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Cabinet Hails PM Modi's 25-Year Journey



New Delhi: The Union Cabinet adopted a resolution marking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25 years of uninterrupted public service, from becoming Gujarat chief minister in 2001 to serving as PM. The resolution highlighted his key decisions and their impact on citizens, while Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw attributed his long tenure to public trust. The Union Cabinet on Tuesday adopted a resolution hailing the achievements of Narendra Modi in the last 25 years, first as chief minister of Gujarat and subsequently as the prime minister. Briefing reporters, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the resolution marks Modi's uninterrupted public service between October 7, 2001 and October 7, 2026. The resolution listed various decisions taken by Modi which have touched the lives of the common man and has given the country confidence. Vaishnaw said Modi's success and long service is a result of people's trust and faith in his style of governance and a vibrant example of the strengthen of Indian democracy.

Rahul, Priyanka Gandhi Detained During Sit-In Against Gyanesh Kumar. Released

New Delhi: Nearly nine hours after Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi led a demonstration from Parliament to the Election Commission and began a sit-in near the poll body's office to demand the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, the Delhi Police cracked down and detained him and other leaders around 8 pm on Tuesday. Gandhi and his sister, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, were detained by the police and bundled into a bus. Visuals showed Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi being dragged away by police personnel as Congress workers tried to stop them. The siblings were taken to Kingsway Camp Police Station in north Delhi and released around 10 pm. The sit-in on the premises of the Akashwani Bhawan was part of the protest organised by the INDIA Bloc over the alleged "unilateral" decisions taken by Kumar and "irregularities" in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls, and saw leaders and party workers turning out in large numbers. This was not

the first time the Gandhi siblings were detained on Tuesday. Around noon, they were briefly made to board a police bus and were seen stepping out some time later. "The Election Commission office is barely 50 metres away, but we were not allowed to go there. I do not understand what the problem is. The Election Commission's job is to conduct elections properly. At least 300 MPs want to meet Gyanesh Kumar. But he is scared. I don't know what's happening in the country," Rahul Gandhi had told reporters at Akashwani Bhawan at



the time. "If the representatives of the people cannot meet the Election Commission, then what is the meaning of democracy?" he said. After his release, the Leader of the Opposition said no "traitor" would be spared. "To save the traitors of democracy, the remnants of democracy have been dragged through the mud.

3 New Supreme Court Judges Take Oath, Strength Rises To 37

New Delhi: Chief Justice Surya Kant on Tuesday administered oath of office to three new judges elevated to the Supreme Court, taking its working strength to 37, one short of the sanctioned 38. The swearing-in ceremony was held at 3:30 PM, a departure from the usual practice of administering the oath to newly appointed Supreme Court judges in the morning. The ceremony was live

streamed by the Supreme Court. The judges' elevation was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on September 28 and notified by the Centre on October 5. Justice Sunita Agarwal, who was the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court, began her judicial career at the Allahabad High Court. She was elevated to the High Court Bench in 2011 and became its permanent judge in 2013



'Stree Shakti' Completes Over 100 Crore Free Journeys, a Matter of Pride: CM

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, October 6:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said that the 'Stree Shakti' scheme has crossed 100 crore journeys. He extended his greetings to all women on the occasion. He said that with the support of women and the approval of mothers, the 'Stree Shakti' scheme has reached a historic milestone. The Chief Minister shared these remarks in a post on X. Launched on August 15 last year, the 'Stree Shakti' scheme completing more than 100 crore free journeys is a matter of great pride, Chandrababu said.

He noted that an average of 24 lakh women are using the facility every day, indicating that the scheme has become



an integral part of the lives of women across the state. The free bus service has empowered girl students travelling for education, working women commuting to their jobs and women travelling for their daily livelihood,

he said. The scheme has reduced the burden of travel expenses and provided women with the confidence and freedom to travel for their needs, the Chief Minister added. Chandrababu said women have so far saved

around Rs.3,550 crore through the scheme. He said the government hopes that every rupee saved will be used for their children's education, family needs and their future. The Chief Minister thanked all women for supporting the scheme and extended his heartfelt congratulations to the APSRTC management and staff for their efforts in making this historic achievement possible. At the Dwaraka Tirumala Nitya Annadana Centre, a woman staff member named Gayatri fed a differently-abled devotee who had no hands, helping satisfy his hunger. Chief Minister Chandrababu praised her for the gesture in a post on X. "Shabash Gayatri! Salutations to your kind-hearted gesture of feeding a differently-abled devotee without hands at the Dwaraka Tirumala Nitya Annadana Centre. Your spirit, which demonstrates that 'service to humanity is service to God', is truly commendable," Chandrababu said.

CM Chandrababu Invited to Devi Sharannavaratri Celebrations at Srisailem

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, October 6:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has been invited to attend the Devi Sharannavaratri celebrations to be held at the Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple in the renowned pilgrimage centre of Srisailem. Temple Board Chairman Pothugunta Ramesh Naidu, Executive Officer M. Srinivasa Rao and Srisailem MLA Buddha Rajasekhar Reddy met the Chief Minister at his camp office on Tuesday and presented him with the invitation. Temple priests from the Srisailem



Devasthanam later offered Vedic blessings to Chandrababu. Temple officials also presented him with a portrait of Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy and prasadam. They informed the Chief Minister that the Devi

Sharannavaratri celebrations would be held from October 11 to 20. During the meeting, Chandrababu enquired with the officials about the arrangements being made by the Devasthanam for the celebrations.

We Won't Tolerate Any Disruption to Law and Order: Minister Warns Jagan and Co.



Sri Sathya Sai district, October 6:

Andhra Pradesh Minister Savitha expressed strong anger against YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. She alleged that the previous YSRCP government had closed Anna Canteens, depriving poor people of affordable meals. On Tuesday, Minister Savitha inaugurated an Anna Canteen in Gorantla of Penukonda constituency using her own funds. Speaking on the occasion, she said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had been providing meals to the poor through the Anna Canteens. Minister Savitha said she had set up an Anna Canteen in Penukonda with her own funds, inspired by the Chief Minister. She said she had received an opportunity to provide meals to the poor for 1,000 days. She added that she had now opened another Anna Canteen in Gorantla with her own funds. She mocked the leaders of the "axe party", alleging that they knew only how to engage in destructive politics. Minister Savitha alleged that the YSRCP had a culture of putting even its own party workers at risk. She challenged Jagan and other party leaders to come forward for a debate on development. She warned that the government would not remain silent if anyone disrupted law and order in Andhra Pradesh or obstructed development. "Khabbardaar... Chief Minister Chandrababu and Minister Nara Lokesh know when and how to deal with you," Minister Savitha warned.

Poor People's Dream of Owning a House Possible Only Under CM Chandrababu: Sujatha

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, October 6:

AP Women's Cooperative Finance Corporation Chairperson Peethala Sujatha said that the dream of providing poor families with their own homes can be realised only under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Speaking to the media on Tuesday, she said 5.50 lakh houses had already been completed and handed over to poor families. She criticised former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, saying that although he had promised to construct 25 lakh houses in five years, not even a single house was built. She alleged that instead of constructing houses for the poor, six lakh houses were cancelled, thereby shattering their dreams.



Sujatha alleged that Jagan had amassed 77,000 crore through the distribution of one-cent house plots. She said the Centre had currently sanctioned only 75,000 houses to the state under the regular quota. She praised Chandrababu for securing an additional 3 lakh houses for Andhra Pradesh after holding discussions with the Centre. She said that construction of 177 houses using 3D technology was

being undertaken in Tenali, reportedly the first such initiative in the country. She said Chief Minister Chandrababu, along with Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, had laid the foundation stone for the construction of another 3 lakh houses. Sujatha said Andhra Pradesh had received national-level recognition at the PMAY-U 2.0 2026 Awards. She said the recognition reflected transparency and speedy implementation in housing construction for the poor. She described the progress in housing construction as an example of the state government's "Speed of Governance" initiative. Peethala Sujatha said the alliance government's goal was to provide a pucca house to every poor family by 2029.



Tirumala, October 6:

In view of the Navaratri Brahmotsavams, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has taken key decisions regarding darshan arrangements. It announced that VIP Break and privileged darshans will be cancelled from October 11 to 20. VIP Break darshan will be cancelled except for protocol dignitaries. TTD also announced that recommendation letters will not be accepted from October 10 to 19. Special darshan for senior citizens and persons with disabilities has also been cancelled. Darshan for parents with infants will remain suspended for 10 days. NRI

and Defence darshan facilities have also been cancelled, TTD said.

Rs. 300 Special Entry Darshan Tickets to Be Released

TTD will release online Rs. 300 Special Entry Darshan (SED) tickets for October 12, 13, 14, 18, 19 and 20. A quota of 10,000 tickets per day will be released. TTD said the Rs. 300 special darshan tickets will be released online at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. A total of 60,000 SED tickets for the six days will be made available.

Joint Checks Conducted in Tirupati

Against the backdrop of the Srivari Brahmotsavams in Tirupati, city traffic po-

lice and district transport department officials conducted joint inspections on Tuesday. Special checks were carried out on autos, Sumos and jeeps around Tirupati railway station and the RTC bus stand. Officials identified vehicles allegedly overcharging passengers while operating undercover or posing as ordinary passengers. During the inspections, officials seized 18 vehicles—13 autos, three Sumos and two jeeps—and imposed fines totalling Rs. 1 lakh. Cases were registered for overcharging, overloading, and operating without valid driving licences and required permits, officials said.

EDITORIAL

Where Is the Check on Fake Medicines?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a shocking incident came to light in 2021–22 in which nearly eight children reportedly lost their lives due to adverse effects of the Covishield vaccine. The affected families pursued legal action. The vaccine, manufactured by AstraZeneca, also had to be withdrawn from the market. Allegations were raised that the vaccine had been introduced into the market without adequate testing. Such tragedies occur when there is inadequate scrutiny and monitoring of the quality of medicines. At present, the country is facing a serious problem of counterfeit, substandard, adulterated and expired medicines. Although the Central Government has set a goal of making India the “Pharmacy of the World”, the stringent monitoring, quality control and regulatory systems required to achieve this objective are still not being implemented adequately. These issues are undermining confidence in the “Make in India” initiative. The quality of medicines can literally mean the difference between life and death for patients. Counterfeit medicines can cost lives. The recent deaths caused by contaminated cough syrups, not only in India but also in other parts of the world, have caused serious concern. Against this backdrop, the exposure of a fake medicine racket in Bengaluru has created a major stir. A racket supplying counterfeit life-saving medicines to more than 90 hospitals, clinics and medical shops in Karnataka has been uncovered. Officials found that the operation was allegedly being carried out in collusion with a pharmacy in Bengaluru. A large quantity of these counterfeit medicines was reportedly supplied from Himachal Pradesh and some areas of Telangana. Five people involved in the racket have so far been arrested. The alleged mastermind is believed to be hiding in Azerbaijan. On August 18, police and Food and Drug Administration officials raided a farmhouse near Bidadi on the outskirts of Bengaluru and seized expired medicines worth Rs.4.91 crore. The investigation revealed that these counterfeit medicines were being repackaged in new packets bearing the names of leading pharmaceutical companies known across the world and then sold. It remains to be seen how far this racket has spread, not only in Karnataka but across the country. One particularly alarming aspect of the scam is that a large portion of the counterfeit medicines consisted of “Cefivazent 2.5 Injection”, which is being described as a critical medicine for emergency cancer treatment. As many as 5,640 vials of the injection were seized, valued at ₹3.38 crore. They constituted the major portion of the total ₹4.91 crore worth of counterfeit medicines seized. The vials were found to be linked to fake or unauthorised manufacturing companies and carried counterfeit labels. Irregularities including the use of expired ingredients were also detected. Health authorities subsequently blocked the batch numbers of these medicines on official portals, thereby preventing their use. Karnataka Health Minister U.T. Khader wrote to the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare regarding the matter. He requested that central-level drug regulatory officials be deputed to assist the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case in Karnataka, so that the exact nature and extent of the racket and the areas to which it had spread could be identified. The investigation is also examining whether the racket has interstate links. The entire drug supply chain is being scrutinised. Authorities are also focusing on how private hospitals purchased and used these medicines.

Investigators are examining how the medicines reached private hospitals through illegal channels and whether anyone within the network of private hospitals was involved in the racket. The fact that the scammers were able to operate without fear for such a long period raises serious questions about the credibility of quality inspections being carried out on medicines available in the market. The concern is not limited to the possibility of reputational damage to India’s pharmaceutical industry, the world’s third-largest, valued at Rs.4.72 lakh crore, or the threat to pharmaceutical exports worth Rs.2.74 lakh crore. More worrying is the possibility of eroding public trust in the country’s healthcare system. It is the responsibility of both the Central and State Governments to expose and curb such fraud and illegal activities. Those involved in such crimes must be punished severely, while strong preventive measures must be put in place to ensure that such rackets do not recur. Only then can the government protect and restore the public’s declining trust in the healthcare system. Healthcare is, after all, one of the most critical sectors for the people.

Uttar Pradesh's New Political Grammar : The Calculus of Caste vs Rule Of Law



As we head close to the assembly elections early next year, the political discourse in Uttar Pradesh is caught between two competing models of mobilisation. On one side is chief minister Yogi Adityanath's emergent governance calculus, where the state's role is defined by the delivery of security and welfare, decoupled from identity. On the other is a regression to caste arithmetic driven by Opposition leader Akhilesh Yadav, framed as 'PDA' (Backwards, Dalits, Minorities), driven by selective outrage and historical amnesia. The opposition's strategy relies heavily on highlighting law-and-order incidents through a caste-based prism. By selectively amplifying cases where victims belong to specific communities-such as the cases of Pawan Kumar Yadav in Prayagraj, Shishpal Yadav in Raebareli, or Saurabh Yadav in Varanasi-the attempt is to engineer inter-caste resentment. The objective is clear: consolidate a coalition of grievances. However, this rhetoric obfuscates the opposition's own track record of institutional capture, where caste was not just an electoral tool, but an administrative apparatus.

Data from the previous Samajwadi Party (SP) regime reveals a systemic conflation of caste and governance. In June 2014, state home department data indicated that in key districts, nearly 60 per cent of police station in-charges belonged to a single caste. In Badayun, 72.7 per cent of station heads were Yadavs; in Kannauj, 55.5 per cent. This structural bias in policing birthed an era of selective protection. The manifestations of

this breakdown ranged from the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots and the Jawahar Bagh massacre to the unchecked reign of syndicates led by figures like Atiq Ahmed and Mukhtar Ansari. The suspension of IAS officer Durga Shakti Nagpal for acting against the sand mafia, the brutal burning of journalist Jagendra Singh for exposing corruption, and the shielding of cabinet minister Gayatri Prajapati despite serious allegations of sexual assault, underscored a model where political utility trumped the rule of law. Governance was tethered to vote banks, leaving marginalized communities outside the favoured caste radius to fend for themselves. In stark contrast, the current Yogi government has sought to depoliticise the state machinery. The defining principle has shifted from identity-based postings to rule-based postings, and from selective protection to a uniform application of the law. The administration's data reveals a strict zero-tolerance policy toward crime, irrespective of the perpetrator's political affiliation or caste.

The state's law enforcement trajectory includes decisive action against its own. An analysis of the state's action register reveals a pattern: Kuldeep Sengar (Thakur, Unnao), Chinmayanand (Thakur, Shahjahanpur), Ashish Mishra (Brahmin, Lakhimpur Kheri), and local leaders like Shrikant Tyagi and Ashok Chandel. Across the board, the determinant for action is the nature of the crime, not the caste or the political proximity of the accused. When a ruling dispensation al-

lows its police to act against its own MLAs, MPs, and affiliated leaders across caste lines, it signals a structural shift from partisan policing to institutional autonomy. This ethos extends beyond law and order into the realm of welfare delivery and administrative reform. The opposition's PDA narrative posits that caste-based segmentation of state resources is the sole metric of social justice. The current administration counters this with community-wise beneficiary data that demonstrates universal delivery. Housing, ration, and healthcare schemes are implemented based on socio-economic vulnerability rather than caste quotas. By bypassing local middlemen and digitising the welfare pipeline, the state has structurally disabled the patronage networks that previously filtered benefits through a caste lens.

However, the data suggests a maturing of the electorate's expectations. The structural reforms in UP's policing and the universalisation of welfare de-

livery have disrupted the traditional arithmetic of caste mobilisation. This shift is not merely rhetorical; it is embedded in the state's administrative DNA. To dismantle historical nepotism in public sector recruitments, the Yogi administration introduced operational guardrails like anonymized, blind-coded grading processes, completely hiding candidate names and castes from interviewers. Interviews for Group C and D positions were eliminated altogether to root out human bias. Under the Mission Rozgar initiative, over 9.5 lakh government appointments were processed through digitized, transparent workflows. Official data reveals that over 60% of state recruitments since 2017 have been secured by OBC, SC, and ST candidates-a testament to merit over patronage. Furthermore, the state has actively scrubbed caste indicators from governance and public spaces. It formally banned the mention of caste in police FIRs and arrest

memos to eliminate investigative bias. Overt assertions of caste dominance were curbed by enforcing strict penalties against caste-based stickers on vehicles, and caste-driven political rallies were prohibited to transition discourse toward development. To ensure that benefits reach the truly marginalized rather than being monopolized by politically dominant sub-castes, the government initiated a comprehensive data-mapping exercise assessing the representation of 79 distinct OBC sub-castes across government jobs over a decade. The battle in Uttar Pradesh is no longer just about who represents which caste, but which model of the state prevails: one that uses institutions to deepen social fissures for electoral gains, or one that uses them to deliver uniform, unfiltered governance. The current data indicates a decisive shift toward the latter, rendering the politics of selective outrage increasingly ineffective.

Gurugram Techie Suicide: Why Does A Woman Asking For Alimony Enrage Us So?

A man dies and, before the facts are even established, a woman is put on trial. This is the strange new morality play India seems to have perfected.

A tragic death becomes a referendum on women. A complicated marriage becomes a story about "greedy wives". An alimony dispute becomes "proof" that feminism has gone too far. And social media, with its spectacular disregard for facts, turns one man's tragedy into an indictment of half the population. The recent death of 28-year-old software engineer Sambhav Jain has become precisely that.

Reports say Jain was dealing with financial difficulties, debt, marital problems, and substantial medical expenses relating to his prematurely born son. There was a reported settlement of around Rs 15 lakh, of which approximately Rs 7-8 lakh had reportedly already been paid. The much-circulated claim that he had been ordered to pay Rs 3 crore has been reported as false. That distinction matters.

Because if we are going to talk about alimony, let's talk about actual alimony law rather than an imaginary India in which every woman walks out of a marriage and walks into a fortune.

Who Really Gets The Alimony?

Here is something rarely discussed in the current outrage: we don't even have good national data showing how many women actually receive maintenance or alimony, how much they receive, how long they wait for it, or how many court-ordered payments are actually recovered.

What we do have is something considerably more revealing. The Supreme Court

has repeatedly acknowledged that maintenance proceedings are plagued by delay. In *Rajnes v. Neha*, the Court noted that, despite prescribed timelines, interim-maintenance applications in a vast majority of cases were not being disposed of within those timelines. The Court specifically issued guidelines to bring greater consistency and speed to the process. And the problem doesn't necessarily end when a woman wins. The Supreme Court has described enforcement of maintenance orders as one of the most challenging issues, noting that execution proceedings can remain pending for months or even years, effectively defeating the purpose of maintenance itself.

So, perhaps we should stop asking "How much alimony are women getting?" and start asking "How many women are actually receiving the money they have been legally awarded - and when?" Because almost every single mother I know, including myself, who has been through a bitter separation, tells me some version of the same story. The father has money for restaurants. Money for exorbitant rent. Money for holidays. Money for new cars. Money for expensive dates. Money for a new life. But suddenly there is no money for school fees. No money for medical expenses. No money for the children's activities. No money for the child whose childhood he is still legally and morally responsible for. It is never about the paucity of money but almost always about the paucity of intent.

And the mother? She pays. She pays for the school. She pays for the food. She pays for the rent. She pays for the doctor. She pays the electricity bill. And, she pays the lawyer. She pays with her

savings. She pays with her exhaustion. She pays with her sleep. She pays with her tears. She pays with her anguish. And sometimes she pays with years of her life spent sitting in courtrooms asking for money that the law already says her children are entitled to.

Laws vs Reality

This is not an argument against men. It is an argument against pretending that a legal entitlement is the same thing as money in a woman's bank account. Maintenance exists precisely because economic dependence can be created inside marriage. A woman may have left the workforce to raise children. She may have moved cities for her husband's career. She may have taken responsibility for the home while he accumulated income, professional experience, and assets. She may have sacrificed earning power precisely because the family structure required somebody to do unpaid care work.

When the marriage ends, that economic asymmetry doesn't magically disappear. And this isn't some feminist conspiracy. It is the legal recognition of an economic reality. So then, why does asking for maintenance in India provoke such extraordinary cultural outrage? Why is a woman asking for economic support from the man who fathered her children treated as though she has committed a moral crime? Why is alimony described as greed while dowry is still treated, in many communities, as tradition? That juxtaposition should make us uncomfortable.

In 2023, India recorded 6,156 dowry deaths - more than 6,000 women whose deaths were officially classified as dowry deaths. That's approximately one

every 85 minutes. And those are reported cases. Nobody seriously believes every instance of dowry harassment, coercion, or violence reaches a police station. Yet, somehow, the cultural conversation around dowry remains remarkably different from the conversation around alimony. A woman enters a marriage carrying jewellery, cash, cars, property, or "gifts" from her family, and nobody asks whether she is being greedy. But when the same woman leaves a marriage and asks for financial support to survive - or to support the children she is raising - suddenly she is a 'gold-digger'.

Why? Perhaps because dowry preserves the illusion of patriarchy. Alimony challenges it. Dowry says: A woman must bring something into the marriage. Maintenance says: Her economic contribution inside that marriage had value too. And that is a much more uncomfortable idea.

The Question Of 'Misuse' Is Valid, But Not Absolute

Of course, there are women who misuse laws. There are men who are genuinely financially destroyed by litigation. There are false claims. There are inflated demands. There are bad-faith litigants of both sexes.

The Supreme Court has already laid down principles for handling precisely this. The problem is implementation. A 2025 High Court judgment noted that in many family courts, there appeared to be a systemic failure to award interim maintenance promptly, despite repeated constitutional-court directions.

That should be the scandal. Not that women are supposedly getting too much. But that children and financially vulnerable spouses can wait

too long to get anything at all. Because childhood does not wait for a court date. School fee doesn't wait. Rent doesn't wait. Medicine doesn't wait. Food doesn't wait.

A six-year-old does not understand why her mother has filed another application. A nine-year-old doesn't care which lawyer requested the adjournment. A teenager cannot put her emotional life on hold until her parents finally resolve their financial dispute. And the mother cannot tell her child, "Don't worry. Your school fees will come when the judge hears our matter next month, and the next, and then next." That is not how childhood works.

The Garb Of Morality

So let's stop manufacturing a national morality tale in which every divorced woman is a villain and every divorced man a victim. One man's tragedy does not establish that millions of women are abusing the law. And a woman receiving maintenance is not evidence that feminism has destroyed marriage. That's why, perhaps before we ask why women are demanding alimony, we should ask why so many women have to spend years in court demanding money that was meant to support their children in the first place, and why children are losing their childhood because the system exonerates men who should be held culpable to begin with.

Because the real scandal is not that a woman can ask a man for maintenance. It is that in a country where more than 6,000 women were officially recorded as dying in dowry deaths in a single year, a woman asking for financial security after leaving a marriage can still be treated as the greater social offence.

Ayushman Arogya Mandirs to Bring Primary Healthcare Closer to Rural People

- Lifestyle Changes Essential to Control NCDs : Collector Keerthi Chekuri

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 6 (PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT): The newly constructed Ayushman Arogya Mandir buildings in Andhra Pradesh were inaugurated virtually on Tuesday by the State Health and Medical Department Minister. As part of the programme, six Ayushman Arogya Mandir buildings constructed in East Godavari district were also inaugurated virtually at a district-level programme held at the District Collectorate conference hall in Bommuru.

District Collector Keerthi Chekuri, Kovvur MLA Muppidi Venkateswara



than treatment after the onset of a disease. Special attention should be given to

ness in rural areas were among the government's key priorities. Village Health

lies who could not afford the high cost of private healthcare.

He also said steps would be taken to address shortages of doctors and nursing staff wherever necessary. CSR funds and support from donors could be utilised for improving hospital infrastructure, he added.

DMHO Dr. P. Komali said the Sanjeevani programme enabled patients to book appointments, required diagnostic tests and specialist consultations in advance. This would reduce waiting time for patients travelling from distant areas, she said. She added that regular physical activity and lifestyle changes were essential for controlling NCDs. The programme was attended by DRO S. Bhaskar Reddy, DCHS Dr. M. Padma, Panchayat Raj SE K. Balakrishna, medical and Panchayat Raj officials, doctors, health staff and local public representatives. Ayushman Arogya Mandirs inaugurated in the district include Komaripalem in Bikkavolu mandal under Anaparthi constituency, Brahmanagudem and Chagallu areas under Kovvur constituency, Kapileswarapuram under Mandapeta constituency and Shettipeta in the Nidadavole area.

reducing anaemia among children, ensuring nutritious food for pregnant women and discouraging junk food around schools and Anganwadi centres. Nutritious foods such as chikkis and sesame laddus should be encouraged, she suggested.

The Collector called upon frontline health workers to create awareness among every family at the village level about healthy lifestyles, proper dietary habits, physical exercise and disease prevention. She said Ayushman Arogya Mandirs should play a key role in taking healthcare services closer to rural communities.

Anaparthi MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy said providing quality healthcare and promoting preventive health aware-

Clinics and the services of Mid-Level Health Providers (MLHPs) were helping bring primary healthcare closer to people's homes. He stressed the importance of yoga, sanitation and balanced nutrition in preventing diseases.

Kovvur MLA Muppidi Venkateswara Rao said the medical profession carried a great responsibility. Doctors, nurses and other healthcare personnel should work with dedication and treat patients with patience and humanity. He said government hospitals were now providing better medicines, diagnostic facilities and specialist services compared to the past. Efforts should be made to strengthen public confidence in government hospitals, particularly among poor and middle-class fami-

Rao, Anaparthi MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy, District Revenue Officer S. Bhaskar Reddy, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. P. Komali, DCHS Dr. M. Padma and Panchayat Raj SE K. Balakrishna attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Keerthi Chekuri said non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension, diabetes and cancer were increasing compared to communicable diseases. Lifestyle changes were one of the major reasons for the rise in NCDs, she said. People should avoid sitting continuously for long hours and make time for walking, exercise and other physical activities during work and meetings.

She stressed that prevention was more important

Quality Rice at Reduced Prices for the Poor: MLA Bathula Balaramakrishna

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 6, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: A special sales centre offering quality BPT rice at reduced prices was inaugurated under the aegis of the Inuganti Varipeta Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society (PACS) at the PACS premises in Seethanagaram mandal on Tuesday. Rajanagaram MLA Bathula Balaramakrishna formally inaugurated the centre by cutting the ribbon and performing a traditional coconut-breaking ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Bathula Balaramakrishna said the coalition government was committed to providing economic relief to poor and middle-class families through practical welfare measures. He said the initiative to make quality rice available at prices lower than those prevailing in the open market was aimed at reducing the financial burden on ordinary households. The MLA stated that consumers would be able to purchase BPT variety rice at a discount of up to Rs.10 per kilogram compared to market prices. Since rice is an essential commodity consumed by every household, the reduced-price initiative would provide direct financial relief to families, he said. "Welfare should not remain confined to words; it should be visible through action. This initiative is an-



other step towards providing tangible economic relief to the people," Balaramakrishna said.

He explained that the government had taken steps to make the special rice sales programme widely accessible across the State. As part of the initiative, rice is being sold through 115 Rythu Bazars and around 500 special points operated by rice millers, he said.

The MLA further stated that the BPT rice being made available through the special sales centres was procured directly from rice mills, ensuring quality while eliminating unnecessary intermediaries. He stressed that there would be no compromise on quality and urged consumers to make use of the facility. The MLA said initiatives aimed at reducing the cost of essen-

tial commodities would strengthen the government's welfare-oriented approach and benefit families struggling with rising household expenses. He called upon people in the surrounding villages to utilise the special sales centre and obtain quality rice at affordable prices. The inauguration programme was attended by members of the governing body of Inuganti Varipeta PACS, officials, leaders and workers of the Janasena, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), along with a large number of local residents and farmers.

The organisers said the special sales centre would help consumers access quality BPT rice at comparatively lower prices and would serve as an important initiative for providing relief to local households.

Modi Will Be Driven Out by People, Say Congress Leaders

- Congress announces 45-day ground-level agitation from October 10



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 6 (PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT): Congress leaders alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was undermining democratic institutions and moving the country towards authoritarian rule. They said the people would soon reject the BJP-led government and announced a 45-day ground-level agitation across the country from October 10 to November 26 against alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process and decisions of the Election Commission.

Addressing a media conference at The Rajahmundry Press Club on Tuesday, Congress Parliamentary Coordinator T.K. Visweswara Reddy, Urban District Congress president Balepalli Muralidhar and PCC General Secretary Akula Bhagyalakshmi said the agitation was being

organised in response to the call given by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) and the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC). The Congress leaders alleged that around 13 crore votes had been illegally deleted across the country and questioned the functioning of the Election Commission. They demanded that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar immediately resign from his post, stating that the Congress would continue its agitation until the demand was met.

They alleged that attempts were being made to weaken the fundamental right to vote and accused the BJP of launching a misinformation campaign against Congress and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, who had raised concerns over the electoral process. The Congress leaders

also criticised the BJP for allegedly disrespecting the younger generation, particularly Gen Z, and accused Prime Minister Modi of making repeated statements that, according to them, were misleading the people.

Reacting to recent remarks made by BJP MLC Somu Veerajulu against Rahul Gandhi, they said Veerajulu had no moral right to criticise the Congress leader. They alleged that he had secured an MLC position through political alliances and questioned his criticism of Rahul Gandhi.

The Congress leaders recalled the sacrifices made by several Congress leaders during India's freedom struggle and said it was inappropriate to belittle their contribution. They also highlighted the role of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and his Five-Year Plans in laying

the foundation for India's development.

They further alleged that the Modi government was favouring corporate groups such as Adani and Ambani while claiming that ordinary people had not received adequate benefits from the government's policies. The allegations were made as part of their political criticism of the Union government.

The leaders said the Congress would intensify its campaign through the proposed 45-day programme, taking the issue to the grassroots and mobilising people against what they described as attempts to weaken electoral democracy. District Mahila Congress president Motha Sarada, Congress leaders Dr. Rajasekhara, Battina Chandra Rao, Tadi Suri Babu, Sheikh Lalitha and others attended the press conference.

Varuna Yagam Held at Korukonda Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple

- Special prayers offered for good rains and prosperous crops



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 6, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: A grand Varuna Yagam was performed at the famous Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Korukonda, seeking the blessings of Lord Narasimha for abundant rainfall, good agricultural yields and the prosperity of the State. The spiritual programme was conducted amid Vedic chants by priests at the temple premises. Smt. Bathula Venkatalakshmi, wife of Rajanagaram MLA Bathula Balaramakrishna, participated in the yagam and performed special prayers. Speaking on the occasion, Venkatalakshmi said prayers were offered to

Lord Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy for timely and abundant rainfall across the Rajanagaram constituency as well as the State. She prayed that farmers should prosper with bountiful crops and that people should be blessed with good health, happiness and prosperity.

She said it was a matter of happiness to participate in the Varuna Yagam at the renowned Korukonda temple and seek divine blessings for the welfare of farmers and the people.

The temple priests later offered Theertha Prasadam to Venkatalakshmi and performed Vedic blessings. The rituals were conducted in a spiritually charged at-



mosphere, with devotees participating in the special prayers.

Temple officials, members of the temple trustees' board, priests and members of the archaka team attended the programme. Leaders and activists belonging to the Jana Sena, Telugu Desam and Bharatiya Janata Party also

participated along with a large number of devotees. The participants prayed for sufficient rainfall, a prosperous agricultural season, the welfare of farmers and the overall development and prosperity of the State. The Varuna Yagam concluded with special prayers and Vedic blessings for the welfare of all sections of society.

Advanced Medical Services Should Be Accessible to the Public : MP Purandeswari

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 6 (PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT): The inauguration of the newly established SMART Institute of Neuro and Cardiac Sciences was held in Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday. Rajamahendravaram MP Daggubati Purandeswari attended the inaugural programme and congratulated the management on establishing the specialised healthcare facility. Speaking on the occasion, MP Purandeswari said that bringing advanced medical facilities closer to the people would be beneficial to patients, particularly those requiring specialised neurologi-

cal and cardiac care. She appreciated the management for setting up the hospital with the objective of providing modern healthcare services to the people of Rajamahendravaram and the surrounding areas. Quoting the Sanskrit verse, "Vaidyo Narayano Harih," she said that a doctor is regarded as equivalent to Lord Narayana when a person is suffering from illness. She emphasised the importance of providing timely and quality medical care to patients and expressed hope that the new hospital would serve people with commitment and compassion.



Purandeswari conveyed her best wishes to the hospital management and expressed the hope that the institution would provide advanced treatment to a large number of patients in the region.

BJP State Executive Committee Member Harika, representatives of the hospital management, doctors, medical staff and others participated in the inaugural programme.

Shubham Nokhwal Takes Charge as Rajamahendravaram Sub-Collector



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 6, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: 2023-batch IAS officer Shubham Nokhwal assumed charge as the new Sub-Collector of Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday. Soon after taking charge, he met District Col-

lector Keerthi Chekuri at the Collectorate in Bommuru and received her greetings. The Collector advised him to work in coordination with all departments to ensure better administration and effective delivery of services to the public in the Sub-Division.

Shubham Nokhwal later met Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop and presented a bouquet. He also called on East Godavari SP D. Narasimha Kishore at the SP office. The Joint Collector and SP congratulated him on assuming the new responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, Sub-Collector Shubham Nokhwal said he would discharge his duties responsibly in accordance with government priorities. He said re-survey works, resolution of 22-A land issues and other public land-related grievances would receive special attention. He also said preparations for the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams would be closely monitored. Coordination with officials of various departments would be strengthened to provide transparent and efficient services to

people, he added.

Shubham Nokhwal had earlier served as Rampa-chodavaram Sub-Collector and Project Officer of Chintur ITDA.

DRO S. Bhaskar Reddy, RDO R. Shiva Ramudu, CPO L. Appalakonda, DIPRO M.L. Acharyulu, along with officials and staff of the Collectorate and Sub-Collector's office, congratulated the newly appointed Sub-Collector. Nokhwal, born on January 12, 2000, hails from Chak 56 LNP village in Srigang anagar district of Rajasthan. He completed his BA in Philosophy from Hansraj College, affiliated with Delhi University. He secured 321st rank in the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2022 in his first attempt and was selected to the IAS at the age of 23. He belongs to the 2023 IAS batch and was allotted the Andhra Pradesh cadre.

Varuna Japam and Varuna Yagam Begin at Kota Sattamma Temple

- Special prayers offered for timely rains and farmers' welfare



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 6 (PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT): Varuna Japam and Varuna Yagam commenced with spiritual fervour at the Sri Kota SattammaAmmavari Temple located at Thimmarajupalem village in Nidadavole mandal of East Godavari district. The special rituals were organised seeking divine blessings for timely and adequate rainfall, the prosperity of farmers and the overall welfare of the

people. Vedic priests performed the rituals amid traditional chants and religious ceremonies at the temple premises. V. Hari Surya Prakash, Assistant Commissioner and Executive Officer, participated in the programme and supervised the arrangements for the religious rituals. Sri Devulapalli Ravi Shankar, Founder Family Member, was also present and participated in the special prayers. The organisers said the Varuna Japam and



Yagam were being conducted with the objective of praying for favourable weather conditions and sufficient rainfall for the agricultural season. The rituals also sought the well-being and prosperity of the people of the region. Devotees and temple personnel participated in the programme with devotion. The temple premises witnessed a spiritual atmosphere as priests performed the prescribed rituals and chanted Vedic mantras seeking the blessings of

the deity. The organisers expressed hope that the Varuna Japam and Yagam would bring timely rains and support the farming community. Special prayers were also offered for the prosperity of the State and the welfare of all sections of society. Temple officials, priests, devotees and other members associated with the temple participated in the religious programme. The rituals will continue as per the prescribed temple traditions, the organisers said.

IDA Delegation Meets MLA Adireddy Srinivas



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 6, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: Representatives of the Indian Dental Association (IDA) met Rajamahendravaram City MLA Adireddy Srinivas at his office on Tilak Road on Tuesday and submitted a memorandum seeking measures to address the problems faced by dental doctors and strengthen oral healthcare services across Andhra Pradesh.

The IDA representatives brought to the MLA's attention the growing number of dental doctors in the state and the lack of employment opportunities proportionate to their numbers. They also highlighted the shortage of dental services in rural areas despite a higher concentration of dentists in urban centres.

The delegation sought the appointment of a dentist at every Primary Health Centre (PHC), expansion of

oral healthcare services in rural areas, oral health awareness programmes through Health and Wellness Centres, and strengthening of dental departments in government medical colleges.

The memorandum also called for the implementation of programmes such as "Child Dental Care" and "Grama Dental Sanjeevini," besides introducing a single-window system for registration of dental clinics

and establishing an AP State Dental Council.

Responding to the delegation, MLA Adireddy Srinivas assured the representatives that he would bring their issues to the attention of Health Minister Y. Satya Kumar and make efforts to ensure that appropriate steps are taken by the government. IDA representatives who met the MLA included members of the association's local delegation.

Who Is Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, The 29th Chief Of The Indian Air Force?

New Delhi: The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, has approved the appointment of Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit as the 29th Chief of the Indian Air Force. Air Marshal Dixit's appointment will come into effect from October 31, 2026, and will remain in force until December 31, 2028.

Air Marshal Dixit will take over the position from the current Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) of the Indian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who assumed office on September 30, 2024. Air Marshal Dixit is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, the Defence Services Staff College (Bangladesh), and the National Defence College. He was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on 6th December 1986. He has not only quantity but also quality when it comes to flying jets of the Indian Air Force, having clocked more than 3,500 hours of flying experience. Air Marshal Dixit is a former Chief of Integrated Defence Staff and has been a key player in Operation Safed Sagar, Operation Rakshak, and Operation Sindoor. He believes in the vision of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative put forward by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and has been playing his role in furthering that vision, especially in the defence sphere, to ensure the safety and security of India and its people.



Punjab Govt Moves Supreme Court Against HC Order Directing CBI Probe Into Corruption Allegations Linked To CM Bhagwant Mann's Office

Chandigarh: The Punjab government has moved the Supreme Court challenging a Punjab and Haryana High Court order directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to register a criminal case and probe corruption allegations linked to the office of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. The State government filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) against the High Court order, which was passed on Monday. Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for Punjab, sought an urgent hearing before Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Tuesday, citing the upcoming Assembly elections and arguing that the case raised questions concerning the country's federal structure, Live Law and Bar & Bench report. Singh told the Supreme Court that the allegations concerned transfers and postings of State officers and claimed that such cases were being "trumped up" during election time. He argued that Punjab was heading for polls and described the case as one involving the federal structure. Chief Justice Surya Kant did not list the matter for hearing but indicated that it could be taken up on. The timing of the case has clearly added a political dimension to what is fundamentally a legal battle over serious corruption allegations. Punjab's argument places the focus on federalism and the approaching elections, while the High Court's order centres on whether the State police



adequately responded to information provided by a central investigating agency. Singh also submitted that the High Court had issued its direction because the Punjab Police did not act on information furnished by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) under Section 66(2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. He argued that the police were required to act only if the information disclosed a cognisable offence and contended that the High Court's direction was contrary to the Supreme Court's judgment in Vijay Madanlal Chaudhary.

A Punjab and Haryana High Court bench comprising Chief Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Justice Rohit Kapoor had on Monday directed the CBI to register a criminal case over allegations concerning Rajbir Singh Ghuman, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. The High Court also directed Punjab and the Punjab Police to provide all

assistance required by the CBI for a fair investigation. The central agency was asked to submit a status report on its probe within two months. The directions came while the High Court was hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by advocate Nikhil Saraf. The petition challenged the Punjab Police's alleged failure to act despite communications from the ED seeking a probe into the allegations against Ghuman. According to material placed before the High Court, the ED alleged that Nitin Gohal acted as an intermediary between people seeking favours from the Punjab government and Ghuman. The allegations involved transfers, access to confidential government documents, facilitation of arms licences and other benefits. The High Court observed that information shared by the ED prima facie indicated the commission of cognisable offences involving high public office and had

the potential to endanger public interest. It found that Punjab had conducted only a form of "preliminary inquiry" after receiving the ED's information on August 3. Although notices were issued to several people, the High Court noted that Mann's OSD had not been asked to join the probe. The court also found that the Punjab Police had delayed the matter while seeking legible copies of documents from the ED. It observed that the material forwarded by the agency contained incriminating information and should have prompted a responsible response from the State police. "The material shared by ED prima facie indicated involvement of high public officials in acts of corruption and at least required registering of FIR so that proper investigation in the matter would be carried out. This is not the response of the Punjab Police," the High Court said.

Agra-Bound Sleeper Bus Turns Into Fireball On Noida-Greater Noida Expressway, Passengers Evacuated

Noida: A sleeper bus travelling from Noida towards Agra caught fire on the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway in Greater Noida, triggering panic among commuters. The vehicle was reportedly engulfed in flames, with thick smoke seen rising from the bus. According to preliminary information, all passengers were evacuated from the bus after the fire broke out. Several fire tenders were rushed to the spot as firefighters worked to bring the blaze under control. A video from the scene shows the bus completely surrounded by flames as a large plume of smoke rises above it. Passengers and other people can be seen moving away from the burning vehicle, while firefighters



attempt to douse the blaze. Visuals of massive fire and dark smoke have gone viral on social media, leaving viewers stunned and questioning the cause behind the fire. The incident took place within the jurisdiction of the Knowledge Park police station area in

Greater Noida. Further details regarding what triggered the fire, the number of passengers onboard and any possible damage are awaited. The incident comes days after a fatal sleeper bus fire on the Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida claimed nine lives, putting the

spotlight on passenger safety and fire preparedness in buses operating on expressways. Netizens demand clarity on the cause of the fire and raised a more serious questions: Why are such incidents taking place frequently and why is passenger safety not a priority?

MoES Hosts ESTIC 2026 Curtain Raiser on Ocean Sciences & Maritime Technology

New Delhi: The Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (CMLRE), an attached office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India, hosted the ESTIC (Emerging Science, Technology, and Innovation Conclave) 2026 Curtain Raiser, at its office premises in Kochi today. The Curtain Raiser for the ESTIC 2026 theme ‘Ocean Sciences & Maritime Technologies’ was organised as a parallel event to a Stakeholder Engagement Workshop of the IndOBIS (Indian Ocean Biodiversity Information System) portal, developed to augment biodiversity research ongoing under the country’s Deep Ocean Mission. The ESTIC Curtain Raiser event, telecasted live, brought together scientists,

researchers, students, and data managers to strengthen marine research and data-sharing networks in the field. The curtain raiser event at CMLRE follows the ESTIC 2026 launch by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences and MoS in the Prime Minister’s Office Dr. Jitendra Singh, held at the National Media Centre, in New Delhi on September 10, 2026. Dr Srinivasa Kumar Tummala, Secretary, MoES, through a video message at the CMLRE event, conveyed that, “the Ministry (MoES) proudly echoes the Honourable PM’s vision of ocean resources being amongst the biggest drivers of our economic growth and Viksit Bharat 2047.” He added that the ESTIC is India’s flagship annual plat-



form for scientific collaboration, bringing together discussions on cutting-edge research, disruptive innovation, and deep tech breakthroughs with Nobel laureates, global experts, and policymakers. The curtain raiser event at CMLRE also witnessed the launch of the ESTIC ‘Ocean Science &

Maritime Technology’ thematic video and information brochure. The audience was informed of the following upcoming programs being conducted by MoES during ESTIC 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from October 27-29, 2026:

Keynote Address by Dr Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Se-

nior Advisor to the President and Director on Ocean and Climate Policy, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA. Invited talks by Experts, including Dr Satheesh C. Shenoi, Former Director, INCOIS (Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services), Hyderabad; Dr Pumima Jalihal, Former Scientist-G, NIOT (National Institute of Ocean Technology) & Founder and CTO, Engginn Renewables Pvt. Ltd. and OceanToOasis Pvt Ltd; and Dr Leena Vachhani, Associate Dean & Professor, IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) Bombay, Mumbai. Panel Discussion on ‘Ocean Science & Maritime Technology: Bridging Knowledge, Innovation and Sustainable Technology’ moderated by Dr M. Ravi chandran, Former Secretary, MoES.



DRDO Conducts Maiden Live Jump of Advanced High-Altitude Parachute

New Delhi: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the maiden live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute (AHAP) at one of the highest-altitude drop zones, Nyoma (Mudh DZ). The jump was executed at 16,000 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). The parachute was deployed at 15500 feet AMSL and landing was undertaken at Nyoma (Mudh DZ) which is at 13,700 feet. The jump proved the efficacy and tactical employability of the AHAP parachute at extremely High-Altitude Terrains. Designed and developed by Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra, AHAP is a static line parachute system for mass drop of paratroopers. The system has been manufactured by Ordnance Parachute Factory (OPF)

Kanpur, inspected by DGAQA and certified by CEMILAC, RCMA Kanpur. AHAP offers various deployment modes, has a very wide operational altitude range (up to 18000 ft) and has the safest rate of descent especially suited for the tactical requirements of the Indian Defence Forces for high-altitude terrains. Static line parachute jumps at these high altitudes are complex and inherently risky owing to very high opening shock and rate of

descent. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh complimented DRDO, Defence Forces, DPSUs and Industry on the successful maiden live jump of AHAP indigenous parachute system and termed it as another big step towards Aatma nirbhar Bharat. Defence Secretary and Secretary, Department of Defence R&D & Chairman, DRDO Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh congratulated the team members associated with the design and development of the system.

Department of Justice Successfully Concludes Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2026.

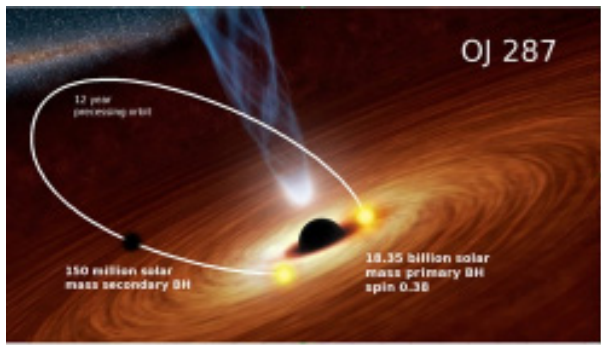


New Delhi: To strengthen voluntarism and collective action for Swachhata, a campaign on Swachhata Hi Seva-2026 was organized by the Department of Justice during 17th September to 2nd October, 2026 under the theme of this year “Swachhata Mein Sabbhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat”. The campaign began on 17th September with Swachhata Pledge administered by Shri Niraj Verma, Secretary, Department of Justice to all the Officers and staff of the Department. The officials of the Department participated in shramdaan activities and made special efforts to maintain the hygiene and enhance the ambience of their sections, common areas, stair cases, wall stones, tiles etc. Painting of indoor pots of plants was also carried out. Besides this, it was

also ensured that loose fit wires, unserviceable water taps, broken furniture items and computers printer and accessories requiring service were serviced or replaced wherever possible during the campaign period. The Swachhata campaign focused on intensive and deep cleaning of the targeted areas which are generally ignored in routine maintenance/cleaning of the office premises and covered-Rooftop, roof water tank, washing/replacing of the curtains of various office rooms. Hon’ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice led the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2026 in the Department of Justice on 1st October, 2026. The campaign began with floral tribute to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar by Hon’ble Minister in the front lawns

of Jaisalmer House, Department of Justice, New Delhi. Hon’ble Minister led the “Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath” drive and all Officers and Staff participated in the event. Tree plantation under “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” was also organized in the front Lawn of Jaisalmer House, Department of Justice emphasizing the importance of our collective efforts to improve the environment. The campaign was successfully concluded with the distribution of Swachhata Samman by Minister to Safai Mitras of the Department. Winners of the Swachhata Sports events were also conferred with awards by the Minister. As part of the Swachhata Diwas initiative, Safai Mitras of the Department were given Swachhata Kits containing sanitizer, gloves, hand-towel, t-shirts, caps, etc.

A decade of cosmic flickering reveals new clues about a rare giant binary black hole system



New Delhi: A new study has tracked the changing brightness and colour of the peculiar blazar OJ 287 over 10 years, offering fresh insights into its powerful emission and the behaviour of its central black holes. OJ 287 is a rare astronomical object about 4 billion light years away from the Earth, that contains two supermassive black holes (SMBHs) at its center, orbiting around each other in a twelve-year orbit, forming a binary system. SMBHs can have masses ranging from millions to billions of times that of the Sun. OJ 287 is a blazar, which produces powerful jets of plasma moving at nearly the speed of light and directed toward

Earth. Blazars show strong and rapidly changing emission across the electromagnetic spectrum, from radio waves to gamma-rays. The blazar produces a distinctive double-peaked pattern in its brightness over time. This periodic behaviour was discovered in 1988 by a team of scientists from Finland using nearly 100 years of optical observations dating back to 1880. Since then, astronomers around the world have continued to observe OJ 287 to track its 12-year cycle of double-peaked outbursts to get a complete picture of its orbital motion. A multi-institutional study was carried out, co-ordinated by scientists from Aryabhata

Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital, an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), to capture the most recent 12-year optical outbursts (periodic/quasi-periodic pattern) between 2015 and 2019. The study led by Dr. Alok C. Gupta, from ARIES included a team of 106 scientists from 18 countries (India, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Crimea, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the UK, the USA, and the West Indies) and 48 research institutions/universities carried out optical observation of the source using two dozen telescopes from 2015 to 2025. The decade-long optical observation campaign supported by observations in other parts of the electromagnetic (EM) spectrum using several ground- and space-based telescopes produced the most extensive and densely sampled optical time-series data of OJ 287 obtained over the past 150 years.

E-Sanjeevani Crosses 50 Crore Teleconsultations, Expands Digital Healthcare Access

New Delhi: In a landmark achievement, India’s National Telemedicine Service, eSanjeevani, has crossed 50 crore (500 million) teleconsultations, marking a significant milestone in the Government’s efforts to leverage digital technology to make quality healthcare more accessible, affordable and equitable for citizens across the country. The platform crossed the landmark on September 15, 2026, recording a cumulative 50,00,92,730 teleconsultations across all 36 States and Union Territories. The achievement reflects the growing role of telemedicine in complementing the country’s existing healthcare delivery system and in overcoming barriers of distance, geography and access, particularly for citizens living in rural, remote and underserved areas. As the world’s largest telemedicine implementation in primary healthcare, eSanjeevani has emerged as an important component of India’s digital health ecosystem. By enabling citizens to consult healthcare professionals remotely, the platform has extended the reach of public healthcare services beyond the physical boundaries of conventional health facilities and brought medical consultations closer to people in the communities where they live. The service has witnessed rapid and sustained expansion since its inception. eSanjeevani currently supports more than 1.42 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandir spokes, 19,473 medical hubs and 901 online OPDs, with 2,41,923 registered healthcare providers. Available in 15 languages, including English and 14 Indian languages, the platform is facilitating approximately 2.5–3 lakh consultations every day. Its highest single-day utilisation has reached 6,30,315 consultations, reflecting the increasing acceptance and utilisation of telemedicine services across the country. The utilisation pattern of eSanjeevani also highlights its growing relevance among population groups for whom access to physical healthcare facilities may involve greater travel, time or logistical challenges. Women account for 57.14 per cent of total utilisation, while 40.15 per cent of consultations are available by citizens aged 46 years and above, including 16.25 per cent by senior citizens aged 60 years and above. The significant participation of women and older citizens underscores the potential of telemedicine to make healthcare more convenient and accessible while

complementing services available through the public health system. The platform has continued to evolve with the integration of emerging technologies aimed at strengthening the quality of telemedicine services. A key recent advancement is the integration of an Artificial Intelligence-powered Clinical Decision Support System (AI-CDSS), which supports healthcare providers during consultations and assists in strengthening the quality, consistency and efficiency of clinical decision-making. The innovation has received national recognition with the Gold Award under the National Awards for e-Governance 2026.

In another significant step towards strengthening integrated healthcare delivery, eSanjeevani has also been integrated with the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)-112, enabling stronger linkages between emergency response services and remote medical expertise. The integration is aimed at facilitating more coordinated access to medical support and further strengthening the use of digital technology in emergency healthcare.

Building on its extensive primary healthcare network, eSanjeevani is now expanding beyond primary healthcare to facilitate specialist OPD consultations through premier government medical institutions. Patient-to-doctor teleconsultation services for select specialties have been rolled out at AIIMS Jodhpur, AIIMS Jammu and AIIMS Patna, enabling patients to access specialist consultations remotely from their homes. The initiative is expected to reduce the need for patients to undertake long-distance travel and wait for consultations at tertiary-care facilities, while improving access to specialist medical expertise. The facility is envisaged for progressive expansion to other premier government institutions, including AIIMS, JIPMER and PGIMER Chandigarh, thereby complementing conventional in-person OPD services and strengthening the continuum of care. The expansion of specialist teleconsultation services marks an important evolution in the journey of eSanjeevani. From facilitating consultations at the primary healthcare level, the platform is increasingly enabling linkages across different levels of care, helping connect patients with appropriate medical expertise while making more effective use of the specialist capacity available within the public healthcare system.

India Calls for Equitable Climate Action at Pre-COP31

New Delhi: Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav is leading the Indian Delegation at the UNFCCC’s Pre-COP31 meetings being co-hosted by Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu. Addressing the Leaders’ Plenary at Fiji, the Union Minister today called for equal attention to adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation as the world moves towards COP31. He emphasized that the principles of Equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) must be upheld in letter and spirit for meaningful and sustained climate action across countries. Yadav stressed that there

cannot be a “one-size-fits-all” pathway to climate action. He highlighted that local studies and assessments are important for finding solutions to emerging challenges of the area. These solutions, in turn, indicate the mitigation and adaptation measures required and the commensurate resources required for the same, he added. The Union Minister said India, with its vast coastline and islands, fully understands the challenges faced by Pacific Island Countries. He informed that India has developed a broad knowledge base and expertise in the area of ocean science through our premier institutions and bodies like Indian Space Research Orga-

nisation (ISRO), National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR). Yadav highlighted that India has developed knowledge and expertise in vulnerability assessment of coasts, mapping of shoreline changes, development of marine spatial plans, integrated management plans for coastal areas and unlocking the potential of the Blue Economy. Further, he stated, India is also using its space ecosystem, Earth-observation capabilities and space-based applications for shoreline monitoring, inundation assessment, cyclone and extreme-weather early warning, and climate-risk assessment. He



offered to share this knowledge and expertise with its Pacific partners. The Minister said India has always

stood firmly with its Pacific partners and is working closely with them in areas including health and wellness,

renewable energy, resilient infrastructure, early warning, IT, agriculture and capacity building.

MoRD Expands VB–G RAM G Permissible Works by 41%

New Delhi: The Ministry of Rural Development has notified the Schedule of Permissible Works under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB–G RAM G] Act, 2025, providing for 375 permissible works under the new rural works framework. The new Schedule represents a 41 percent expansion over the 266 works under the previous framework. The works have been reorganised around four thematic pillars — Water Security, Core Rural Infrastructure, Livelihood-related Infrastructure

and Special Works for Extreme Weather Events and Disaster Preparedness. The new framework seeks to move beyond a conventional list of asset types and align wage employment with the creation of durable rural assets and measurable development outcomes. Every work will originate through a bottom-up, decentralized planning process under the Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan, approved by the Gram Sabha, and will be tracked through the Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack. **Water Security gets high-**

est share with 128 works The Water Security pillar comprises 128 works, the highest among the four categories. It includes check dams, gully plugs, underground dykes, recharge shafts, injection wells, rejuvenation of rivers, rivulets and nallahs, reclamation of waterlogged land and renovation of field water-distribution channels. The Schedule also provides for drip irrigation, sprinkler systems, rooftop rainwater harvesting and tankas, along with newer interventions such as ice-stupas and artificial glaciers for water conservation

and irrigation. **111 works for Core Rural Infrastructure** The Core Rural Infrastructure pillar comprises 111 works aimed at strengthening essential civic and community infrastructure in rural areas. These include solar street lighting, waste-to-wealth recycling plants, greywater treatment units, segregation sheds, rural libraries, veterinary and rural health centres, Common Service Centres, multipurpose youth centres, community facilities and additional classrooms and laboratories in government schools. The

framework also provides for repair and maintenance of Jal Jeevan Mission water-supply infrastructure, along with rural parks, footpaths and other village-level amenities. **98 works to strengthen rural livelihoods and value chains** The new framework gives significantly greater emphasis to Livelihood-related Infrastructure, with 98 permissible works. The category includes agro-processing and value-addition infrastructure, cleaning, grading and packaging units, cold storage facilities,

mini flour mills, market yards, dairy infrastructure, mushroom cultivation sheds, sericulture sheds, polyhouses and aquaculture structures. It also provides infrastructure for Self-Help Groups and their federations, including SHG workshops, SHE Marts and federation buildings, as well as training-cum-skill development centres. The share of livelihood-related works rises substantially, accounting for 26 per cent of the total permissible works under the new framework, compared with 1.1 per cent under the previous framework.

India, Switzerland Strengthen Strategic Science & Technology Partnership



New Delhi, October, 6 (PIB): Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh today held a bilateral meeting with President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Guy Parmelin, in New Delhi,

with discussions focused on further strengthening the longstanding India-Switzerland partnership in science, technology, research and innovation. The meeting focused on taking the bilateral S&T partnership into a more structured and long-term phase, with greater institutional engagement and cooperation in emerging areas of mutual interest. Dr.

Jitendra Singh said India is increasingly adopting an interdisciplinary and mission-mode approach to Science and Technology, with national programmes bringing together expertise from different disciplines and ministries. He said Artificial Intelligence is being viewed as an enabling tool rather than a separate discipline, with the potential to contribute across diverse areas of science and technology. Referring to India's expanding S&T priorities, he spoke about the country's work in biotechnology, vaccine development, genome sequencing, quantum technology, space and deep ocean research, as well as the emerging opportunities in the blue economy and bio-economy.

Dr. Jitendra Singh welcomed the progress towards the Indo-Swiss Research Framework (ISRF) and the Indo-Swiss Joint Scientific Board, which provide a stronger basis for taking bilateral S&T cooperation towards a strategic and long-term framework. He also welcomed the Letter of Intent between the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the Department of Science & Technology (DST) and the Implementation Agreement between the Zurich Univer-

sity of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) and DST, and said these initiatives would further strengthen institutional engagement and research collaboration between the two countries. Dr. Jitendra Singh said the cordial relationship between India and Switzerland makes it easier for the two countries to collaborate at different levels and stressed the need for a regular working arrangement to ensure sustained engagement and effective follow-up on areas of mutual interest. He said the two sides could continue working together to deepen cooperation in research, innovation and emerging technologies. President Guy Parmelin said Switzerland sees India as a rapidly emerging global research and development power and seeks to position itself as a preferred long-term partner in education, research and innovation. Recalling the bilateral Science and Technology Agreement signed in 2003, he said the partnership has grown steadily and that Switzerland is committed to developing a more structured and long-term framework for cooperation.

President Parmelin said Switzerland has earmarked a further CHF 45 million for the partnership, and expressed

the expectation of a corresponding commitment from India to further strengthen and consolidate the joint Indo-Swiss research framework. He expressed confidence that the two countries can achieve much more by building on their longstanding scientific partnership and working closely together.

The two sides also discussed Artificial Intelligence and its wider applications, with President Parmelin stressing the importance of ensuring that AI benefits countries across the Global South. He also invited Indian participation in the forthcoming Geneva AI Summit, reflecting the shared interest in expanding cooperation in emerging technologies and areas of global significance. India and Switzerland have built more than two decades of cooperation in Science and Technology since the signing of the Inter-Governmental Agreement in 2003. The partnership has evolved through the Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme and has expanded into areas including quantum technology, Artificial Intelligence, clean technology, renewable energy, ocean research and blue economy, advanced materials, pharmaceuticals, biomedical research, pandemic preparedness and space technologies.

Cabinet Congratulates PM Modi on 25 Years of Leadership

New Delhi, October, 6 (PIB): The Union Cabinet passed a resolution congratulating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on completing 25 years of continuous leadership as head of government. Far more than a customary tribute, it celebrates the extraordinary journey of PM Modi guided by principle of Nation First and Citizen First. Three overwhelming mandates in Gujarat and support in three successive Lok Sabha elections reflect the enduring trust that public have reposed in PM Narendra Modi. These ten salient features capture the unbroken thread connecting his leadership of Gujarat with his leadership of India.

From Gujarat to India A Development Vision Grows
The resolution traces how PM Modi carried Gujarat's successful initiatives to the national stage. SWAGAT, through which he personally heard citizens' grievances, received the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010. It later inspired PRAGATI, bringing governments together to review stalled projects, resolve obstacles and accelerate completion. Jyotigram's separate agricultural electricity feeders similarly became a national approach, extending

Gujarat's experience across India.

Compassion for the Poor Becomes Dignity at Scale

PM Modi's sensitivity towards poverty grew from watching his mother struggle with everyday hardships and encountering deprivation during his travels. The resolution connects these experiences with programmes delivering homes, water, banking and healthcare. Nearly 60 crore Jan Dhan accounts, over 4 crore homes and 25 crore people moving out of poverty show how personal understanding became public action, bringing families dignity.

Empowerment Opens Doors Across Society

PM Modi's determination to help people shape their futures runs through the resolution. Approximately 3.5 crore women became LakhpatiDidis, while the Nari Shakti VandanAdhiniyam provided for women's reservation. Startups, skills and education reform expanded youth opportunities. PM-KISAN transfers exceeded ?4 lakh crore, while PM-JANMAN brought focused support to particularly vulnerable tribal communities, extending development to those historically left behind.

An Unwavering Commitment to Reform

The resolution gives particular emphasis to PM Modi's willingness to pursue reform despite political risks. GST, welfare delivery reforms and the replacement of colonial laws demonstrate his determination to address longstanding challenges. His appeals on cleanliness, digital payments and local products drew citizens into change. Reform emerges as a sustained commitment of his leadership, strengthened by conviction, public participation and national purpose.

Building the Founda-

tions of a Self-Reliant India

Under PM Modi's leadership, Public capital expenditure rose from ?2 lakh crore to over ?12 lakh crore, alongside highway expansion and railway electrification. Electronics production increased from around ?2 lakh crore to more than ?13 lakh crore. Defence production and semiconductor manufacturing further reflect his determination to strengthen India's ability to meet its needs.

Technology Serves Citizens and Expands National Ambition

PM Modi's faith in technology emerges through achievements spanning everyday services and scientific frontiers. Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and mobile connectivity improved welfare delivery, while UPI transformed payments. Developing India's own COVID vaccines and landing Chandrayaan-3 near the Moon's south pole demonstrated PM Modi's vision of a scientifically capable, self-reliant, Atmanirbhar Bharat. Private space participation and work in artificial intelligence, quantum technology and biotechnology carry forward the vision celebrated in the resolution: technology improving lives while expanding national possibilities.

7. Steadfast Leadership Through Turbulent Times

The resolution highlights PM Modi's ability to give India direction through global upheaval. During COVID, he united the country, backed domestic vaccine development and enabled rapid vaccination. During the West Asia crisis, timely decisions and energy security measures helped India withstand disruption. His leadership combined immediate responses with capabilities built over years, giving the country resilience and confidence in difficult times.

COAS FLAGS IN JOINT INDO-ARGENTINE ARMY MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION IN NEW DELHI



New Delhi, October, 6 (PIB): General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), today flagged in members of the Joint Indo-Argentine Army Mountaineering Expedition in New Delhi, following their successful ascent of Mt Abi Gamin (7,355 metres) on 17 September and Mt Kamet (7,756 metres) on 21 September 2026. Mt Kamet located in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand is the third-highest peak in India after Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi. The 35-member expedition, led by Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee, comprising 25 personnel of the Indian Army and 10 personnel of the Argentine Army was flagged off from the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on 21 August 2026. Operating in demanding Himalayan conditions, the mountaineers negotiated extreme cold, high winds, snowfields, steep rock sections, crevasses and other challenges of high-altitude terrain to summit both peaks. The achievement reflects their physical endurance, technical proficiency, mental resilience and close coordination. The expedition is the third joint mountaineering venture between the two Armies, following earlier two expeditions to Mt Aconcagua (6,962 metres) in Mendoza, Argentina, in January 2025 and Mt Kun (7,077 metres) in the Suru Valley, Ladakh, in August 2025. These successive expeditions have strengthened professional cooperation, interoperability, camaraderie and mutual trust between the Indian and Argentine Armies, while providing the valuable experience of operating together in demanding high-altitude environments.

Today's Horoscope



Aries
Tooth ache or stomach upset may create some problems for you. Take a physician's advice to get relief immediately. Any of your chronic diseases may bother you today, due to which you may have to go to the hospital and spend a lot of money. Spending time with children will be important. Those who stay away from their lover can miss them deeply today. Because of this, you can talk to your beloved on the phone for hours during the night. Tact will be required while handling colleagues. Someone from your past is likely to contact you and make it a memorable day. Today, you will experience that the love of your partner forgets you about the pains of life.
Remedy :- Keep water in a Copper vessel near bedside at night, and next morning, pour this water at the root of a nearest tree, for excellent health benefits.



Taurus
Your energy level will be high. There is a possibility of money loss today, hence you are required to remain alert while making transactions or signing any document. Enjoy a peaceful and quiet day with family members-If people approach you with problems- Ignore them and don't let this bother your mind. Some difference may crop up with your darling-You will have difficulty trying to make your mate understand your position. Your partner will be hard to deal with. While spending free time with your spouse tonight, you will realize how important it is to give them more time. Work pressure had been hampering your married life since long. But today, all the grievances will be vanished.
Remedy :- For enhanced financial condition, plant a banana tree, tend to it and worship it.



Gemini
A beneficial day and you may be able to find relief from a prolonged illness. An old friend can ask you for financial help today. However, your assistance can weaken your financial conditions. Children need to concentrate on studies and plan for the future. You are likely to be dazzled by some natural beauty today. You will make beneficial career changes if you present yourself in a professional manner. You should try to understand the things in the right manner, otherwise you'll waste your free time just thinking about such scenarios continuously. Today, you will realize that all the vows taken on your marriage were true. Your spouse is your soulmate.
Remedy :- Financial life will become better by using green vehicles.



Cancer
Misusing personal relations to fulfil your expectations would annoy your wife. You will possess a considerable amount of money today, and with it there will be peace of mind. You will also make important contacts through friends. The ecstasy of entire universe is held between the two who are in love. Yes, you are the lucky one. You need to focus on your way of working to get good results at the workplace, otherwise your negative image can get created in the eyes of your boss. Today, you will be able to spend time with your lover and put forward your feelings in front of him/her. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations.
Remedy :- Wear Green Coloured clothes



Leo
Your mind will be disturbed with recent events. Meditation and yoga will prove to be beneficial for spiritual as well as physical gains. At the beginning of the day, you may suffer from any financial loss, which can spoil the whole day. Try to be reasonable especially with people who love and care for you. Exciting day of romance- Plan something special for the evening and try to make it as romantic as possible. Great day to implement new projects and plans. You have spare time today for socializing and follow up with things that you love doing the most. Your partner might do something fabulous unintentionally, which will be really unforgettable.
Remedy :- For a good financial life, keep green stones in flower pots, keep plants in green bottles, and also have green tiles in bathroom.



Virgo
If possible try to avoid long journey as you are too weak to travel and this could put further weaken you. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Think before sharing your confidential information with your spouse. If possible, try to avoid as she might reveal it to someone else. Be careful your romantic partner may flatter you- don't leave me alone in this lonely world. Bold steps and decisions would bring favourable rewards. The natives of this zodiac sign would like to spend more time alone than meeting people today. Today, your free time can be spent by cleaning the house. Your spouse will be full of energy and love today.
Remedy :- Include use of white clothes in your daily wear for good health.



Libra
Work pressure might bring some stress and tension today. It should be well understood that in the hour of grief, your accumulated wealth will only help you tackle the situation. Hence, start saving from today and avoid excessive spending. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home. Your work will take a backseat- as you find comfort-pleasure and extreme ecstasy in the arms of your beloved. You will be in a strong position to put together a team and work toward a collective goal. Today, you would like to do all the things that you used to love during your childhood. Romantic songs, aromatic candles, good food, and some drinks; the day is all about this with your spouse.
Remedy :- Distribute sweets and savouries made of ground yellow chana dal to needy people for amazing health benefits.



Scorpio
Astrological guidance by a friend will encourage you to improve your health. Try to control your spending- and buy only the essential items today. Good time to get involved into activities that include youngsters. Erratic behaviour of your darling might make your mood upset. This is an excellent time for developing professional contacts in other countries. Good day for some recreation and entertainment. Rude behavior of your spouse might take a toll on you today.
Remedy :- Offer seven almonds and seven grains of black grams in Shani temple and build a strong love life.



Sagittarius
Outings-parties and pleasure jaunts will keep you in good mood today. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Let family tension not divert your attention. Bad times give us much more. You will be in a loving mood- so be sure to make special plans for you and your beloved. New assignments undertaken would fall short of expectations. Travel and educational pursuits will enhance your awareness. Those who say that marriage is all about sex, they lie. Because today, you will know what true love is.
Remedy :- For enhanced career/work life/business, brush your teeth with herbal-based toothpaste such as neem and babool.



Capricorn
Your frank and fearless views could hurt the vanity of your friend. It's another high-energy day and unexpected gains are foreseen. You will upset your spouse if you spend money on things that you don't immediately require. Beloved will be in a romantic mood. Daydreaming will bring your downfall- Do not count on others to do your work. You need to remember that god helps those who help themselves. Today, you will fall in love with your spouse again.
Remedy :- Maintain harmony and balance in the family by switching on a white-light zero watt bulb in the Northwest direction.



Aquarius
Health will be perfect today. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. Domestic work keeps you busy most of the time. Love will show positive vibes Good day for businessmen. A sudden trip undertaken for business purpose will yield positive results. Today, you can think of spending your free time carrying out religious work. During this time, do not get into unnecessary conflicts. Today, you will forget all the hardships of your life with the love of your spouse.
Remedy :- For enhancing positive experiences in the family, offer 28 drops of mustard oil near Peepal or banyan tree or in a pot filled with mud at home.



Pisces
Cheer up as good time ahead and you will have additional energy. You may get into a fight with your spouse today over money-related matters. However, you will fix everything with your calm attitude. A wonderful day to enjoy the company of guests. Plan something special with your relatives. They would also appreciate it. A good communication or a message from your beloved or spouse will enhance your morale today. Added knowledge that you acquire today would give you an edge when dealing with peers. Amidst your busy life, you will get enough time for yourself today and be able to do your favorite things. Marriage had never been so wonderful before than today.
Remedy :- Accept rice and silver from your mother and keep it in your home to improve your financial condition.

Rohit's ability to absorb pressure key for 2027 WC: Dinesh Karthik



New Delhi: Former India cricketer Dinesh Karthik praised Rohit Sharma for his measured knock in the third ODI against the West Indies, saying the former captain's ability to absorb pressure and accelerate later showed why he could be crucial to India's campaign at the 2027 ODI World Cup in South Africa. India lost captain Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli inside the first three overs, and with the pitch offering assistance to the fast bowlers, the Men in Blue were under pressure at the CA International Cricket Stadium in New

Chandigarh. However, Rohit anchored the innings alongside Ruturaj Gaikwad before smashing 92 off 85 balls. Taking note of how Rohit weathered the difficult period before accelerating, Karthik and former India batter Ajinkya Rahane heaped praise on the veteran opener, with Karthik highlighting his importance for the 2027 World Cup. "The beauty of having experience is that they have seen this situation a lot before. If you take Rohit Sharma, when he saw the two early wickets fall, if you see he was on 20 for the first 40

balls with a 50 strike rate. That was because he knew he could trust himself and back it up and get those runs quickly. "And then you see how quickly he moved to 92 after scoring less than a run-a-ball. His strike rate went above 100, but he made that all up in the next 40 balls. In the first 40 balls, he took time, didn't allow wickets to fall and then in the next 40 balls, he went and smashed," Karthik said on Cricbuzz. With the West Indies bowlers extracting assistance from the pitch, Rohit curbed his aggressive instincts and played himself in before

going on the offensive. Karthik said a similar approach could prove valuable in South Africa, where experience could play a crucial role. "He saw Jayden Seales was bowling a good spell; Alzarri (Joseph) was bowling nice and sharp. He took time, waited for them to bowl in his areas and if not, I am happy to defend. To have that courage and conviction in that moment is what experience is. "A lot of people would have tried to do a little more than they should because they would fear. A young Rohit Sharma would have made that mistake but today he has a wealth of experience. The same thing could happen even in South Africa, and that's when the experience of a Rohit or Shubman or Virat can come through, where they are able to lower their gears down and say, 'okay, I am not going to play big for the moment, and I know I can make up later'," he added. Rahane also praised Rohit for his knock. "It seemed the first time that the bowlers were getting help. West Indies had a good chance. But the way Rohit handled it was well; he left several balls, did not attack as he used to. He observed the situation and put up a strong partnership with Ruturaj before cashing in against spinners later," Rahane said.

Ranji Trophy: Auqib Nabi named in J&K preparatory camp after India debut



Srinagar: Fresh off making his ODI debut for India in their recent 2-1 win over the West Indies, fast bowler Auqib Nabi has been named in Jammu & Kashmir's 18-member squad for the senior men's Ranji Trophy preparatory camp, scheduled to begin at the Sher-i-Kashmir Cricket Stadium. Secretary Vivek Khajuria announced the list of players for the camp following approval from the selection committee. Nabi features alongside fellow express pacer Umran Malik, ex-

perienced batter and captain Paras Dogra, batters Abdul Samad, Shubham Khajuria, Qamran Iqbal, and left-arm spinner Abid Mushtaq, among others. The inclusion in the state camp comes right on the heels of Nabi's international debut in the second ODI between India and the West Indies at the ACA Stadium in Guwahati. Nabi was presented with his India cap by KL Rahul, and became the third player from Jammu & Kashmir to play for India after Malik and Parvez Rasool. But Nabi en-

dured a stern test on a batting paradise, as he leaked 84 runs in 8.4 overs without taking a scalp. Nabi's selection to India's ODI team meant he didn't feature for J&K in their recent Irani Cup game, which they lost by 167 runs to Rest of India. Highly cited to get a Test cap following a record-breaking time in the 2025/26 Ranji Trophy, where he picked 60 wickets in Jammu & Kashmir, winning the title for the first time, Nabi was previously included in India's Test squad for

the series in Sri Lanka in August. The series was won by India 1-0, though Nabi did not feature in the playing eleven during that tour and later had a short County Championship stint with Surrey. Nabi's performances will be closely watched by the selectors ahead of picking India's squads for the three-game A team tour of New Zealand and the two-game Test series in the country, set to happen in October-November. J&K will commence their Ranji Trophy title defence against Madhya Pradesh in a clash starting in Srinagar on October 11 and will then host Vidarbha in the game starting on October 18. They also play an away match against Baroda and then host Puducherry at home before the Ranji Trophy season takes a break for white-ball tournaments. Players named in J&K Ranji Trophy preparatory camp: Shubham Khajuria, Yawer Hassan, Qamran Iqbal, Abdul Samad, Paras Dogra, Kawalpreet Singh, Shubham Pundir, Kanhaiya Wadhawan, Abid Mushtaq, Vanshaj Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Auqib Nabi, Umran Malik, Sunil Kumar, Umar Nazir, Lone Nasir Muzaffar, Sahil Lotra and Waseem Bashir

India return to Hong Kong Sixes with strong IPL contingent



Hong Kong: India will field a strong IPL-heavy side led by seasoned pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar at the 2026 Hong Kong Sixes, with seven leading Indian cricketers set to compete in the fast-paced six-a-side tournament from October 30 to November 1. Bhuvneshwar will lead the side, which also includes fellow IPL performers Krunal Pandya, Shashank Singh, Rahul Tewatia, Nitish Rana, Rahul Tripathi and T

Natarajan. The squad brings together international experience, explosive batting, all-round ability and specialist bowling for one of cricket's fastest formats. Bhuvneshwar brings years of international and IPL experience and the ability to make an impact with the new ball, while Krunal provides the versatility of a proven all-rounder. Nitish adds aggressive stroke play and experience at the top of

the order, while Shashank and Tewatia bring proven finishing ability. Tripathi adds attacking intent, with Natarajan providing a specialist left-arm pace option. Anuraag Bhatnagar, Director of Marketing and Commercial, Cricket Hong Kong, said, "We are very grateful to the Indian cricket authorities for their support in helping us put together arguably one of the strongest sides that has rep-

resented India in the history of the Sixes. This will surely prove to be a quantum leap forward in terms of viewership and further validation for this iconic tournament." India will return to the Hong Kong Sixes looking to go deeper into the competition after opening their 2025 campaign with a two-run DLS victory over Pakistan before exiting the tournament following defeats in their subsequent matches. The challenge will be formidable, with Pakistan entering the 2026 edition as defending champions after defeating debutants Kuwait in last year's final to claim a record sixth Hong Kong Sixes title. The 2026 tournament will feature eight major cricketing nations alongside four Associate Members, setting the stage for three days of fast-paced, attacking cricket at the Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground. The Hong Kong Sixes features a distinctive short-format competition, with six players per side.

Jorge Jesus says Cristiano Ronaldo can return to Portugal squad if he wants



New Delhi: Portugal head coach Jorge Jesus has said that if Cristiano Ronaldo wants, he can still return to the national setup, adding that Ronaldo has to "decide his life before the next call-up." The 41-year-old veteran left international camp just hours after coach Jorge Jesus publicly addressed their growing disagreement over the captain's role. After leaving the camp he wrote on social media, "In due course, I will tell the truth to all the Portuguese people about my reasons for leaving the national team, to which I have always been dedicated." Addressing the veteran's international future

after Portugal beat Norway 2-1 at the Estadio do Dragao to enter Nations League quarterfinals, Jesus said, "I don't know what's going to happen. For me, everything is open. Cris has to decide his life before the next call-up. "If he wants to be in the national team and he's playing, why not? There's no resentment, because this was a misunderstanding. I think it's easy to resolve. When, I don't know. The game is over and now we'll see how things will turn out." Ronaldo started in the 1-0 victory over Wales in the opening match of the Nations League, but in the subsequent game

against Norway, he was named as a substitute and informed that he might or might not be brought on. He appeared to be frustrated when he was asked to warm up during the second half, only to remain on the bench and not be substituted into the game. It was the first time the ex-Manchester United and Real Madrid forward had been an unused substitute for his country in a competitive game since 2008. After Ronaldo's departure, Portuguese midfielder Bruno Fernandes said that Ronaldo has to say goodbye in style. Jesus was asked if he agreed with the same; he replied, "One hundred percent. I completely agree with what Bruno Fernandes said, because that was also my idea." He added, "We're talking about several things. One of the things I told Cris was that he couldn't end up losing and crying at the World Cup. He had to finish playing for the national team, and that's why he played the first game. It happened to be at Alvalade. He was supposed to play here today, but, given what happened, everything was different. That practically says it all. "Now, this has nothing to do with... I'm the coach; I call up whoever I want. I don't ask anyone who I want to call up or who will play. As a coach, there are several non-negotiable moments, and therefore, I can't be clearer than this."

India must maintain winning hunger, says Abhishek Sharma

New Delhi: Fresh from being part of India's Asian Games gold-medal-winning campaign, Abhishek Sharma is looking beyond the celebrations, saying the challenge for the young Indian side is to turn its recent success into a sustained winning habit as it begins the new home season against the West Indies. The opener said repeating success would require the team to preserve the same processes and collective hunger that helped it win the World Cup. "I feel, in cricket especially, when I came, I was 24, now I am 26, as a young cricketer, you tell yourself that there's still a lot to achieve, it's just a start. Doing it once, I feel, is still easy, but making that thing a habit and doing it again and again, keeping the process the same, it's not easy as a player. But if the atmosphere in the team is such that everyone wants to perform for each other, wants to make India win, wants to dominate, then I feel it becomes a habit and it definitely helps," Abhishek told JioStar. For Abhishek, the emphasis is therefore less on the achievement already secured and more on building an environment in which winning can become a recurring outcome. The 26-year-old believes a collective desire to succeed can help India maintain its intensity from one tournament to another. That approach also shapes the way he interacts with the next generation inside the dressing



room, including 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who has emerged as his young opening partner. Abhishek said the teenage batter has already gained enough exposure to understand the demands of professional cricket, while the senior members of the squad are making a conscious effort to ensure he feels at home. "He is a very smart guy. He is not like how we used to behave at 15 or anyone does because he has already been in that cricket setup for 2-3 years. So he knows what, where, and how much to practice. I feel gradually these are

things he will learn more with experience. And what we discuss in the team with each other, all teammates, is how we can make him more comfortable. "Because we all know what he has achieved and that he belongs here. So I also feel like it's my duty as well, to make him feel that all of us, his elder brothers, are here for him. You just have to enjoy and just give your best and win the games whenever you get the chance," he added. The West Indies series provides India with its first opportunity to build on its World Cup success in the new home season.

Abhishek Sharma credits team support for fearless, impact-driven approach

New Delhi: Abhishek Sharma has credited the freedom provided by his teammates and coaches for allowing him to embrace an aggressive, impact-driven approach, saying his ambition has never been centred on personal milestones but on helping India and his teams win trophies. The 26-year-old, who was part of India's ICC Men's T20 World Cup-winning side, discussed his playing philosophy ahead of the new home season against the West Indies. Abhishek traced the development of his mindset to his domestic cricket days, when he began placing greater emphasis on influencing matches rather

than chasing individual numbers. "When I started, I thought that I have to play in a way that I can play impactful innings for my team. That started from my Punjab team in domestic cricket and we won the domestic T20 competition in 2024. From there, I feel, a mindset developed that I don't have to chase milestones, because that's not in your hands. What's in your hands is how much impact you can make. "That is how I want to play, no matter what opposition we are playing. As an individual, I never had this urge that I should achieve this, achieve that. I had only one goal that I have to win trophies. I feel that

you need a lot of support from the team, the management, the coaches, the captain, because they know how you play. "I feel they have helped me quite a lot, the entire team, not just the support staff, even the players as well, senior players. So now, like it has happened for me when I was new, the new players should also get that freedom, they should feel that they belong here. So, I really enjoy that when I talk with Vaibhav or with other young players," Abhishek told JioStar. That backing, according to Abhishek, has been crucial in allowing him to play without being constrained by the pressure of reaching specific statistical targets.

Will Hanuman Ansh Recover Big Numbers In Telugu States?

Hanuman Ansh is one of the most successful films to hit the Indian box office in recent years. Vishal Chaturvedi wrote, directed, and Co-produced it under his banner, Swambhu Media Network. The film is now being dubbed into Telugu with the same title. In fact, the Telugu-dubbed version was supposed to release last month, but it was delayed and will now release on 9th October by Hombale Films. Interestingly, the popular production house that backed films like KGF, Kantara, and Mahavatar Narsimha got the rights and is distributing it in the Telugu states on a refundable advance basis. The film's business is 5 Cr rupees in Telangana and another 9 Cr rupees in Andhra Pradesh. Some big names in Telugu distribution are associated with the film right now. Across the nation, the film's Hindi version run is almost coming to an end. Made on a shoestring budget, the film quickly went on to gross big



revenues at the box office from all regions. In most of the major A centers, the audiences had already watched the Hindi version. Especially in the Telugu states, most of the audiences caught up with the film even before the news about the

Telugu version came. So, at this moment, the bet on the project looks risky but the Telugu audience can embrace the film no matter what. So it is interesting to see how the makers are going to handle the film now. The film is the first installment of a

trilogy; it is based on his book Divine Detour: That Changed My Life, which is based on the life of Neem Karoli Baba. Since the first installment has become a big hit, we have to see how the franchise shapes up in the coming days.

Allu Arjun & Lokesh Kanagaraj Movie Is Very Much On Track

In recent weeks, several rumors have been doing the rounds about Allu Arjun's much-awaited film with director Lokesh Kanagaraj. Reports on social media suggested that the project might be shelved or delayed due to various reasons. These rumors created confusion among fans who have been eagerly waiting for an official update. The speculation grew even stronger after fresh reports claimed that Allu Arjun could team up with director Boyapati Sreenu for his next film. As the news spread online, many started believing that the Lokesh Kanagaraj project had been dropped altogether. However, sources close to the team have revealed to us that there is no truth to these rumors. The film with Lokesh Kanagaraj is very much on the



cards and remains one of Allu Arjun's priority projects. Industry insiders say the makers are currently working on the final stages of pre-production and are preparing to begin shooting

soon. While an official announcement regarding the shoot date is yet to be made, the project is said to be moving forward without any major issues. The combination of Allu Arjun and

Lokesh Kanagaraj has generated massive excitement across the country. Fans have been waiting to see what the stylish star and the blockbuster director can create together.

Nani To Return To His Strong Zone After 'Bloody' Treat

Nani delivered several action-packed entertainers in recent years. However, many fans still love him most in the soft and relatable roles that made him a natural star in the first place.

Following the disappointing result of The Paradise, there has been a lot of discussion among fans about Nani's future choices. Many felt that the actor should return to the simple and emotional films that impressed family audiences.

However, Nani does not seem ready to completely move away from experimenting with different genres. In a recent interview, he opened up about his upcoming projects and revealed interesting details about his next.

He will next be seen in Sujeeth's Bloody Romeo and Nani says that the film is a violent action drama that will be completely different from The Paradise. He added that it belongs to a genre that audiences have not seen before.



At the same time, Nani revealed that immediately after Bloody Romeo, he will begin work on a beautiful and subtle love story and says it will be a film that everyone can watch and enjoy. This statement has already generated excitement among fans. Over the years, films like Ala Modalaindi, Ninnu Kori, Bhale Bhale Magadivoy, and Hi Nanna showcased his strength in emotional and romantic stories. For now, Nani seems determined to strike a balance between commercial entertainers and feel-good dramas. If his upcoming love story clicks, it could mark a return to the genre that many fans believe suits him best. Let's see what happens.

JD, Priyanka & Anaswara: What Is Vivek Cooking?



Vivek Athreya is undoubtedly one of the best screenplay writers in the film industry, and his films always remain special. The director is next collaborating with Ravi Teja, and reports say that it is a horror film. The project is in pre-production, and many rumors are circulating about it. The latest speculations about the film's cast are fueling curiosity. If the reports are true, Priyanka Arul Mohan and Anaswara Rajan will reportedly play the female leads.

JD Chakravarthy's name is doing the rounds for the antagonist character. All three actors will add value to the film. The actors' performances will elevate Vivek's writing. JD is a senior and versatile actor from Telugu cinema, while Priyanka Mohan, who once enjoyed a strong following among the youth, is now waiting for a blockbuster with a major role. Anaswara is a new age Malayalam beauty with a growing youth following. The casting pattern of these three is cer-

tainly interesting. After the success of Irumudi, the fans of Ravi Teja want the actor to continue the momentum and pick unique subjects rather than falling into the trap of regular commercial cinema. Vivek, who enjoys a great fan base among youth and families, can definitely turn heads when he has Ravi Teja as his lead actor. It is for the first time that the actor and director will be dealing the horror genre and the shoot is expected to begin soon.

Will Sree Vishnu Utilise The Open Ground At Box Office?



Sree Vishnu is eagerly awaiting the release of Comrade Kalyan, which is set to hit the screens on October 9. After facing back-to-back setbacks with Vishnu Vinyasam and Mrithyunjay, the talented actor is hoping to bounce back with this new film. The movie has generated decent curiosity among audiences thanks to its interesting and experimental backdrop. Sree Vishnu is known for choosing unique subjects, and Comrade Kalyan appears to be another attempt to offer something different from regular commercial entertainers. Trade circles believe the film has a good opportunity at the box office if the content clicks with audiences. One of the biggest advantages for the film is the lack of major competition. The recently released films have failed to make an impact, and audience interest in them has dropped quickly. Adding to this, Venkatesh's Aadarsha Kutumbam, which was expected to arrive on the same day, has been postponed. This has created a significant gap and gives Comrade Kalyan a clear space at the box office. If the film manages to earn positive word of mouth, it could attract good crowds and deliver the success that Sree Vishnu badly needs at this stage of his career. All eyes are now on October 9 to see whether Comrade Kalyan can turn things around for Sree Vishnu.