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"May the nation advance on the path of continuous progress"

: PM Modi seeks blessings on completing 25 years of service



New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered prayers and performed rituals at the Shri Vinayak Temple in the national capital, praying for the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of the citizens across the country. Taking to X, the Prime Minister shared details of his visit and sought the blessings of Lord Ganesha for the

nation's continued growth. "Today, I performed worship and rituals at the Shri Vinayak Temple in New Delhi. I prayed to Lord Shri Ganesha for the happiness, prosperity, and good health of my family members across the country," PM Modi said. Invoking the deity to remove obstacles and usher in prosperity for all, the Prime Minister further added: "May the

grace of Vighnaharta bring welfare to all, and may the nation continue to advance on the path of continuous progress." Marking a milestone of 25 years as head of government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered prayers at the Shri Vinayaka Mandir in New Delhi's Sarojini Nagar and renewed his commitment to serve the country with utmost dedication. The milestone traces back to October 7, 2001, when Narendra Modi first took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, before leading the BJP to a historic mandate in the 2014 general elections and subsequently securing three terms as Prime Minister of India. Earlier, the Union Cabinet passed a resolution congratulating Prime Minister 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 the 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 the public has reposed in PM Narendra Moditen salient features capture the unbroken thread connecting his leadership of Gujarat with his leadership of India. The resolution 'From Gujarat to India a development vision grows' 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. The resolution speaks of how PM Modi's vision unites development, cultural confidence and environmental responsibility. Climate action progressed from Gujarat's dedicated department to renewable energy expansion and international partnerships. Yoga, millets, Kashi Vishwanath Dham and Ram Lalla's consecration strengthened India's connection with its heritage.

'Nation First, Always First'

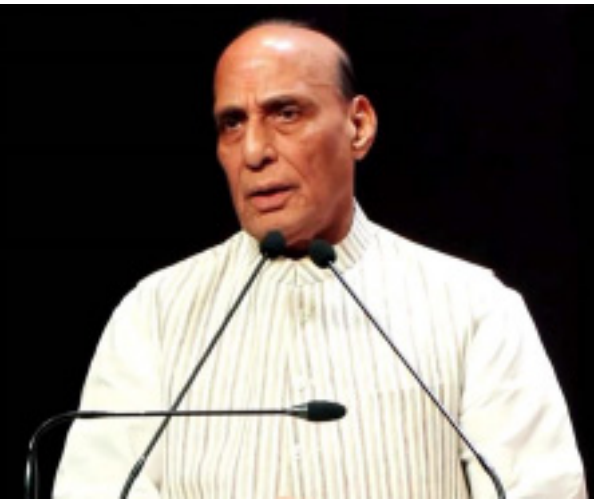
Rajnath Singh congratulates PM Modi on milestone in public governance

New Delhi : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he completed a significant milestone in public office, lauding his journey as being "synonymous with national service, good governance, and public welfare."

Taking to social media platform X, the Defence Minister highlighted PM Modi's tenure, which began on October 7, 2001, when he took oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. "Today, Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji completes 25 years in public life. First as Chief Minister of Gujarat for 13 years and now as Prime Minister of India for the past 12 years, Modi ji has been steadfastly dedicated to public service. I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Modi ji on this successful journey," Singh wrote on X. "His journey, which began on 7 October 2001 as Chief Minister of Gujarat, has become synonymous with national service, good governance, and

public welfare. The core mantra of this entire journey has always been 'Nation First, Always First'," he added.

Lauding the welfare initiatives rolled out during PM Modi's governance, Singh noted that millions across the nation have gained access to basic amenities. "Under Modi ji's visionary leadership, there has been an unprecedented expansion of public welfare initiatives, and crores of people have gained access to basic facilities such as homes, water, toilets, gas connections, and banking. Today, with the mantra of 'One India—Excellent India', we are moving forward towards fulfilling the resolve of a 'Developed India'. Under Modi ji's leadership, good governance has been strengthened, and India is advancing towards self-reliance in every sector," the Defence Minister stated. Rajnath Singh also underscored India's economic trajectory and national security enhancements under PM Modi's leadership. "Today, we have become the



world's fourth largest economy, and development has become more inclusive. Employment and new opportunities for the youth have increased, entrepreneurship and startups have been promoted, and new avenues for innovation have been created. Today, along with strengthening the country's internal security, external threats are also being firmly confronted," he said.

Terming the journey a milestone rather than an endpoint, Singh expressed confidence in India's ongoing

growth under the Prime Minister's stewardship. "This 25-year journey of national service by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji is an inspiration for all of us. These 25 years are a milestone in his journey, not a full stop. My wish is that in the coming years as well, under his visionary leadership, with the resolve of 'Public Service is True Service to God', we continue to move forward on the path of national service with renewed energy and dedication," the Defence Minister added.

Key Turn in Local Body Elections

: AP Government Files Caveat in Supreme Court

Delhi, October 7: The Andhra Pradesh government has urged the Supreme Court to consider its arguments in the petition filed by the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) seeking a stay on the local body elections. In this context, the coalition government has filed a caveat in the Supreme Court. In its petition, the YSRCP claimed that the government had prepared to conduct local body elections in Andhra Pradesh without completing the 'SIR' process. The YSRCP alleged that the government had relied on data from January for rural and urban local bodies.

The Andhra Pradesh High Court had delivered its judgment on October 1 on the petitions filed before it.

The court ruled in favour of the government, allowing ward delimitation and the conduct of local body elections. Following the High Court's green signal for conducting the elections, the YSRCP approached the Supreme Court. In its petition challenging the High Court judgment, the YSRCP sought relief, while the state government requested that its arguments be heard before any orders were passed. The AP government subsequently filed a caveat, asking the Supreme Court to hear its side before issuing any appropriate directions. The petition was filed on Monday, after which the YSRCP's lawyer immediately mentioned the matter before the Chief Justice of India's court.

The lawyer stated that the election schedule could be announced at any moment in Andhra Pradesh and urged the court to take up the matter immediately. However, CJI Justice Surya Kant said the court would examine the matter in detail. The YSRCP's lawyer sought directions to the Andhra Pradesh government to conduct the local body elections only after completion of the entire 'SIR' process. During the mentioning, the Supreme Court observed that the ward boundaries would not be frozen. Justice Joymalya Bagchi clarified that the freezing of municipal boundaries would not apply to wards.

Modi Is Taking India to Greater Heights: Lokesh

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, October 7: Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's journey from Gujarat to New Delhi has been marked by vision, decisive leadership and an unwavering commitment to India's development. Lokesh praised Modi's governance journey and said a generation of Indians had witnessed the country grow under his leadership with greater confidence, ambition to overcome challenges and increased respect on the global stage. The minister shared these remarks in a post on X.

As the country works towards #ViksitBharat2047, Modi's ability to think big, focus on even the smallest details and execute initiatives on a massive scale will continue to inspire everyone in public life, Lokesh said. He congratulated Modi on reaching this remarkable milestone and expressed the hope that the Prime Minister would continue serving India for many more years. He described Modi's journey from Gujarat to New Delhi as a testament to visionary and decisive leadership. Lokesh praised Modi's



leadership, saying India had gained greater confidence and the highest respect on the global stage under his leadership. At a time when the country is moving towards Viksit Bharat 2047, he said Modi's approach of thinking big and executing effectively was an inspiration to everyone. Lokesh congratulated Prime Minister Modi on completing this important milestone in his journey of public service.

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CII Partnership Summit Begins in Visakhapatnam; Foundation Laid for Rs.4,249 Crore Projects

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, October 7:

The regional session of the 31st CII Partnership Summit was held at IIM Visakhapatnam in North Andhra. On Wednesday, Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammoohan Naidu, Minister for Investments and Infrastructure B.C. Janardhan Reddy, Industries Minister T.G. Bharat, and MPs M. Sri Bharat and Kaliseti Appala Naidu inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

The CII summit will create awareness among entrepreneurs about MSME Policy 4.0, government incentives and credit facilities.

In line with the goal of "One Family, One Entrepreneur," the summit will connect startups with investors. The foundation stones for 30 projects worth Rs.4,249 crore will be laid at the summit. These projects are expected to create employment opportunities for 23,256 people. Steps will be taken to establish 30 industries across Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts. Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) will also be signed at the regional summit for setting up another 30 industries. MLA Vishnu Kumar Raju, CII Andhra Pradesh Chairman Narendra Kumar Sharanam, industrialists and investors participated in the event.



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North Andhra to Become a Mini Economic City with Bhogapuram Airport: Rammohan Naidu

Visakhapatnam, October 7:

Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said that the North Andhra region would develop into a mini economic city with the Bhogapuram International Airport. He said migration from the region was still continuing and assured that efforts would be made to eliminate it. He described the Bhogapuram Airport as a major advantage for Andhra Pradesh and said North Andhra had abundant resources.

Rammohan Naidu visited Visakhapatnam on Wednesday and participated in several programmes. Speaking to the media on the occasion, he said investments worth ₹14 lakh crore had come to Andhra Pradesh in the past two-and-a-half years. He said 216 projects had been brought to the state. Google, he added, was investing \$2.5 billion in North

Andhra. He asserted that Andhra Pradesh was functioning as the "fastest government."

Airport to Be Inaugurated Every 45 Days

Rammohan said industrial approvals were being granted within 12 months. So far, approvals had been given for investments worth Rs.22,000 crore, he said. He stated that an airport was being inaugurated every 45 days in the country. Airports would be established in Srikakulam, Kuppam, Nagarjuna Sagar and Amaravati in the state, he said. He said Minister Nara Lokesh was working on creating numerous employment opportunities. Several industries were coming to North Andhra, he said, adding that a steel plant was being established at Nakkapalli. He said the state was currently witnessing "speed of doing business" and that approvals were being provided

through a single-window system. He said permission had been granted for the establishment of 28 industries. The Union Minister said the Visakhapatnam Economic Region would be established across 11 districts, with an economy of \$52 billion.

Everyone Should Become an Investor

Rammohan Naidu thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for completing 25 years in his political journey. He said there were strong and cordial relations between the Centre and the state governments. He said the South Coast Railway Zone had been established with Visakhapatnam as its headquarters. He said no other country was developing airports as rapidly as India. Airports were coming up in Kuppam and Srikakulam, and land clearance had already been completed, he said.

He urged everyone in

Andhra Pradesh to become investors and create employment opportunities for the youth. "We consider your investment as our investment," he said. Rammohan Naidu said that despite the crises that may arise during this decade, the state would continue on the path of progress. He said not only the country but Andhra Pradesh too would move forward in development.



Chandrababu Meets Asian Games Medal Winners, Congratulates Them on 8 Medals

Amaravati, October 7: Andhra Pradesh athletes who won medals at the Asian Games and brought laurels to the state met Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The Chief Minister congratulated the athletes for their outstanding performances and praised them for enhancing Andhra Pradesh's reputation on international platforms. The Asian Games medal winners met Chandrababu Naidu at the State Secretariat on Wednesday. The Chief Minister lauded their medal-winning performances and achievements. He expressed the hope that the athletes would achieve many more successes in the coming days. Chandrababu met Jyoti Surekha, Charani, Ganesh Maniratnam and Dheeraj Bommadevara.

EDITORIAL

Greenland Under the Watchful
Eye of the United States

During his first term as president, Donald Trump first expressed his desire to acquire Greenland, which is under Danish sovereignty. After returning to the White House in January 2025, he spoke even more forcefully about acquiring Greenland, declaring that “we will make Greenland part of the United States one way or another.” These remarks caused serious dissatisfaction not only in Denmark, a founding member of NATO, but also among America’s European allies. In response, Denmark reiterated its sovereignty over Greenland. As a compromise, however, it promised to allow the United States to expand its military presence in Greenland. On September 22, the leaders of the United States, Denmark and Greenland signed a new security agreement. Under the agreement, Trump said the United States would have the opportunity to “take necessary actions in Greenland.” Although Trump had previously threatened to use military force if necessary to acquire Greenland, he now appears to have stepped back somewhat from his demand for outright annexation. At the same time, the United States is once again strengthening its role as Greenland’s principal security guarantor. The United States currently has around 150 troops stationed at the Pituffik Space Base in Greenland. Under the agreement, the United States will establish military facilities in the Narsarsuaq area of southern Greenland. The United States had an airbase there during World War II. It will also establish military facilities at Mestersvig in the east. Under the 1951 U.S.-Denmark defence agreement, the United States was granted extensive rights to build military bases in the icy territory of Greenland. During World War II and the Cold War, the United States maintained more than 30 military bases and other military installations across Greenland. However, most of these were closed, particularly after the end of the Cold War. In recent years, Trump administration officials have expressed concern over increased Chinese and Russian activities in the Arctic region and alleged espionage operations. As the melting of ice makes previously inaccessible areas easier to reach, the Arctic is becoming increasingly important strategically. Against this backdrop, the United States wants to strengthen its strategic position in the region. Washington believes Greenland will play a crucial role in this strategy. According to the agreement, even if Greenland, which has a population of around 50,000, eventually becomes an independent country, it will remain in NATO while respecting its agreement with the United States. In other words, the agreement could give the United States the opportunity to use military bases in Greenland indefinitely. It also stipulates that hostile or rival countries that are not members of NATO should not establish military bases in Greenland, and that major investments by such countries in sensitive sectors of Greenland, particularly rare minerals, should not be permitted. Denmark has already blocked Chinese investments in Greenland. The new agreement appears to formally consolidate those restrictions. Therefore, on paper, Greenland may continue as a self-governing autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark. At the same time, the United States would remain its principal strategic security partner and retain considerable strategic influence over Greenland. This appears to be a diplomatic arrangement acceptable to Washington, NATO and Denmark. Greenland is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on one side and Arctic waters on the other. Climate change and global warming are causing glaciers and ice sheets in the Arctic Ocean to melt. As a result, new shipping routes are emerging.

The United States hopes this will create greater opportunities for expanding maritime trade. At the same time, as tensions increase in West Asia, Russia and China are also seeking to develop new shipping routes through Arctic waters. However, the latest agreement could hinder those efforts. Meanwhile, a survey conducted in 2025 revealed that Greenland has deposits of 25 of the 35 critical raw minerals. These minerals are used in electric vehicles, batteries and other technologies. As Greenland’s ice sheets continue to melt, it will also become easier to extract oil, gas and other critical minerals. The United States believes this could help it compete more strongly with China. Overall, regardless of what happens to the issue of acquiring Greenland, the United States expects the new agreement to provide it with significant strategic and economic advantages.

What Happens Without
a Class Perspective?

Our country, often described as the land of karma and the land of the Vedas, is ultimately a “caste society” or a “class society”? This debate has been going on for many years between two political and ideological camps. Instead of discussing the issue critically, historically and dialectically, some intellectuals are widening the gap between Marxist and Ambedkarite thought through sophistry, one-sided approaches and an excessive emphasis on individual arguments. Whatever differences of opinion people may have on this issue, this is a class society. More precisely, it is a “class society dominated by caste.” There is class within caste, and caste within class. Class means the exploiting class and the exploited class. While the exploiting class constitutes a larger proportion among the dominant castes, it exists in a smaller proportion among oppressed castes. In both groups, the exploiting class exists, in varying proportions, openly as well as inherently.

How, then, can we identify this exploiting class and understand its nature? Only by developing the conscious knowledge known as a “class perspective” and examining society through it. So, what is a “class perspective”? It is a theoretical perspective through which social, political, economic and cultural issues are understood by analysing them dialectically in the context of historical developments. It is also called the “working-

class perspective” or “Marxist class perspective.” It is a perspective that dialectically analyses and understands the struggle between the wealthy class that continuously exploits the labour of working people—the productive forces of society—and the working class.

This is a way of thinking that scientifically and theoretically explains how the wealth of society becomes concentrated in the hands of a few. It explains how exploiting classes continuously carry out exploitation through business, politics, land grabbing and exploitation of labour; how they appropriate natural resources; and how they perpetuate social and cultural inequalities in society. What happens when this working-class consciousness is absent among our leaders and people? Casteism and a mentality of servitude grow stronger among them, further strengthening social inequalities. A weakness develops in which people justify exploitation by saying, “Those who are exploiting us are from our own caste; they belong to our own class.” If we lack this class consciousness that exposes the hidden nature of exploitation, we will never understand the inhuman web of conspiracies and manipulations woven by exploiting classes. If someone thinks, “But this is Marxist theory; why should we be concerned about it?” it must be understood that they do not have a proper understanding of Marxism. The Marxist class perspective is a scientific and



theoretical approach that explains human society and nature; the emergence of the rich and poor classes; social inequalities and untouchability; why these conditions continue to exist; and what their solutions could be. To understand why every person should necessarily possess such a perspective, let us consider two brief examples. “Having suffered numerous forms of discrimination and economic hardship earlier, my people, after reservations were implemented and they achieved some economic improvement by benefiting from those reservations, forgot the liberation of their community, constitutional consciousness, and ultimately even me and my path.” Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is said to have expressed deep anguish in his final days over this situation. Even though Ambedkar may not have used the term “class perspective,” the essence of what he felt lies in this very idea. His anguish shows us that

people who develop selfishness, corruption and exploitative tendencies—even if they belong to oppressed castes—cannot be of any benefit to society or to their own communities. Therefore, if people do not develop class-conscious awareness, they will never fully understand Ambedkar’s call to “pay back to society.” Now for the second example. Even before Marx and Ambedkar were born, ordinary people, when faced with moral or ethical questions, would say: “Even if he is your own brother, you cannot abandon righteousness.” The meaning is that people with selfish and exploitative tendencies must be recognised, questioned and dealt with according to justice, whether they are blood relatives, other relatives or outsiders. For this sense of social responsibility to develop among people, they must certainly possess class-conscious awareness and knowledge. Therefore, Marxists and Ambedkarites who

are sincerely and committedly working for social transformation must necessarily cultivate both a class perspective and constitutional consciousness. The lack of such a perspective today is precisely why they are unable to formulate a definite objective and a definite course of action. They are unable to mobilise the people. They are unable to understand the prevailing conditions of Manuvadi ideology and the poisonous culture of imperialist capitalism in society. Even now, all socially conscious intellectuals need to focus on this issue, unite the people and move towards political power through united movements. At a time when the people of India are being engulfed by the dangerous forces of religious fanaticism and fascism, progressive forces with a sense of social responsibility—irrespective of parties and ideologies—must come together and wage united struggles to prevent the country from falling victim to this danger.

Gyanesh Kumar Row May Be Doing Something
Unthinkable For India's 'Lost' Opposition

After scattering in different directions over the past two years as state-level competitive politics saw opposition parties fighting each other in assembly elections, the INDIA bloc is back together with renewed vigour. The glue this time is Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the controversial Special Intensive Review of electoral rolls, which is currently under scrutiny in the Supreme Court. The INDIA bloc has launched a nearly two-month-long agitation, leading up to the winter session of Parliament, to demand his ouster. Much water has flowed under the bridge since the INDIA bloc was formed to fight the Modi juggernaut in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The 2.0 version looks and feels different. It has lost the DMK after Rahul Gandhi switched partners in Tamil Nadu following the surprise victory of actor Vijay and his TVK earlier this year.

The TVK joined recently, although it does not have any members in Parliament and is consequently more of a silent partner. And with the Punjab elections round the corner in early 2027, where the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will be fighting the Congress and others, to retain its government for a second term, it remains outside the tent too, although its leaders are participating in anti-SIR street agitations with the Left parties.

A Rebirth?

However, what it lost on the swings, it has gained on the roundabouts. There seems to be a renewed synergy in the INDIA bloc, which was visible in the impressive and enthusiastic turnout for the October 6 march to the Election Commission headquarters to kick off its campaign against Gyanesh Kumar and SIR. Not only has it coalesced into a unified bloc

more strongly than during the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, but a key difference is Rahul Gandhi’s rising stature in the eyes of fellow opposition leaders. Where once he was dismissed as immature, today there seems to be a greater willingness to accept his leadership, at least on the SIR controversy. Rahul Gandhi can justifiably claim vindication for his ‘vote chori’ campaign. It had few takers when he first began, but has gained momentum following recent revelations of differences between the three Election Commissioners on SIR and the manner in which it is being implemented.

Mamata’s Surprising Comment

Surprisingly, the certificate for Rahul Gandhi came from none other than Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee, who once fancied herself as the best candidate to lead the INDIA bloc till her hopes were dashed by a humiliating defeat in the West Bengal polls in April-May this year. At the recent meeting where the INDIA bloc chalked out its plans for its Gyanesh Kumar campaign, she turned to Rahul Gandhi and told him, “I am not egoistic. You can be Prime Minister.” Even Rahul Gandhi was taken aback by her declaration, and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge hastily intervened to point out that this was not the time to discuss who would be Prime Minister. Mamata Banerjee’s comment was premature, as Kharge pointed out. However, many INDIA partners seemed to be in agreement with her that the Congress should spearhead the anti-SIR agitation. Rahul Gandhi is riding this consensus to lead from the front, as evident in the manner in which he climbed on top of the police barricades near the EC head-



quarters.

Loose, But Real Coordination

Another notable change is the quiet role of the Left parties, particularly the CPI(ML), in reaching out to non-INDIA members and movements outside mainstream politics. It is the bridge not only with AAP but, more importantly, with the Cockroach Janta Party and its formidable Gen Z following. Student wings of Left parties are actively in touch with CJP leaders and seem to be working in tandem with them, albeit separately, setting up a pincer-like formation to corner the CEC as well as the Modi government. The SFI all-India joint secretary, Aishe Ghosh, appealed on record to young people of all persuasions to join hands to strengthen the campaign. The response was positive from CJP leader Saurav Dass, who tweeted his party’s acceptance on X. The AISA

president, Neha Bora, who has become the face of Gen Z along with Abhijit Dipke of the CJP, is also in touch with CJP leaders. Note the speed with which Dass was dispatched to Delhi to lend CJP’s support when Bora and the young journalist who accused a police officer of molestation were whisked away in police cars.

Coordination may be loose, but it’s not as haphazard as it appears. These are guerrilla tactics being used to surprise and confuse the other side. But as we all know, nothing is done till it’s done. Gyanesh Kumar is not a cabinet minister like Dharmendra Pradhan. The CEC is a constitutional position and enjoys life-long legal immunity. The Opposition knows it does not have the numbers in Parliament to impeach him, although it plans to file an impeachment motion again when Parliament opens for the winter session, if only

as a pressure tactic. More importantly, for the INDIA bloc to remain relevant, its member parties, particularly the Congress and the Samajwadi Party (SP), have to win elections. The really big test is coming up in March next year, when Uttar Pradesh will vote for its next government. Although the Congress and SP are working in tandem and crafting new strategies to fight the BJP, they know full well that it is going to be a tough battle. The BJP has a formidable election machinery of its own. It also has RSS cadres on the ground for additional muscle. And neither Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath nor Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who represents the state in the Lok Sabha, can be said to have lost their charisma. The victor in any democracy is the one who wins elections. The INDIA bloc has a tough battle ahead.

Crackdown Sought on Ambulance Exploitation

- Congress Leaders Urge Government Hospital Superintendent to Regulate Private Ambulance Charges

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 7, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: Congress leaders have urged the new Superintendent of the Government Hospital in Rajamahendravaram, Rambabu, to take steps to regulate excessive charges allegedly being collected by private ambulance operators and ensure that patients receive affordable emergency services.

Congress Rajamahendravaram Parliamentary Constituency Coordinator T.K. Visweswara Reddy and Rajamahendravaram Urban District President Balepalli Muralidhar, along with other party leaders, met Rambabu on Wednesday after he assumed charge as the hospital superintendent. They felicitated him and discussed various issues concerning patients and hospital services. Speaking on the occasion, T.K. Visweswara Reddy and Balepalli Muralidhar urged the hospital authorities to ensure that quality medical treat-



ment remains accessible to poor and middle-class patients. They also called for improvement of basic infrastructure and expansion of ambulance facilities at the government hospital. They particularly highlighted the difficulties faced by patients and their families during medical emergencies due to dependence on private am-

bulances. The Congress leaders urged the authorities to increase the availability of government ambulances so that patients are not forced to rely on private operators. They further appealed for effective monitoring and regulation of private ambulance charges to prevent patients' families from facing an excessive financial bur-

den during emergencies. They also called for greater transparency in hospital services and measures to prevent corruption. Superintendent Rambabu responded positively to the representations, the Congress leaders said. Dr. Rajasekhar, Dr. Yalla Veerabhadra Rao, Tadi Suri Babu and others were present.

Space Walk marks beginning of World Space Week celebrations in Rajamahendravaram



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 7, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: A 'Space Walk' was organised in Rajamahendravaram on Wednesday as a curtain-raiser to the World Space Week celebrations to be conducted under the aegis of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on October 8 and 9. The event, aimed at creating awareness among students about space science and developments in science and technology, began at the Arts College and concluded at the Sri Venkateswara Anam Kala Kendram. Arts College Principal R. Ramachandra and Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation Executive Engineer Madarsa Ali flagged off the walk.



Students from several schools and colleges participated enthusiastically in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ramachandra said the World Space Week celebrations would provide students an opportunity to learn about advances in space science, scientific research and technology. He said the enthusiastic partici-

pation of a large number of students and youngsters in the Space Walk was encouraging. A special exhibition organised under the aegis of ISRO will be held at the Sri Venkateswara Anam Kala Kendram from Thursday for two days. Models and exhibits relating to rockets, space research and various aspects of India's space programme

will be displayed. Arrangements have been made to facilitate visits by a large number of students each day. Mr. Ramachandra said that while such programmes were generally conducted within educational institutions, taking the World Space Week celebrations to a public venue in Rajamahendravaram was significant. He appealed to students, youth and members of the public to make use of the exhibition and gain a better understanding of space science and the opportunities emerging in scientific, technological and space research fields. ISRO scientists, students and faculty members from various educational institutions and members of the public participated in the Space Walk.

Leadership Means Solving Problems, Not Publicity: MLA Adireddy Srinivas

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: "Taking videos of public problems and using them for publicity is not a sign of leadership. True leadership lies in studying the problem and providing a permanent solution," said Rajamahendravaram City MLAA Adireddy Srinivas. The MLA laid the foundation stone on Wednesday for development works worth ₹1.80 crore in Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 8 of the city. Speaking on the occasion, he said the coalition government was focusing on resolving long-pending civic issues and providing permanent infrastructure to the people. A nearly one-kilometre road starting opposite Arts College and connecting four divisions will be developed as a CC road at a cost of ₹1.80 crore. The existing five-metre-wide road will be widened to seven metres, along with drainage improvements wherever necessary. The works are expected to commence from Monday and be completed within two



months. MLA Srinivas said the road had remained in a dilapidated condition for the past five to six years despite being an important and busy route used by the public. "Instead of repeatedly carrying out temporary repairs, we have decided to provide a permanent solution by constructing a CC road," he said. He also stated that a permanent solution would be provided to the long-pending waterlogging problem near

the Hi-Tech Bus Stand. Works worth ₹8 crore, including ₹6 crore through the Public Health Department and ₹2 crore through the Municipal Corporation, will be taken up. The works will be formally launched on October 16 at 6 p.m. Referring to the development of the Arts College entrance, Srinivas said steps were being taken to modernise the gateway of the prestigious institution and enhance the

pride of students and alumni. AP Setti Balija Corporation Chairman Kudupudi Sattibabu, TDP State Secretary Nakka Chittibabu, City TDP President Majji Rambabu, Varre Srinivasa Rao, Jakkampudi Arjun, Bommanamaina Srinu, Saladi Anand, Donga Nagamani and Ahmadunnisa, along with party workers and local residents, participated in the programme.

New ASP Meets Eluru Range IG, East Godavari SP

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 7, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: Dr. Tarun Pahwa, IPS, the newly appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) of the Rajamahendravaram Central Zone, called on Eluru Range Inspector General of Police G.V.G. Ashok Kumar, IPS, and East Godavari District Superintendent of Police D. Narasimha Kishore, IPS, at the District Police Office here on Wednesday. Dr. Pahwa, who recently assumed charge as the ASP of the Central Zone, met the senior police officials as part of his initial official interactions after taking charge. He presented bouquets to the IG and the SP during the courtesy meeting.

The senior police officers congratulated Dr. Pahwa on assuming his new responsibility and extended their best wishes for a successful tenure. The interaction assumes significance as the Rajamahendravaram Central Zone is an important policing jurisdiction in the dis-

trict, where effective supervision and coordination are crucial for maintaining law and order and preventing crime. The new ASP will have a key role in strengthening policing at the field level, monitoring law-and-order situations and ensuring effective coordination among police personnel under the Central Zone. Prompt response to public grievances and preventive policing are also expected to remain among the priorities during his tenure. The meeting with the Range IG and District SP marked the beginning of Dr. Pahwa's tenure in the new assignment and reflected the importance attached to coordinated functioning between senior officers and field-level policing units. Police officials and personnel conveyed their best wishes to the newly appointed ASP and expressed confidence that his leadership would contribute to further strengthening policing in the Rajamahendravaram Central Zone.



Advanced Revision Surgery Offers Hope for Failed Knee Replacements

- Failed Knee Replacement? Advanced Revision Surgery Offers New Hope

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 7, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: Patients facing persistent pain or complications after knee replacement surgery need not lose hope, as advanced revision joint replacement procedures are now providing effective solutions for failed or complicated knee replacements, said Dr. Aditya Soumyaji, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City. Speaking at a press conference held in Rajamahendravaram, Dr. Aditya Soumyaji explained that infections and loosening of artificial implants are among the major complications that can occur after knee replacement. He said identifying the exact cause of failure is the most important step before planning revision surgery.

According to him, advanced imaging and

specialised laboratory investigations are used to determine whether the problem is due to infection or implant loosening. In cases where infection is detected, the specific microorganism is identified and an appropriate treatment plan is prepared. For severe infections, a two-stage revision procedure may be adopted. In the first stage, the infected tissue and implant are addressed and the infection is controlled. After confirming that the infection has been adequately treated, a new knee replacement is performed in the second stage. However, when there is no infection and the problem is limited to implant loosening, patients may be suitable for a single-stage revision surgery, depending on their individual condition.

Dr. Aditya Soumyaji said specialised high-end implants and modern surgical



techniques have significantly improved the outcomes of complex revision procedures. He also stressed that post-operative physiotherapy and regular exercises are essential for strengthening the muscles and achieving better functional recovery. He said patients who have experienced complications following knee replacement should consult an experienced joint replacement specialist rather than becoming

discouraged, as appropriate evaluation and modern revision techniques can help many patients return to their normal activities. The doctor said Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City, is equipped with advanced infrastructure and a specialised medical team to handle complex joint replacement and revision procedures. Andhra Pradesh Marketing Executive Shyam Krishna and others participated in the programme.

Jana Sena to install flagpoles in all 50 divisions of Rajamahendravaram



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM, OCTOBER 7, PEN POWER CORRESPONDENT: Jana Sena Party Rajamahendravaram City in-charge Anusri Satyanarayana has called upon party leaders and cadres to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level and intensify efforts to take the party's policies and ideology closer to the people. A meeting of key party leaders was held at the Jana Sena party office in Rajamahendravaram under the leadership of Ms. Anusri Satyanarayana on Tuesday. The meeting discussed the party's organisational strengthening, forthcoming programmes and measures to improve coordination among leaders and workers at the division level. During the meeting,

presence across the city and ensuring greater participation of party workers in local-level activities. She asked division-level leaders and cadres to work in coordination and explain the principles and policies of the Jana Sena Party to the public. She also stressed the need for party representatives to remain accessible to people and respond to issues concerning residents.

Ms. Satyanarayana directed the party leadership to establish Jana

issues. She called for sustained efforts to identify problems faced by people in different divisions and take them to the notice of the concerned authorities. The leaders also discussed the proposed programmes and organisational activities to be undertaken in the coming days. Emphasis was laid on strengthening coordination between city-level leadership and division-level workers.



Sena flagpoles in all 50 divisions of Rajamahendravaram city and organise flag-hoisting programmes in each division. She said the initiative was aimed at strengthening the party's

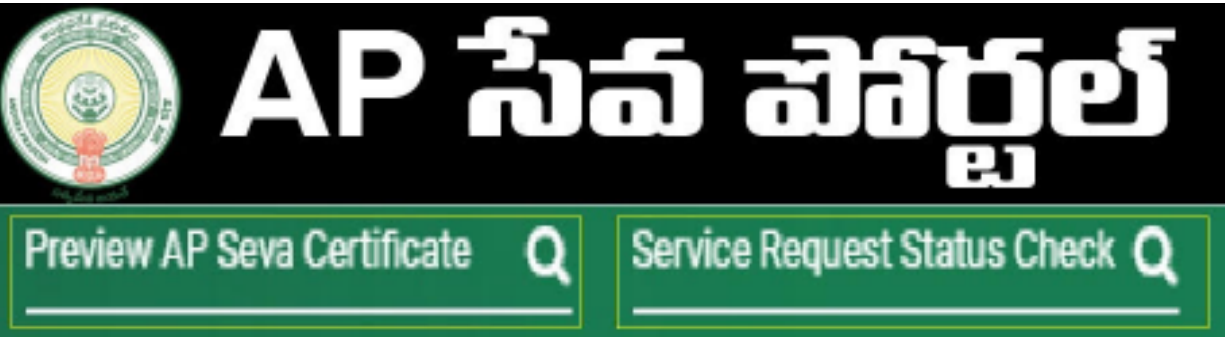
said the party workers should work in accordance with the vision and aspirations of Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan and continue to raise public

Jana Sena leaders, division in-charges and party activists, including Anusri Satyanarayana and other key city-level representatives, participated in the meeting.

Challan Generated, But Where Did the Money Go?

- Rs.8.29 lakh in AP Seva challans remain unpaid into government account in East Godavari

- Four-year-old dues of Rs.1.42 lakh still pending; another Rs.6.87 lakh accumulated in 2026



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM,

OCTOBER 7, PEN

POWER CORRESPONDENT:

A disturbing question has emerged over the handling of public service fees in East Godavari district: If an AP Seva challan is generated and the prescribed fee is collected, why has the money not reached the government account? According to the latest official review by the District Gram and Ward Secretariat Officer (GSWS), K. Ratna Kumari, as much as Rs.8,29,419 in AP Seva challan amounts remains pending for remittance to the government account.

The figures raise questions over the monitoring of collections and remittances at AP Seva centres and village and ward secretariats.

Four-year-old dues still pending

Of the total amount, Rs.1,42,302 relates to challans generated between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2025. The fact that such dues have remained pending for years calls for a closer examination of the reasons behind the delay.

When was each challan generated? Who collected the amount? At which secretariat or service centre did the transaction remain pending? Was the delay caused by a technical issue,

procedural lapse or inadequate monitoring?

These questions assume significance as the amount relates to transactions dating back several years.

Rs.6.87 lakh pending in just 10 months

The more immediate concern is the Rs.6,87,117 pending from January 1 to October 7, 2026.

The accumulation of such a substantial amount in just ten months raises questions about whether the existing monitoring mechanism is adequately tracking challan generation, collection and remittance.

If digital systems are being used to generate and process challans, officials may need to examine why unpaid amounts were not flagged and cleared on a regular basis.

System failure or monitoring lapse?

The issue now goes beyond merely recovering the pending amount.

A detailed reconciliation of challans generated, amounts collected, amounts remitted and amounts pending at every AP Seva centre could reveal where the process is breaking down.

Was it a technical problem? A delay in remittance? Lack of supervision? Or an individual-level lapse?

The official records and centre-wise reconciliation would need to establish the reasons.

Is Rs.8.29 lakh the complete picture?

Another question requiring attention is whether the Rs.8.29 lakh represents the entire pending amount in the district or only the amount identified during the latest review.

A centre-wise audit showing the number of challans, amount collected, amount remitted, pending balance and age of each pending transaction would provide greater transparency.

Such an exercise could also establish whether similar pendencies exist elsewhere but have not yet been identified.

Additional collections under scrutiny

The district authorities have also warned that strict departmental and other action will be initiated if AP Seva centres are found collecting amounts above the prescribed government fee. This makes verification of actual collections equally important. Officials may have to establish whether citizens were charged exactly the notified fee and whether every payment was supported by an official challan or receipt. Displaying prescribed service

charges prominently at every centre and ensuring digital confirmation of government remittance could help prevent disputes and irregularities.

October 8 deadline

District GSWS Officer K. Ratna Kumari has directed the concerned officials and staff to remit the entire pending amount by October 8. Failure to comply with the deadline would invite action as per the applicable rules, she warned.

The focus will now shift to what happens after the deadline.

How much of the Rs.8.29 lakh is actually remitted?

How many centres were responsible for the pendency?

Why did the old dues remain unresolved for years?

Why did another Rs.6.87 lakh accumulate during 2026?

And what corrective mechanism will prevent such pendencies in future?

The answers to these questions will determine whether the latest exercise merely clears the backlog or leads to a deeper overhaul of the AP Seva challan monitoring system. Generating a challan is only the first step. The real accountability begins when every rupee collected from the public reaches the government account.

“Hallmark of leadership”: Ministers, CM's laud PM Modi on completing milestone years in public service and governance

New Delhi : Senior Union Ministers and state Chief Ministers extended their heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, commending his decades-long dedication to public service, national welfare, and good governance, marking the day he first assumed elected office as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001. Taking to X, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted Prime Minister Modi's rise from a grassroots party worker (karyakarta) to leading the nation without any dynastic background. "Today, 7 October, we celebrate the chequered career of PM @narendramodi. 25 yrs ago, on this day, he took up the responsibility of CM of Gujarat. Until then, he had held no elected post. Through dedication, he served, learning as he went along. Selfless, no corruption, no cronies. Now, he serves as Prime Minister. Only in @BJP4India, a karyakarta gets opportunities despite no political family/dynasty background, money etc. A strong message for #democracy," Sitharaman wrote. Union Minister Piyush Goyal also praised PM Modi's journey, emphasising that his tenure across both state and national leadership has been defined by resolve, service, and inclusive development. "On this occasion of Prime Minister @NarendraModi ji completing 25 years of public life, with devotion to service, the nation as para-



mount, and public welfare as the aim of life, heartfelt best wishes to him. This journey, which began on 7 October 2001 as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, has today become the hallmark of a leadership in which resolve, good governance, and service walk hand in hand," Goyal posted on X.

He further noted the transformative impact of the Prime Minister's policies across sectors: "From Gujarat's development as Chief Minister to, as the country's Prime Minister, poor welfare, women's empowerment, youth power, and building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Modi ji has linked development to the lives of every individual. In these 25 years, numerous historic decisions, public welfare schemes, and new heights of development have become part of this journey. The transformation in the lives of crores of people

presents a picture of this continuous spirit of service. This 25-year journey is not merely a milestone, but an ongoing journey to take the resolve for a developed and self-reliant India to fruition." Commending the Prime Minister's vision, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta stated that the journey begun from Gujarat has turned into a national movement of hope and self-reliance. "Twenty-five years ago, the resolve for public service that began from the soil of Gujarat has today become a journey of the hopes, aspirations, and self-confidence of the entire India. In this journey of the honorable Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, responsibilities have kept increasing, but the aim has remained the same: India and the people of India. It is this spirit that has extended governance to the last mile, brought dignity and facilities to the homes

of the poor, empowered women with leadership, and given new horizons to the dreams of the youth. With this very resolve, India has witnessed a new pace of development, hoisted its tricolor on the moon, and carved a new identity of its strength on the global stage," Gupta said on X.

"From the service of Gujarat to the service of India, from public welfare to nation-building, these 25 years are the saga of a life where every morning began with duty, and every resolve remained dedicated to India," she said. Congratulating PM Modi on the milestone, she added: "Heartiest congratulations to the honorable Prime Minister ji on completing 25 glorious years of public service, good governance, and national service. This resolve for service will become even more expansive, India's strength even more radiant, and the dream of a developed India will surely be realised."

Delhi govt's big drainage push: New network by December 2027, major relief from waterlogging

New Delhi : The Delhi government has approved a Rs 263.45-crore project to build a nearly 4.5-km-long drain along the railway line in Kirari, with the aim of providing a long-term solution to the area's recurring waterlogging problem. The project was cleared at a meeting of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday. The Irrigation and Flood Control Department has set December 2027 as the target for completing the project. The new drainage network is expected to benefit residents of four Assembly constituencies — Kirari, Mundka, Bawana and Nangloi Jat. Around 70 unauthorised colonies in Kirari are also expected to get improved drainage facilities once the work is

completed. The proposed drain will begin near Mundka Halt railway station and connect with the Supplementary Drain. With a carrying capacity of 760 cusecs, it is expected to provide a major outlet for rainwater that currently accumulates along the railway line.

Several areas, including Rani Khera Industrial Area, Venu Enclave, Ratan Park, Rajdhani Park, JJ Cluster Colony, Rajendra Park Extension, Ram Nagar, Kunwar Singh Nagar and Nilothi village, are expected to benefit. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said waterlogging has been a major concern for people living in Kirari, particularly during the monsoon, when flooded roads disrupt daily life and affect homes and local businesses. She said the govern-



ment was focusing on a permanent solution rather than depending only on temporary measures during the rainy season. Irrigation and Flood Control Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh said the project is part of the government's

wider efforts to strengthen Delhi's drainage network. He said the new drain would help carry rainwater away from several waterlogging-prone areas and improve drainage conditions in Kirari and neighbouring constituencies.

DGP seeks micro-level planning for Godavari Pushkarams



RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM,

OCTOBER 7, PEN

POWER CORRESPONDENT:

Andhra Pradesh Director-General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta has called for micro-level and time-bound planning for the Godavari Pushkarams 2027, with particular emphasis on managing pilgrim movement, traffic, emergency services and crowd safety. Addressing a review meeting at the East Godavari District Police Office here, Mr. Gupta directed officials of the police, revenue, municipal, transport and other departments to work in close coordination and ensure that preparations were completed well ahead of the event.

He proposed the formation of multiple micro teams involving different departments and called for their progress to be reviewed every week. The teams, he said, should have clearly defined responsibilities and their preparedness should be continuously monitored. Traffic management emerged as a key concern during the review. The DGP directed officials to prepare

a comprehensive traffic and emergency-route plan, taking into account the condition of the Diwan Cheruvu flyovers and the need for alternative routes during periods of heavy pilgrim movement. He also asked officials to monitor the progress of road works on important routes, including the ADB Road, Jonnada bridge, Undrajavaram bridge, Chinchinada bridge and the Coastal Corridor between Kattipudi and Ongole. A detailed plan should be prepared for the movement of APSRTC buses arriving from different districts, with buses being assigned to designated Pushkar Nagars and pilgrims guided to specified ghats, he said. The DGP also stressed the need to identify holding areas in advance for heavy vehicles on NH-16 and the ADB Road to prevent congestion on major corridors.

Mr. Gupta called for all prominent temples in the districts hosting the Pushkarams to be mapped and for a compartment-based system to be

adopted to facilitate orderly darshan. Integrated Command and Control Centres should monitor crowd movement, traffic and security arrangements in real time, he said. Technology will form a major component of the security plan. The DGP directed



officials to prepare an integrated drone action plan in coordination with the Andhra Pradesh Drone Corporation and strengthen CCTV surveillance and communication systems. A State-level meeting would be held to finalise the technological and communication requirements, officials said. The DGP further directed authorities to make advance arrangements for NCC and NSS personnel, senior

school students and volunteers, including appropriate training for their deployment during the Pushkarams. Measures should also be taken to minimise inconvenience to local residents. Special identity cards and designated access routes should be planned in advance. A separate mechanism should regulate auto-rickshaw operations, including designated routes, fares and identification of vehicles and drivers. Mr. Gupta stressed that the movement of essential commodities, patients travelling to hospitals and employees should not be disrupted during the Pushkarams. He also directed officials to ensure timely completion of ghat development, civil works, infrastructure projects and the police command and control building. Additional DGP (Law and Order) N. Madhusudhan Reddy, Eluru Range IG G.V.G. Ashok Kumar, East Godavari

Collector Keerthi Chakuri, Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop, Municipal Commissioner Rahul Meena, Sub-Collector Shubham Nokhwal and senior police officers from East Godavari, Kakinada, Konaseema, Eluru, West Godavari, Polavaram and Krishna districts participated in the meeting. The DGP directed officials in all districts where the Pushkarams would be held to adopt a coordinated, time-bound approach to ensure safe, orderly and hassle-free arrangements for devotees. This version keeps the The Hindu-style approach: restrained headline, strong standfirst, institutional attribution, tighter paragraphs, less promotional language and emphasis on governance, logistics and public interest.

AAP plundering Punjab's resources to fund other elections: BJP's Tarun Chugh slams Bhagwant Mann, Kejriwal

Ambaji : BJP MP Tarun Chugh launched a sharp attack on Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). He alleged corruption in the state, claiming that Punjab's resources were being diverted to fund election campaigns in other states. Chugh's remarks came amid a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) investigation into allegations of corruption against the Punjab CM's Officer on Special Duty (OSD) and associates, following orders of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and a report from the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

After offering prayers at the Ambaji temple, Chugh alleged that AAP had turned Punjab into an "ATM for looting" and accused the party of plundering the state's resources. "The Aam Aadmi Party has turned Punjab into an ATM

for looting. It has become their habit to plunder Punjab's resources and funnel the money to fund election campaigns in states like Goa and Gujarat," said the 53-year-old Gujarat BJP in charge. The BJP senior leader alleged that a complainant had provided him evidence of the fact that CM Bhagwant Mann's office and family were involved in bribery to secure release of a rapist. "A complainant has now provided evidence showing that the Chief Minister's office and even Bhagwant Mann's family intervened to offer a bribe to secure the release of a rapist; the bribe amount was indeed paid," alleged the Rajya Sabha MP.

"The entire Chief Minister's Office mobilised to shield the rapist. Following that complaint, the ED moved to register a case. The Chief Minister tried to protect the accused, but the



Punjab and Haryana High Court ordered a CBI investigation, mandating that the guilty be apprehended. Acting on this, the CBI has now raided the premises of CMO officials and others involved in the systematic looting of Punjab," he added. Slamming the Punjab govt of enabling the mafia kingpins to loot the state, Chugh said, "The truth must be laid bare. Bhagwant Mann and

Kejriwal have given a free hand to mafia kingpins. Punjab is being plundered and has become mired in a swamp of corruption."

The Rajya Sabha MP from Madhya Pradesh, Chugh, also took shots at AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal by reminding him of his pledge that was made during the Anna Hazare-led protest in New Delhi, after which AAP came into existence.

IIM Bangalore Replaces Midterms with AI Chatbot-Building

Students create chatbots to answer 15 questions in Generative AI course.

The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM Bangalore) has introduced a unique approach to midterm exams for students enrolled in its Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) course.

Instead of a traditional pen-and-paper test, students were asked to **build their own chatbots to answer 15 exam questions**.



The new exam format offered practical experience and a deeper understanding of Generative AI.

How Did The AI-Based Midterm Exam Work?



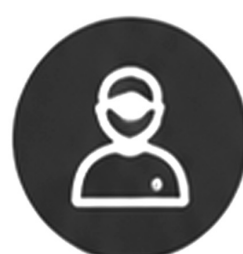
Build Chatbots

- Students used a platform developed by Professor Subho Majumdar to create and test their chatbots.
- They wrote prompts and provided course material and other relevant content for the chatbot's memory.



Experiment & Improve

- Students could try multiple chatbots and refine their prompts and information before submitting one for evaluation.



Evaluation

- A teaching assistant evaluated the final responses, just as in a conventional exam.



Technology

- The platform was built using AI-assisted coding and hosted on Vercel (cloud platform).
- Each student received a separate login to work on the assessment.



Why Did IIM Bangalore Introduce This Format?

- To make the assessment more practical and engaging.
- To allow students to apply what they had learnt in the Generative AI course, instead of relying only on a traditional written test.
- To test their ability to use prompts and course material effectively, combining subject knowledge with hands-on experience of AI tools.



The Bigger Picture

This innovative approach reflects IIM Bangalore's focus on future-ready skills, practical learning and the real-world application of technology in education. It shows how traditional assessment methods are evolving to match the needs of the digital age.

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Mamdani Calls Netanyahu "Genocide Architect", Then A " Hamas Supporter" Reply'



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has launched a sharp attack on New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, accusing him of supporting Hamas. The exchange marks the latest escalation in a running war of words between the two leaders, days before Netanyahu is due to address the UN General Assembly. Netanyahu's comments came in response to remarks Mamdani made to CNN on Monday, in which he described the Israeli prime minister as a "war criminal and an architect of a horrific genocide of the Palestinian people."

Responding in a brief video statement, Mamdani said, "I'm coming to the UN. I'm going to tell the truth about our heroic soldiers, and I'm going to tell the truth about you (Mamdani)." He is sched-

uled to speak at the UN General Assembly on Thursday.

Netanyahu did not hold back further. "Shame on you, Mr. Mamdani," he said. "Shame on you for supporting the Hamas terrorist monsters who butchered our people. Shame on you for inciting riots against New York Jews."

Mamdani had previously said he would arrest Netanyahu if he entered New York, although he acknowledged he did not actually have the power to do so. Some Republican opponents have called Mamdani antisemitic, pointing to his pro-Palestinian advocacy and his criticism of Israel's military action in Gaza. Mamdani has rejected this characterisation, saying he has condemned antisemitism and that his criticism of Israeli government policy is wrongly

conflated with hatred of Jewish people.

This is not the first time Netanyahu has targeted Mamdani. In a Fox News interview in July, the Israeli prime minister accused the New York mayor of "fomenting hate." He said, "He's supposed to be the mayor of all New Yorkers, Jews, Christians, Muslims, everyone. But he's trying to turn one group against the other."

The clash comes against the backdrop of an ongoing case at the International Criminal Court (ICC), which has charged Netanyahu with war crimes, an accusation he dismisses as "bogus". The Hague-based court has accused Netanyahu, his former defence minister and the late Hamas leader of crimes against humanity.

According to the Palestinian territory's health min-

istry, more than 73,000 people have been killed in Israel's offensive in Gaza, roughly half of them women and children. Around 1,200 people, most of them civilians, were killed in the initial Hamas attack on Israel that triggered the war.

The United States is not a member of the ICC. It signed the treaty that established the court, known as the Rome Statute, in 2000, but never submitted it to the Senate for ratification, and the US formally withdrew its support for the treaty in 2002. As a non-member state, the US is not bound by the court's rulings or obligated to act on its arrest warrants.

President Donald Trump has shown little regard for the ICC's case against Netanyahu, and has previously taken action against the court itself, including sanctions targeting ICC officials over its investigations into Israeli conduct. On Tuesday, during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly, Trump urged members of the International Criminal Court to resign and condemned what he called an "out-of-control institution" and "an evil group of people."

"I call on all nations that are members of the ICC to officially resign from this rogue institution immediately," he said.

Imran Khan's Party Warns Of 'Civil War' In Pakistan After Leader 'Kidnapped' At Gunpoint



New Delhi: Former Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has accused the Shehbaz Sharif government in Islamabad and the Field Marshal Asim Munir-led army of institutional diktat, alleging gunpoint kidnappings and attempts to kidnap its leaders in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), days before the party's planned mega protest.

Pakistan's opposition PTI has called a nationwide protest on September 27, demanding the release of its founder Imran Khan "at all costs." Ahead of the planned protest, police in Lahore have also detained 73-year-old Khan's three sisters, Aleema Khan, Noreen Niazi, and Dr Uzma Khan, along with their children.

'The Kidnappings'

Now, PTI has alleged that two of its leaders -- including Minister Fazal Shakoor Khan and former provincial minister Shakil Ahmad -- have become the latest targets of authoritarian descent.

Speaking during a provincial assembly discussion, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Speaker Babar

Saleem Swati alleged that Minister for Public Health Engineering Fazal Shakoor Khan was picked up from the middle of the road by masked men in Peshawar, while an attempt to kidnap Minister Shakeel Khan was foiled in Malakand.

Swati said it was a question mark on the performance of the 'institutions' that masked men were firing at and kidnapping people, according to a Dawn report. He also reportedly accused the police of working as a 'B-team' of 'agencies.'

Fazal Shakoor Khan was reportedly kidnapped by masked men on Monday from Peshawar Motorway Toll Plaza after a brief firing. A video of the purported kidnapping has surfaced on social media, showing unidentified masked men setting up blockades to choke off the main highway.

PTI said the men aimed gunfire directly at the tyres of the minister's vehicle, forcing it to a stop, before forcing him out of the vehicle and taking him away to an undisclosed location. However, other accounts in Pakistani media claimed

the confrontation began after his guards allegedly resisted a police search and opened fire.

Simultaneously, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Law Aftab Alam Afridi said that local minister Shakeel Khan was also followed and attacked in Malakand.

"His guards retaliated, but an FIR was lodged against him," he added.

"What message do they want to give to the provincial cabinet? It is done by the powers-that-be. They want to give a message to PTI that it has no standing," he alleged, taking aim at the Sharif government and Munir-led army.

Pak Preparers for 'Humanitarian Crisis'

Authorities in Pakistan have also arrested several elected leaders of PTI and raided party offices in a nationwide crackdown ahead of the September 27 march.

At the same time, Islamabad's hospitals have also been placed on emergency footing. A report by Drop Site showed that the Sharif government has issued instructions before the planned protest, directing hospitals to prepare for a potential "humanitarian

crisis" and "mass casualty incident" in Islamabad.

The measures have reportedly started affecting patients in Islamabad hospitals, who were scheduled for surgeries and were told that their procedures would be postponed.

The instructions to hospitals indicate an institutional preparedness for a brutal crackdown on protesters.

A Civil War Threat

Despite the crackdown, PTI said it will go ahead with the planned protest. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi said the party would announce its detailed protest plan on September 25 and mobilise workers across the country.

Khan, 73, has been in jail since 2023 and is currently lodged at the high-security Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi.

Addressing a press conference in Peshawar, Afridi said arrests of PTI provincial ministers and lawmakers had begun ahead of the protest, prompting an emergency meeting of the party's parliamentary group. The Minister said the party had pursued "all constitutional and democratic avenues" but was being prevented from meeting Khan despite court orders. He said PTI had no intention of confrontation and would pursue its demands through peaceful and democratic means. He also said party workers would not carry weapons during the protest. Afridi also warned that any firing during the protest could lead to retaliation and alleged that the prevailing situation was pushing the country towards 'civil war'.

World Is Bigger Than 5": After India, Turkey Calls For UN Security Council Reforms

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After India, Turkey has also called for comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), including the removal of the veto power held by its five permanent members: China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. In an op-ed for Bloomberg titled "The UN Should Abolish the Security Council Veto," Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan stressed that "the world is bigger than five" and that global decision-making mechanisms must adapt to be "more effective, fair, and accountable."

UNSC was established in 1945, in the aftermath of World War II. Since then, its permanent membership has remained unchanged, holding the five permanent seats, each with veto power, commanding disproportionate influence. India has repeatedly called for a permanent seat in the UNSC while also bidding for its expansion to make the body more representative of today's world, with greater participation from Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

'Need For Reform'

Erdogan stressed that the UNSC continues to reflect the structure of the post-World War II era and argued that the international system must better reflect today's global realities by broadening representation and sharing leadership responsibility equitably.

He noted that recent global crises, including pandemics, energy shocks, and supply chain disruptions due to regional conflicts, have exposed the limits of leaving solutions to global challenges to the decisions of a handful of countries. "The World Is Bigger Than Five"

"We must incorporate the experience, capacity and will of different regions into efforts to address global and regional challenges. In this respect, our call that "The world is bigger than five" is an invitation to embrace a broader understanding of responsibility," he wrote. The Turkish president has long called for reforms to the global agency,



often using the slogan: "The world is bigger than five," which refers to the UNSC's unrepresentative membership.

Calling for the addition of new privileged members to the Security Council, Erdogan said it is now imperative to translate the need for reform into a concrete roadmap. He said the move would not resolve the problem of decision-making power being concentrated in the hands of a few states; rather, it would expand the scope of the privileged structure.

'Abolish Veto Power'

He also called for the abolition of veto privilege. He said the act should be both the starting point and the fundamental strategic objective of any meaningful reform. "Reform cannot mean extending the same privilege to other states," he said.

'Greater Role For General Assembly'

The Turkish leader also called for a new balance between the UN Security Council and the General Assembly. He proposed enhancing the powers of the General Assembly and creating a Security Council without permanent members, with council members elected by the General Assembly for fixed terms.

Under the approach outlined by the president, member states seeking another term as UNSC members would have to regain the confidence of a majority of the General Assembly through elections. "Within the General Assembly, a

broad coalition should be built around the principle that no state should have the power to permanently obstruct the will of the majority of the international community," he wrote.

"Representation and accountability of the Security Council before the General Assembly should be enhanced," he added.

New International Order

Erdogan also argued the international order of the future could not be built by preserving the hierarchies of the past.

"The developments of the last quarter century -- a relatively brief period in world history -- have demonstrated that no balance of power and no international order are permanent. The system that promised humanity peace, stability and shared prosperity has failed to prevent new wars, reduce inequalities or respond to shifting balances of power," he noted. He noted that new centres of power have emerged across fields ranging from the economy and security to technology and diplomacy, while international institutions have failed to adapt to this transformation at the same pace.

Wars, the climate crisis, irregular migration, and economic vulnerabilities have once again underscored the importance of states having strong institutions, resilient economies, and deterrent defence capabilities. The security and sustainability of trade, logistics, transport, and energy corridors have become increasingly decisive, he added.

'Asia and Africa Need a Seat at the Table'

The president noted that Asia's economic weight has grown while Africa is also calling for stronger representation commensurate with its potential, with developing countries voicing their own priorities more assertively.

He said the growing influence of certain regional actors has brought greater responsibility to address challenges within their own regions.

"The issues facing each region cannot be resolved through methods imposed from outside. We believe that approaches grounded in the will of the countries concerned, local circumstances, and shared interests will produce more lasting and stable outcomes," he said, calling for nations with the diplomatic capacity, economic resources, and ability to communicate with different sides to assume "more active roles" in promoting peace and stability.

Failures of Globalisation

Erdogan also addressed economic inequalities across the globe, saying expectations that globalisation would broadly distribute prosperity had not been fully met. "In these changing circumstances, responsibilities must be shared equitably to ensure global justice, while developing countries' right to development and access to the financing they need must be guaranteed. Such a change requires international will on a broad scale," he said.

"Make Deal Or Quickly Drive Iran Into Hell?" Trump At UN General Assembly

Days after US President Donald Trump told Axios that he is approaching crossroads in the Iran war about whether to restart massive attacks or not, he said that he has a "big decision" to make. While addressing the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Trump said, "I have a big decision to make. Will a deal be made with Iran that lets them rebuild and create a far greater country than it ever was before, maybe one of the greatest in the Middle East or even the world?," he questioned.

Then added, "Or do I annihilate the Islamic Republic and do it quickly, never giving them a chance to kill and destroy people and countries again?"

However, Trump soon answered his own question and said that the US would make a deal with Iran after the mid-term elections are held on November 3.

"I believe we'll make a deal right after the election because it doesn't make sense for them not to. They're waiting to see how I do in the midterm election," Trump said during his speech.

When the 80-year-old leader started speaking



about the last six months of military strikes against Tehran, the Iranian delegation walked out and only one person remained seated.

Trump defended his ongoing conflict with Iran which has triggered widespread economic disruption after Tehran blocked the Strait of Hormuz and emphasised his "unwavering" commitment to ensure that the Islamic Republic never gets hold of a nuclear weapon.

"As president of the most extraordinary nation in history," Trump said. "I have no interest in leaving dangers to grow for another day. I do not believe in let-

ting problems fester."

Last year, while addressing the General Assembly, Trump had claimed that the US had "demolished" Iran's nuclear capabilities.

Trump Rejects Claims About US Running Low On Ammunition

Trump also rejected claims that the US is running low on ammunition and said that the US is adding to the stockpiles "faster than ever before."

"The cowards and traitors would love to say the United States is low on ammunition, but that's not true," he said.

"We have more munitions than we could ever possibly think of using, and

we're building them at levels we have never done before. We are adding to our stockpiles faster than ever before-top-of-the-line stuff", he added.

He also claimed that in the near future, massive munitions plants will be opening and that there are 18 in construction at the moment. The high-level general debate is scheduled from September 22 to 26 and on September 28 in New York, featuring global leaders addressing critical international challenges alongside high-level meetings focused on climate action, development, sea-level rise, and pandemic preparedness.

Pakistan Hospitals Ordered To Prepare For "Mass Casualty" Ahead Of PTI March

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's three sisters have been detained in Lahore as authorities prepare for a major Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) march in Islamabad on September 27. At the same time, hospitals in the capital have been told to prepare for a possible "mass casualty event" ahead of the planned protest. Aleema Khan, Dr Uzma Khan and Noreen Niazi were detained within 24 hours as part of a crackdown on Khan's family and PTI leaders ahead of the march, which the party says will demand the release of their jailed leader and former prime minister.

The sisters were detained under Pakistan's Maintenance of Public Order (MPO) law, which allows their detention for up to 30 days, according to Drop Site News. Eight members of Khan's family were detained during the crackdown. The children were later released after being held for a few hours, according to Aleema Khan's son Shershah Khan, while the three sisters remain in custody. Shershah Khan said on X that police surrounded the family's home in Lahore. "Our home is under siege. Both ends of our street have been cordoned off, effectively placing our entire family under house arrest," he wrote. The move comes as authorities step up measures against the party and its supporters ahead of the planned protest demanding the release of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan. The arrests came as federal health authorities issued instructions to hospitals in Islamabad to prepare for a possible large number of casualties during the September 27 march. Hospitals have been asked to clear beds and prepare their surgical departments for a potential emergency, according to Drop Site News."

Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma headline ICC Player of the Month shortlist



Hyderabad: India batting duo Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma headline the ICC Men's Player of the Month shortlist for September alongside Zimbabwe captain Sikandar Raza. Sri Lanka captain Chamari Athapaththu, India's Sree Charani and Shafali Verma make up the women's shortlist. Sharma smashed 229 runs in

four T20Is, including a record 30-ball century against Afghanistan, while Gill amassed 333 runs in two ODIs against the West Indies, including his second double-century. Raza was the leading run-scorer in Zimbabwe's home ODI series against Australia. The women's shortlist recognises standout performances at the Asia Cup

and the Asian Games. Athapaththu made an impact with both bat and ball, while Shafali excelled at the top of the order and finished as the leading run-scorer in the Women's Asia Cup. Charani, meanwhile, reached the highest rating points ever recorded in the ICC Women's T20I Bowling Rankings.

Top Indian amateurs set for IGU Southern India Golf Championships in Bengaluru

Hyderabad: Most of the country's top amateurs, including a few promising juniors, have arrived in the Garden City for the IGU Rotary Southern India Bio-Gen Sansera Amateur Golf Championships, which tees off at the picturesque KGA course in Bengaluru. In all, 77 golfers will vie for the winner's purse of Rs 75,000 in the eighth leg of the IGU circuit. Ribhav Verma, third in the Order of Merit, and Ranveer Mitroo, who have both won once this season, will be the cynosure of attention in probably the only amateur event that offers prize money. Junior boys' Order of Merit leader Harjai Milkha Singh, Arin Ahuja, Chaitanya Pandey, Krish Chawla and a host of local golfers will look to write their own scripts at the course, where players must be solid from tee to green. Although the greens are not as lightning-fast as they were during the PGTI event two weeks ago, the player who putts well could be the last one standing.

Like in the amateur event, many promising KGA golfers are in the



fray in the three-day Ladies and Junior Girls event, which begins on Wednesday. While the Ladies winner will also get a cheque for Rs 75,000, the organisers have decided to offer nominal prize money in the other three categories — 'A' (15-17 years), 'B' (13-14) and 'C' (11-12)—as well. Winless so far this season, Shashank Sachin Gadre will look

to end his drought and retain his title at the IGU Western India Junior Boys Golf Championship, which gets underway at the Oxford Golf Resort in Pune on Tuesday. Besides Gadre, in-form Vihaan Jain, who has won twice this year, and Jaibir Singh Kang will be watched with interest. Competition will be held in three categories.

Rohan Bopanna, Roman Burruchaga headline Kia TPL Season 8 marquee line-up

Hyderabad: From Indian tennis legend Rohan Bopanna to international stars Roman Burruchaga and Rinky Hijikata, the Kia Tennis Premier League (TPL) has announced the marquee players who will represent each of its eight franchises in the eighth season, ahead of the player auction on October 12 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Mumbai.

The eight franchises, Mumbai Royals, Rajasthan Rangers, Gurgaon Grand Slammers, Kolkata Thunder Blades, Lucknow Blazers, Hyderabad Strikers, Gujarat Panthers and GS Delhi Aces, will look to build their respective squads around their marquee players at the auction. Rohan Bopanna, representing the Gurgaon Grand Slammers, will lead the marquee line-up. The 46-year-old Indian is a former World No. 1 in men's doubles and a two-time Grand Slam champion, having won the 2017 French Open mixed doubles title and the 2024 Australian Open men's doubles title. One of the most accomplished players in Indian tennis history and a recipient of the Padma Shri and Arjuna Award, Bopanna will bring his wealth of experience to another season. Rohan Bopanna said, "I'm really looking forward to



"This year, the competition will be very high, with a great mix of experienced players and young Indian talent. Hyderabad has always had a strong connection with tennis, so I'm sure the atmosphere will make it even more special. I'm excited to compete, enjoy the experience and be back on court." Argentina's Roman Burruchaga, representing the

Kolkata Thunder Blades, will be the highest-ranked singles player among the international marquee contingent. The 24-year-old is currently ranked World No. 60 and also achieved a career-high ranking of World No. 56 earlier this year. Burruchaga has established himself as a regular presence on the ATP Tour and will be one to watch out for in the Kia TPL this season. Australian Rinky Hijikata, who will represent the Rajasthan Rangers, has already tasted Grand Slam success, winning the 2023 Australian Open men's doubles title. He also reached the 2025 Wimbledon men's doubles final and achieved a career-high doubles ranking of World No. 23. Currently ranked World No. 82 in singles, Hijikata's combination of singles experience and Grand Slam doubles pedigree will be a valuable asset to the Rajasthan Rangers' campaign. Rinky Hijikata said, "I'm really excited to be part of the Rajasthan Rangers and make my Kia TPL debut this season. The 25-point format makes the league very exciting, and I'm looking forward to experiencing the energy in Hyderabad."

CISCE National Taekwondo Tournament for Boys 2026 begins in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The 7th CISCE National Taekwondo Tournament for Boys 2026 was inaugurated at International School, Shaikpet, Hyderabad, on Sunday, bringing together 299 young taekwondo athletes from 12 regions across the country for a four-day national-level sporting event. Conducted as part of the Council's National Games and Sports – 2026, A.P. & Telangana Region, the tournament will see participants compete in sparring (Kyorugi) across the Under-14 (U14), Under-17 (U17) and Under-19 (U19) divisions in standardised weight categories. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Sri Kanumuru Raghu Rama Krishna Raju, Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, as the Chief Guest, and Sri Suresh Chukkappalli, Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Hyderabad, as the Guest of Honour.

The ceremony commenced with the welcoming of the distinguished guests and an introduction to the programme, followed by a prayer song, ceremonial lighting of the lamp and a homage to Dr. Kakarla Subbarao. The institution's rich legacy is being carried forward under the leadership of Board of Directors member Mr. Kakarla Sushrut. The legacy envisioned by Dr. Kakarla Subbarao continues through the institution's commitment to providing quality education to future generations, nurturing their holistic development and enabling them to grow into productive, responsible and contributing citizens of the country. The programme also featured a series of cultural performances celebrating India's sporting spirit and the rich cultural heritage of Telangana. The school choir presented the Khelo India Anthem, while the invocation dance was performed to Pranavalaya. A vibrant folk presentation featuring a medley of Bonalu and Bathukamma songs showcased the cultural traditions of Telangana.

In her welcome address, the Principal of International School, Shaikpet, Mrs. V. Lakshmi, welcomed the distinguished guests, participating athletes, coaches, officials and



other members of the gathering, and highlighted the significance of hosting a national-level taekwondo tournament at the school.

The ceremonial proceedings continued with the invitation of the distinguished guests to the dais, followed by the hoisting of the flags and the march-past of the participating teams. The athletes took part in the ceremony in a display of discipline, coordination and sporting spirit.

The taekwondo tournament was formally declared open by Chief Guest Sri Kanumuru Raghu Rama Krishna Raju. The declaration was marked by the release of balloons by the Chief Guest, symbolising the commencement of the national sporting event. The oath-taking ceremony, conducted in the presence of the Guest of Honour, reaffirmed the participating athletes' commitment to fair play, discipline, sportsmanship and adherence to the rules of the tournament.

Chief Guest highlights deeper values of taekwondo

Addressing the gathering, Sri Kanumuru Raghu Rama Krishna Raju spoke about taekwondo as a Korean martial art that combines speed and agility and has earned a place on the Olympic stage since 2000. He appreciated the young participants for choosing taekwondo and expressed his delight at being invited to the event. He also commended the traditional performances presented during the ceremony and emphasised the impor-

ance of preserving and celebrating cultural heritage. Highlighting the connection between sport and culture, he encouraged the students to embrace participation and wished the young athletes success in the tournament.

Guest of Honour stresses role of sport in shaping young minds

Sri Suresh Chukkappalli, Guest of Honour, expressed his pleasure at being part of the event and spoke of taekwondo's deep roots in Korean culture and tradition. He highlighted the role of sport and co-curricular pursuits in shaping well-rounded individuals, fostering qualities such as grace, discipline and compassion. Appreciating the school's emphasis on academics alongside wider activities, he encouraged teachers and parents to support children in pursuing diverse interests and wished the participants success in the tournament.

Board of Directors member underscores discipline behind taekwondo excellence

Board of Directors member Mr. Kakarla Sushrut, in his address, welcomed the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and other dignitaries and reflected on what taekwondo represents to the institution. He emphasised that excellence in taekwondo rests on two complementary dimensions — emotional discipline and physical discipline. While emotional discipline requires concentration, enhanced focus and adherence to rules, he described

it as the driving force behind physical discipline. He explained that physical discipline encompasses muscle strength, stamina, reflexes, flexibility, agility and joint mobility, along with precise coordination between hand and foot movements. He congratulated the participating students and their coaches for their dedicated training and for bringing the young athletes to such a prestigious national platform. The distinguished guests and other dignitaries were felicitated during the ceremony. The formal inaugural proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks. Following the ceremony, the guests and members of the press and media had an opportunity to interact with the organisers and witness a taekwondo demonstration fight, showcasing the techniques and skills associated with the sport. The tournament will continue until October 7, with athletes competing across the three age divisions. The event also provides an important opportunity for the participating athletes, as the top podium finishers at the national tournament will earn selection to represent the CISCE Board at the upcoming School Games Federation of India (SGFI) National School Games, as per the applicable selection process. The four-day tournament provides a national platform for young athletes to demonstrate their sporting skills while fostering discipline, perseverance, physical fitness, confidence and sportsmanship.

Himachal Kabaddi players to get Rs 1 crore each after Asian Games gold

New Delhi: The Himachal Pradesh government on Monday increased the cash reward for its women's Kabaddi players who won gold at the recently concluded Asian Games, with three players set to receive Rs 1 crore each along with government jobs. The three Himachali players of the Indian women's Kabaddi team — Pushpa Rana, Jyoti Thakur and Bhawna Thakur — will be awarded prize money of Rs 1 crore each by the Himachal Pradesh government for their performance at the Aichi-Nagoya Games, where both the women's and men's Kabaddi teams won gold medals.

Pushpa, Jyoti and Bhawna met Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and were presented with Himachali caps and shawls in their honour. The three players will also be awarded government jobs, the Himachal Pradesh government said in a release. "The Chief Minister said that the three players would also be provided employment in government service. Those who do not wish to join the Police Department would be offered appointments in the Youth Services and Sports Department, enabling them to continue pursuing their sporting careers while contributing to the promotion and development of sports in the state," the release said.

Meanwhile, India fast bowler Renuka Thakur will also be



awarded Rs 1 crore "in recognition of her achievements", the release said. The women's Kabaddi players spoke about their meeting with the state Chief Minister after they were left disappointed when Kabaddi players were offered Rs 33 lakh each for their gold-medal win. "Look, we were very disappointed because according to the sports policy, we were not being given the amount that was due to us. So literally, anyone would be disappointed," India captain Pushpa Rana, who is from Himachal Pradesh, told IANS. "Now, after meeting him, we received a very positive response from the Chief Minister. Considering how politely he handled us and lis-

tened to us attentively, I am hopeful that the Rs 1 crore announced or promised to us will definitely be given," she added. Jyoti also spoke about the meeting with the CM. "First of all, I want to share that in the recent Asian Games in Japan, Team India won the gold medal, which is a proud moment for the whole nation and state. Today, we had a meeting with the Chief Minister. Our main points of discussion were regarding the cash awards and jobs. "Initially, an award of Rs 33 lakh was announced, which was seen on social media. This had left us disappointed. So, we met the Chief Minister to present our side. He assured us that an incentive reward of Rs 1

crore will be presented to us at an official function," she said. Meanwhile, Himachal Pradesh Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan also praised the state players for their performances at the Asiad. "Today, three of our girls from Himachal Pradesh who represented Team India — including Pushpa Rana from Sirmour, who served as captain of the Indian team, along with Bhawna Thakur and Jyoti Thakur — met the Chief Minister and me. It is a matter of great pride and happiness that the Indian team was represented by three players from Himachal, including Ritu Negi from the Shillai constituency. It is a proud moment for us that they led India to the gold medal," he said.

Ranabaali Director Takes A Sensible Call On Violence

Ever since the Ranabaali teaser came out, there have been some apprehensions over the portrayal of violence. Addressing all those concerns, director Rahul Sankrityan has openly admitted that Ranabaali had some portions of brutal violence. However, he said such violence has been toned down without affecting the story and emotions.

Rahul Sankrityan admitted that the violence and atrocity scenes in the film were a bit brutal and bold, and hence they have been toned down after considering feedback from the initial audience. Ranabaali is a period action drama. Vijay Deverakonda plays Singanamala Bobbili Ranabaali, a rebellious warrior who fights British oppression and saves his starving community during the Great Famine.

In an exclusive interview with Gulte, director Rahul said, "I showed Ranabaali preview to different sections of the audience. The feedback was that

the atrocities were too harsh and difficult to digest. So, I toned down the violence because it was disturbing and affecting the next scene for the audience." It is good that Rahul toned down the violence, as audiences are unable to bear extreme violence these days, with most films increasingly adopting this approach. It has been a long time since Vijay Deverakonda delivered a big blockbuster in cinemas. The film also happens to be the first film featuring Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika together after the couple tied the knot.

Hence, Ranabaali is crucial for Vijay, Rashmika and Rahul who has previously directed Shyam Singha Roy and Taxiwaala. Ranabaali is carrying high expectations and is clashing with Superstar Rajinikanth's Jailer 2 in theatres which makes the clash interesting to watch out. Let's wait and see, what is in store for Ranabaali.



KV & RV Friendship Song: Unforgettable Memories!

Friendship is one of the most beautiful emotions of childhood, and Summer Holidays is celebrating that bond through a special song featuring KV and RV. The song composed by Sinjith takes audiences into the heart of village life, where the two friends enjoy carefree moments together, play games, explore their surroundings and turn simple days into unforgettable memories. The song's visual setting gives it a refreshing rural charm and makes the friendship feel natural and lived-in. The village becomes a playground for KV and RV especially that mango farm, with their bonding reflected through games, laughter and little adventures. This fits naturally with Summer Holidays, which has been promoted as a story that reconnects audiences with childhood memories, village life and friendship.

Purna Chary's lyrics capture the pure and uncomplicated



nature of childhood friendship, giving the song a nostalgic quality. Sree Rama Chandra's voice is another major attraction, bringing a soft emotional texture to the number. His rendition makes the friendship moments feel even more heart-

felt, turning the song into a pleasant listen beyond the visuals. Produced by Dheeraj Mogilineni under Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainments, Summer Holidays is directed by Srikar, who is making his mark with a story centred on child-

hood experiences. Master Rohan, Master Arun, Baby Khushi, Jayasudha, Rajeev Kanakala, Vasuki Anand, Harshini Koduru, Harshavardhan, Ramana Bhargav and Mahesh Chintala are also part of the cast.

Chiru-Odela Not Happening Anytime Soon!?

Ever since Nani and Srikanth Odela's The Paradise turned out to be a disappointment and garnered mixed talk from various sections, all eyes are on director Srikanth Odela's next with Megastar Chiranjeevi which will be co-produced by Nani. In a first candid conversation after The Paradise release, Nani opened up on the issues surrounding The Paradise and what went wrong and how Srikanth Odela might have learnt his lessons. Nani first reasoned that there were logistic issues that led to The Paradise's underperformance. Nani also admitted that The Paradise could have been much better. He, however, said Srikanth Odela has very strong ideas and Nani has a lot of faith and belief in Srikanth's talent and he would bounce back again with his next. When asked about Srikanth Odela's next film with Chiranjeevi for which Nani turned into producer, Nani said, "Due to. The Paradise's delay, Chiranjeevi sir moved onto his other projects and other commitments. I have not met Chiranjeevi sir yet after Paradise. Once we sit, we may get clarity on it." Nani said the lesson learnt is that no matter how long a film takes to



complete, be it 3 years or 5 years, the long duration of the time should be spent either in prep or post, but not during the filming of the film.

Meanwhile, Nani stated that he will collaborate with Srikanth Odela as he believes

he has got a great talent and he is raring to go from here. Nani stressed that his statement about Srikanth may surprise many, but he added that everyone will get to know about Srikanth later and then they will understand my state-

ment. The key takeaway is that Chiru – Srikanth Odela film may take time due to Chiru's other commitments and busy schedule. The blessing in disguise is that The Paradise result hasn't affected Nani and Srikanth's bond.

Mouli, Mythri's DNK Seals Release Date

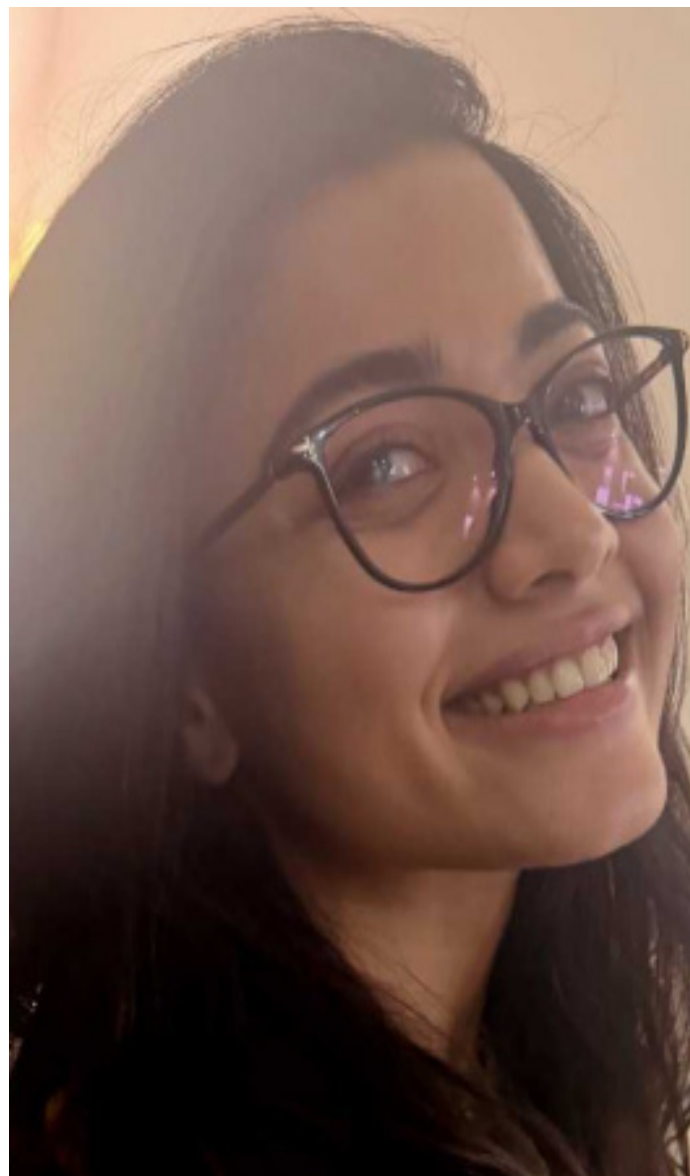


Mythri Movie Makers is gearing up to bring a fresh dose of fun and family entertainment with Donga Naa Koduku. Starring Mouli Tanuj Prasanth of Little Hearts fame, the film is directed by debutant Sreenu Kambala. The makers have now confirmed that the movie will arrive in theatres on November 13. The announcement was made through a lively new poster. It sees Mouli sitting on a sofa, looking completely shocked and nervous, while Ali and Rajitha appear behind him as his parents. Rajitha's serious expression and gesture towards Mouli, along with Ali's quirky reaction, create an entertaining visual. The poster hints at a hilarious parent-son relationship and promises plenty of comedy in the family setting. Sushmitha Shetty plays the female lead in the film produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar. With the release date officially locked, Donga Naa Koduku is now heading into the next phase of its promotional campaign.

Rashmika Mandanna reveals her simple side off screen

Rashmika Mandanna is currently one of the busiest actresses in Indian cinema. Her work schedule often takes her from Hyderabad to Mumbai for film and advertisement shoots, while her professional commitments also take her abroad for fashion events and brand assignments. Despite her hectic lifestyle and celebrity status, Rashmika says she is quite simple and low maintenance when she is away from the spotlight. In a recent interview with Vogue, Rashmika opened up about her personality at home and said she is a simple girl.

"I am very low maintenance," she said with a laugh. Rashmika also spoke about her husband, actor Vijay Deverakonda, and said his personality off screen is very different from his focused and intense image on film sets. Rashmika and Vijay Deverakonda are



set to share the screen in "Ranabaali", which is scheduled to release on October 16. The film will be their first release together after their marriage.