions. If the objections/suggestions are filed on behalf of any organization or any category of consumers, it should be clearly mentioned. The objection/suggestion should accompany the following statement as an overleaf-

Name & full address of the Objector	Brief details of Objection(s)/ Suggestion(s)	Objections against filings by TGRANSKO for ARR and proposed charges for Transmission Business and SLDC activity	Whether copy of objection & proof of delivery at TGRANSKO's office enclosed (Yes/No)	Whether Objector wants to be heard in person (Yes/No)
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4. Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission intends to conduct a Public Hearing on 22.10.2024 (Tuesday) from 10.30 hrs onwards in the Court Hall of TGERC.  
Sd/- Chairman and Managing Director TGRANSKO  
Place: Hyderabad Date: 20.09.2024

**SCHEDULE - I**  
Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 of Transmission Business:

S. No.	Particulars	Control Period				
		FY 2024-25 (n+1)	FY 2025-26 (n+2)	FY 2026-27 (n+3)	FY 2027-28 (n+4)	FY 2028-29 (n+5)
1.	Operation & Maintenance Expenses	1,489.89	1,600.09	1,708.95	1,883.60	2,047.74
2.	Depreciation	661.73	780.71	916.08	1,054.15	1,110.10
3.	Interest and finance charges on loan	971.83	1,109.47	1,244.05	1,388.80	1,518.20
4.	Interest on Working Capital	71.50	90.09	99.54	113.69	124.18
5.	Return on Equity	822.12	945.29	1,071.56	1,210.77	1,343.74
6.	Less: Non-Tariff Income	464.70	515.70	580.46	641.18	651.18
6.1.	Income from Open Access Charges	-	-	-	-	-
6.2.	Income from Other Business	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Add:	-	-	-	-	-
7.1.	Impact of true-up for prior period	-582.68	-	-	-	-
8.	Aggregate Revenue Requirement	2,969.68	4,009.95	4,459.72	5,009.83	5,492.77

**SCHEDULE - II**  
Filing of Transmission Tariffs and Losses for FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29:

Particulars	FY 2024-25 (n+1)	FY 2025-26 (n+2)	FY 2026-27 (n+3)	FY 2027-28 (n+4)	FY 2028-29 (n+5)
	ARR of Transmission Business (Rs. in Crores)	2,969.68	4,009.95	4,459.72	5,009.83
Transmission Contracted Capacity (MW)	22,590.84	22,359.01	22,276.22	22,131.05	21,606.63
Transmission Charges (Rs/kWh/month)	109.55	149.45	166.83	188.64	211.85

**SCHEDULE - III**  
Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 of SLDC Activity:

Particulars	FY 2024-25 (n+1)	FY 2025-26 (n+2)	FY 2026-27 (n+3)	FY 2027-28 (n+4)	FY 2028-29 (n+5)
	ARR of SLDC Business (Rs. in Crores)	83.59	89.16	110.26	114.08
Generation Contracted Capacity (MW)	23598.52	23366.69	23283.90	23130.72	22600.31
SLDC Charges (Rs/MWh/month)	2951.80	3179.74	3946.22	4109.97	4355.03

R.O. No. : 415-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25

**DIRECTOR WORKS (EO)**  
Rajasthan University Of Veterinary & Animal Science, Bikaner (Raj.)  
अवकाशी विविदा सूचना संख्या 08 वर्ष 2024-2025  
जलवायु एवं पशु चिकित्सा विभाग के लिए उपयुक्त शौचालय, बीकानेर की ओर से विविदा सूचना के माध्यम से निविदा सूचनाओं में, इस विविदा सूचना में एवं अन्य विविदा सूचनाओं में, राज्य सरकार एवं राज्य सरकार के अधीनस्थ संस्थानों तथा केन्द्र सरकार एवं केन्द्र सरकार के अधीनस्थ संस्थानों, जो कि राज्य सरकार के उपयुक्त शौचालय को समझा, पशु चिकित्सा संस्थानों से ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से निविदा सूचनाओं में ऑनलाइन निविदा प्रस्तुत की जायेगी। निविदा से सम्बंधित विवरण केबसाइट [www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in/tenders.asp](http://www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in/tenders.asp), [www.rajvuvs.org](http://www.rajvuvs.org), [www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) व [www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) पर देखा जा सकता है। UBN No. : VAU2425W50B00075  
शु. संख्या 01/2024

**CHANGE OF NAME & D.O.B.**  
I, P SHAMILY Spouse of Service No. 14449667P Hav(H/K) PARVATHI SATYANARAYANA, R/O. Vill and Po: Nemtoor, Teh:Gajwel, Dist:Medak, Telangana-502334 have changed my name and DOB from P SHAMILY, DOB:09.04.1990 to PARVATHI SHAMILY, DOB:07.02.1992 vide affidavit dt:19-9-2024 before CVN Ramakrishna, Advocate and Notary, Secunderabad.

**COFFEE BOARD (Ministry of Commerce & Industry)**  
Department of Commerce Government of India #1, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi Bengaluru-560 001, Karnataka, India. Phone: + 91- 80 - 2226 6991 - 994

**E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**  
Ref: No. Extn/P&C Cell/ICDP e-Tender-0UP-2024-25/125 Date: 17.09.2024

Coffee Board, a statutory organization under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, Government of India, Head Quarters at Bengaluru has invited e-Tenders for empanelment of manufacturers or its authorized distributors for supply of pulpers, mechanical dryers suitable for use in coffee estates directly to the Coffee Growers in the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and North Eastern States under back ended subsidy scheme of ICDP during 2024-25 & 2025-26. The detailed e-Tender document viz., Tender notification, Specifications, Eligibility Criterion, Crucial Date & Time etc., in this regard can be downloaded from Coffee Board's Website - [www.coffeeboard.gov.in](http://www.coffeeboard.gov.in) & <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The last date and time for submission of e-Tenders is 14th October, 2024 at 3.00 PM. The technical bids part of tender will be opened on the next day at 3.00 PM.  
Sd/- CEO & SECRETARY

**SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
Tender No. 23-LC-24-25-Sr. DEE-M-HYB & 24-OEW-24-25-Sr. DEE-M-HYB.

Sr. DEE/MHYB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender against Tender No. 07/2024-25/Sr. DEE/TR/HYB closing date: 15-10-2024 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

SI. No. 1. Description of work: Tender No. 23-LC-24-25-Sr. DEE-M-HYB: Hyderabad Division: SC-DHNE Section: Interlocking of 1) LC Gate No. 70 at Km 131/100-100 between MQN-DKC Stations 2) LC Gate No. 84 at Km 14/100-50 between KCO-PERUR Stations 3) LC Gate No. 93 at Km 171/800-900 between WPR-SRNR Stations 4) LC Gate No.94 at Km. 173/900-174/0 between WPR-SRNR Stations - Electrical arrangements 5) Merging of Type-I M/S. Quarters 18 units into 9 units at 7th BN/RP/S/ Mly - Electrical arrangements Approx. Cost (₹): Rs. 34,34,762/- EMD : Rs. 66,700/- Completion period: 6 Months Date of Closing: 15-10-2024

SI. No. 2. Description of work: Tender No. 24-OEW-24-25-Sr. DEE-M-HYB: Hyderabad Division: Upgradation existing non-inverter based AC system with HVAC based system in Old & New MOT in CH-LGD Approx. Cost: Rs. 1,23,23,862/- EMD: Rs. 2,11,600/- Completion period: 9 months Date of Closing: 15-10-2024

Website particulars: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen office of the Sr. DEE/TR/HYB, Hyderabad bhavan Secunderabad - 500071  
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Hyderabad

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
Commissionerate of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru - 560001

No.: DDA(FM&M)/FM R/P/Drone/2024-25 Date: 19.09.2024  
**SHORT TERM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION**  
The Department of Agriculture invites Short Term Request for Proposals (RFP) from OEM / Manufacturers for supply of Kisan Drones to farmers under Departmental subsidy Programmes and CHSC Centers. The interested OEM / Manufacturers who are interested to participate in this RFP can submit their proposals through e-Procurement platform <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.

The interested OEM of Kisan Drones / Manufacturers can download the RFP document through e-Procurement platform free of cost by payment of applicable e-Procurement processing fees and the EMD amount as fixed by the Department. Applications for RFP can be downloaded from the website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 20.09.2024 to 07.10.2024. The last date for submission of proposals in e-Procurement platform is 07.10.2024 at 4:30 p.m. The Technical proposals will be opened on 09.10.2024 at 11:00 a.m. in Samruddhi VC Hall, Commissionerate of agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru-560001.

The Hard copies (Physical Deposition) of the Technical and Financial Proposals along with other relevant documents uploaded in the e-Procurement portal will be received at the Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Farm Mechanization & Micro irrigation), Department of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru-560001 upto 4:30 p.m., on Dt: 08.10.2024.

The interested Manufacturers / OEM have to register at the e-procurement cell, Centre for e-Governance, 4th Floor, Sri Arvinda Bhavan, Mythic Society Compound, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001 and obtain the DSC key or e-token (Helpdesk: +91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777).  
NOTE: e-Procurement processing fee is non-refundable and Tender documents are non transferable.  
Sd/-, Director of Agriculture and Tender Inviting Authority  
DIPR/PC/IC/2074/2024-25

**Bank of Baroda**  
Lawsons Bay Colony Branch, D.No. 4-46-11(2), Ground Floor, G K Mansion Main Road, Pedawaltair Junction, Visakhapatnam - 530017, Phone Nos.0891-2726941/2727088.

**POSSESSION NOTICE** (For immovable property) (As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Lawsons Bay Colony Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated: 04.06.2024 calling upon the Borrower: Mr. Y. Kiran Kumar Patro, residing at : H.No.40-245, Raghavendra Nagar, HB Colony, Mouali, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500076 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.26,95,452.11/- plus unsecured interest Rs.57,013.45/- plus unapplied interest Rs.23,130/- as on 02.06.2024 plus interest from 03.06.2024 to till the date of realization plus legal and other charges if any within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Guarantor, Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 18th day of September, 2024.

The Borrower, Guarantor, Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount Rs.26,95,452.11/- plus unsecured interest Rs.57,013.45/- plus unapplied interest Rs.23,130/- as on 02.06.2024 plus interest from 03.06.2024 Plus legal and other charges if any till the date of realization.

The Borrower, Guarantor and Mortgagor attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that site measuring 65.08 Sq.Yards or 54.04 Sq.meters being undivided and unspecified share out of the total extent of 754.66 Sq.yards or 630.97 Sq.meters together with Foundation Level of Residential flat No.201 in First floor (East Facing) measuring 1520 sq.plinth area 1216 sqft + common area 304 sqft and carpet area 1064 sqft and car parking measuring 100 sqft in Still floor of Honey Group - Sreenivasam bearing Plot Nos.117 & 118, lot approved by Yuda vide LP No.03/2014, dated 03.04.2014 covered by survey No.51/2, 67, 68/1, 68/2 of Dupplur Village and Panchayat, Atchuthapuram Mandal in the registration sub district of Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District and total site Bounded by: East : 40 feet wide Road, South: 40 feet wide Road, West : 40 feet wide Road, North: Plot No.116 & 119. Existing Measurements: East to West (North Side) : 120.00 feet or 36.58 meters, East to West (South Side) : 120.00 feet or 36.58 meters, South to North (East side) : 56.8 feet or 17.25 meters, South to North (West side) : 56.8 feet or 17.25 meters. Boundaries of Residential Flat No.201 in First Floor: East : Open to Sky, Staircase and Common Corridor, South: Open to Sky, West : Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky.  
Date : 18-09-2024 Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer Place : Visakhapatnam Bank of Baroda

**TENDER NOTICE**

On Behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer / Nanded division, South Central Railway, NANDED invites Open Tenders for the following works Through E-TENDERING up to 15.00 Hours of 14.10.2024.

SI. No. 1, Tender No. : N-SG-36-2024-25-NED-18 Dt:19.09.2024 Name of the work: Nanded - Proposal for extension of stable line- 03 to 720m, extension of pit line-02 catwalk by 30m & overshoot line for common loop-01 (PF-04) Approx value: (Rs.) 1,56,53,997/- Bid Security deposit: (Rs.) 2,28,300/- Period of completion: 12 Months Cost of Tender form: (Rs.) NIL

The above said tender will be closed on 14.10.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.  
Sr.Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Nanded

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> or [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)

**भारत सरकार - अखिल विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**  
निर्माण एवं अन्वेषण समूह, एसडीएससी-शार / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC-SHAR  
श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्सूर (जिला), आ.प्र. / SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

**संक्षिप्त ई-निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE**  
ई-निविदा सूचना सं. / e-Tender Notice No: PT-E-24-011, PT-E-24-012 तिथि/ Date: 17.09.2024

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, 1. "सभी सुविधा भवनों एवं सामान्य सुविधाओं सहित शार आवासीय कॉलोनी, कीपकम कार्यालय भवनों एवं शार अस्पताल में विद्युत अधिष्ठापनों हेतु एएससी" (अनुमानित लागत: ₹202.64 लाख) 2. "सुल्लुक्चेट में सभी सुविधा भवनों एवं सामान्य सुविधाओं सहित पब्लिक टनार, सर्वम्यूडी नगर, पिनाडिनी नगर आवासीय कॉलोनी एवं एएससीएचएच में विद्युत अधिष्ठापन हेतु एएससी" (अनुमानित लागत: ₹235.10 लाख) के लिए ई-निविदा के माध्यम से मंच दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज 04.10.2024 को 14:30 बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट [www.isro.gov.in](http://www.isro.gov.in) या [www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO](http://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO) पर जा सकते हैं।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for 1. "AMC for Electrical Installation in SHAR Housing colonies, Keepakam office buildings and SHAR hospital etc." (Estimated cost: ₹202.64 Lakhs); 2. "AMC for Electrical Installation in PCN, SMN, PNN Housing colonies and SDMH etc." (Estimated cost: ₹235.10 Lakhs). Tender documents can be downloaded up to 04.10.2024, 14:30 hrs. Interested tenderers may visit [www.isro.gov.in](http://www.isro.gov.in) or [www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO](http://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO) for details.  
रक्षासहित- समूह प्रभार, सौरसजी / एएससीसी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR