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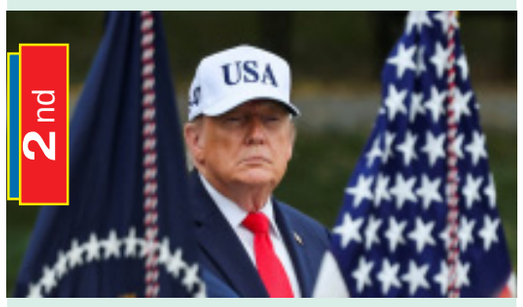


Another War with Iran Highly Unlikely

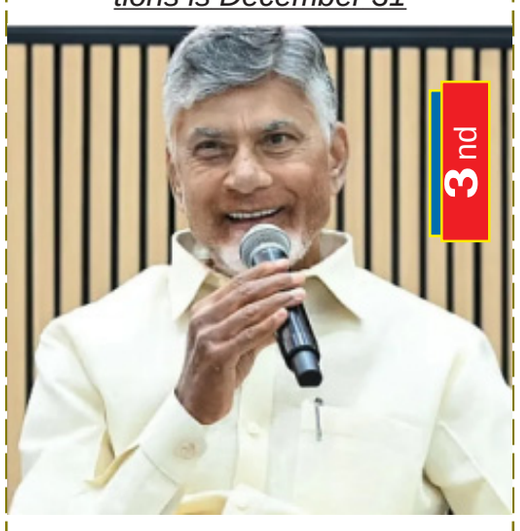
U.S. President Donald Trump

US: Amidst ongoing tensions with Iran, U.S. President Donald Trump has made significant remarks, stating that the possibility of another war with Iran is extremely low. However, he emphasized the necessity of reaching a firm agreement regarding Iran's nuclear program and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. He warned that if Iran does not agree to such a deal, the U.S. remains prepared to launch military strikes."Trump noted that the U.S.

Good news for employees

Shift from CPS to OPS: Andhra Pradesh government issues key orders

Guidelines finalized for switching to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS)
Option for OPS extended to AP government employees; Government Order (GO) issued
Deadline for submission of applications is December 31



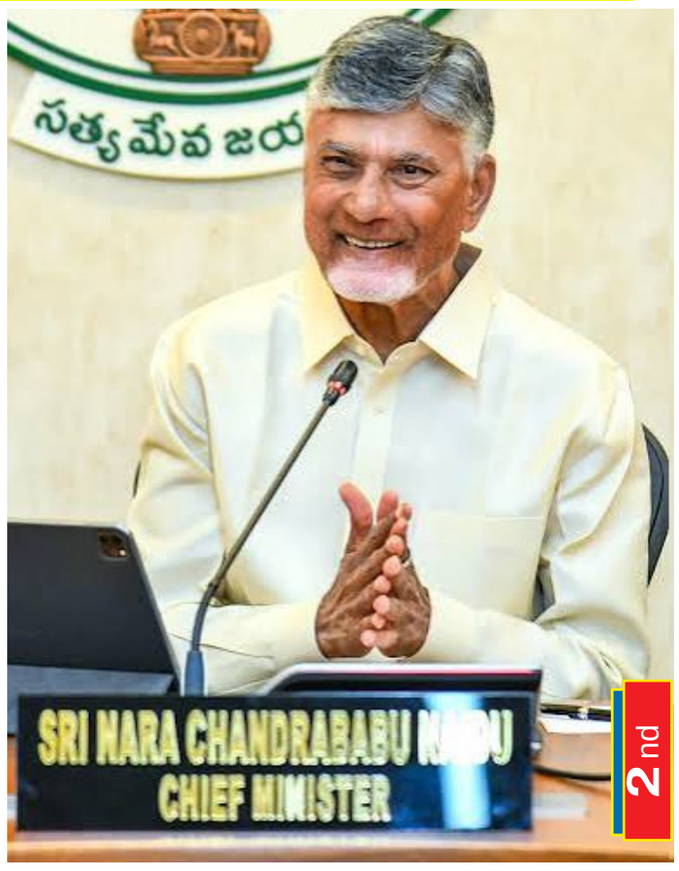
Amarawathi: The Andhra Pradesh state government has brought good news for its employees. The Finance Department has issued G.O. Ms. No. 158,

Bowing one's head and offering salutations

at the feet of the people

This is the respect earned for good governance

Unanimous victory for the coalition in the local body elections.
This is the approval received for his government's good governance, says CM Chandrababu.
It has been revealed that the support has increased more now than the 2024 general elections.
In many districts Comment that the public support for YSRCP is completely lacking



Amarawathi ,: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has expressed his delight over the resounding victory achieved by the alliance in the recently concluded local body elections in Andhra Pradesh. He described this outcome as a tribute from the public to his government's good governance and the development initiatives undertaken over the past two and a half years.

Visakhapatnam Gears Up for

Mega CII Investment Summit

Delegates from 59 Nations to Attend



Our Staff Reporter Pen Power | Visakhapatnam | November 9:" Visakhapatnam is gearing up to host another major international business event, with the 31st CII Partnership Summit scheduled for November 12 and 13. The prestigious summit is expected to provide a major boost to Andhra Pradesh's industrial and economic growth by bringing together global investors, industrialists, government representatives..

SEC makes key announcement

regarding election code in AP

Amarawathi:The Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission (SEC) has issued a key announcement regarding local body elections in the state. It has declared the lifting of the Model Code of Conduct in urban areas, following the completion of the entire election process for municipal corporations, municipalities, and nagar panchayats. The election process for MPTCs (Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies) and Zilla Parishads has also concluded.



Local body elections in AP"Model Code of Conduct lifted in urban areas"Model Code of Conduct remains in force in rural areas

A fatal train accident in Egypt

Seven people died, 100 injured



Egypt: A horrific train accident occurred near the city of Giza in Egypt. Two passenger trains have collided in the Giza province. A passenger train going from Al-Ayat to Fayyum.. Another train going from Cairo to Aswan collided from behind. Seven others were killed in the incident. Over 100 others were injured. The country's railway authority has reported that several bogies derailed and fell into the canal due to an accident. Emergency teams arrived at the scene and started rescue operations. The Public Prosecution Office has said that there is a possibility of an increase in the number of deaths. The president of that country, Abdel Fattah, ordered the officials to conduct a rapid investigation into the accident. Meanwhile, in this district, in the incident where two goods trains collided last year, the loco pilot and his assistant were injured. On the other hand, demands poured in Egypt on Sunday for the Transport Minister to resign over the horrific train accident.

Diwali tragedy in Madhya Pradesh

12 dead in 2 separate incidents Two families perish in flames



Bhopal: A major tragedy struck Madhya Pradesh on the night of Diwali. Two separate fire incidents occurred, resulting in the deaths of 12 people and the complete loss of two families to the flames. These incidents took place on Sunday night in the districts of Katni and Seoni. In the town of Barhi, Katni district, six members of the Agarwal family lost their lives in a fire. The three-story building housed a firecracker shop on the ground floor, while the family resided on the upper floors.



Flood at Prakasham Barrage

recedes

Delta farmers breathe a sigh of relief

- Inflow reached 71,000 cusecs due to Cyclone Murasu
- Water level currently at 12 feet at the barrage
- Officials reduced water release into the sea to 3,625 cusecs

Vijayawada: The flood intensity of the Krishna River at Prakasham Barrage in Vijayawada has significantly decreased. It is known that the inflow to the barrage reached about 71,000 cusecs due to heavy rains caused by the recent Cyclone Murasu. With the inflow now decreasing, both officials and delta farmers have breathed a sigh of relief. The water level at Prakasham Barrage is currently stable at 12 feet. As the flood flow decreases, officials are also gradually reducing the water release into the sea. On Sunday afternoon, the outflow was limited to 3,625 cusecs from 7,250 cusecs in the evening. At the same time, approximately 1,516 cusecs of water is being released into canals for the irrigation needs of the Krishna East Delta. With the inflow now fully under control, officials believe that the flood threat to the Krishna Delta region has been averted.



BASTAR'S DIWALI

A VICTORY OVER FEAR, A NEW DAWN OF PEACE

PM Modi's Historic Celebration with Security Forces Sends a Powerful Message of National Unity

The End of Maoist Violence Must Mark the Beginning of Lasting Development, Justice and Prosperity in India's Tribal Heartland

Diwali 2026 will occupy a special place in India's internal security history. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to celebrate the festival of lights with security personnel at the CoBRA Operations Base in Karanpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, was more than a ceremonial gesture. It symbolised the transformation of a region once synonymous with Maoist violence, insecurity and developmental isolation into a landscape of renewed national hope.““Addressing security personnel, the Prime Minister declared that this was the first Diwali when every district in India was free from Naxalism. His announcement represented a significant milestone in the country's decades-long struggle against Left-Wing Extremism. However, the true significance of this achievement must be measured not merely by the decline of armed insurgency, but by the lasting peace and prosperity it brings to affected communities.““Honouring the Guardians of National Security““For decades, security forces have operated under extraordinarily difficult conditions across India's Maoist-affected regions. Personnel from the CRPF, CoBRA, BSF, ITBP, state police and specialised units have demonstrated remarkable courage while confronting ambushes, landmines and armed attacks.““Their sacrifices deserve the nation's enduring gratitude. While millions celebrated Diwali with their families, security personnel continued safeguarding communities and defending national stability. The Prime Minister's celebration with them conveyed an important message: internal security is as essential to national progress as the protection of international borders.““Yet, this victory must also acknowledge the suffering of innocent civilians, tribal families and communities whose lives were disrupted by prolonged violence.““From Security Operations to Sustainable Development““The weakening of Maoist extremism presents an extraordinary opportunity to transform Bastar and other previously affected regions.““For generations, remote tribal communities have struggled with inadequate roads, limited healthcare, educational deprivation, unemployment and administrative neglect. Restoring security creates opportunities for development, but cannot replace development itself.““The government must now prioritise quality education, accessible healthcare, employment generation, reliable infrastructure and meaningful economic opportunities.““Equally important is safeguarding tribal land rights, cultural identity, traditional livelihoods and constitutional protections. Development cannot be considered successful unless local communities become active participants in shaping their own future.““Democracy Must Replace the Politics of Fear““The disappearance of organised violence does not automatically eliminate the grievances that contributed to extremism. Poverty, inequality, unresolved land disputes and limited access to justice require sustained institutional attention.““Effective rehabilitation of former insurgents, transparent governance, stronger local democratic institutions and accountability in public administration must become central priorities.““Peace must be accompanied by public confidence in constitutional governance. People who endured decades of insecurity deserve not only protection from violence but also dignity, opportunity and meaningful participation in democracy.““Let the Light Reach Every Tribal Village““Bastar's Diwali sends an inspiring message of national resilience. Nevertheless, this achievement must transcend political celebrations and become a lasting commitment to inclusive progress.““The ultimate victory over Maoist extremism will not be determined by official declarations alone. It will be visible when every child can attend school without fear, every family can access healthcare, every young person can pursue a dignified livelihood and every tribal village enjoys the benefits of democracy.““The silence of guns may signify the end of conflict, but the arrival of education, justice, opportunity and human dignity will signify the beginning of genuine peace.““That must be Bastar's greatest Diwali victory — and India's most meaningful tribute to its brave security personnel. The courage of security personnel cannot be confined to political narratives, nor should the welfare of affected communities become a matter of partisan competition.““Successive administrations, security institutions, local communities and civil society have all played roles in confronting the challenges posed by Left-Wing Extremism.““Recognising the sacrifices of security forces must go hand in hand with remembering civilian victims, supporting bereaved families and protecting the dignity of people who endured prolonged insecurity.““For the nation, the occasion offers an opportunity to express gratitude while reaffirming its commitment to peace, justice and inclusive development.““Let the Light of Peace Reach Every Village““The most meaningful legacy of Modi's Diwali celebration in Bastar will not be determined solely by the symbolism of the Prime Minister standing alongside security personnel in a former conflict zone.““It will be determined by what happens in the years ahead.““Will remote tribal villages receive dependable healthcare and quality education? Will young people have access to employment? Will democratic institutions become stronger? Will the communities that suffered through decades of violence finally experience security, dignity and prosperity?““These are the questions that must shape the next phase of governance.““India has every reason to honour the courage and sacrifice of its security forces. Their determination has created an opportunity for a better future in regions long burdened by conflict.““But the responsibility of the nation does not end with celebrating a security achievement. It extends to ensuring that peace is preserved, justice is accessible and development reaches every household.““The true victory over Naxalism will be complete not merely when the sound of gunfire disappears from the forests, but when the light of education, opportunity, democracy and human dignity illuminates every village of Bastar.““That would be the finest tribute to India's brave security personnel — and the most meaningful celebration of Diwali.

Brutal murder for money in Chhattisgarh

- Collection of a child's organs for online sale

- The accused committed the crime after watching videos on social media

- The barbarian killed the child after getting him drunk and slitting his throat

- Police arrested the accused and seized the organs



Chhattisgarh: Driven by the greed to earn quick money, a young man resorted to this atrocity. He brutally murdered a four-year-old boy and attempted to sell the organs online. The accused admitted to committing this horrific act under the influence of videos he saw on social media. This inhumane incident took place in the Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh. According to police details, Basudev (27), a laborer living in the Chalni Gorrapath village under the Sanna police station jurisdiction, was dissatisfied with his earnings and often searched for ways to earn easy money on social media. During this search, he came up with the idea of selling children's organs for money. On November 5, he lured his relative's four-year-old son, Jitendra Ram, to a secluded area with false promises. There, he got the boy drunk, and after he fell into a stupor, he killed him by slitting his throat with a knife. He then dismembered the boy's body, separating the kidneys, lungs, and eyes, and placed them in a plastic bucket. He wrapped the corpse in a blanket and buried it in a water pit near a cornfield. After the son went missing since November 5, his father, Ramjeet Ram, filed a complaint with the police on Saturday. During the search operations, the partially buried body was discovered in the pit on Sunday. When Basudev was taken into custody for suspicion and interrogated, he confessed to the crime. Based on the information provided by the accused, the police seized the weapons used in the murder and the bucket containing the organs. Jashpur SSP Lal Umed Singh stated that a case has been registered and an investigation is underway regarding this incident.

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The fire broke out at night and spread upwards; as the victims were asleep, they were trapped and burned to death. The deceased have been identified as Puran Agarwal, Chandrakala, Poonam, Arya, and Anvi. Two others managed to survive. The bodies were recovered in the early hours of the morning. It is suspected that the fire may have been caused by a short circuit or the flames from lamps (diyas). Meanwhile, another fire incident occurred in the town of Chapara, in Seoni district. Six people died following an incident at the home of a the jeweler. The deceased have been identified as Kundan Lal Soni, Rajkumari Soni, Ritu Soni, Smriti Soni, Surya Soni, and Aditya Soni. Four others managed to escape the incident. There were ten people in the house at the time the fire broke out. According to the police, the incident occurred while the occupants were fast asleep. These two incidents have cast a pall of deep tragedy over Madhya Pradesh.

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Speaking at a press conference following the election results, he reiterated his firm belief that "good governance leads to good politics," noting that the people have once again validated this conviction. Chandrababu observed that the public's support for the alliance has grown even stronger in these local elections compared to the 2024 general elections, while simultaneously, the YSR Congress Party has faced an even greater rejection by the electorate. He pointed out that the results clearly show that people from all walks of life—across both urban and rural areas—have stood firmly with the alliance. Whether through EVMs, ballot papers, or postal ballots, the people have consistently backed the alliance. He specifically highlighted that the YSRCP has lost almost all public support in districts such as Anakapalli, Konaseema, Kakinada, Palnadu, West Godavari, and Visakhapatnam. Chandrababu noted that the government prioritized public welfare even during challenging times, such as cyclones, and that the people have recognized the hard work put in by his administration. He added that the elections took place in a peaceful atmosphere, with citizens voluntarily casting their votes to ensure the victory of the alliance candidates. He expressed his gratitude with great humility, stating that he bows his head in respect to all the people of the state for delivering this historic victory. Chandrababu emphasized that this win has placed an even greater responsibility upon them, and affirmed that they would work with renewed dedication toward the development of the state.

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Mega CII Investment Summit

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and business leaders on a common platform. The two-day event, being organised for the second consecutive year since the coalition government assumed office, is expected to attract representatives from 59 countries, 15 foreign ministers and more than 1,250 domestic and international delegates. Leading industrial groups and prominent business personalities are also expected to participate, creating opportunities for global business partnerships and direct interaction between investors and government representatives.“Rs. 85,561 Crore in Preliminary Investment Agreements :The state government has undertaken extensive preparations to attract large-scale investments through the summit. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has conducted several review meetings with senior officials and set clear targets for securing investment commitments. Ahead of the main event, regional investment summits were organised in Amaravati, Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, Anantapur and Kakinada. These meetings resulted in 195 preliminary Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with various companies, involving proposed investments worth Rs. 85,561 crore. According to official sources, the proposed projects are expected to generate employment opportunities for approximately 1.56 lakh people, provided they are implemented as planned.“Focus on Future-Ready Industries : This year's summit will place special emphasis on attracting investments in emerging and technology-driven sectors, including green energy, semiconductors, information technology, fintech, artificial intelligence, pharmaceuticals and quantum computing.The government expects investments in these sectors to strengthen the state's industrial ecosystem, promote technological development and create skilled employment opportunities for the youth.To improve investor confidence and accelerate industrial development, the state is also promoting its 'Speed of Doing Business' policy, aimed at simplifying procedures and expediting project approvals.“Amit Shah, Vice-President to Attend Summit : The summit will receive national-level prominence with the participation of senior constitutional and Union government leaders. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will attend the inaugural ceremony, while Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan is scheduled to participate in the concluding programme.Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will arrive in Visakhapatnam on November 11. A special gala dinner will be hosted that evening for foreign delegates, industrialists and other distinguished guests.“Extensive Arrangements for International Delegates : The district administration has intensified arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the international event. Special attention is being given to transportation, security, ccommodation and the management of summit venues to ensure a comfortable experience for visiting delegates. The government is looking beyond investment announcements, focusing on converting existing MoUs into actual industrial projects while attracting fresh investors to Andhra Pradesh.The summit is being viewed as a significant opportunity to position Visakhapatnam as a major global investment destination. The scale of investments secured, the number of projects that move towards implementation and the employment opportunities generated will determine the long-term economic impact of the event on Andhra Pradesh.

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has deployed three aircraft carriers to West Asia, all of which are fully prepared for combat. He revealed that key infrastructure in Iran—including power plants and bridges—has been identified as potential targets. He added, however, that destroying such infrastructure could take a decade to rebuild, and for that reason, he would prefer to avoid taking such actions.

Meanwhile, nations in West Asia have intensified diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions with Iran; President Trump has held discussions with the Emir of Qatar. Concurrently, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has met with representatives from several countries, including Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman, Pakistan, and Turkey. Nevertheless, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has clarified that it is too early to claim any immediate progress in these discussions. He remarked that Iran's proposals were not acceptable.

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However, the Model Code of Conduct will remain in force in rural areas due to the ongoing panchayat election process. State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha has issued orders lifting the Model Code of Conduct across the state—excluding rural areas—effective from 10:00 PM on the 7th of this month.“The SEC stated that this decision was taken following the full conclusion of the election process in the state's 13 municipal corporations, 87 municipalities, and nagar panchayats. Although the code could have been lifted earlier, the counting of votes for the Chirala municipality in Bapatla district had been postponed due to Cyclone 'Murasu'. With the counting for that municipality completed on the 6th of this month, the SEC announced the lifting of the code effective from the night of the 7th. As the Gram Panchayat election process is yet to be completed, the Model Code of Conduct will continue to remain in effect across all rural areas of Andhra Pradesh.“Meanwhile, the State Election Commission has also released an official statement regarding the final results of the ZPTC (Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency) and MPTC elections. Out of the 582 ZPTC seats for which polling was held, the TDP won 406, YSRCP 76, Jana Sena Party 73, BJP 20, independent candidates 6, and CPI(M) 1 seat. Similarly, for the 7,768 MPTC seats, the TDP won 4,806, YSRCP 1,711, Jana Sena Party 938, BJP 117, independent candidates 169, Congress 9, CPI(M) 15, and BSP 3 seats. In Nellore district, the alliance secured 26 out of 30 ZPTC seats. It also won 22 seats each in Srikakulam and Anantapur districts, and 21 seats each in Sri Sathya Sai, Tirupati, and Prakasam districts.

All Venues for CII Partnership Summit Must Be Ready 48 Hours in Advance: Yuvraj

Special Chief Secretary Reviews Preparations for November 12–13 Global Investment Event in Visakhapatnam
- Venues to be handed over for police inspection by November 10
- Beautification of beaches and tourist destinations ordered
- Fire safety, electricity and infrastructure arrangements to be thoroughly inspected
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal expected at inaugural session
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan expected to attend valedictory session
- 580 rooms identified across 26 hotels for visiting dignitaries







Our Staff Reporter Pen Power| Visakhapatnam | November 9 : With Visakhapatnam gearing up to host the prestigious Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit on November 12 and 13, Special Chief Secretary for Industries and Commerce N. Yuvraj has directed officials and event organisers to complete all venue-related arrangements at least 48 hours before the commencement of the international event.““Chairing a high-level review meeting on Monday, Yuvraj instructed the concerned departments to ensure that all summit venues were fully prepared by Tuesday, November 10, and handed over to the police authorities for comprehensive security and safety inspections.““He emphasised that no last-minute shortcomings should be allowed to affect the smooth conduct of the summit, which is expected to attract prominent political leaders, foreign dignitaries, ambassadors, senior bureaucrats and representatives of the industrial sector.““Strict Instructions on Safety and Infrastructure““Reviewing the progress of arrangements, Yuvraj directed officials to ensure that temporary structures, electrical installations, fire safety systems, audio equipment and other essential infrastructure were completed in accordance with prescribed safety standards.““He instructed the police and other competent authorities to conduct detailed inspections and ensure that the necessary safety clearances and certificates were obtained before the venues were put into operation.““The Special Chief Secretary stressed the importance of close coordination among the organising agencies, police, municipal administration and other departments to prevent operational difficulties during the summit.““Chief Minister and National Leaders to Attend““Yuvraj informed officials that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, along with several delegates and senior officials, was scheduled to arrive in Visakhapatnam on November 11, a day ahead of the summit.““According to the programme details shared during the review meeting, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal are expected to attend the inaugural session on November 12.““Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan is expected to participate in the concluding programme. Ministers from foreign countries, ambassadors and senior officials from the Union and State governments are also expected to attend various sessions.““Although the main summit is scheduled for November 12 and 13, associated programmes and visits are expected to continue until November 14.““Special Focus on Hospitality and Protocol Arrangements““The Special Chief Secretary instructed liaison officers and protocol officials to establish advance communication with the dignitaries assigned to them and ensure seamless arrangements for accommodation, transportation and hospitality.““He directed officials to maintain constant coordination with hotel managements, transport agencies and other service providers so that visiting delegates would not encounter inconvenience during their stay.““Emphasising the importance of hospitality in an international event of this scale, Yuvraj said that officials must ensure smooth movement of delegates between hotels, meeting venues and other scheduled destinations.““Beautification of Beaches and Tourist Destinations““As several visiting dignitaries are expected to tour selected tourist destinations on November 14, Yuvraj directed the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) to undertake special beautification and sanitation measures across the city.““He instructed GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg to ensure that identified tourist attractions, beaches and surrounding areas were maintained in a clean and attractive condition.““Special attention should be given to decorative lighting, floral arrangements, ornamental plants and overall landscaping at important locations, he said.““He also directed the municipal authorities to ensure proper sanitation in the vicinity of beaches, hotels and other places likely to be visited by national and international delegates.““Yuvraj further clarified that only the officially approved backdrops prepared by the Information Department should be displayed at all summit venues to maintain uniformity in the event's presentation.““580 Hotel Rooms Identified for Delegates““District Collector Abhishikt Kishore, briefing the meeting on the progress of hospitality arrangements, stated that 580 rooms across 26 hotels had been identified to accommodate delegates and visiting dignitaries.““He said that hotel allocations had already been finalised and the relevant proceedings communicated to the respective liaison officers.““The Collector directed officials to complete seating arrangements at the main venue and other designated locations, with clear demarcation to facilitate orderly movement and participation.““He explained that separate dining arrangements had also been planned for different categories of participants and that detailed instructions regarding the designated dining locations would be communicated to the concerned officials.““The Collector emphasised that each venue in-charge must work in coordination with the officers assigned to the respective locations to ensure that every aspect of the arrangements was executed without confusion.““Interdepartmental Coordination Key to Successful Summit““The review meeting placed particular emphasis on coordination between the district administration, police, GVMC, industrial development agencies and departments responsible for protocol and event management.““Officials were instructed to maintain effective communication and complete their assigned responsibilities within the stipulated deadlines.““The summit is expected to provide an important platform for discussions on industrial development, investment opportunities and partnerships involving domestic and international stakeholders.““With several high-profile dignitaries scheduled to participate, the administration has intensified preparations to ensure that Visakhapatnam presents a positive image as a destination for major national and international business events.““City Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi, GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg, Joint Collector Vidyadhari, APIIC Managing Director Dinesh Kumar, Economic Development Board CEO Shanmohan and senior officials from the Police Department and various government departments attended the review meeting.

Ramakrishna Mission Extends Support to Arnab Cyclone Victims

730 Families Receive Ration Kits Worth Rs. 8 Lakh



Rampachodavaram, Pen Power, November 9: The Rajamahendravaram branch of the Ramakrishna Mission has extended humanitarian assistance to families affected by the recent Cyclone Arnab. With financial support from the Ramakrishna Mission Belur Math, Howrah, Kolkata, ration kits were distributed to 730 families across four districts at an estimated cost of Rs. 8 lakh, according to Swami Prajnananda Ji Maharaj, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Rajamahendravaram.““He stated that the relief programme was undertaken with the objective of supporting poor and underprivileged families who faced difficulties due to the cyclone by providing them with essential household provisions.““As part of the relief initiative, 200 ration kits were distributed in Amalapuram of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district on October 30. On October 31, another 200 kits were distributed in Chollangi village of Thallarevu mandal in Kakinada district. On November 4, 150 kits were distributed in Narasapuram town of West Godavari district.““Furthermore, on November 7, a total of 180 ration kits were distributed to affected families in Narasapuram, Darbarevu and Rajulalanka villages of Narasapuram mandal in West Godavari district.““Swami Prajnananda Ji Maharaj stated that a total of 730 families had received ration kits under the programme, involving an expenditure of approximately Rs. 8 lakh. He emphasized that extending support to people during difficult times and addressing their basic needs is one of the key objectives of the Ramakrishna Mission's service activities.““He also expressed his gratitude to Belur Math for providing financial assistance and to everyone who contributed to the successful implementation of the cyclone relief programme.

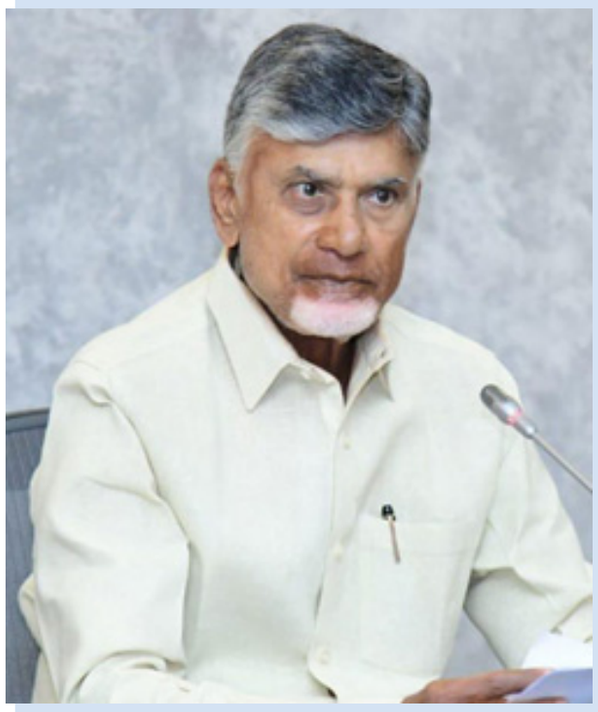
MLA Vegulla Congratulated on Victories in Municipal, ZPTC, and MPTC Elections

- Konaseema District TDP President Guthula Sai and General Secretary Gandham Pallamraju Honor Him with a Shawl

Mandapeta, November 09 (Pen Power) : Following the victories in the Municipal, ZPTC, and MPTC elections within the Mandapeta constituency, congratulations have poured in for Vegulla Jogeswara Rao, the Mandapeta MLA and Chairman of the State Estimates Committee. On this Occasion, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President, Guthula Sai, and the party's General Secretary, Gandham Pallamraju, paid a courtesy call to MLA Vegulla in Mandapeta. Expressing their delight over the party's electoral success, they honored the MLA with a ceremonial shawl and extended their



congratulations. They noted that the victories were the result of the collective effort of the party leadership and its workers. During this meeting, they also discussed various matters pertaining to the party.



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finalizing the comprehensive procedures for eligible employees currently under the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) to switch to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). The government has officially released guidelines allowing eligible employees to exercise a one-time option to make this transition. This decision will benefit employees for whom the recruitment notification was issued before September 1, 2004, but who joined service after that date.

This provision applies not only to those currently in service but also to those who have already retired, as well as the family members of deceased employees. Approximately 10,715 employees and their families are set to benefit from this move.“Eligible employees who wish to switch to the OPS must register their option online by December 31, 2026. The entire process will be managed through the 'Nidhi' portal. For this purpose, employees are required to submit copies of their recruitment notification, selection list, appointment orders, and joining reports. A General Provident Fund (GPF) account will be opened for those who opt for the OPS.

Foolproof Arrangements Must Be Ensured for CII Partnership Summit



Delegates from 59 Countries, Including 15 Foreign Ministers, to Attend
Over 1,250 Domestic and International Industrial Leaders Expected to Participate
Focus on Attracting Investments, Promoting Industries and Generating Employment Opportunities
District In-Charge Minister Dola Directs Public Representatives and Officials to Ensure Successful Conduct of Summit

Bureau Report – Pen Power, Visakhapatnam, November 9: District In-Charge Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneya Swamy has directed officials of all departments to work in close coordination and ensure foolproof arrangements for the prestigious 31st CII Partnership Summit–2026, scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 12 and 13.““The Minister conducted a virtual review meeting on Monday with District Collector M. Abhishikt Kishore, the local Member of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to assess the preparations for the international event.““He instructed officials to leave no room for lapses in security, accommodation, transportation and protocol arrangements, particularly in view of the participation of several prominent national and international dignitaries.““Delegates from 59 Countries and Over 1,250 Industrialists District Collector M. Abhishikt Kishore informed the Minister that delegates from approximately 59 countries, including 15 foreign ministers, along with more than 1,250 domestic and international industrialists and CEOs of leading companies, are expected to attend the summit.““He explained that comprehensive arrangements were being made for the arrival, accommodation, transportation, security and protocol requirements of the visiting delegates through effective coordination among various government departments.““The Collector stated that preparations were being continuously monitored in consultation with the officials concerned to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the summit.““Global Discussions on Six Key Sectors““The Collector said the summit would be organised under the theme “Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust.”””The event will feature discussions on six key sectors, including trade, green energy, quantum computing, technological innovation and aerospace manufacturing.““He further informed that a dedicated Andhra Pradesh Pavilion and an MSME Exhibition would be organised to showcase the state's industrial potential, investment opportunities and business prospects to international investors and industry leaders.““Focus on Attracting Investments to North Andhra Pradesh““Addressing the review meeting, Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneya Swamy stated that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu was giving special priority to the state's overall economic development and industrial growth.““He emphasised that the international summit should be utilised as an opportunity to attract fresh investments, establish new industries and generate employment opportunities, particularly in the North Andhra Pradesh region.

The Minister called upon public representatives and government officials to work collectively to ensure the successful conduct of the prestigious summit. Visakhapatnam MP M. Sribharat, Government Whip and MLC Vepada Chiranjeevi Rao, MLAs Palla Srinivasa Rao, Vamsi Krishna Srinivas and Vishnu Kumar Raju participated in the virtual review meeting from the District Collector's office.

CM Relief Fund to road accident victim Rs. 30 thousand cheque handed over



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, “Pithapuram, November 09 :““A poor family injured in a road accident and undergoing treatment has received financial support from the CM Relief Fund. The daughter of Vangada Chandrasekhar and Akhil, a couple from Indiranagar 8th ward in Pithapuram town, was seriously injured in a road accident recently. Since the family's financial situation was difficult, the government sanctioned Rs. 30 thousand for medical expenses. This cheque was handed over to the victim's residence in Indiranagar 8th ward on Monday evening. Telugu Desam Party senior leaders S.V.S.Ravi, Councilor Palika Padmarani and Alapu Suribabu presented this financial assistance cheque to the victim's family and expressed their courage. The family members of the victims expressed their gratitude for this help received from the government in difficult times. Local party leaders, activists and others participated in the program.

Karthika' splendor in Dakshina Kashi

- Comprehensive arrangements at Padagaya Kshetra as the comfort of devotees is paramount



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Pithapuram, November 09 : As the most sacred month of Karthika begins for Telugus, the holy Pithapuram Kshetra, which is worshipped by three crore deities as Dakshina Kashi, is blooming with spiritual splendor. Devotees from both the Telugu states and all over the world are flocking to have the darshan of Swayambhu Sri Rajarajeshwari Sametha Uma Kukkuteswara Swamy and to take holy dips in the holy Padagaya Sarovaram. In this context, the temple administration has made extensive arrangements with the aim of providing a comfortable and safe darshan to every devotee who visits the temple.““- Comfortable darshan with security““Keeping in mind the huge crowd of devotees registered during the Karthika month, strict security measures have been taken to avoid any untoward incidents. According to the details given by the temple executive officer and assistant commissioner Katnam Jaganmohan Srinivas—queue management, crowd control, and continuous surveillance systems have been prepared throughout the premises.““- Priority given to the needs of women and infants : A commendable step““Identifying the main problems faced by shrines during festivals and responding accordingly is a highlight of the arrangements made by the temple administration this time.““Special changing rooms : Special temporary rooms have been made available to ensure that women devotees do not feel uncomfortable after taking holy dips in the Padagaya Theertham. Maternal and child care rooms : Temporary rooms have been allocated in a holy environment for mothers who come with infants to breastfeed and rest. These arrangements, undertaken from a humanitarian perspective, are receiving special approval and appreciation from women devotees.““ - Mechanism in the service of devotees Steps have been taken to ensure that drinking water and basic medical facilities are constantly available in the queue lines for devotees who come for the Tirtha snanas, Deep aradhanas, Rudrabhishekas and special pujas held at night. There is no doubt that the Karthika month festivals will provide spiritual joy and peace to the devotees due to the advance planning and efficient management of the temple authorities.

12 Static Surveillance Teams Formed for Gram Panchayat Elections in Polavaram Distric

Polling to Be Held in Three Phases
Strict Vigil on Illegal Cash, Liquor and Gifts



Rampachodavaram, Pen Power, November 9:Polavaram District Collector and District Election Officer K. Dinesh Kumar announced that 12 Static Surveillance Teams (SSTs) have been formed to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of the second ordinary Gram Panchayat elections in the district. One team, headed by a Special Executive Magistrate, has been constituted for each of the 12 mandals.““According to the State Election Commission schedule, elections will be conducted in three phases. The first phase will be held on November 26 in Addateegala, Maredumilli, Rajavommangi and Y. Ramavaram mandals. The second phase will take place on November 29 in Devipatnam, Gangavaram, Gurtedu and Rampachodavaram mandals. The third phase is scheduled for December 2 in Chinturu, Kunavaram, Vararamachandrapuram and Yetapaka mandals.““Polling will be conducted from 7 AM to 1 PM, followed by vote counting from 2 PM. The election process will include nomination filing, scrutiny, appeals and withdrawal of nominations as per the prescribed schedule.““The SSTs will conduct continuous checks at major roads, important routes and district borders to prevent the illegal transportation of cash, liquor, gifts, narcotic substances, weapons and other items intended to influence voters. Cash exceeding Rs. 50,000 and gift items or liquor worth more than Rs. 10,000, if found in vehicles linked to candidates, agents or political party workers, will be seized as per election rules.““The Collector instructed officials to conduct all inspections in the presence of Special Executive Magistrates and videograph the entire process. Officials were also directed to treat the public courteously and ensure that women's purses are not checked without the presence of a woman officer.““The surveillance teams will submit daily reports to the Superintendent of Police, Returning Officers, Collector and Election Observers. Flying Squads will also monitor their functioning. Special vigilance will be maintained in sensitive areas during the final 72 hours before polling.““The Collector further stated that members of the public can obtain copies of election inspection video recordings by paying Rs. 300. He directed all teams to remain alert and ensure strict implementation of the election code of conduct until the completion of the election process.

Panchayat Elections are the Target - PV Krishna Rao Guides BJP Leaders

Key Decisions at Markapuram Assembly Key Leaders Meeting



Markapuram, Staff reporter Pen Power, November 09: BJP District President PV Krishna Rao called upon BJP workers and leaders to contest in large numbers as Sarpanches and Ward Members in the upcoming Panchayat elections. He participated as the chief guest in the Markapuram Assembly Key Leaders Meeting held at the Markapuram District Party Office under the chairmanship of District General Secretary and Assembly In-charge Laxman Yadav.“He directed the leaders to ensure the victory of all those who contest. He said it is a matter of pride for all of us that workers and leaders worked hard in the Municipal, ZPTC and MPTC elections held so far and won all the seats allotted to us.“He called upon them to work hard in the Panchayats with the same enthusiasm and to do their part to ensure the victory of the candidates supported by the alliance.BJP District Vice Presidents Raja Srikanth, Guntaka Subbareddy, BJP Councillors Bonthala Krishna, Jallipalli Vasu, Lakshmi, Muslim Minority Morcha District President Basha, Mahila Morcha District President Lakshmi, Mandal Presidents Ramana reddy, Nageswara Rao, Panditi Murali, Basha and others participated in the programme.

Everyone Should Be Aware of Laws



Magistrate Muraly Gangadhara Rao
Legal Services Day observed in Rampachodavaram with rally and awareness programme

Rampachodavaram, November 9: Judicial First Class Magistrate and Mandal Legal Services Committee Chairman M. Murali Gangadhara Rao stressed the importance of legal awareness and free legal aid for everyone. He advised parents to guide their children towards responsible behaviour and good values.““On the occasion of Legal Services Day on Monday, the Mandal Legal Services Committee organised a rally up to Ambedkar Centre in Rampachodavaram, followed by a legal awareness programme at the Government High School.““The Magistrate explained NALSA schemes, free legal aid, tribal rights, senior citizens' welfare, mediation, POCSO Act, child labour laws, prevention of child marriages and good touch and bad touch awareness.““Panel advocates Y. Srinivasa Rao, A.R.R. Bhagawan, T. Veerababu and Gowri Shankar, along with school management, police personnel, Court Superintendent Naga Bhushanam and court staff, participated in the programme.

TAHSILDAR SUNIL KUMAR RESPONSIBLE FOR MY DEFEAT





PARIMI RAVIKUMAR

TDP Leader Levels Serious Allegations Over Venkatramannagudem MPTC Election

Demands Investigation into Tahsildar's Call Records and Election Officials' Role

Valavala Babji Calls for Suspension of Leaders Accused of Betrayal

Two TDP Workers Attempt Self-Immolation Amid Tension at Party Meeting

TDP Ready to Contest Tadepalligudem Municipal Elections Alone, Says Babji

Special correspondent Pen Power | Tadepalligudem| November 09: Political tensions erupted within the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in Tadepalligudem following serious allegations made by former MPP and MPTC candidate Parimi Ravikumar, who lost the Venkatramannagudem MPTC election by a narrow margin of four votes.““Addressing an emergency party meeting, Ravikumar alleged that Tadepalligudem Tahsildar Sunil Kumar played a significant role in his electoral defeat, along with certain leaders of his own party who allegedly worked against him.““Breaking down emotionally, Ravikumar accused some TDP leaders of betraying him during the election. He demanded an impartial investigation into the alleged involvement of Tahsildar Sunil Kumar and called for the examination of relevant telephone call records to establish the facts.““He also sought an inquiry into the roles of the Tahsildar, MPDO and Returning Officer in the election process.““The meeting, attended by TDP district president Ramaraju, Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board Chairman Valavala Babji, former Zilla Parishad Chairman Mullapudi Bapiraju and several party leaders, witnessed heated discussions over the election outcome. Speaking at the meeting, Valavala Babji demanded strict disciplinary action, including suspension, against party leaders found responsible for betraying the official TDP candidate.““In another significant political development, Babji expressed dissatisfaction over the proposed seat-sharing arrangements for the upcoming Tadepalligudem municipal elections. He declared that the TDP was prepared to contest independently if the party continued to face injustice in seat allocation. Meanwhile, tensions escalated when two distressed TDP workers reportedly poured inflammable liquid over themselves and attempted self-immolation. Party leaders and other workers immediately intervened and prevented a tragedy.““The incident exposed growing internal differences within the local TDP leadership and raised questions over election-related administrative decisions.““However, the allegations against Tahsildar Sunil Kumar and other officials remain unverified, and their responses are awaited.““With Ravikumar questioning the circumstances surrounding his four-vote defeat, demands for a transparent investigation into the election records, counting process and alleged official interference have gained attentio n. The controversy has now become a major political issue in Tadepalligudem, with attention focused on how the TDP high command and the election authorities will respond to the allegations.

Special Abhishekam Performed to Lord Sri Mrityunjaya Swamy

Grand Abhishekam Held Amid Vedic Chants and Devotional Fervour – Special Prayers Offered for Universal Peace and Well-being

Srikalahasti, Pen Power, November 09:"A special Abhishekam was performed to Lord Sri Mrityunjaya Swamy at the Sri Kalahasteeswara Swamy Temple on Monday with great devotion and religious fervour."Amid the chanting of sacred Vedic hymns, temple priests conducted the Maha Abhishekam using holy water, milk, curd, honey, ghee, coconut water, sandalwood paste, bilva leaves and aromatic substances.““Following the Abhishekam, the deity was beautifully adorned with special decorations, and priests performed traditional Archana and Harati rituals. Devotees participated in the sacred ceremony, accompanied by the chanting of the Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra, and sought the divine blessings of Lord Shiva."Temple priests offered special prayers for universal peace, prosperity, the welfare of humanity, and the good health and longevity of devotees."The spiritually charged atmosphere, filled with Vedic chants and devotional prayers, created a deeply divine experience for the devotees who attended the ceremony.



Sri Govindaraja Swamy's Thiruveedhi Mahotsavam Celebrated with Grandeur at Simhachalam

Grand Religious Procession Marks Amavasya Observance

Lord Govindaraja Swamy Adorned in Magnificent Floral Decorations

Simhagiri Reverberates with Vedic Chants and Devotional Hymns





Simhachalam, Pen Power November 9 : The sacred hill shrine of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy at Simhachalam witnessed a magnificent spiritual celebration as the Thiruveedhi Mahotsavam of Sri Govindaraja Swamy was conducted with traditional grandeur and religious fervour. The auspicious event, organised on the occasion of Amavasya, filled the temple surroundings with divine splendour and devotion.““As part of the celebrations, temple priests performed special rituals and adorned Lord Govindaraja Swamy with exquisite floral decorations and traditional ornaments. The beautifully decorated deity presented a spectacular divine appearance, captivating devotees who gathered to seek the blessings of the Lord.““Vedic scholars offered sacred prayers and recited Vedic hymns, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere. The temple premises reverberated with devotional chants of "Govinda, Govinda" as devotees participated in the religious festivities with immense enthusiasm and reverence.““The highlight of the celebrations was the grand Thiruveedhi Mahotsavam, during which the beautifully adorned deity was taken in a ceremonial procession along the traditional temple streets. Devotees witnessed the divine procession with folded hands, offering prayers for the well-being, prosperity and happiness of their families.““The entire celebration reflected the rich spiritual heritage and centuries-old religious traditions associated with the famous Simhachalam temple. The sacred rituals and devotional atmosphere provided an unforgettable spiritual experience to those who witnessed the event.““The festival concluded on a deeply devotional note, leaving devotees spiritually fulfilled and reaffirming the enduring significance of traditional temple celebrations in preserving India's rich cultural and religious heritage.

Natural Farming Crops Withstand Murusu Cyclone

Natural Farming Fields Show Greater Crop Resilience Than Chemical Farming

Up to 70% Crop Damage Reported in Conventional Farming Fields





Our Staff Reporter Pen Power|"Prakasam| November 09 : Natural farming crops have demonstrated remarkable resilience against the impact of Cyclone Murusu in Prakasam district. Despite heavy rainfall and strong winds reaching speeds of 100–110 kmph on November 3, chilli and paddy crops cultivated through natural farming methods reportedly remained largely unaffected, while chemically cultivated crops suffered significant damage.““In Purumetla village of Mundlamuru mandal, farmer Kanuku Nagabrahma Reddy cultivated 555-variety chilli on two acres using natural farming techniques. According to field observations, not a single plant collapsed during the cyclone. In contrast, around 40% of the Teja-variety chilli crop grown by conventional farmer Marreddy Srinivas Reddy in the same village was flattened.““Similarly, in Chinna Kothapalli village of Addanki mandal, farmer Muchimuri Narendra Reddy's naturally cultivated 5204-variety paddy crop on one acre remained standing, while approximately 70% of the same variety cultivated by farmer K. Anji Reddy on two acres using chemical farming methods was flattened."District Natural Farming Officer and District Project Manager Subhashini stated that practices such as Jeevamrutham, Ghana Jeevamrutham and Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) help improve soil health and crop strength.““She observed that these field-level findings highlight the potential of natural farming to enhance crop resilience against extreme weather conditions."As cyclones and unpredictable rainfall increasingly threaten agriculture, these observations underline the importance of sustainable farming practices. However, broader scientific assessments are needed to establish the extent to which natural farming contributes to cyclone resistance.

Ensure Safety of Women Temple Workers: CITU

Strict Action Demanded Against Sexual Harassment



Srikalahasti, Pen Power, November 9:CITU District Vice-President Angeri Pullaiah has urged the authorities of the Srikalahastees wara Temple to ensure adequate safety and protection for women employees working at the temple."On Monday, CITU leaders met Temple Executive Officer B.K. Venkatesulu and submitted a memorandum demanding stringent measures to prevent sexual harassment and misconduct against women staff. Expressing concern over allegations of inappropriate behaviour and sexual harassment by certain male employees, Pullaiah said such incidents could seriously damage the reputation and sanctity of the temple. He called for stronger security arrangements and surveillance mechanisms to prevent similar incidents in the future."Responding to the memorandum, the Executive Officer stated that an employee facing allegations of sexual harassment had been immediately relieved of his duties. He assured the delegation that appropriate action would be taken following a detailed inquiry."CITU District Secretary Penagadam Guravayya, Gandham Mani and other union representatives participated in the programme.

District Level Training for Agriculture Staff

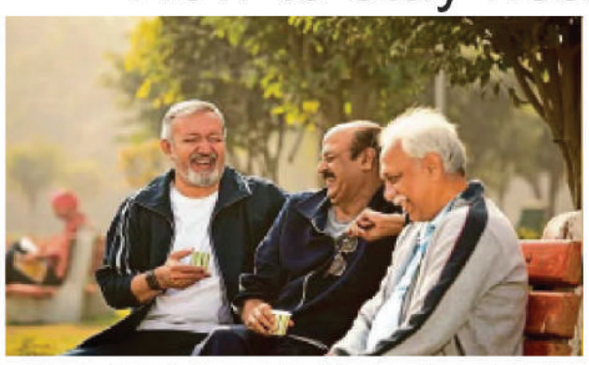
Awareness on Crop Cutting Experiments and FFS App



Markapuram,staff reporter Pen Power, November 09:““A district-level training programme on Crop Cutting Experiments and Framework for Fertilizer Sales (FFS) was conducted grandly at Markapuram for the Agriculture Department staff. The programme was held under the supervision of District Agriculture Officer D. Balaji Naik. Agriculture and Horticulture Department staff from across the district participated. "Officials explained that crop insurance is applicable to farmers only on the basis of Crop Cutting Experiments, and estimates on exports and imports of food products in the country are also made on the same basis. Hence, they suggested that Crop Cutting Experiments should be conducted with utmost accuracy and transparency. Deputy Statistical Officer Chenchireddy explained in detail to the staff about the procedures for conducting Crop Cutting Experiments. "Officials said that through the FFS App, fertilizers are supplied to farmers transparently, and the government monitors fertilizer sales on a real-time basis. They instructed the staff to use the App properly so that there is no scope for any irregularities in fertilizer distribution."KVK Scientist Dr. Ramesh explained that farmers can get high profits with low investment through millet cultivation. He suggested creating awareness among farmers that the use of green manure and bio-fertilizers increases soil fertility and reduces investment cost."District Horticulture Officer Jennamma, KVK Scientist Dr. Manasa, State Statistical Officer Ramakrishna, DYSO Prasad, Mandal Agriculture and Horticulture Officers, ASOs, AEOs and Village Agriculture Department staff participated in the programme.

Things to do after retirement

How to stay healthy"Retirement marks the end of one's



professional career, but it should not mean the end of an active life. As one ages, it is crucial to remain physically healthy, mentally sharp, and socially engaged. Experts point out that leaving the workplace does not mean one must cease to be productive. In addition to preparing financially for retirement, it is advisable to plan ahead to ensure that the subsequent phase of life is spent in good health and with enthusiasm. Thanks to modern medicine, vaccines, and antibiotics, human life expectancy has increased. However, living a long life is not enough; it is equally important to remain healthy throughout that time. Experts emphasize that the length of one's life matters less than the number of years spent in good health."A sudden shift in daily routine: For many, the daily routine changes abruptly upon retirement. The office environment, interactions with colleagues, and the demands of daily work disappear. Some people end up spending most of their time at homewatching television or using their phones—which can lead to a decline in physical activity and a loss of interest in life. Retirement should not be viewed merely as a time for the body to rest; rather, it is an opportunity to continue moving forward with a clear purpose in life. Even after the age of 60, one can lead an enthusiastic life by starting a business, engaging in voluntary work, serving the community, or pursuing hobbies that one has long wished to explore. Activities such as volunteering at temples or forming self-help groups for the elderly can also provide a new sense of purpose. Loneliness is another major challenge among the elderly; factors such as strained family relationships, a shrinking circle of friends, and limited mobility often lead to feelings of isolation. A study suggests that one in four people in urban India experiences significant loneliness. It is recommended that this issue can be mitigated by talking to friends, spending time with family, and participating in activities like walking groups, games, or social events."Keep the brain active..."It is essential to keep the brain active as one ages. Engaging in activities such as reading, learning new skills, or pursuing hobbies like photography and chess contributes to mental sharpness. While aging is a natural process, physical decline is not inevitable. Strengthening muscles, staying physically active, getting adequate sleep, and managing stress are key components of healthy aging. Since muscle strength tends to decline with age, it is important to prioritize resistance or weight-based exercises. While walking is beneficial, it is not considered a complete form of exercise. To maintain muscle mass, it is essential to incorporate strength training and ensure an adequate intake of protein. Retirement should not be viewed as the end of life, but rather as the beginning of new opportunities. By cultivating new interests, staying connected with the community, and remaining physically active, one can experience a healthy and joyful old age. Planning ahead—not just for financial security, but also for physical and mental well-being—is the key to long-term health.

KTR Labels Revanth Reddy's Government a 'Tughlaq Rule' Over Musi Project

BRS Working President Accuses Congress of Mismanaging Water Supply while Prioritizing High-Cost Riverfront Beautification Bids Without DPRs

HYDERABAD: Launching a scathing attack against the Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy-led administration, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has criticized the state government for prioritizing expensive beautification drives specifically the ?1.5 lakh crore Musi Riverfront Beautification Project at a time when Telangana is reeling under severe agricultural and drinking water shortages."Taking to social media platform X, KTR characterized the Congress administration as a "Tughlaq government," citing severe procedural lapses and misplaced administrative priorities. The BRS leader alleged that the state government pushed forward with public hearings for the Musi project without actual public involvement, while simultaneously calling project bids prior to finalizing a Detailed Project Report (DPR)."Highlighting the compounding water crisis across urban and rural belts, KTR blamed government incompetence for what he termed an "artificial drought". He argued that instead of utilizing existing lift irrigation pump sets along the Godavari and Krishna basins to fill regional reservoirs and agricultural tanks, the administration allowed hundreds of TMCs of water to flow downstream unutilized.""Public hearing without the public. Project bids being called without a DPR. And the irony of it is 'Beautification' in the middle of a drought," KTR stated, demanding an immediate pivot toward agrarian relief and drinking water security rather than multi-crore urban beautification initiatives.

Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Programme Held at Narayana Junior College

160 Girl Students Participate in Health Awareness Programme





PenPower | Kadapa | November 09:

An awareness programme on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) was successfully organized at Narayana Junior College, Kadapa, under the aegis of AARTI VIDYA VIKASA KENDRAM, with the objective of promoting health and hygiene awareness among adolescent girls.Dr. Salini, who attended the programme as the chief guest, educated the students on the importance of personal hygiene during menstruation, essential healthcare practices, the proper use of sanitary pads and the need to maintain hygienic habits. She emphasized that menstruation is a natural biological process and urged the girls not to feel hesitant or embarrassed about it. She also encouraged them to overcome social misconceptions and adopt healthy lifestyle practices. Around 160 girl students from the college participated in the programme and actively interacted with the resource person, gaining valuable knowledge about menstrual health and hygiene management.Teachers from Aarti School and staff members of AARTI VIDYA VIKASA KENDRAM also took part in the awareness programme.Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of Narayana Junior College expressed sincere gratitude to AARTI VIDYA VIKASA KENDRAM for organizing the programme and creating awareness among girl students about menstrual health, personal hygiene and overall well-being.The programme concluded successfully, reinforcing the importance of menstrual health education and empowering adolescent girls with the knowledge needed to maintain good health and hygiene.

"If you do that, people will chase you down and beat you"

– Bandi Sanjay's warning

Karimnagar,: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay stated that all political parties must set aside their differences and come together for the development of Karimnagar. He urged people to compare the development that took place in Telangana—and specifically in Karimnagar—in the past with the progress being made now. He emphasized that they are demonstrating what development can look like when the Central and State governments work in tandem. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay and State Minister Ponnam Prabhakar laid the foundation stones for several development projects within the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation limits. Speaking on the occasion, Bandi Sanjay noted that they are securing funds through the coordination of the Central and State governments, transcending political lines. He added that they are sending a clear message to the public that both the Central and State governments are working together, beyond politics. He mentioned that funds are being brought to Karimnagar district with the cooperation of Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and other State ministers. Furthermore, he highlighted that they are securing both Central allocations and matching grants for the State, which is driving development forward. Bandi Sanjay stated that they are effectively utilizing all available funds for the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation. Regarding the Karimnagar dumping yard, he explained that a plan is being devised, and both the Central and



State governments are working together to resolve the issue. He alleged that while the tender process for this has already begun, there is a conspiracy afoot to stir up controversy around it. Bandi Sanjay lashed out at certain leaders in Karimnagar district, pointing out that their conduct shifts depending on whether they are in power or not—when out of power, they actively obstruct the work of others. He promised to resolve the issue regarding the Karimnagar dumping yard. Expressing his indignation, he remarked that those who hinder development are essentially "throwing sticks in the way" (creating obstacles). He noted that the behavior of these leaders has left contractors feeling fearful.

He warned that if they continue with such reckless, nonsensical politics, the public will chase them down and beat them. "Mark my words—I'll say it again: if you try to cause trouble for the people, the very same public will chase you down and beat you," Bandi Sanjay declared.

Youth Time Bank Services Symbolize the Spirit of Service

NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha



Vijayawada, Pen Power, November 9: The Youth Time Bank services, launched with great initiative by NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha, have successfully completed 200 days of continuous service. Dr. Kolleti Ramesh, Chief Executive Officer of the Youth Time Bank and District Tourism and NSS Programme Coordinator, described this achievement as highly commendable.""The service initiative was launched on March 17 this year at the Government General Hospital (GGH), Vijayawada, and has been functioning continuously. National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers from various colleges provide daily assistance to elderly people, persons with disabilities, visually impaired individuals, and illiterate patients visiting the hospital.""Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha appreciated the successful completion of 200 days of uninterrupted service at Vijayawada GGH, describing the initiative as an innovative service programme in the state.""As part of the 200th-day celebrations, NSS volunteers from Vijaya Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women rendered their services. The Collector congratulated the volunteers, the NSS Programme Officer, and the college Principal for their dedicated contribution.""Youth Time Bank volunteers assist patients with online OP registration, consulting doctors, undergoing medical examinations, and obtaining medicines. So far, 5,169 volunteers have contributed a total of 20,076 hours of service through the Youth Time Bank, benefiting 12,338 patients, Dr. Kolleti Ramesh informed.""He appealed to voluntary organizations, retired employees, interested youth, and other service-minded individuals to come forward voluntarily and participate in expanding this noble initiative.""Those interested in joining the service programme may contact Youth Time Bank Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kolleti Ramesh at 9487916504.""The 200th-day programme was attended by GGH Health Inspector Sri Ramarao, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Jafar, NSS Programme Officer Riyan of Vijaya Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, NSS volunteers, Vasavya Mahila Mandali volunteer Anita, and others.

Election Model Code of Conduct Lifted in Guntur and Tenali Municipalities collector C.M. Saikanth Varma



Guntur, Pen Power, November 9:District Collector and District Election Officer C.M. Saikanth Varma announced that the Model Code of Conduct has been lifted in Guntur and Tenali towns following the completion of the election process.""The State Election Commission has issued official orders in this regard. On Monday, the District Collector conducted a teleconference with the concerned officials to discuss the implementation of the orders.""Speaking on the occasion, the Collector clarified that the Model Code of Conduct will continue to remain in force in all other areas of the district, except Guntur and Tenali towns. He directed everyone to strictly adhere to the election guidelines wherever they remain applicable.

The Collector further stated that preparations are underway for conducting Gram Panchayat elections across the district. He added that necessary measures would be taken in accordance with the guidelines immediately after the issuance of the election notification.

We placed our trust in the people they placed theirs in crime



Chief Minister Chandrababu stated that the resounding victory achieved by the alliance in the local body elections is a blessing from the people for their good governance and development efforts. He remarked that the public has stood in support of a government that ensures the safety and security of every citizena reward, he noted, that no political party could ever hope to surpass. Speaking at a press conference, Chandrababu expressed his delight over the local election results, adding that the people's mandate has placed an even greater responsibility upon them. He highlighted, "In Markapuram, the alliance won all 21 ZPTC seats, and in Anakapalli, it secured all 24. Furthermore, the mayoral seat in Visakhapatnam was won with a massive margin of 2.50 lakh votes. These results prove that if one works hard for the people,

" The CM stated that the public has overwhelmingly embraced the alliance in the local body elections.“He attributed this victory to their good governance and development initiatives.“He criticized the 'axe party' (a reference to the YSRCP, alluding to the Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy murder case), stating that the people have completely rejected its politics of violence.“The CM noted that the Supreme Court thwarted the opposition's conspiracies aimed at obstructing the elections.“Chandrababu emphasized that even during cyclones, they prioritized public service above all else.

they will stand by you." Chandrababu explained that this success was made possible by the development initiatives undertaken by his government. He recalled, "We completed irrigation projects to put an end to the droughts in the Rayalaseema region. We laid the foundation stone for the Veligonda project and initiated its first phase, thereby alleviating the hardships faced by farmers. We brought Godavari waters to Anakapalli via the Polavaram left canal. With the Bhogapuram International Airport, we have given wings to the aspirations of the people of North Andhra. We also established the Markapuram district in response to the public's wishes." Chandrababu also leveled sharp criticism against the opposition YSRCP. "While we place our trust in the people and their faith, the 'Axe Party' (a derogatory reference to the YSRCP, alluding to its symbol/reputation for violence) has relied on crimes and atrocities. They incited violence during the elections and engaged in 'hit-and-run' politics, much like terrorists. However, the public will never accept the politics of violence. This is not the Stone Age; the 'Axe Party' must realize that they cannot alter the people's mandate through thuggery and theatrics," he warned. Chandrababu alleged that the YSRCP made every possible attempt to obstruct the local body elections. "They tried to stall the electoral process by filing petitions on issues like BC reservations and delimitation. But the Supreme Court put an end to their efforts. The YSR CP has stooped so low that the apex court itself remarked, 'We will not fall into the YSRCP's trap,'" he mocked. “Chandra babu further criticized the opposition, noting that when the state was hit by two cyclones, his government was fully engaged in providing relief to the people, whereas the opposition did not even bother to respond—a clear sign of their lack of faith in democracy. He emphasized that his administration prioritized addressing the people's concerns over electoral gains, and the public, recognizing this, stood in support of them.

Absurd to claim elections were free and fair

Former MLA Sudhakar Babu



Amarawathi:YSRCP leader and former MLA Sudhakar Babu has launched a scathing attack on the conduct of the recently concluded local body elections in Andhra Pradesh. He expressed strong objection to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s assertion that the elections were held in a completely free and fair manner, calling the claim "absurd." Speaking to the media in Tadepalli, Sudhakar Babu sharply criticized the government's approach. "It is absurd for CM Chandrababu Naidu to claim that the local body elections were free and fair. We have never seen elections like these in the past, nor will we ever see them again. It is shameful that Chandrababu acted like a 'mafia don' while conducting these elections, only to now claim that they were free and fair," Sudhakar Babu stated indignantly. He further alleged that the ruling side specifically targeted constituencies where his party held a strong position, resorting to irregularities and malpractice.

TDP Wins in Mekapati’s Home Village

Anam Ramanarayana Reddy



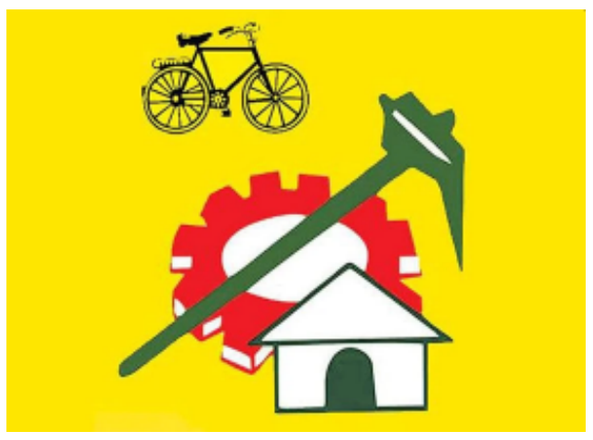
Amarawathi: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Endowments, Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, lashed out at YSRCP leaders, stating that they are unable to digest the results of the local body elections. During a visit to Nellore today, where he participated in several official programs, the Minister addressed a press conference. He expressed his delight that the people of Atmakur had delivered a resounding victory to the alliance in the local body elections. He noted that the vote margins for the alliance parties have increased significantly across all regions compared to the previous general elections. Minister Anam pointed out that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) achieved a major victory even in the home village of the Mekapati family—a place long considered a stronghold of the YSRCP. He remarked that these results clearly demonstrate how transparently and peacefully the elections were conducted. He further stated that, under the current administration, welfare schemes and development projects have been implemented on an unprecedented scale over the past two and a half years. The Minister also commented on the recent entry of corporate forces into politics. Reflecting on his own political career, he shared that although he lost three times as an MLA candidate, he never became disheartened and always accepted the people's mandate with respect. In contrast, he criticized YSRCP leaders for having no regard for democratic institutions, alleging that the previous Jagan-led government had completely undermined democratic values.

Heirs and relatives of senior TDP leaders in the race

for Zilla Parishad (ZP) Chairperson posts

Heirs and family members of political leaders are in the running for ZP Chairperson positions.“More than 10 individuals are competing for these roles, with a significant number of them being women.

Following the announcement of the ZPTC (Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency) election results in Andhra Pradesh, attention has shifted toward the ZP Chairperson posts. Elections were held for a total of 28 ZPTCs. Heirs of senior TDP leaders are among those vying for these Chairperson positions, with such candidates in the race for over 10 of these seats. In Vizianagaram district, Majji Sirisahasra—daughter of senior leader Majji Srinu, who recently left the YSRCP to join the TDP—is in the running for the ZP Chairperson post; she won the ZPTC election from Terlam. However, there is a controversy surrounding her caste certificate. Similarly, Karrotu Chandra Kala, daughter of TDP leader Karrotu Bangararaju, is also in the race, having won her ZPTC seat.“In Eluru, Chintamaneni Navya—daughter of Denduluru MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar—is a contender for the ZP Chairperson position; she was elected unanimously from the Pedavegi ZPTC constituency. Additionally, Jahnavi, daughter of former Chintalapudi MLA Ghanta Murali, is also in the race. For the position of Tirupati Zilla Parishad (ZP) Chairperson, Dr. Chetana—daughter of former Union Minister and Tirupati Parliamentary constituency TDP President Panabaka Lakshmi—is in the running. She was elected unopposed as the ZPTC member for Srikalahasti. Former Satyavedu MLA Hemalatha, who won the election as the ZPTC member for Nagulapuram, is also in the race, as is Shalini, the daughter of Parasa Ratnam.“In Anantapur district, Paritala Sriram—son of Raptadu TDP MLA Paritala Sunitha and the party’s in-charge for Dharmavaram—is a contender for the Zilla Parishad Chairperson post; he won the ZPTC seat from Nallacheruvu. For the Annamayya district Zilla Parishad Chairperson position, Sugavasi Prasada Babu is in the race; his father, Palakonda Rayudu, has been with the TDP since its inception. Prasada Babu was elected as the ZPTC member for Galiveedu. In Parvathipuram Manyam district, senior TDP leader Vairicherla Veeresh Chandra Dev is vying for the Zilla Parishad Chairperson seat, having won the Kurupam ZPTC seat on a TDP ticket. In Krishna district, Jayalakshmi—wife of Vikkurthi Srinivasa Rao—is in the running for the Zilla Parishad Chairperson position.“In Nandyal district, Raja Reddy—brother of Minister BC Janardhan Reddy—is in the race for the Zilla Parishad Chairperson post. Aruna, the wife of Battula Tathayababu from Anakapalli, and the wife of Anakapalli District ZP Chairperson Sundarapu Satish are in the fray representing the Jana Sena Party. From Alluri Sitarama Raju District, Tejaswi—daughter of Giddi Eswari—and



Jnaneswari—mother of Killu Ramesh Naidu—are also competing. Gollapalli Amulya, who serves as the TDP in-charge for Razole, is in the race for the ZP Chairperson position in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District, representing the TDP.“Venkat, the son of TDP MLA Pitani Satyanarayana, is in the race for the ZP Chairperson position in West Godavari District. In Palnadu District, Dr. Nagothu Venkata Lakshmi Saroja—daughter-in-law of former State TDP Organizing Secretary Nagothu Sourayya—is in the running for the ZP Chairperson post. Rami Reddy, the brother of Narayana Reddy, is in the race for the ZP Chairperson position in Markapuram District. In Prakasam District, Anil—the brother of Santanutalapadu MLA Vijay Kumar—is in the fray. For the ZP Chairperson position in Kadapa District, Narasimha Reddy—the father of Kamalapuram MLA Putta Chaitanya Reddy—is among the contenders.

Protests across the state on 11th against the coalition party's irregularities in local elections

- What has been achieved with demonetization...?
Did you bring back black money..? ““- CPI to contest three seats in the upcoming Kakinada Corporation elections ““- Anil Chandra Punetha is not eligible to continue as SEC
- He should resign immediately
- CPI State Secretariat member Tatipaka Madhu at the Kakinada press meet

Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada, November 09 : ““CPI and CPM have jointly held protests across the state on 11th of this month wearing black ribbons to protect democracy, saying that the coalition government had committed many irregularities in the last local elections by implementing the Red Constitution, making a mockery of democracy. In this program, democrats, intellectuals and people from all sections should participate in this event. CPI State Secretariat member Tatipaka Madhu called on democrats, intellectuals and people from all sections to participate in this event. He spoke at a press conference at the local Ponnamanda Ramachandra Rao (Building Workers Union) Bhavan on Monday morning. Speaking on the occasion, Madhu said that the election irregularities and the biased attitude of the police should be taken into account. Madhu demanded that State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha be held responsible for the irregularities that took place in the conduct of the elections and the biased attitude of the police. He said that the Election Commission has the responsibility to conduct elections transparently without damaging the public's trust in the election process. Taking moral responsibility for the developments that took place during the elections, he demanded that Anil Chandra Punetha resign from his post immediately. He asked the concerned officials to act responsibly to protect democratic values and electoral transparency.

He said that the Modi government has completed 10 years o demonetization by promising to bring back black money, and he criticized the Center for failing to implement its election promises. He said that the CPI will contest in three wards in the upcoming Kakinada Municipal Corporation elections. He said tha the CPM district committee will discuss and announce the decision list on the 11th of this month. Madhu said that the decision to form an alliance with the party that will contest the local elections has been entrusted to the CPI Rashtra Samithi district party and that they are in consultation with other parties. CP district secretary K. Bodakonda, assistant secretary Tokala Prasad, district executive member Saka Ramakrishna, district president of the Women's Federation Ketha Aruna and others participated in this press conference.

Janhvi Kapoor reveals Sridevi's



The late legendary actress Sridevi's daughter, young actress Janhvi Kapoor, shared some interesting insights about her mother. She recently revealed how Sridevi initially reacted when she said she wanted to be an actress and how her opinion changed later. Janhvi's comments that her mother only believed in her potential to become an actress after her nose surgery have now become a topic of discussion. In a recent interview with Galatta Plus Tamil, Janhvi participated alongside her cousin and actress Maheshwari. During this occasion, she mentioned, "When I told mom that I wanted to be an actress, she was initially a bit skeptical. She said, 'Okay, but you have to dedicate your life to this.'" Mahesh wari also responded, stating that Sridevi knew how much hard work and dedication it takes to succeed in the film industry, which is why she was concerned.In this conversation, Janhvi revealed a sensitive matter. "You might cut this part, but before I underwent nose surgery, mom wasn't that confident. She had doubts about whether I could become an actress. However, after the surgery, her opinion changed to 'It's okay, you have potential,'" Janhvi acknowledged. Janhvi also mentioned that she had undergone some cosmetic surgeries under her mother Sridevi's guidance in the past. Moreover, she previously stated that Sridevi had also undergone nose surgery in her career, which became a significant change in their family. It is known that Janhvi Kapoor made her debut as a heroine in 2018 with the film 'Dhadak,' just a few months after Sridevi's passing. This is not the first time Janhvi has shared insights about her bond with her mother and her early career experiences. However, these comments related to surgery have come to light recently.

Shri Leela's sensational decision..

Is she reducing her remuneration due to the effect of consecutive flops and a new plan?



It is difficult to predict when a heroine's career in the film industry will take a turn. If a film is a hit, opportunities queue up. However, if several films fail consecutively, there are fluctuations in opportunities. In the case of Tollywood's young heroine Shri Leela, the situation seems a bit different. Although some of the films she acted in Telugu did not achieve the expected success at the box office, this beauty is not stepping back in terms of opportunities. Moreover, she is continuously getting chances in major projects in other languages, taking her career in a new direction. Meanwhile, recent news regarding Shri Leela's remuneration has become interesting in the industry.

One of the films that brought good recognition to Shri Leela in Tollywood is 'Pelli Sandadi'. After this film, 'Dhamaka', starring Ravi Teja, turned her career around. With the success of this film, Shri Leela received a series of opportunities. She captivated the audience with her beauty, acting, and energetic dance. Particularly, Shri Leela gained special recognition in dance. Her ability to step with amazing grace became an additional strength for her. As a result, she secured opportunities to act in films with both young and top heroes. In a short time, she has become a busy heroine in Tollywood. However, after the successes in the early stages of her career, some films featuring Srileela have not been able to achieve the expected results at the box office. The films released amidst high expectations have also disappointed, leading to various discussions about her career. Nevertheless, Srileela has not seen a decline in opportunities. She has already been introduced to Tamil audiences with the film 'Parashakti' starring Sivakarthikeyan as the hero. She is also part of the film 'Om' featuring Dhanush and Mammootty in key roles, where she is reported to appear as a character named Roja. Additionally, there are reports that she has secured a role in the film 'Dharmam' starring superstar Rajinikanth. This project, directed by Ashwat Marimuthu under the production of Kamal Haasan, has also generated interest. On the other hand, there are rumors that she will be acting in the film 'Daredevil' starring Ajith Kumar. Meanwhile, another interesting news regarding Srileela is related to her remuneration. Despite doing a series of films, as some of them have not achieved the expected success, there are reports that she is considering reducing her fee. Based on her current popularity and demand, Srileela, who has been taking remuneration accordingly, is now said to be thinking of adjusting her fee to be more accessible to producers. However, there has been no official announcement regarding whether she has indeed reduced her remuneration or to what extent it has been reduced.

Youth Olympics 2026

India's first medal in track and field



India has added another medal to its tally at the Youth Olympics 2026 being held in Dakar, the capital of Senegal. Indian athlete Shaurya Ambure won a bronze medal in the 100-meter hurdles, marking India's first-ever track and field medal at the Youth Olympics. The 17-year-old from Maharashtra delivered an impressive performance, finishing the final in 13.59 seconds to secure third place. She missed out on the silver medal by a margin of just 0.02 seconds."France's Anna Peters took the silver, finishing in 13.57 seconds, while China's Zhang Kai won the gold with a time of 13.17 seconds. Notably, Ambure was the only athlete representing India in the track and field events at these Youth Olympics. Her achievement—securing a medal as the sole participant—has drawn widespread praise from sports fans. In a span of just a year and a half, Shaurya has demonstrated her true potential to the world by winning medals at the Asian U-18 Championships, the Asian Youth Games, and most recently, the Youth Olympics.

A century at the age of 41 – a remarkable feat by a Zimbabwean cricketer

a record set in the first innings is shattered in the second!

Zimbabwean senior batter Craig Ervine has achieved a rare feat in international Test cricket, proving that age is merely a number. At the age of 41, he showcased his batting prowess by scoring a magnificent century. Ervine reached this milestone during the first Test match against Afghanistan at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium, creating history in the process. With this, he has set a new record as the oldest Zimbabwean player to score a century in the history of Test cricket.""At 41 years and 82 days old, Ervine recorded the fifth century of his Test career. Notably, he surpassed the record previously set by fellow senior player Brendan Taylor—who had achieved a similar milestone in the first innings of the same match—by delivering his own century in the second innings. Ervine has also become the second-oldest player to score a Test century in the 21st century. Former Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq tops this list, having scored 114 runs against England at Lord's in 2016 at the age of 42 years and 47 days. Furthermore, with this innings, Ervine also reached the milestone of 2,000 runs in Test cricket. He became the seventh batter for Zimbabwe to cross this mark.

The film 'Scene' featuring Suriya



has captivated audiences. There is a notion that Suriya must play powerful police officer roles in Tamil cinema, and the reason for this is his ability to embody and excel in such characters. Recently, Suriya has returned to the screen in a similar role with the film 'Scene', directed by Jithu Madhavan, which was released on the 6th of this month. Nazriya Nazim stars alongside him in this film. Generally, when a police officer steps into the field to catch a criminal, audiences are filled with tension about the challenges he might face. If that police officer is visually impaired, the tension escalates to the next level. The curiosity about how he will capture the criminal grows progressively. This aspect keeps the audience engaged in the film. A unique feature here is that the scene showing what the hero will do is presented by the heroine. However, in this story, the hero, heroine, and criminal are the only strong characters, while the remaining roles appear quite weak. The roles of the hero's parents and the heroine's father are particularly uninteresting and tedious. Additionally, the other police officers' roles seem to be merely nominal. If the supporting roles had been designed better, 'Scene' might not have faltered, and this content could have been heading towards success.

Gujarat's efforts for the Delhi hitter

Is the plan to give a bowler and take a batter?



It has gained momentum. In this context, it is reported that the Gujarat Titans (GT) team, led by Shubman Gill, is making serious attempts to acquire Delhi Capitals (DC) power hitter Ashutosh Sharma. Reports suggest that Gujarat is taking steps in this direction to fill the gap that has emerged in the team for a finisher. Although the Gujarat team has strong top-order batsmen like Gill, Sai Sudharsan, and Jos Buttler, there is a clear shortage of a finisher who can consistently perform in the lower order. With players like Shahrukh Khan and Rahul Tewatia not performing to expectations, GT is on the lookout for a capable player who can finish matches. In this context, they are considering acquiring Ashutosh Sharma, who has gained recognition for his destructive batting. Ashutosh scored 171 runs with a strike rate of over 180 in 8 matches last season, winning several matches single-handedly in his career. His unbeaten innings of 66 runs off 31 balls agai nst Lucknow in IPL 2025 is a testament to his ability. Just a few months ago, Gujarat Titans contacted Delhi for this trade. However, there was no immediate response from the DC management at that time. With the new management and coaching staff in Delhi now taking charge under Sourav Ganguly, it is believed that there is a possibility of reconsidering this proposal. It is reported that Gujarat is ready to give a fast bowler they have in excess to Delhi as part of this deal. Along with Gujarat, Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) is also showing interest in Ashutosh Sharma in this trade race. With the IPL trade and retention deadline ending by mid-November, there is a possibility of full clarity on player transfers in the coming days. For now, there has been no official announcementregarding this deal.

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