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- 'Jwala Thoranam' (Ceremonial Lighting of Flames) Scheduled for the Evening
- Telugu States Immersed in Devotion as the Name of Shiva Echoes Everywhere

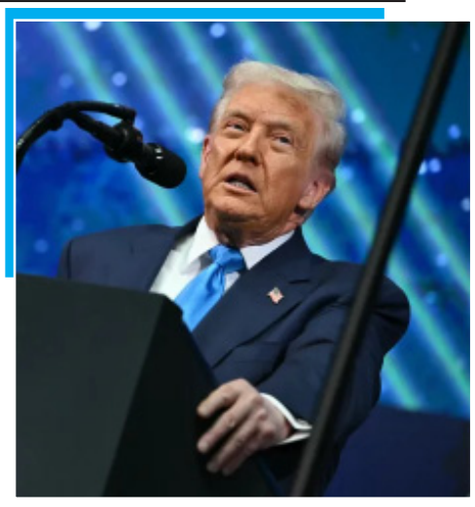


Amarawati, Hydrababd: On the auspicious occasion of Kartika Purnima, the Telugu states are filled with the resonance of Lord Shiva's name. Since the early hours of Tuesday, temples dedicated to Shiva have been overflowing with devotees. On this highly sacre d day, large numbersof worshippers have flocked to the temples to seek the blessings of Lord Shiva and perform deeparadhana (offeringoflamps).The temple premises are radiating a profound spiritual aura,

Oil prices, Iranian aggression

the Democrats are to blame for it all

- Trump blames Democrats for the loss in the midterm elections
- Trump claims the stock market crash and rising Iranian aggression are due to them
- Alleges that Democrats and Iran colluded before the elections to drive up oil prices
- States that the U.S. has effectively repelled Iranian attacks
- Trump asserts that Iran views Democrats as weak and capable of destroying the nation



USA: President Donald Trump has made sensational remarks regarding the results of the U.S. mi dterm elections. He leveled serious accusations, claiming that the Democrats securing a majority in both chambers of Congress has led to a decline in the stock market and an escalating atmosphere of war with Iran. In a series of posts on his 'Truth Social' platform, he held both the Democrats and Iran responsible for this outcome.



Incursion by Russian

Aircraft

Air-raid Alert in South Korea.. Deployment of Fighter Jets

- Russian military aircraft approach South Korea
- South Korean Air Force immediately deploys fighter jets
- Military clarifies that no violation of sovereign airspace occurred
- Brief confusion on Ulleung Island due to an erroneous alert

South Korea: A tense situation unfolded off the east coast of South Korea on Tuesday morning. After Russian military aircraft entered its Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ), the South Korean Air Force responded immediately by scrambling fighter jets.



8 dead in separate accidents in AP

CM Chandrababu expresses shock

- Incidents occurred in Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, and Palnadu districts
- CM Chandrababu conveys condolences to the families of the deceased
- Directs officials to analyze the causes of the accidents and take appropriate action
- Instructs officials to ensure the injured receive the best possible medical care

AP: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has expressed deep shock over the deaths of 8 people in separate road accidents across Andhra Pradesh. He sought details from officials regarding the tragic incidents that took place this morning in the districts of Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, and Palnadu. He directed officials to analyze the causes of these accidents and take stringent measures to prevent such occurrences in the future.



Jagan's new drama with 'Hey Ram'

Buchi Ramprasad lashes out

Amaravati, November 24: Andhra Pradesh Brahmin Corporation Chairman Buchi Ramprasad has slammed YSRCP chief and former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of staging a new drama by invoking 'Hey Ram' purely for political expediency. Speaking in the capital, Amaravati, on Tuesday, Ramprasad questioned Jagan: "Did you not remember God when idols were desecrated at Ramatheertham, the chariot was set ablaze at Antarvedi, or when the silver lions were stolen during the YSRCP's tenure?" He remarked that Jagan Mohan Reddy is adept at exploiting religions whenever it suits his political interests. He further criticized YSRCP leaders for creating an unnecessary uproar over the relocation of idols from an Anjaneya Swamy temple in Kadambari village.



Sheikh Hasina to Return to Bangladesh on December 16

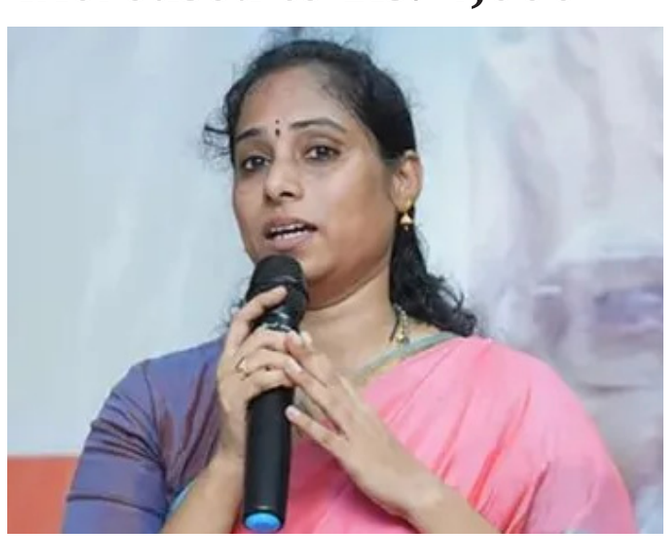
Delhi: Former Prime Minister of Bangl adesh, Sheikh Hasina who has been living in exile in India for over two years has made a significant decision. She has announced that she will return to Bangladesh on December 16. This date holds special significance, as it is observed annually as 'Victory Day' in Bangladesh. An aide to Hasina stated, "Since she arrived in India on August 5, 2024, aboard a Bangladeshi aircraft, the Bangladesh government should send a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight to bring her back from Delhi.

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old-age pensions increased to Rs. 4,000

Galla Madhavi

- Madhavi states that pensions for persons with disabilities have been raised to Rs. 6,000, and for those suffering from chronic illnesses to Rs. 15,000.
- Reveals that Rs. 1.70 lakh crore will be spent on pensions over the next five years.
- Clarifies that welfare schemes are being implemented based solely on eligibility





SEC Deadline for Candidates: Submit Election Expenditure Accounts by December 21



A New Direction for India–Nepal Friendship: Strengthening Bilateral Ties Through Development Cooperation!

Emotional Bonds Beyond Financial Assistance: Mutual Trust Is the Key to the Progress of Neighbouring Nations

The relationship between India and Nepal extends far beyond geographical boundaries. It is a unique friendship deeply rooted in centuries of shared history, culture, spiritual connections, and strong people-to-people ties. This enduring relationship, nurtured in the shadow of the Himalayas, serves as an important foundation for regional cooperation in South Asia. Against this backdrop, reports of India's substantial financial assistance for Nepal's development have once again brought bilateral relations between the two countries into focus. When a neighbouring country develops, the benefits of that progress extend beyond national borders. The same principle applies to India–Nepal relations. Improvements in Nepal's roads, railways, electricity, healthcare, and urban infrastructure will not only enhance the living standards of its people but also expand trade opportunities in India's border regions.“Economic Cooperation: A Strong Foundation for Development : For a mountainous country like Nepal, the development of infrastructure is extremely important. Challenging geographical conditions, natural disasters, and transportation limitations frequently create obstacles to the country's progress. Under such circumstances, international cooperation, investments, and technological expertise can provide much-needed support to Nepal's economy. However, development cannot be achieved merely by announcing massive financial packages. Transparency in the utilisation of funds, accountability in project implementation, and timely completion of development works must be given priority. Such cooperation will achieve its true purpose only when the benefits of development reach people living in rural and remote mountainous regions.“Road and Rail Connectivity to Boost Trade : Transportation connectivity between India and Nepal plays a crucial role in strengthening economic relations between the two countries. The development of border roads, expansion of railway networks, and modernisation of freight transportation systems can significantly facilitate trade and commercial activities. As Nepal is a landlocked country, India's transportation routes and seaports hold particular importance for its international trade. Improving cross-border infrastructure can help reduce transportation costs while creating greater opportunities for tourism, employment, and economic growth. At the same time, environmental protection must not be neglected in the name of development. Preserving the fragile ecological systems of the Himalayan region while expanding infrastructure remains a major responsibility of both governments.“Cooperation During Disasters Is the True Spirit of Friendship : “Nepal frequently faces natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, and landslides. During such difficult situations, cooperation from neighbouring countries becomes essential. India has previously participated in relief operations and reconstruction programmes following natural disasters in Nepal. However, cooperation should not be limited to providing assistance after disasters occur. Permanent mechanisms must be established for early warning systems, weather information sharing, disaster management training, and emergency medical services. Such measures can play a vital role in protecting the lives of people in both countries.“Mutual Trust Is Essential in Regional Politics : Nepal occupies a strategically important position in South Asian geopolitics. Situated between India and China, Nepal continues to maintain relations with its neighbours while safeguarding its national interests. In this context, India–Nepal cooperation must move forward on the principles of mutual respect, sovereignty, and equal partnership. Border disputes, trade-related concerns, and other diplomatic differences that occasionally arise between the two countries should be resolved through constructive dialogue. Both governments have a responsibility to ensure that political disagreements do not weaken the historical bonds shared by their people.“Development Must Deliver Results Beyond Announcements : The most important aspect of development cooperation is effective implementation. Signing agreements, laying foundation stones for projects, and announcing substantial financial assistance represent only the initial stages. The real achievement lies in translating these commitments into meaningful outcomes that benefit ordinary citizens. Both countries should strengthen long-term partnerships in education, healthcare, technology, renewable energy, and youth skill development. Particular attention must be given to creating employment opportunities for Nepalese youth, supporting local industries, and providing better market access for small businesses.“Stronger Friendship Must Bring Positive Changes to People's Lives : The strength of India–Nepal relations lies not merely in official meetings between governments but in the deep cultural, spiritual, and social connections shared by the people of both nations. To further strengthen this trust, development initiatives must bring visible and positive changes to the lives of ordinary citizens. Assistance extended to a neighbouring country should not merely symbolise generosity. It should serve as a foundation for mutual development, regional stability, and lasting friendship. For India–Nepal friendship to grow stronger and remain as enduring as the Himalayas, actions must speak louder than words, implementation must take precedence over announcements, and public welfare must remain above political interests. Only then can cooperation between the two countries emerge as a meaningful model for development and regional partnership in South Asia.

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Trump stated that he had predicted that a Democratic victory would cause the stock market to collapse and lead to more aggressive behavior from Iran. "Iran has killed 81,000 protesters so far. Now, the victory of the Democrats has emboldened them further. In the past week, Iran launched more drones and missiles than at any other time in the last year. However, the American defense system intercepted and destroyed them all. There is no cause for alarm; no damage was sustained," he stated.

Trump criticized the Democrats, alleging that they had colluded with Iran prior to the elections to keep oil prices as high as possible. "Iranian leaders view the Democrats as weak and capable of destroying the nation—but I will not allow that to happen. It is unfortunate that voters did not realize this before the elections. Isn't it interesting how oil prices dropped to record lows immediately after the elections?" he asked, describing the entire situation as a major deception. Recently, the Senate rejected a 'War Powers' resolution by a vote of 51 to 48, ensuring that Trump’s authority to take military action against Iran remains unhindered. In this context, his remarks have gained significant importance. Meanwhile, in the midterm elections, the Democrats secured a massive majority in the House of Representatives winning approximately 258 seats, the highest number in three decades and also gained control of the Senate with a 54-44 lead. Analysts believe that these results have emerged due to rising prices and opposition to the Trump administration.

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echoing with the sacred panchakshari mantra "Hara Hara Mahadeva, Shambho Shankara." From dawn, devotees have been gathering at the ghats of holy rivers like the Godavari and Krishna to take ritual baths. Following this, they are lighting Kartika lamps and setting them afloat on the rivers as an act of devotion and fulfillment of vows. Prominent Shiva shrines—such as Vemulawada, Kaleshwaram, Keesaragutta, and the Thousand Pillar Temple in Telangana, as well as Srisailam, Srikalahasti, Draksharama, Amaravati, and the *Pancharama* sites in Andhra Pradesh—are packed with worshippers. A heavy influx of devotees is also being witnessed at the Goshpada Kshetram in Kovvur. In addition to major temples, devotees are gathering in large numbers at various other locations—such as Ketagudipi in Tarlupadu mandal of Prakasam district, the Gopalakrishna Math in Adilabad, and the Shiva temple in Nerada, Kusumanchi (Khammam district)—to light 'Karthika Deepams' (lamps) and perform special prayers. This year, the 'Purnami' (full moon) tithi begins at 11:42 PM on November 23 and



continues until 8:23 PM on November 24, allowing devotees to engage in worship throughout the day. In the evening, a 'Jwala Thoranam' (a ceremonial arch of flames) will be grandly organized in temples, symbolizing the destruction of the demon Tripurasura.

Anticipating a large turnout, temple authorities have arranged dedicated queue lines and robust security measures. Furthermore, as the government has declared a holiday in Telangana for both Karthika Purnami and Guru Nanak Jayanti, the influx of devotees to the temples has increased even further.

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Amaravati: TDP MLA Galla Madhavi stated that the coalition government is fulfilling every promise made during the elections, ensuring a balance between welfare and development. Speaking at a press conference in Amaravati on Tuesday, she said, "While the previous government increased pensions by only Rs. 250 per year, our coalition government—immediately upon coming to power—raised the old-age pension to Rs. 4,000, standing firmly by the poor." She further explained that the government is supporting families by increasing the pension for persons with disabilities to Rs. 6,000, and providing Rs. 15,000 to those who are bedridden, as well as patients suffering from kidney diseases or thalassemia. Madhavi revealed that the state government intends to spend approximately Rs. 1.70 lakh crore on pension disbursements over the next five years. Alleging that the previous government used pensions for political gain, she clarified that the current administration provides welfare benefits to recipients based solely on eligibility, independent of any political considerations. "It is to Chandrababu’s credit that he transformed pensions from mere 'inducements' offered for votes into a symbol of self-respect for the poor," she stated. Madhavi further mentioned that Chief Minister Chandrababu is introducing the 'Sanjeevani' scheme with the objective of ensuring health security for every family in the state.

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Buchi Ramprasad expressed his indignation, noting that Jagan had previously appointed Karunakar Reddy—who lacks faith in Hinduism—as the TTD Chairman, thereby undermining the Hindu religion. He alleged that the new drama surrounding the Kadambari temple was orchestrated by Karunakar Reddy following directives from the 'Tadepalli Palace' (Jagan’s residence). He pointed out that the temple land was acquired for a National Highway in October 2023, during Jagan’s own administration. He explained that, due to the highway construction, the idol was moved to a temporary shelter with the utmost reverence and devotion, in the presence of both villagers and officials. Buchi Ramprasad has warned YSRCP leaders that any attempt to incite conflict between religions—much like the conspiracies previously orchestrated at the temples in Srisailam and Vijayawada—will not be tolerated. Advising Bhumana Karunakar Reddy to cease such false propaganda, he pointed out that this is no longer the past; there is concrete evidence for everything. Andhra Pradesh Brahmin Corporation Chairman Buchi Ramprasad further cautioned the YSRCP leaders that if they continue to exploit the name of God for political self-interest—devoid of any genuine devotion—they will face a fate even worse than their 2024 performance, where they were reduced to just 11 seats; in the future, their tally could drop to zero.

Incursion by Russian Aircraft

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The South Korean military, having detected the movement of the Russian aircraft before they entered the zone, remained on high alert. As a precautionary measure to prevent any untoward incidents, the Air Force conducted "tactical maneuvers" with its fighter jets. Shortly thereafter, the Russian aircraft departed the area. South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) clarified that the Russian aircraft did not enter the nation's sovereign airspace, remaining only within the ADIZ. An Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) is a designated area established by a country to identify and respond to aircraft approaching its airspace; it does not constitute sovereign airspace. A brief moment of confusion occurred during this incident: authorities initially issued an evacuation warning for Ulleung Island, located off the east coast, based on reports that a Russian aircraft had entered the airspace. However, within just three minutes, the warning was retracted after it was realized that the information was incorrect. According to the Yonhap news agency, the local government had issued the alert based on false information suggesting that a North Korean aircraft was in the vicinity of Ulleung Island. The military has stated that the situation is now under control and that the Russian aircraft have completely exited the zone. There has been no official statement from the Russian Ministry of Defense regarding this incident so far.

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Given that she was ousted in a manner contrary to the constitution, it is now the government's responsibility to ensure her dignified return on Victory Day, December 16." It is well known that Hasina has been attempting to return to Bangladesh for some time; in this regard, she has requested the issuance of a new passport and a national identity card. Meanwhile, recent reports suggested that India had set conditions for her return: either Bangladesh should send a military aircraft, or its military should formally receive her at the land border.

Against this backdrop, the finalization of her return date is noteworthy. However, the Bangladeshi government has not issued any official statement regarding this matter. Sources within the Bangladeshi government informed local media that if Hasina were to return to the country, she would certainly be arrested. At the same time, they stated that no official discussions have taken place with India regarding the deployment of an aircraft to bring her back.

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In Vizianagaram district, near Bhogapuram, a vehicle rammed into a stationary tanker on the national highway, resulting in the immediate death of four people. Officials informed the CM that the accident was primarily caused by the driver falling asleep at the wheel. One person injured in this incident is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital. In another incident near the Batajangalapalem toll gate in the Anandapuram mandal of Visakhapatnam district, a lorry’s cabin caught fire, resulting in the driver and the cleaner being burnt alive. Meanwhile, in Krosuru mandal of Palnadu district, a car carrying Ayyappa devotees—who were returning after a visit to Amaravati—veered off the road and fell into a canal, reportedly because the driver had fallen asleep at the wheel. Two devotees lost their lives in the incident, and another sustained injuries. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has directed police and transport department officials to conduct a comprehensive review of these three incidents. He emphasized the need to take all necessary measures to curb such accidents and instructed that the best possible medical care be provided to those undergoing treatment in hospitals.

Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati





24 November 2026““SVIMS Director and Vice-Chancellor interacts with first-year MBBS students

Students urged to become exemplary doctors guided by compassion, ethics and a commitment to service

Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry form the foundation of medical education

AI and robotics support doctors, while clinical judgment and human connection remain essential

Measures to improve student dining facilities to be taken up within three months

Tirupati, 24 November 2026 A special interactive session for first-year MBBS students of the 2026–27 academic year was held at 12 noon on Tuesday in Lecture Gallery–1 at Sri Padmavathi Medical College for Women. Dr. Gudaru Jagadesh, Director and Vice-Chancellor of SVIMS, attended as Chief Guest and spoke directly with students about their studies, future medical careers, personal development, campus facilities and the challenges they face.““Dr. Jagadesh described medicine as a profession that carries the responsibility of saving lives and serving society selflessly. He urged students to develop compassion, patience, discipline, ethical conduct and a spirit of service alongside their medical knowledge, so that they could become doctors worthy of the trust placed in them.““A warm welcome to students from across India““Dr. Jagadesh warmly welcomed students who had come to SVIMS from different states. He acknowledged that leaving home, parents and friends could be a major adjustment and that becoming familiar with a new environment, language, classmates and system of education takes time.““He recognised the efforts parents had made to bring their daughters to this stage and assured students that the faculty and staff would guide them with the same care. He encouraged them to approach their teachers freely whenever they had questions or faced difficulties. He also urged them to make the most of the peaceful and spacious SVIMS campus and work steadily towards their goals.““The first year lays a strong foundation for medical practice““Dr. Jagadesh encouraged students to give their studies close attention from the first year. He explained that Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry would remain central to their medical practice, whichever specialty they eventually chose.““Drawing on his own experience in orthopaedics, he explained how precise knowledge of the structure and function of bones, muscles, nerves, arteries and veins informs treatment. During surgery, for example, a sound grasp of anatomy helps surgeons identify nerves between muscles and understand the course of blood vessels. He added that these three subjects provide a strong foundation for careers in neurosurgery, oncology and every other medical specialty.““Clinical judgment and human connection remain essential““Dr. Jagadesh spoke about the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence and robotics in medicine. He noted the use of robotic technology in joint replacement surgery and the role of AI in assisting with the interpretation and reporting of X-rays and MRI scans.““He encouraged students to use these tools while developing their own medical knowledge, experience and clinical judgment. Taking a patient's history, understanding their symptoms, examining them in person, ordering appropriate investigations and interpreting the findings to reach an accurate diagnosis are core responsibilities of a doctor, he said. He added that direct communication, the doctor–patient relationship and clinical experience would continue to matter as technology advances.““Open communication with faculty and learning in groups““Dr. Jagadesh encouraged students to regard their teachers as mentors and to speak openly with them about academic or personal concerns. He urged them to approach cadaveric dissection in the anatomy laboratory with curiosity and a scientific outlook, acknowledging that any initial apprehension or discomfort would ease as they gained experience.““He also encouraged students to form small groups and participate actively in academic discussions, case presentations, meetings and other learning activities. Learning from one another, he said, would help them build confidence, strengthen their communication skills and work effectively in teams.““Measures to improve student dining within three months““Dr. Jagadesh said the institution needed to provide good-quality meals to approximately 2,400 students and was preparing a plan to bring the existing central kitchen into full operation. He said the menu would also take into account the dietary preferences of students from northern India.““He assured students that he would review meal quality again with the officials concerned and make every effort to improve dining facilities within three months.““Canteen, reading room and indoor games facilities““Dr. Jagadesh said he had already discussed with the officials concerned the proposal to establish a canteen on the first floor of the Central Mess building. He had also asked the Principal to arrange a dedicated reading room for first-year MBBS students and make the textbooks required for their course available there.““Emphasising the importance of physical fitness and mental well-being alongside academic work, he said two indoor games halls were being prepared on campus. The institution was also considering installing a television there so students could watch sporting events.““Support for student welfare and development““Dr. Jagadesh acknowledged that homesickness was natural when students first arrived in a new place. He encouraged them to give themselves time to settle in, stay focused on their studies and bring any difficulties to the attention of the administration. He assured them that the administration would remain available to help address their concerns.““He said SVIMS would pay close attention to students' academic progress, health, nutrition, accommodation and mental well-being, and would work to improve the facilities that support their overall development.““Discipline and good conduct help shape responsible doctors““Dr. Jagadesh said students' conduct and discipline would play a significant role in shaping their future. He advised them to choose their friends wisely, cultivate good habits and stay away from harmful ones. He urged every student to set clear goals early, pursue her studies with discipline and prepare to serve the country as a responsible medical professional.““The session gave students an opportunity to share their views directly with the Director and Vice-Chancellor at the start of their medical education, receive academic guidance and discuss improvements to campus facilities.““Dr. Umamaheswara Rao, Principal of Sri Padmavathi Medical College for Women, attended the programme along with Vice-Principals Dr. Sharvani, Dr. Vijayalakshmi and Dr. Anju D. Ade, as well as doctors, faculty members, staff and others.

Five-Day Online Certification Programme on Quantum Machine Learning Begins at Aditya University



Gandepalli, Pen Power, November 24: A five-day online certification programme on "Data Exploration Using Quantum Machine Learning through Qiskit Programming" commenced on November 23 at Aditya University, Surampalem, Gandepalli Mandal. The programme is jointly organized by the Aditya Learning Academy (Centre for Teaching and Learning) and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.““The primary objective of the programme is to provide students, faculty members and researchers with awareness and practical skills in emerging technologies such as Quantum Computing and Quantum Machine Learning.““The training programme covers several advanced topics, including the fundamentals of Quantum Machine Learning, differences between classical and quantum machine learning, Qiskit programming, Quantum Neural Networks, Quantum Kernel Methods, classification models and their applications.““Dr. R.V.S. Lalitha, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Aditya University, is serving as the chief resource person. She will share her valuable knowledge and technical expertise with the participants throughout the five-day programme. The online certification programme will be conducted from November 23 to 27, every day from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.““University Vice-Chancellor Dr. M.B. Srinivas, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academics) Dr. S. Ramashree, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Engineering and Sciences) Dr. A. Ramesh, Registrar Dr. G. Suresh, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering Dr. Phani Sridhar, Aditya Learning Academy Coordinator Dr. I. Veeranjaneyulu, Department Coordinator Dr. Saikam Jalaiah, and faculty members from various departments participated in the programme.

Elaborate Arrangements for Gram Panchayat Elections

Collector, SP Participate in Video Conference with Election Commissioner



Markapuram, Pen Power, November 24: District Collector M. Vijaya Sunitha and District SP Pankaj Kumar Meena participated in a high-level video conference conducted by State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha on the advance arrangements for the conduct of Gram Panchayat elections."On this occasion, the Election Commissioner reviewed the advance arrangements for the elections. He directed the officials to formulate a strong action plan to conduct the election process in a highly transparent, impartial and peaceful atmosp here.He instructed the officials to keep special vigil in problematic and sensitive areas and to make necessary bandobast arrangements for the protection of law and order. He suggested that the election code of conduct should be implemented strictly and that voters should not face any inconvenience.

Protect Youth From Falling Prey To Drugs

Collector, SP Direct Officials



Markapuram, Pen Power, November 24: District Collector M. Vijaya Sunitha and District SP Pankaj Kumar Meena called for collective efforts to make Markapuram district a ganja and drug-free district."A district-level NCORD meeting aimed at control and eradication of ganja and other narcotic substances was held at the District Collector's office under the leadership of the Collector and SP along with the concerned district officials."Speaking on the occasion, the Collector and SP said that all department officials should work in coordination to completely curb the illegal trafficking, sale and consumption of ganja and other drugs in the district. They suggested that extensive awareness programmes should be conducted in educational institutions and rural areas, especially to prevent youth from falling prey to drugs, and the ill effects of ganja and drugs should be explained to students and youth."They directed the officials of the concerned departments to work collectively to identify persons involved in ganja cultivation, illegal trafficking and sale, and to bust the network behind them."The Collector and SP said that a district-level NCORD meeting will be held every month to review the measures taken for control of ganja and drugs and to decide on further action plan."They called upon everyone to work responsibly with the aim of protecting the future of youth and making Markapuram district a ganja and drug-free district. Concerned district department officials participated in the meeting.

Kaveri Pakam Koteswara Rao as Naidupet Municipal Vice Chairman



Naidupet November 24 Penn Power representative. Kaveri Pakam Koteswara Rao of Bharatiya Janata Party took oath as Vice Chairman of Naidupet Municipality. MLA Dr. Nelawala Vijayashree along with 14 TDP councillors, four BJP councillors, independent councilors unanimously elected Kaveri Pakam Koteswara Rao as the vice chairman in the vice chairman election program held at Ambedkar Bhavan in the town on Tuesday. With this Special Election Officer S Prasada Rao Koteswara Rao was sworn in as the Vice Chairman. Naidupet Municipal Chairperson Thambireddy Rajeshwaramma, many councilors and leaders participated in this program.

Protecting Planet Earth Through Tree Planting

- *Peethadhipathi Dr. Umar Alisha Swamy*





Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada (Pithapuram), November 24 : Dr.Umar Alisha, the ninth Peethadhipathi (head) of the Sri Viswa Vignana Vidya Adhyatmika Peetham, stated that the planet Earth can be protected if everyone takes up the task of planting trees. A grand assembly (Maha Sabha) was held at the Peetham's new ashram to mark the occasion of Kartika Purnima. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of a lamp by Dr. Umar Alisha Swamy. Distinguished guests in attendance included Kadari Tammayya Naidu (head of Madhuri Educational Institutions and Municipal Chairman of Gollaprolu), Pithapuram Municipal Chairman Danam Lazar Babu along with his wife Kamala Rani, JanaSena leader Marnidi Rangababu, Town Circle Inspector G.V.V. Satyanarayana, and Red Cross Blood Bank Secretary K.Shiva Kumar all of whom received the Swamy's blessings. As part of the initiatives of the Umar Alisha Rural Development Trust, a 'zig-zag' sewing machine and a cloth-cutting table were donated to the Umar Alisha Tailoring Training Center. Additionally, financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 was provided by the Trust to a member of the Peetham who was suffering from an illness. Attire was provided to the young men and women serving as volunteers for the Peetham and the Trust. Guests, members of the Central Committee, and volunteers were presented with ceremonial sheaves of grain. Additionally 22 blankets were distributed to women in need. During this Karthika month gathering, the head of the Peetham, Dr. Umar Alisha Swamy, initiated 90 new individuals into the 'Maha Mantra'. A highlight of the Karthika Pournami (full moon) event was the resonant, continuous blowing of a conch shell (shankharavam) by Dr.Konda Narasimha Rao—Commandant of the Special Police Battalion in Rajamahendravaram and recipient of the Kalaratna award—along with his wife, Alivelu Mangadevi; the performance left the audience spellbound. Speeches delivered by students from the Tatvika Bala Vikas (a philosophical development program for children) delighted the attendees. Yarramshetti Uma Maheswara Rao, an 'Avadhani' who had once been a student of Tatvika Bala Vikas and a frequent speaker himself, explained the significance of the Peetham to the audience. Similarly Dr.Padmavathi outlined the various initiatives undertaken by the Umar Alisha Rural Development Trust. Complimentary meals were provided to all those who attended the gathering. Furthermore, a blood donation camp—organized jointly by the Red Cross and the Umar Alisha Rural Development Trust—saw approximately 50 people donate blood. On this occasion, the head of the Peetham, Dr. Umar Alisha Swamy, delivered a discourse, advising everyone to engage in the 'Trayi Sadhana'—a threefold practice consisting of Mantra (sacred chanting), Jnana (acquisition of knowledge), and Dhyana (meditation). He explained that this practice leads to Bhukti (material well-being), Trupti (contentment), and Mukti (liberation), ultimately bringing fulfillment to human life. He also enlightened the thousands of attendees at the Kartika Purnima gathering about the significance of this auspicious day. Furthermore, Dr.Umar Alisha Swamy urged everyone to make a firm commitment by participating in the Peetham's initiative, "My Plant – My Breath" (Naa Mokka – Naa Shwasa); he encouraged each person to plant three saplings and take responsibility for their care. The event was attended by several key figures, including Peetham Convener Peruri Suribabu, Hyderabad Ashram Media Convener Dr.Suneel Kumar Yandra, and Central Committee members Dr.Pingali Anand Kumar, A.V.V.Satyanarayana, and NTV Prasad Varma among others.

As long as I have breath in me, I am a people's soldier : Dr. Chitla Kiran



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada, November 24 : Speaking at a meeting organized in the local 53rd ward, Dr.Chitla Kiran said that after filing his nomination in the 53rd ward, as part of the seat adjustment of the coalition parties, his ward was allotted to the Bharatiya Janata Party, and I have expressed my full support to the party's candidate Lakshmi Prasanna and am cooperating with her and the coalition candidates for their victory. He urged all the people to see the development programs being undertaken by our coalition government and make the coalition candidates win. He said that on the day of the withdrawal of nominations, he was unable to withdraw his nomination due to emergency surgery, but he said that he is expressing his full support and is working tirelessly for the victory of Kakinada Mayoral candidate Akula Bhavani and the coalition candidates. " Dr. Chitla Kiran said that as long as he has breath, he will remain a Jana Sainik and will always work to advance the aspirations of Jana Sena Party President and State Deputy Chief Minister Konidala Pawan Kalyan.

Development Without a Safe Environment for Women Cannot Be Considered True Development!

Dr. Rayapati Shailaja, Chairperson, Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Women





Vijayawada, penpower, November, 24,: Despite women taking leading positions in various fields, men continue to dominate the systems and decision-making processes, observed Dr. Rayapati Shailaja, Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Women.""On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, observed every year on November 25 at the call of the United Nations, an awareness programme on women-related laws was organised for students on Tuesday under the joint auspices of the Centre for Women's Studies and Dharmapeetham. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Dr. Shailaja said that parents should cultivate respect for women among children from an early age. By shaping their attitudes and perspectives at home, many forms of violence against women can be prevented.""She emphasised that violence is not limited to physical abuse, but also includes mental and psychological harassment through online platforms. She strongly condemned such acts, stating that they are unacceptable. Although several laws are in place to prevent physical violence against women, lack of awareness and inadequate utilisation of these legal provisions have become major obstacles in curbing violence. Dr. Shailaja described awareness of legal rights as an essential life skill for every woman in today's society. She also stated that insulting or behaving indecently towards women in the name of freedom of speech is unacceptable. She appreciated the State Government's initiatives for women's safety, including the Shakti App and dedicated women police patrol teams, which are working across districts to provide protection to women. She also explained the services available through the 181 women's helpline, the 112 emergency helpline and Bharosa Centres.""Presiding over the programme, Professor Trimurthulu, Principal of the University College of Arts, Commerce and Law, said that women's awareness programmes conducted through educational institutions should be extended to ordinary women in society. He expressed his commitment to taking forward this initiative and urged service organisations like Dharmapeetham to organise more awareness programmes.""University Rector R. Sivaram Prasad, who attended as the guest of honour, expressed hope that women would achieve greater success when they move forward without being discouraged by societal attitudes. He encouraged women to pursue their goals fearlessly, expressing confidence that the law would perform its duty.""Professor Vimala from the Department of Psychology, who attended as a special guest, expressed concern that despite the government providing several legal protection measures, not all women are in a position to access them. She explained that mental strength and self-confidence enable women to face challenges independently and achieve their goals.""Professor E. Bhavani, Director of the Centre for Women's Studies and programme organiser, stated that education is not merely a qualification but a powerful instrument for women's empowerment. She urged every woman to understand her rights and develop self-confidence. She further observed that financial independence empowers women to resist injustice, confront attacks and ultimately contribute to eliminating violence against women.""Dharmapeetham National Legal Advisor Ganta Satish Kumar explained that several legal provisions are available to address online harassment and crimes against women. Proper awareness and timely utilisation of these legal measures can help control such incidents at an early stage. He distributed research documents prepared by him on various legal protections available to women free of cost to the students attending the programme.

On the occasion, winners of the essay-writing competitions conducted as part of the programme were honoured by Dharmapeetham President Shettipalli Shashikiran. Cash prizes, certificates of appreciation and mementoes were presented to the winners.""University women professors, former Principal Professor M. Suresh Kumar, Dharmapeetham executive committee members Sampathi Santhosh Kumar, Talluri Praharshitha, Yarramsetti Srinivas, and university students Harshitha, Neha and others participated in the programme.

Intimate meeting of alliance leaders with doctors



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada, November 24 : Alliance leaders held an intimate meeting with prominent doctors from Kakinada at a hotel near the local Nagamalli Thota. On this occasion, they requested the doctors to make Akula Bhavani, who is contesting as the Kakinada mayoral candidate, win with a huge majority. Prathipadu MLA Varupula Satyaprabha, Zilla Parishad Chairman Burra Divya Sunitha Raj, former Mayor Sunkara Pavani Tirumala Kumar, Dr. Chitla Kiran and others participated in this meeting and addressed the gathering.""- Positive response from doctors""Speaking on behalf of the doctors, Dr. Vadrevu Ravi and Dr. Anand said that all the doctors are positive towards the alliance government. At the same time, they appealed to the leaders to bring the problems faced by doctors in the management of hospitals and professionally to the attention of the alliance government and resolve them. Prominent doctors Dr. Tagore, Dr. Jawahar, Dr. Addala Satyanarayana, Dr. Dorababu, Dr. Bezawada Kamaraju, Dr. Harsha, Dr. Surendra, Dr. Teja, along with many alliance leaders, participated in this program.

Elaborate Police Security Arrangements for First-Phase Gram Panchayat Elections

310 Police Personnel Deployed Across Five Mandals and Seven Police Station Limits

Rampachodavaram, November 26: Elaborate security arrangements have been made for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the first-phase Gram Panchayat elections being held on November 26, 2026, across five mandals under seven police station limits in Polavaram district. As many as 310 police personnel have been deployed under the supervision of District Superintendent of Police K. Chakravarthy, IPS, to ensure peaceful polling and maintain law and order.

The security deployment includes one Additional Superintendent of Police, three Deputy Superintendents of Police, 10 Inspectors, 20 Sub-Inspectors, along with Assistant Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables and other police personnel.""Special teams, including tear gas reserve teams, striking forces, combing operation teams, ANS special teams, Greyhounds, Civil Police, Armed Reserve and APSP personnel, have also been deployed as part of the security arrangements.

Special surveillance is being maintained in sensitive and problematic areas, while polling stations are being continuously monitored to prevent any untoward incidents. The police have warned that strict action will be taken against anyone violating election rules, threatening or influencing voters, offering inducements or attempting to disturb the polling process.""The SP appealed to voters to exercise their franchise freely and fearlessly and cooperate with the police to ensure the peaceful conduct of the elections.

Police Raid on Cockfights in Kachirajugudem

Khammam Rural, November 24: Even though the Sankranti festival is still two months away, gamblers have already begun their activities. Acting on information that cockfights were being held near Kachirajugudem village in Khammam Rural mandal, the Sub-Inspector (SI) of the Khammam Rural Police Station, Venkanna, along with his team, conducted a surprise raid. Eight individuals involved in the gambling were taken into custody. Additionally, the police seized two cars, seven motorcycles, four mobile phones, and Rs. 3,000 in cash. It is reported that those apprehended are residents of V.M. Banjara in Bhadradri Kothagudem district.

Political Parties Urged to Extend Cooperation for Transparent SIR Process

Cooperation Sought for Smooth Conduct of Gram Panchayat Elections: District Election Officer and Collector K. Dinesh Kumar



Rampachodavaram, November 24 (Pen Power): District Election Officer and Collector K. Dinesh Kumar has urged representatives of all political parties to extend their cooperation for conducting the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of electoral rolls in a transparent manner, in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission. He emphasized that every eligible citizen must be ensured the right to vote.““The Collector held a meeting with representatives of various political parties at his chamber in the ITDA office, Rampachodavar am, on Tuesday evening. During the meeting, he informed them that 38,927 ASD (Absent, Shifted and Dead) voter cases had been identified in the district. He instructed the officials and political party representatives to verify these details at the field level and ensure that the names of all eligible voters remain on the electoral rolls.““He also stressed the need to complete the distribution and collection of Enumeration Forms within the stipulated deadlines and create public awareness about the voter registration process.““Reviewing the SIR-2026 schedule prescribed by the Election Commission, the Collector explained that preparation of Enumeration Forms was scheduled by November 18, followed by distribution and collection from November 18 to 30. Verification and disposal of the submitted forms would be completed by December 10. The process of issuing notices and resolving claims and objections would be completed by December 15, with the final electoral roll scheduled for publication on December 22, 2026. He sought the active cooperation of all political parties to complete the process within the prescribed timeframe.““The meeting also reviewed arrangements for the upcoming Gram Panchayat elections. The Collector stated that polling scheduled for November 26 and 29 would be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Counting of votes would begin immediately after polling, and results would be announced on the same day. The election of Upa-Sarpanches would also be conducted as per the prescribed procedures.““He further informed that three Gram Panchayats in the district had been elected unanimously so far, while certain wards in another Panchayat had also been elected unanimously. He said that special incentive grants could be provided to unanimously elected Panchayats as per government guidelines.““Responding to the concerns raised by political party representatives regarding the long-distance travel faced by voters due to polling station mapping in a Panchayat of Rajavommangi mandal, the Collector said the issue had been resolved with the approval of the State Election Commission.““He directed the concerned officials to ensure that permissions for election campaign vehicles and public address systems were issued without delay. He also instructed them to make adequate security arrangements at sensitive polling stations to ensure peaceful elections.““District Revenue Officer R. Siva Rao, YSR Congress Party representative K. Balakrishna, Jana Sena Party representative P. Srinivas and representatives of other political parties attended the meeting.

Congress campaigns vigorously even in heavy rains



Srikalahasti Nov 24 pen power Repoter Srikal ahasti. Under the leadership of Srikalahasti Constituency Congress Party Coordinator Talapa Damodaram Reddy, the Congress Party municipal election campaign was conducted for the overwhelming victory of the municipal chairman candidate Nellore Gandhi and councilor candidates in Bahudurapet, Thettu, Kummara Veedhi, Nalla Gangamma Gudi Veedhi, Kotta Peta, Mutyalamma Gudi Veedhi.“Talapa Damodaram Reddy said that today everything is possible only through the struggles of the youth and thus the youth should participate in the elections and use their precious vote to elect leaders who will provide good results.“District Vice President Karimulla, District INC Collective Representative Chairman Chiranjeevi District OBC Cell General Secretary Sudhakar Yadav, Srikalahasti Mandal President Surendra Reddy, Srikalahasti Urban Youth President Antony, Shankar, Nagaraju, Mahesh, Babu, Arun, Charan, Joseph, Saradhi Chira njeevi, Chandu, Ajith, San Michael, Swami nathan, Kumar and others participated.

Elaborate Arrangements for Free and Fair Gram Panchayat Elections in Polavaram District

Preparations Completed for First Phase in Five Mandals – 88 Gram Panchayats and 826 Polling Stations Ready

1,559 Postal Ballots Completed; Micro Observers Appointed in 41 Sensitive and Highly Sensitive Areas“

Rampachodavaram, November 24 (Pen Power): All arrangements have been completed to conduct the Gram Panchayat elections in Polavaram



district in a free, fair and transparent manner, District Election Officer and Collector K. Dinesh Kumar and Superintendent of Police K. Chakravarthy informed the State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha. During a video conference conducted by the State Election Commissioner from Vijayawada on Tuesday, the Collector, SP and District Panchayat Officer G. Bhaskar participated from the Collector's conference hall at the ITDA office in Rampacho davaram. The State Election Commissioner directed officials to ensure the safe transportation and storage of postal ballots in accordance with Election Commission guidelines. He emphasized that even a difference of a few votes could determine the outcome of Gram Panchayat and ward member elections, and instructed officials to exercise utmost care at every stage of postal ballot handling. First-phase arrangements completed The Collector informed that elections in the first phase would be conducted in 88 Gram Panchayats covering 826 polling stations across five mandals Addateegala, Devipatnam, Gangavaram, Rajavommangi and Rampa chodava ram. Of the 91 Gram Panchayats and 850 polling stations in these mandals, certain seats had been elected unanimously.““The postal ballot polling process, including service voters, had been completed with 1,559 votes. Distribution of voter slips was also scheduled to be completed by Tuesday evening.““He stated that three Gram Panchayats – Kondapalli in Rajavommangi, Veeravaram in Addateegala and Jiyyampalem in Gangavaram – had been elected unanimously for both Sarpanch and ward member positions. The Sarpanch post in Jagann adhapuram was also elected unanimously, while 116 ward member positions across the district were elected unanimously. Webcasting, CCTV cameras and videography arrangements have been made to monitor polling. CCTV surveillance will be provided at 188 polling stations, while videography will cover the remaining centres. Micro observers have been appointed in 41 sensitive and highly sensitive locations. Preparations for second phase““The Collector said arrangements were also underway for the second phase of elections in seven mandals – Gurtedu, Y. Ramavaram, Chinturu, Maredumill i, Kunavaram, V.R. Puram and Yetapaka. Polling personnel had been appointed, ballot paper printing was completed, and postal ballot facilitation centres would be established on November 27. CCTV surveillance would be arranged at 158 polling stations, while videogra phy would be conducted at the remaining centres. Micro observers had been appointed in 91 sensitive locations.““2.78 lakh voters across the district““The Collector stated that elections would be held in two phases across 12 mandals, covering 186 Gram Panchayats and 1,734 polling stations. A total of 2,78,545 voters are eligible to exercise their franchise.““As many as 1,911 ballot boxes have been arranged, including 924 for the first phase covering 1,35,562 voters and 987 for the second phase covering 1,42,983 voters.““A special communication plan has also been prepared for remote areas with limited mobile network connectivity. Eighteen district-level nodal officers, 12 mandal-level nodal officers and 40 zonal officers are monitoring election arrangements.““Tight security arrangements““SP K. Chakravarthy informed the State Election Commissioner that comprehensive police security arrangements had been made for both phases. Special attention was being given to sensitive and highly sensitive polling locations to prevent any untoward incidents and ensure peaceful elections.““Meanwhile, Collector K. Dinesh Kumar stated that election campaigning for the first phase concluded at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, in accordance with the rule requiring campaigning to end 44 hours before polling. Monitoring teams would strictly enforce the Model Code of Conduct and keep continuous surveillance to prevent violations.““Officials stated that all departments were working in coordination to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the Gram Panchayat elections.

Vote Without Fear - Police Will Stand By You SP Pankaj Kumar Meena



Markapuram, Pen Power, November 24:District SP Pankaj Kumar Meena said that elaborate bandobast arrangements have been made for the first phase Panchayat elections and Podili Nagar Panchayat elections to be held on November 26. He said that striking forces, special force and route mobiles have been deployed to ensure that the elections in 6 mandals under Kanigiri constituency are held peacefully and transparently. Polling stations have been categorized as hypersensitive, sensitive and normal, and continuous surveillance is being maintained through CCTV cameras, webcasting and drones.He made it clear that the campaign deadline has ended and no campaign activity should be held henceforth. He warned that strict action will be taken if the election code of conduct, Police Act-30 and BN SS-163 are violated. He said there will be no leniency for false propaganda on social media, gathering in groups and disturbing law and order.He appealed to the people to vote fearless ly and to immediately inform the District Police Election Control Room on 9121104783 if any suspicious activities are noticed anywhere.

SEC Deadline for Candidates: Submit Election Expenditure Accounts by December 21

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Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh State Election Commissioner (SEC) Anil Chandra Punetha has directed all candidates who contested in the MPTC and ZPTC elections to submit their election expenditure details by December 21. He clarified that every candidate—regardless of whether they won or lost—must submit their final expenditure accounts. Candidates are instructed to submit these details to the District Election Officer through the office of the respective MPDO (Mandal Parishad Development Officer).

Following the announcement of election results on November 7, the SEC has mandated that these accounts be submitted within 45 days (by December 21), in accordance with the regulations. He warned that candidates who fail to submit their expenditure details within this deadline will face action under Section 19-B of the Panchayat Raj Act. Such candidates will be disqualified from contesting elections for three years, and those who won will lose their elected positions. SEC Anil Chandra Punetha has instructed MPDOs to take the initiative to ensure all candidates submit their details by the deadline, and has directed District Collectors to ensure widespread publicity regarding this requirement.

Directives to Election Officials: The Andhra Pradesh State Election Commissioner, Anil Chandra Punetha, has issued key directives to election officials. Instructions have been issued to set up additional tables for the counting of votes in the elections for 23 urban local bodies across the state. It has been directed that the counting process, which begins at 8:00 AM on the 30th of this month, should be concluded by 8:00 PM the same day. Authorities have been ordered to ensure that an adequate number of counting tables and staff are kept ready. State Election Commissioner (SEC) Anil Chandra Punetha has directed that additional personnel be deployed for the counting of votes for Mayors and Chairpersons, as well as for ward members.

Strong Police Security Arrangements for Gram Panchayat Elections

Rampachodavaram, November 24: Polavaram District SP K. Chakravarthy, IPS, informed Eluru Range IG G.V.G. Ashok Kumar that elaborate security arrangements have been made for the upcoming Gram Panchayat elections during a video conference held on Tuesday.““The SP stated that the first phase of elections will be held on November 26 and the second phase on November 29. Civil Police, AR, APSP, CRPF, Greyhounds and ANS personnel will be deployed along with special strike forces, QRTs and mobile patrol teams. Special surveillance will be maintained at sensitive areas, polling stations and counting centres to prevent untoward incidents and ensure peaceful elections.



Pallamala Anusha Reddy as Sarpanch of Gottipro is unanimous

Naidupet November 24 Penn Power representative

Pallamala Anusha Reddy, wife of former MPTC member Pallamala Ramireddy, was unanimously elected as Sarpanch of Gottiprolu Gram Panchayat in Naidupet mandal. It is known that Pallamala Anusha Reddy was nominated as the sarpanch candidate of Gottipro TDP during the panchayat elections. However, since no one filed the nomination as a sarpanch candidate, Pallamala Anusha Reddy was unanimously elected as sarpanch. After the withdrawal of nominations, on Tuesday, the election officer declared Pallamala Anusha Reddy as the Sarpanch and handed over the declaration form to her. On this occasion, the new Sarpanch of Gottiprolu Gram Panchayat, Pallamala Anusha Reddy said that she thanked the people and leaders of the village who unanimously elected her as the Sarpanch. She informed that the Gottipros will be available to the people of the panchayat and improve the infrastructure in the panchayat.

Lokesh's Growing Influence Within the Party

Vijayawada, : Following the local body elections, Nara Lokesh has emerged significantly stronger within the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). TDP supporters believe that even with Chandr ababu Naidu serving as Chief Minister, it was Lokesh who operated from behind the scenes, steering the party toward a success rate of over 90 percent. By effectively countering YSRCP leaders and ensuring the victory of TDP candidates in municipal, parishad, and rural elections, Lokesh has become a hero among the party cadre. Political analysts also observe that the strategies implemented by TDP National General Secretary and Minister Nara Lokesh yielded positive results on the ground, as evidenced by the recent local body election outcomes in Andhra Pradesh. Party leaders and workers attribute this success to Lokesh's "tit-for-tat" approach. Through these elections, Lokesh has clearly demonstrated both to his own party and to his opponents that he does not share the "soft" temperament often associated with Chandraba bu Naidu. The alliance of the TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP achieved a resounding victory across both urban and rural local bodies, even securing leads in areas previously considered strongholds of the YSR Congress Party. The party cadre firmly believes that this significant triumph was made possible precisely because of the strategies devised by Lokesh. For a long time, Chandrababu Naidu adopted a somewhat conciliatory approach. In contrast, Lokesh has taken an offensive stance, which has injected greater enthusiasm into the party cadre. Regardless of differing opinions, it is clear that Lokesh is the future leader of the TDP. Party leaders no te that he hassuccessfully conveyed a strong mes sage through every step he takes that his efforts are dedicated entirely to the party workers. The results for the urban local body elections were announced on November 3rd. Across 100 urban local bodies comprising 13 corporations, 77 municipalities, and 10 nagar panchayats the alliance secured a majority of the seats. The alliance won 93 leadership positions (12 mayors and 81 chairpersons), while the YSRCP was limited to just four. In the *parishad* (local council) elections, the alliance won 564 out of 659 ZPTC seats, with the TDP securing 470 and the Jana Sena 70. Party leaders point out that the alliance's vote share, which stood at 55.3% in the 2024 general elections, rose to 58.90% in the 2026 local body elections. Meanwhile, the YSRCP's vote share declined from 39.81% to



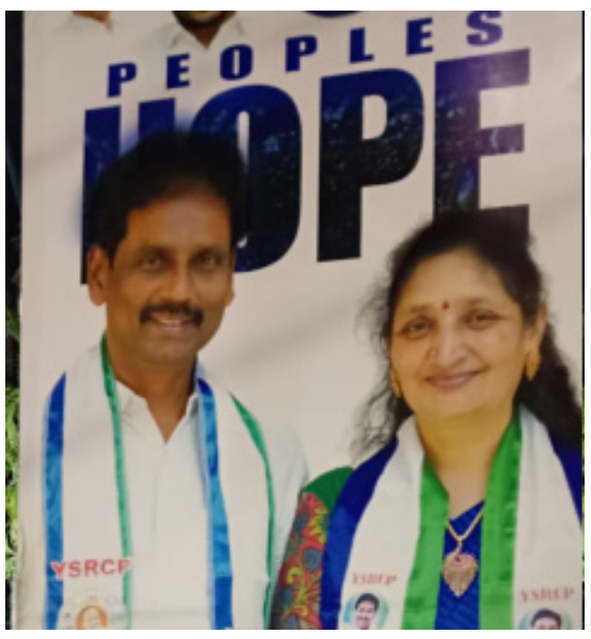
33.56%. While Chandrababu Naidu focused on governance, Nara Lokesh took the lead in managing party affairs and electoral strategy. Lokesh played a key role in coordinating seat-sharing among the TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP, ensuring that no disputes arose. Out of 13 corporations, the TDP contested in 10, while allocating 2 to the Jana Sena and 1 to the BJP. The fact that the Jana Sena achieved a 100% strike rate in the seats it contested serves as a testament to the effectiveness of this coordination. Furthermore, Lokesh participated directly in coordination meetings at the constituency level, preparing grassroots-level party workers for the elections.

Satya who gave a big push to those who sang bhajans...!?



- Why are the doctors biased..?
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- Fan retreat in Kakinada, voters tend towards the alliance
- Locals who are forgetting the scanning center robbery

Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada, November 24 : The victory of alliance candidate Akula Bhavani in the Kakinada Municipal Corporation elections seems almost certain, and it is known that YSRCP is present in only 20 divisions. While the development and welfare schemes implemented by the alliance are the first step towards the alliance's success, the alliance has also hesitated in the selection of candidates. In particular, it seems that YSRCP is lagging behind in the campaign, selection of candidates, and distribution. Especially since the husband of the YCP candidate is a famous



doctor, the locals are still unable to forget the robbery that was committed by the patients who went to the scanning center. The locals are expressing suspicions that the person who robbed people for business purposes will rob them even more if given power.

There is deep dissatisfaction not only among the victims of the scanning but also among the YCP activists. On the other hand, there is also a delay in the poll management. This has also caused deep dissatisfaction among the activists. Now, in the municipal elections to be held in Kakinada city on the 26th of this month, the alliance flag is sure to fly once again.

Series of Accidents on Khammam–Devarapalli Greenfield Highway

Couple Killed in Latest Incident



Karepalli, November 24: The Khammam–Devarapalli Greenfield National Highway, intended to reduce travel time and facilitate smoother transit, has become a site of concerning accidents. Although the highway has not yet been officially inaugurated, it is already open to traffic, with thousands of vehicles using the route daily. The frequent accidents and loss of life have left travelers feeling anxious and fearful. In the latest incident, a couple died and their son was injured when their car collided with a lorry near the highway exit in Wyra mandal. Tragedy struck while they were returning from Annavaram. Kota Kishore Reddy, his wife Lavanya, and their son Praneeth—all from Hyderabad—were returning after visiting the Annavaram temple when the accident occurred in the early hours of Tuesday. Their car collided with a lorry near the Greenfield Highway exit within the limits of Wyra mandal. Kishore Reddy and Lavanya died on the spot. Their son, Praneeth, sustained injuries and has been shifted to a hospital in Khammam for treatment. The Wyra police have registered a case and are investigating the incident. Why are there accidents on this state-of-the-art highway?: A four-lane, access-controlled greenfield highway, spanning approximately 162 kilometers from Tallampadu in Khammam district to Devarapalli in Andhra Pradesh, has been constructed. Speed ??limits have been set at 100 km/h for cars and 80 km/h for heavy vehicles. The highway is equipped with features such as CCTV cameras every kilometer, interchanges, truck lay-bys, and a toll collection system based on the distance traveled. Despite these provisions, frequent accidents have raised concerns regarding road safety. Commuters are urging authorities to implement specific measures to prevent accidents, particularly at highway exits and interchanges. They are calling for stricter speed enforcement, the installation of warning signs, adequate nighttime lighting, enhanced CCTV monitoring, and the availability of emergency medical services. The public expects officials to take proactive steps that not only ensure a smooth travel experience but also guarantee the safety and lives of motorists.

Ensure the victory of YSRCP-supported candidates in the Sarpanch elections

Vantala Shanthi, Chairperson, Alluri Sitharama Raju District Zilla Parishad (ZP).



Chintapalli, Pen Power, November 24.: Vantala Shanthi, the Zilla Parishad Chairperson of Alluri Sitharama Raju district, has urged the public to ensure the victory of YSRCP-supported candidates in the local Panchayat Sarpanch elections. On Tuesday, she attended a wedding held in a local Adivasi-dominated area as a special guest. After blessing the newlyweds, she joined YSRCP supporters in their campaign efforts. She requested that, just as the public had supported and ensured the victory of YSRCP-backed MPTC and ZPTC candidates in the previous elections, they should now do the same by electing those supported by the YSRCP in the upcoming Sarpanch elections.

YSRCP's final day of campaigning resonates across Chintapalli

Sarpanch candidate Duriya Pushpalatha surges ahead with the 'Carrot' election symbol



Chintapalli, Pen Power, November 24: The final day of campaigning for the Chintapalli Major Panchayat Sarpanch election concluded with great fervor on Tuesday. Ahead of the panchayat elections scheduled for the 26th of this month, the streets of Chintapalli echoed with slogans from YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) supporters during a massive rally organized by Duriya Pushpalatha, the party-backed candidate for the Sarpanch post. Entering the electoral fray with the blessings of the party's constituency in-charge and Paderu MLA, Matsyarasa Visweswara Raju, Duriya Pushpalatha has been campaigning vigorously, highlighting her assigned election symbol—the 'Carrot'. As part of the final day's efforts, she conducted a door-to-door campaign across various streets within the panchayat, meeting voters and requesting their support and blessings. She received an enthusiastic response from the local residents, who extended their strong backing to her candidacy. The massive rally, marked by the spirited participation of local leaders and party workers, saw the involvement of Jalli Sudhakar (State General Secretary of the YSRCP Tribal Wing), Sagina Ganganna Padal (President of the YSRCP Panchayat Raj Wing), and former MPTC member Chindada Jayalakshmi, all of whom campaigned in support of the candidate. Along with them, candidates for ward member positions, party workers, and supporters participated in large numbers, making the final day of campaigning a success.

Zilla Parishad Chairperson Vantala Shanthi Extends Support to Rintada Sarpanch Candidate Pathuni Lakshman

Gudem Kotha Veedhi, Pen Power, November 24: Zilla Parishad (ZP) Chairperson Vantala Shanthi conducted an extensive election campaign on Tuesday in support of Pathuni Lakshman, the YSRCP-backed candidate for the Sarpanch post in Rintada Gram Panchayat. She visited households throughout the village, urging voters to support Lakshman. Speaking on the occasion, Shanthi assured the villagers that, in her capacity as ZP Chairperson, she would provide full cooperation for the comprehensive development of the Rintada Panchayat. She emphasized that electing public representatives to local bodies creates greater opportunities for village development and appealed to the residents to bless Pathuni Lakshman with their votes. The campaign saw the participation of Gudem Kotha Veedhi ZPTC member Kankipati Giri Prasad, MPP Pujari Leela Prasad, former MPP Boyina Kumari, as well as a large number of key YSRCP leaders, party workers, and supporters.

The Significance of Kartika Purnima

Do You Know the Legends Behind the 'Jwala Thoranam'?

Kartikyadishu samyoge krittikadi dvayam dvayam
Antyopantyau panchamascha tridha masatrayam smritam
(Surya Siddhanta)



It is said in the Puranas, "There is no month equal to Kartika, no deity equal to Lord Vishnu, and no sacred water (tirtha) equal to the River Ganga." Devotees believe that the month of Kartika renowned for spiritual pursuits—is exceptionally sacred and miraculous. It is considered a month dear to both Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu (Keshava). The month of Kartika is defined by the alignment of the full moon (Purnima) with the Krittika Nakshatra (constellation). This year, Kartika Purnima falls on November 24 (Tuesday). According to Hyderabad time, the Purnima Tithi begins at 10:13 PM on November 23 (Monday) and concludes at 8:26 PM on November 24. (Please check the specific Purnima timings for your own region.) During this full moon, the Moon is at its closest proximity to the Earth. As the Moon is the presiding deity of the mind, its rays—falling abundantly upon the Earth and its water bodies help bring tranquility to the human mind. Among all the ritual baths taken throughout the year, the 'Kartika Snanam' (ritual bath during this month) holds special significance. The observances and duties performed on the day of Kartika Purnima are considered, according to the Shastras, to be highly meritorious. Those who seek a vision of the Divine (Darshan) on the day of Kartika Purnima, when it coincides with the Krittika Nakshatra, are blessed to be born in their next seven lifetimes as learned scholars, well-versed in the Vedas and endowed with great wealth. Engaging in acts such as seeking divine blessings, offering lamps (Deepadaanam), ritual bathing, and chanting (Japa) on this day yields immense spiritual merit. It is considered highly meritorious to bathe in sacred rivers like the Ganga, Godavari, Krishna, or Tungabhadra, or in any other holy water body nearby. For those unable to bathe in a river, one may bathe at home using water mixed with sacred Ganga water. Lighting an 'Akasha Deepam' (a lamp placed high up) in the evening is a special tradition. The scriptures describe the gifting of a 'Salagrama' or Indian gooseberries (Usirikai) on this day as an act of supreme sanctity. Furthermore, lighting lamps at temples and near the Tulsi plant at home is considered highly auspicious. A unique tradition involves lighting a lamp with 365 wicks, symbolizing the 365 days of the year.

According to the scriptural dictum, "Observing a vow (Diksha) during the month of Kartika liberates one from the bonds of birth." It is also customary to prepare and consume 'Paramannam' (a sweet rice pudding) under the moonlight on the night of Kartika Purnima. On this day, one should also contemplate upon Lord Kartikeya—the commander of the celestial army—to attain victory over one's enemies. During the moonrise, one should worship the six Krittikas—who protected Kartikeya—in the form of Agni (fire). The month of Kartika is extremely dear to both Shiva and Vishnu (Shiva-Keshava). According to the Puranas, it is during this month, on the day of Kartika Shukla Ekadashi, that Lord Vishnu awakens from his 'Yoga Nidra' (divine slumber).

The full moon day (Purnima) of this month, when the sky shines brilliantly with stars, holds immense significance. In Kashi (Varanasi), this day is celebrated with great grandeur as "Deva Deepavali." On that night, the entire banks of the Ganges become enchanting, illuminated by the light of thousands of lamps; it is believed that the gods themselves descend to Earth to



perform *deeparadhana* (worship with lamps). At Arunachala one of the famous *Pancha Bhoota Linga (five elemental Shiva linga) shrines a sacred lamp known as the "Krittika Deepam" is lit on this day. At the Dakshina mnaya Sringeri Sharada Peetham, a grand Laksha Deepotsavam* (festival of a hundred thousand lamps) is held on Kartika Purnima. Furthermore, the *Jagadgurus* (pontiffs) perform a special *Tunga Harati* (offering of lamps to the river) from Kartika Shukla Ekadashi through Kartika Purnima.

Do you know the legends behind the *Jwala Toranam*?

Jwala Toranam: This is a unique festival that bestows infinite merit—not only through the acts of ritual bathing, charity, and the offering of lamps, but even by the mere act of witnessing it. On the evening of Kartika Purnima, this special event takes place within the premises of every Shiva temple. Opposite the temple, two tall wooden poles are erected, connected by a horizontal beam. This crossbeam is wrapped in dry straw and set ablaze, creating a flaming arch—a *jwala toranam*—that resembles a *Shiva Lingam* made of fire. The deities Shiva and Parvati are carried in a *palki* (palanquin) through this sacred, flaming archway. Following this, devotees also pass beneath the *jwala toranam*, praying for the removal of all sins and afflictions from their lives.

There are two significant mythological accounts associated with the *jwala toranam*:

1. The Destruction of the Tripurasuras: This day marks the occasion when Lord Shiva destroyed the three demons known as the Tripurasuras; hence, this full moon day is also called *Tripura Purnima*. According to legend, Goddess Parvati—the Divine Mother—arranged this



jwala toranam to ward off any "evil eye" (*dishti*) that might have befallen Lord Shiva upon his return to Kailasa after vanquishing the wicked demons. To commemorate Shiva's victory over the Tripurasuras, a lamp with 365 wicks is lit near a *Tulasi* plant.

2. Shiva Consuming the *Halahala* Poison: During the churning of the Ocean of Milk (*Ksheera Sagara*), a terrifying poison known as *Halahala* (or *Kalakuta*) emerged, capable of destroying the entire world. Terrified, the gods and demons rushed to seek refuge with Lord Shiva. For the welfare of the world, Lord Shiva consumed the poison but did not swallow it; instead, He held it in His throat. From that moment on, He became known as 'Garala Kanthudu' (or 'Neelakanthudu'—the one with a blue throat). It is said that following this momentous event, Lord Shiva, accompanied by Goddess Parvati and their divine family, passed through the 'Jwala Thoranam' (an arch of flames) three times. It is believed that the remnants of the straw used in this arch, when placed among cattle fodder or in grain storage areas, promote the prosperity of livestock and an abundance of food grains.

3. Liberation from the Gateway to Hell: The scriptures explain that witnessing the 'Jwala Thoranam' and passing beneath it cleanses one of all sins, bestows good health, and wards off untimely death. Furthermore, the Puranas state that walking beneath this arch removes the possibility of entering the gateway to hell.

Deepadanam (Offering of Lamps): Observing a fast on the day of Kartika Purnima and lighting a lamp—either at a temple or at home—yields significant spiritual merit. Everyone should make it a point to light at least one lamp and recite the following shloka...

'Supermountains' Beneath Antarctic Ice

The Secret to the Evolution of Life on Earth Revealed!



- Ancient mountain ranges, comparable in scale to the Himalayas, once existed beneath the ice of Antarctica.
- The erosion of these mountains accelerated the evolution of life on Earth.
- There is a direct link between the erosion of these mountains and the 'Cambrian Explosion.'
- These facts were uncovered through the analysis of zircon minerals.
- These mountains emerged during the formation of the supercontinent Gondwana.

Antarctica: A remarkable secret regarding the evolutionary history of life on Earth has come to light. An international team of scientists has revealed that, long ago, ancient mountain ranges—as towering as the Himalayas—existed beneath the Antarctic ice sheets. The erosion of these mountains triggered an extraordinary flourishing of biodiversity on Earth. This study, conducted jointly by the Australian National University (ANU) and the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences, was published in the prestigious journal *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*. This discovery significantly broadens our current understanding of biological evolution.

A Mystery Unraveled by Zircon Minerals: Because Antarctica is almost entirely covered in ice, it is impossible to study its geological features directly. To overcome this challenge, researchers collected and analyzed 1,712 microscopic zircon mineral grains from seafloor sediments off the coast of Antarctica. These minerals, which remain stable over vast periods of time, act like "time capsules" that reveal Earth's past. Most of these grains were found to date back 650 to 450 million years. Based on the origin and characteristics of these minerals, researchers concluded that massive mountain ranges existed in that region during that era.

How did they influence biological evolution? Scientists explain that these "supermountains" were formed when the landmasses that are now India and Africa collided forcefully with Antarctica during the assembly of the ancient supercontinent Gondwana. Over time, as these colossal mountains underwent intense erosion, they released vast quantities of essential nutrients—such as iron and phosphorus—into the oceans. This process increased oxygen levels in the atmosphere while reducing carbon dioxide.

These favorable conditions triggered the "Cambrian Explosion" approximately 539 million years ago. During this period, biodiversity surged dramatically, leading to the emergence of many new life forms—including complex organisms like shellfish—which served as the ancestors of today's animal kingdom. The abundant availability of nutrients and oxygen accelerated the evolution of living organisms.

The study on these 'Gondwana supermountains' sparked widespread discussion in international media in November 2026. Earlier that same year, in January, the creation of a highly detailed geological map—based on satellite data and revealing mountains and valleys hidden beneath the Antarctic ice—had also generated significant interest within the scientific community. Overall, this study reinforces the fact that the origin and evolution of life on Earth were driven not only by biochemical processes but also, crucially, by massive geological transformations.

KCR's Attender Dies in Road Accident; BRS Chief Assures Support to Bereaved Family!



Rajanna Sircilla District: Kasturi Mahender Reddy, also known as Manikumar Reddy—who worked as an attender for BRS chief KCR—has died in a tragic road accident in Rajanna Sircilla district. KCR expressed deep shock over the incident. The accident occurred at night near the Hanuman Nagar crossroads, close to Bandanakal village in the Mustabad mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district. A lorry struck a motorcycle near Venkayyakunta, leaving the young men traveling on the bike severely injured. Kasturi Mahender Reddy (Manikumar Reddy) died on the spot. Another individual, Bharat, who sustained critical injuries, was rushed to a hospital for treatment; however, he passed away around 2:00 AM. In total, two young men lost their lives in this accident. Upon learning of Manikumar Reddy's death, KCR immediately contacted former Mustabad MPP Jangama Sharath Rao by phone to gather details about the incident. He conveyed his deepest condolences to the family of the deceased and assured them that he would provide full support to the family during this difficult time.

KCR expresses shock over the death of Manikumar Reddy

Rajanna Sircilla, November 24: BRS chief KCR has expressed deep shock over the death of Manikumar Reddy—who worked as an attendant at his residence in Erravalli—in a road accident near Bandhanakal in Mustabad mandal, Rajanna Sircilla district. KCR spoke over the phone with the former MPP of Mustabad, Sharath, and urged him to provide support to the bereaved family.

He also conveyed his deepest condolences to the family members of Manikumar Reddy.

Meanwhile, a lorry collided with a motorcycle near Venkayyakunta, leaving the young men traveling on the bike severely injured. Kasturi Mahender Reddy, alias Manikumar Reddy, died on the spot.

Another individual, Bharat, who sustained critical injuries, was shifted to a hospital but passed away around 2:00 AM while undergoing treatment.

Expect the unexpected!



Another significant elimination has taken place in Bigg Boss Telugu Season 10. As the nominated contestants were saved one by one, Neetu Master and Sudheer ended up in the bottom two. The audience was left in suspense, wondering which of the two would be eliminated from the house. Nagarjuna conducted the elimination process in a highly dramatic fashion, which only heightened the tension among the housemates. Ultimately, Neetu Master was eliminated from the Bigg Boss house, while Sudheer was declared safe. With the other nominees having been saved, it came down to Neetu Master and Sudheer, meaning one of them had to leave. Nagarjuna added an intriguing twist to the elimination process: he instructed that both of them be blindfolded. Aman and Mukesh blindfolded them and escorted them to the garden area. Nagarjuna then revealed that a car—provided by the company Suzuki—would arrive, and both contestants would depart in it. He explained that when the car returned to the house, only one person would be inside, while the other would be eliminated. Nagarjuna asked the housemates to guess who would return in the car; many believed that Neetu Master would be the one to come back. They expected her to be safe, but their assumptions were proven wrong. When the car returned, Sudheer was inside, making it clear that he was the one who was safe. Consequently, Nagarjuna announced that Neetu Master had been eliminated. This unexpected turn of events left the housemates stunned. After her elimination, Neetu Master appeared on stage and opened up about her feelings; she revealed that she had actually wanted to leave the house, as she found it difficult to stay there. It was quite striking when she mentioned that she was happy to have been eliminated. Neetu also shared her thoughts on how the other contestants were playing the game—she praised Trigun and Aman for their strong performance, while commenting that Varshini, Mukesh, and Sudheer were not really playing the game at all. These remarks are likely to spark new discussions regarding the contestants' gameplay. Another highlight of the episode was the appearance of actress Rashmika Mandanna, who visited the Bigg Boss stage to promote her latest film, 'Maisa'. She had a fun interaction with the housemates and an engaging conversation with Nagarjuna. Rashmika recalled how surprised Nagarjuna was after watching the trailer for 'Maisa'; she shared that upon seeing her look in the trailer, he was so taken aback that he even questioned whether it was truly her. Responding to this in a lighthearted manner, Nagarjuna took a playful dig at Vijay, asking, "Have you al so gotten used to seeing blood, looking at Vijay?" Rashmika, laughing, replied in a humorous tone, "Yes, sir all the traini ngis happening right at home!"

Muhurtham set for Chiranjeevi's 'Kaaka' promotions

Grand promotional campaign begins December 1
get ready for a 'Mega' spectacle this Sankranthi!



'Kaaka' is one of the films that fans of Megastar Chiranjeevi are eagerly awaiting. Directed by Bobby Kolli, the project has already generated high expectations. Given the massive box-office success of their previous collaboration, 'Waltair Veerayya,' fans are hopeful that this duo will recreate their magic once again. With the filming now complete, post-production work is progressing at a rapid pace. An exciting update has emerged regarding the film's promotional strategy: Megastar Chiranjeevi is set to wrap up the remaining dubbing for his character this week. Once the dubbing is finished, the film's team will shift their full focus to promotional activities. With the release date drawing near, the makers have devised a solid, well-planned strategy. The team is preparing to launch a large-scale promotional campaign for 'Kaaka' starting December 1. They plan to build anticipation by first releasing the film's songs, followed by the teaser and trailer to further intensify the buzz. Given that this is a Megastar Chiranjeevi film, it is likely to feature special promotional activities, interactions with fans, and various media events. It appears that the promotional campaign will be scaled up significantly to position the film for the competitive Sankranti release window. Reports suggest that family emotions will be at the core of the narrative. Director Bobby Kolli has reportedly crafted a story that presents Chiranjeevi in ??a fresh, entirely new light—distinct from his previous roles. Word is that while the script prioritizes emotional depth, it also seamlessly integrates the entertainment, action, and 'mass' elements that Megastar's fans crave. Chiranjeevi's character, his look, and the unique aspects of the plot are already fueling curiosity among the audience ahead of the film's release. The previous collaboration between Chiranjeevi and Bobby Kolli, *Waltair Veerayya*, was a massive hit with the audience; in that film, Chiranjeevi's 'mass' swagger, impeccable comic timing, and high-octane action sequences proved to be a real treat for his fans. With the duo reuniting, expectations for this new project are sky-high. As Bobby prepares to showcase Chiranj eevi in ??a brand-new story, fans are buzzing with anticipation—wondering what the film will be like and what kind of character the Megastar will portray this time around.

Is Dimple Hayathi not married yet?



Whenever film stars appear a bit close to each other at movie events, social media is quick to spark various speculations about their personal lives. Something similar recently happened with Tollywood actress Dimple Hayathi. Her upcoming period action drama, 'Bhogi'—in which she stars alongside young hero Sharwanand—is set to hit screens on November 27. In this context, Dimple's behavior at the trailer launch and pre-release event held in Hyderabad on Sunday has become a topic of discussion. In particular, her response regarding her marital status has gone viral online.

Attending the 'Bhogi' pre-release event in a hibiscus-colored saree, Dimple Hayathi was a standout presence. During the event, she greeted hero Sharwanand with great warmth. Furthermore, photos and videos of her leaning her head on his shoulder while laughing and chatting went viral on social media. Some netizens began interpreting this friendly bond between co-stars in a different light. In the comments section of a video posted by a meme page, one user asked, "Isn't Dimple Hayathi married, just like Sharwanand?"

Dimple Hayathi responded promptly to the user's comment, stating, "I am not married yet," accompanied by laughing emojis. Consequently, her comment went viral on social media, effectively serving as a clarification from Dimple herself regarding previous reports about her marriage. In fact, there had been speculation about Dimple Hayathi's marital status several times in the past. The name Victor David surfaced in 2023 during a controversy involving an IPS officer's car at her residence in Jubilee Hills; his name was mentioned again in connection with a dispute involving domestic staff at her home. At the time, some reports referred to Victor David as Dimple's husband, leading many to believe she was married. However, by explicitly stating that she is not yet married, she has now put an end to such speculation. Meanwhile, intimate visuals of Dimple Hayathi with actor Sharwanand have also become a topic of discussion on social media.

Pathan says letting go of Boult was the right move, given Arshdeep's arrival; Mumbai releases Deepak Chahar due to in



Former Team India all-rounder Irfan Pathan has offered an insightful analysis of the strategic decisions made by the Mumbai Indians ahead of the IPL 2027 mini-auction. He endorsed the team's choice to part ways with New Zealand star pacer Trent Boult, following the addition of young Indian fast bowler Arshdeep Singh. However, speaking to JioStar, Pathan noted that he was surprised by the decision to release the young Afghan spinner, Allah Ghazanfar. Pathan explained that replacing a foreign left-arm pacer like Boult with an Indian left-arm bowler, Arshdeep Singh, provides Mumbai with greater flexibility in managing their overseas player combinations. He further remarked that the decision to release pacer Deepak Chahar—who has frequently struggled with injuries and been unable to play full seasons—is understandable. He added that since the team already possesses a specialist bowler capable of taking wickets with the new ball, letting go of Chahar was the right call. However, he noted that Allah Ghazanfar would have been an ideal alternative to partner with Mitchell Santner, providing a spin-bowling threat from both ends, and expressed surprise that they let him slip away. Despite these changes, Pathan believes that Mumbai's bowling attack still appears exceptionally strong. He expressed confidence that the five-time champions—who head into the auction with a substantial remaining purse—will, as always, surprise everyone by unearthing an unexpected new talent. Pathan concluded by saying that Mumbai Indians have a history of pulling off something remarkable whenever they enter a mini-auction with a large budget, and he is eagerly looking forward to seeing how the franchise utilizes its funds this time around.

Vaibhav's Spectacular Show

A double century in 52 balls…
A tsunami of 28 sixes… shattering all world records



An unprecedented display of destructive batting—the likes of which world cricket has never seen before—has been recorded. Indian teenage sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi unleashed a relentless assault on the bowling, wiping out numerous international and domestic records. He stunned the world of one-day cricket by smashing a double century in just 52 balls. This now stands as the fastest double century in the history of List-A cricket. Remarkably, Suryavanshi shattered the previous world record—held by Chad Bowes (103 balls)—in nearly half the number of deliveries. Other records, previously held by N. Jagadeesan (114 balls) and Harry Brook (114 balls), were simply swept away by this batting tsunami. During the ACC Men's Asia Cup Rising Stars 2026 Group B match against the UAE in Doha, Vaibhav's batting left the opposing bowlers completely shell-shocked. From the moment he stepped onto the crease, Suryavanshi unleashed a barrage of sixes, hitting a staggering 28 sixes in a single innings—an all-time world record in the history of professional cricket. He surpassed the record of 26 sixes set by Hyderabad batter Tanmay Agarwal during the 2024 Ranji Trophy. Vaibhav also comfortably eclipsed the milestones previously held by explosive New Zealand batter Colin Munro (23 sixes) and Australian player D'Arcy Short (23 sixes). In this incredible innings, Vaibhav reached his half-century in just 16 balls. Continuing his onslaught like a tsunami, he brought up his century in 28 balls, shattering the record for the fastest century in List-A cricket. He then reached the 150-run mark in just 40 balls another record. Unstoppable,
he maintained his momentum to cross the 200-run mark in only 52 balls, rewriting the record books. He stands as the only batter to have claimed the records for the fastest century, the fastest 150, and the fastest double century in the history of List-A cricket—all in a single match.

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