

PANCHANGAM
Tithi
Krishna Paksha Thadiya
Upto : Nov 08 07:32 AM
Krishna Paksha Chavith
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Nakshatra
Rohini -
Upto : Nov 08 12:33 AM
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Rahukalam
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Yamagandam
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Gulika
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Dur Muhurat
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Varjyam
05:34 AM – 07:00 AM,
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WEATHER
Forecast : Sunny
Temperature : 29° / 18°
Humidity : 44 %
Sunrise : 6:21 AM
Sunset : 5:38 PM

Hyderabad declares three-day holiday for Jubilee Hills bypoll

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : The Hyderabad district administration on Friday declared a three-day paid holiday for offices and institutions where polling stations and counting centres have been set up for the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency bypoll scheduled for November 11.

As per an order issued by Hyderabad Collector Harichandana Dasari, a holiday has been declared on the day of polling on November 11. In addition, a day before polling i.e., November 10 and counting day i.e. November 14 have also been declared a holiday for offices and institutions where polling stations and counting centres have been established.

Campaigning peaks in Jubilee Hills ahead of Nov 11 bypoll

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : Campaigning for the Jubilee Hills bypoll has reached its peak, with poll campaign vehicles circulating across various areas covering residential colonies and slums in the constituency.

Key roads drew dust as poll campaign vehicles zoomed through the main roads and bylanes of the residential colonies and slums in the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency.

The campaign activity was intense, with vehicles moving swiftly to cover as much ground as possible. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as candidates and their supporters worked tirelessly to reach out to voters.

With 48 hours remaining for the last leg of campaigning, the poll vehicles zoomed through the colonies and circu-

lated on Friday. Thus, the colonies echoed with songs, rallies, padayatra and door-to-door campaigns by the parties.

Hundreds of party leaders

songs and slogans, while local leaders addressed small gatherings at key locations. Party supporters also affixed handouts to apartment gates and walls, reinforcing their appeal for voter backing.



and supporters moved through the streets, distributing pamphlets and urging voters to support their respective candidates.

The Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency, known for its diverse population, witnessed a flurry of activity as the election date approached. Campaigners were determined to make their presence felt in every corner of the constituency.

Campaigning gained momentum after major parties BRS, BJP and Congress used strong rhetoric in their speeches. The intensified rhetoric ushered in a high-voltage phase in the electoral contest.

Loudspeakers mounted on vehicles broadcast campaign

Polling will be held on November 11 in 407 polling stations in Jubilee Hills assembly constituency.

Meeting held with Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Organisation of Sardar@150 Unity March in Secunderabad

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : A meeting was held today with G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal & Mines, to discuss the organisation of the Sardar@150 Unity March in the Secunderabad Parliamentary Constituency. The Unity March is being organised by Mera Yuva Bharat (My Bharat), Hyderabad, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, as part of the nationwide commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

During the meeting, the Minister formally launched the



event posters, in the presence of Ms. Khushbu Gupta, District Youth Officer, Hyderabad, Anant Krishna, District Convenor, and E. Yadagiri, APA

and Co-Convenor.

The discussions centred on promoting unity, national integration and youth engagement, reflecting Sardar Patel's vision

'Bade bhai Chote bhai' camaraderie with Modi is working, claims Revanth Reddy

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : Even as he repeated his now familiar rhetoric of a cash crunch and consequent inability to keep poll promises, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy claimed that his 'Bade bhai Chote bhai' camaraderie with Prime Minister Narendra Modi was working well for his government.



The statement, made during an informal chat on Friday, and which came as an embarrassment to the Congress high command that has relentlessly been targeting Modi, saw Revanth Reddy claiming that his "cordial relations" with Modi had helped him secure the Centre to approve a Rs 26,000 crore debt restructuring plan and also the northern part of the proposed Regional Ring Road.

He also said that while former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy had tried hard but failed to secure defence lands for executing the elevated corridor on the JBS Shamirpet route, he had managed to obtain the defence

lands using his "relations" with the Centre.

"If the BJP leaders here do not create any hurdles, I will get many more projects approved," he claimed.

BJP and BRS are creating hurdles for Metro Phase II expansion," he alleged.

Interestingly, even as he made tall claims of getting debts restructured and saving the exchequer, Revanth Reddy repeated his refrain on a severe cash crunch debilitating the government.

After paying employee salaries and clearing debts, the State government was left with about Rs 5,000 crore monthly. With these funds, it has to implement welfare and development programmes, besides providing retirement benefits for government employees.

On average, every month about 1,000 employees retire from service, resulting in an additional burden of nearly Rs.1,000 crore as pensions. The State's income was not rising and loans were not being sanctioned, he said.

"The situation is not going to change, no matter if you stage bandhs or point guns at me," he said.

Cyberabad Police observe 150 Years of 'Vande Mataram' with Collective Singing Programme

(Capital Information)
Cyberabad, Nov 7 : As part of the nationwide celebrations marking 150 years of the National Song 'Vande Mataram', the Cyberabad Police organized a collective singing programme today at the Parade Grounds, Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, and across all police stations under the Commissionerate's jurisdiction.

The programme was held at the Cyberabad CAR Headquarters Parade Grounds under the supervision of CAR Headquarters ADCP J.SK Shameer, with the active participation of police personnel from the CAR Headquarters.

All officers and staff joined in the singing of 'Vande Mataram' with patriotic fervour, honouring the spirit of the National Song. Senior officers highlighted its historical importance in India's freedom movement and its continued relevance in fostering unity and national pride.

The event was attended by ACP Arun, RIs Shekar, Venkatramana, Anil Kumar, RSI, and several other officers and staff members.

National Tribal Festival 'Aadi Bazaar 2025' inaugurated in Hyderabad

Aadi Bazaar gives market access to tribal artisans : Divya Devarajan

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : Smt. Divya Devarajan, IAS, CEO of the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) on Friday inaugurated the National Tribal Festival "Aadi Bazaar - 2025" at Indira Mahila Shakti Bazaar near Shilparamam, Hitech City.

Event was Organised by the TRIFED Regional Office, Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh & Telangana), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the 10-day festival is being held from November 7 to 16 and brings together around 70 tribal artisans from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and other states.

Speaking at the inauguration, Devarajan said many tribal artisans still lack adequate market exposure in rural regions. "Aadi Bazaar offers them a direct platform to connect with consumers, enhance incomes and promote traditional livelihoods," she said, urging citizens



to support tribal communities by purchasing their products.

The event is being held as part of the 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations of tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda, showcasing the cultural heritage and craftsmanship of tribal communities across the country.

The exhibition-cum-sale features Gond (Madhya Pradesh), Bheel (Rajasthan) and Warli (Maharashtra) paintings; Chanderi and Bagh print textiles

(Madhya Pradesh); Bagru print fabrics (Rajasthan); Tassar Silk (Chhattisgarh); tribal jewellery from Tamil Nadu; Banjara embroidery and metal crafts from Asifabad (Telangana); along with a range of organic and natural products from tribal producer groups.

The festival aims to expand sustainable livelihoods for tribal communities by linking traditional artisan work to urban markets, tourists, and craft enthusiasts.

TTD EO Warns Devotees: Shun Brokers, Book Srivari Darshan Online Only

(Capital Information)
Tirumala, Nov 7 : TTD Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal appealed to devotees not to trust or be cheated by brokers promising Srivari Darshan tickets. The EO made this statement while addressing the media after the 'Dial Your EO' program held at Annamayya Bhavan in Tirumala on Friday.

Major Announcements and Decisions

- 1. Warning Against Scams:**
The EO noted that TTD has been receiving frequent complaints, including recent ones from Hyderabad devotees, about being duped by brokers for darshan tickets. He reiterated the plea to devotees to use only official online channels for booking tickets and avoid dealing with unauthorized agents.
- 2. Infrastructure and Development: Permanent Shelters:**
TTD has decided to allocate nearly ₹25 crore for the construction of permanent shelters and steel foot over bridges stretching



from the Alwar Tank Guest House to the Gogarbham Dam Circle in Tirumala, aimed at enhancing pilgrim convenience.

Amravati Temple Expansion: Development works, including the construction of the temple courtyard (prakaram), Kalyanotsava Mandapam, and Rajagopuram at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Venkatapalem, Amaravati, will commence on November 27.

3. Brahmotsavams and Governance:

Karthika Brahmotsavams: The annual Karthika Brahmotsavams for Goddess Sri Padmavathi Devi at Tiruchanur will be conducted grandly from November 17 to 25.

Darshan Token Review: A TTD Board committee has been constituted to study the current

system of issuing Srivani and other darshan tokens based on pilgrim feedback. Further action will be taken based on the committee's report.

Annaprasadam: Measures are being implemented to ensure the distribution of Annaprasadam (free meals) in TTD temples is scaled up according to the pilgrim rush in those areas.

4. Social and Environmental Initiatives:

Srivani Trust: The TTD Board decided to construct 5,000 Bhajana Mandirams (prayer halls) in backward areas of the state using ₹750 crore from the Srivani Trust funds.

Biodiversity: The TTD Board has resolved to take steps to protect biodiversity and enhance greenery in the Tirumala forest region over the next 10 years.

Additional EO C.H. Venkaiah Chowdary, JEO V. Veerabrahmam, CVSO K.V. Muralikrishna, CE T.V. Satyanarayana, and other departmental officers participated in the program.



Shabbir Ali campaigns at mosque ahead of Jubilee Hills bypoll

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : In yet another violation of the model code of conduct ahead of Jubilee Hills bypoll, Telangana Government Advisor Mohd Shabbir Ali on Friday campaigned at a mosque and appealed to the Muslim community to recognise the power of their vote.

He addressed worshippers at the Masjid-e-Kaneez Fatima in Madhura Nagar, Ameerpet before the Friday prayers. "Every vote cast by a citizen carries the weight of their identity, dignity and collective voice," he told the gathering, stressing that the survival and influence of any community in a democratic system depended on its participation in elections.

"We are nearly 13% of Telangana's population, but if we do not vote, our presence does not count. A community that remains silent during elections loses its voice for the next five years," Shabbir Ali said.

Harish Rao predicts silent revolution in Jubilee Hills

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : Former Minister and senior BRS MLA T Harish Rao on Friday predicted a silent revolution in the Jubilee Hills bypoll, asserting that people would decisively vote for the Car symbol to safeguard Telangana's future and expose the Congress government's failures.

Emphasising the need for a strong voice to question the Revanth Reddy government, which he described as marked by misrule, intimidation, and administrative collapse, he said there were only two teams — one that promised six guarantees and another that fought for their implementation. "People should decide between development and destruction," he said, urging voters to support BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha.

Fielding a volley of questions during a Meet the Press programme at the Press Club of Hyderabad in Somajiguda, Harish Rao said whether in power or opposition, BRS had always stood with the people. "When houses were demolished in the name of HYDRAA, we fought for justice. Mohammed Azharuddin became a Minister because BRS questioned injustice to minorities," he charged.

He lambasted the Congress government for complete regression in all sectors except crime, citing official police reports to show how law and order had deteriorated since December 2023. "From January to September 2025 alone, there were 189 murders, 1,700 kidnappings, 123 rape cases, 1,051 robberies, and over 6,400 house thefts. Crimes against women rose by 12.3 per cent, rapes by 28 per cent, and kidnappings by 26 per cent. Hyderabad, once an investment hub under KCR, has now turned into an insecurity hub," he said.

The former Minister compared this to the previous BRS regime, which established the Integrated Command Control Centre and installed around 10 lakh CCTV cameras, including six lakh in Hyderabad. "Revanth Reddy reduced the Command Control Centre to a venue for review meetings, while most CCTV cameras remain defunct due to lack of maintenance. Murders are happening in broad daylight, while police act like political agents. Drugs worth thou-



sands of crores were seized in Cherlapalli by Mumbai police, which is a shameful blot on the government," he remarked.

On the Congress government's borrowings, Harish Rao said the State's debt had increased by Rs 2.08 lakh crore in just two years. "The State's own tax revenue, which was 12 per cent under BRS, has fallen drastically. Revanth Reddy has stopped welfare schemes citing lack of funds, yet he is ready to spend Rs 1.5 lakh crore each on the non-existent Future City and Musi Riverfront projects designed for commissions," he al-

leged.

Responding to questions about Kavitha's allegations, he said the Congress was indulging in political diversion to cover up its failures. "If anyone must answer, it is Revanth Reddy, as his own colleague Konda Surekha's daughter accused him of extortion and gun threats," he countered.

On the Kaleshwaram project issue, he rubbished allegations of BRS-BJP collusion. "If Revanth truly had no ties with the BJP, why hasn't the ED questioned him in the Vote-for-Note case? He would have been behind bars long ago," he quipped.

Harish Rao dismissed the Congress's claims about constructing the Tummididi Hatti project. "Only 80 TMCft of water is available there, while the Kaleshwaram project draws 280 TMCft. By proposing to divert water from Tummididi Hatti to the Sundilla barrage, Revanth Reddy has admitted that the Kaleshwaram project is sound. Tummididi Hatti is only a scheme for contracts and commissions,"

he stated.

On HYDRAA demolitions, he said BRS had stood by the poor when their homes were destroyed at midnight and on weekends. "If HYDRAA acts as per law, we support it. But why target only the poor while letting the rich go free?" he asked.

Questioned about the Jubilee Hills dynamics, Harish Rao said Sunitha, as a woman candidate, would connect better with voters. "Gopinath was a strong leader, and Sunitha will represent people's voice with the full backing of BRS," he said.

Alleging misuse of the police machinery, the former Minister demanded the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) to ensure a fair bypoll. "The DGP, who took his appointment letter from the Chief Minister, cannot be expected to act independently," he remarked.

Harish Rao concluded by declaring that the BRS, which aims to bring K Chandrashekhara Rao back as Chief Minister, would continue to be the voice of the people both inside and outside the Assembly.

"The people of Telangana want KCR back, and Jubilee Hills will mark the beginning of that return," he asserted.

Ministry of Railways Commemorates 150th Anniversary of “Vande Mataram”

“Vande Mataram” is the proclamation of India’s consciousness for the past 150 years: Ashwini Vaishnaw

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Nov 7 : On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of “Vande Mataram”, a special function, in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Culture, was organized today at Rail Bhawan. The event was graced by the Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw; Member (T&RS), R. Rajagopal; Secretary, Railway Board, Smt. Aruna Nayar; along with other senior officials.

As part of the programme, a mass singing of “Vande Mataram” was conducted by all officials, in synchronization with the live streaming of the main event organized by the Ministry of Culture.

Following the mass singing, the Prime Minister addressed the nation. The Union Minister, senior officials, and other dignitaries present at the event listened to the Prime Minister’s address. <https://x.com/>



[RailMinIndia/status/1986681043936833973](https://x.com/RailMinIndia/status/1986681043936833973) The Union Minister described “Vande Mataram” as the proclamation of India’s consciousness for the past 150 years. <https://x.com/AshwiniVaishnaw/status/1986666793814122864?t=wvpAyQGF9m3KQJ3bpNQ&s=19>

Commemorative programmes of a similar kind were conducted in other railway zones and divisions. A grand event was organized at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus to commemorate 150 years of Vande

Mataram, in the presence of General Manager Vijay Kumar. https://x.com/CentralRailway/status/19866886020444688734?t=ZzWMFR1bPi_oagLpZ75wOw&s=19

The timeless rhythm of “Vande Mataram” resonated through the halls of Rail Nilayam today, as Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway, along with the Additional General Manager, senior officers, and staff, participated in the rendition of the National Song that has inspired generations. <https://x.com/SCRailwayIndia/status/1986665041735901524?t=D9CRM3c2iUXdeHL9u2xxlQ&s=19>



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150th anniversary of the national anthem "Vande Mataram" at Osmania University

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Nov 7 : The Department of Public Administration, Osmania University, organized a patriotic event to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the National Song in front of the historic Arts College building. Initiated by Professor C. Aruna Jyothi, Head of the Department, and organized by Manchala Kiran Kumar (SRF Scholar) and Dr. Haritha (Part-Time Lecturer), the program formed part of a national initiative to honor India’s National Song and promote unity through the singing of the National Anthem. Students, faculty, and staff from various departments participated with enthusiasm.

Professor Aruna Jyothi emphasized the constitutional values embodied in the National Song - Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. Urging students to uphold these ideals. Manchala Kiran Kumar highlighted youth responsibility in preserving national integrity, while Dr. Haritha spoke on fostering civic unity through patriotic traditions.

The event concluded with collective pride, reflecting Osmania University’s commitment to nation-building and the enduring spirit of India’s democratic unity.

Vande Mataram Celebrations Mark 150 Years of National Song

(Capital Information)

Jagtial/Dharmapuri, Nov 7 : The Tahsildar’s office in Dharmapuri celebrated the 150th anniversary of the national song ‘Vande Mataram’,

written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. The event was held in accordance with state government orders, and officials and staff gathered to sing the song together.

Tahsildar Erukonda Srinivas emphasized the importance of the song, stating that it had inspired the Indian independence movement and continues to promote national unity and respect. He urged citizens to participate in the celebrations and honor the song, which symbolizes patriotism and gratitude.

The event was attended by Deputy Tahsildar Tirupati, Senior Assistant Anil, Giradawar Bhaskar Rao, Surveyor Parameshwar, other officials and staff from various villages.



Today is a historic day and will remain in the minds of everyone as responsible citizens : Collector Ila Tripathi

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda, Nov 07 : District Collector Ila Tripathi said that a mass singing of the national anthem Vande-mataram has been undertaken as per the instructions of the state government to instill a sense of patriotism among the citizens.

On Friday, she, along with the staff of the Collector’s office, along with officers and staff of various departments, sang the national anthem Vandemataram in a mass manner in the premises of the District Collector’s office.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said that the program of



mass singing of the national anthem Vandemataram has been undertaken to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the composition of the Vandemataram by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. She said that today is a historic day and will remain in the minds of everyone as responsible citizens.

She said that this is a good opportunity for the Vandemataram song to gain recognition across the country once

again. She said that the Vandemataram national song was sung in all government offices, institutions and educational institutions across the district, including the Collector’s Office. She said that the collective singing of the Vandemataram national song will be useful in giving a good reputation to the country, regardless of race, religion, caste or region.

Revenue Additional Collector J. Srinivas, Nalgonda RDO Y. Ashok Reddy, Collector’s Office A. O. Motilal, district officials, staff and others participated in this program.

NIT Warangal Records Its Highest - Ever Rs.1.27 Crore Domestic Package in the Early phase of Placement Season 2025-26

(Capital Information)

Hanamkonda, Nov 7 : The Early phase of the placement season has already brought outstanding results, reflecting the institute’s strong academic foundation, industry linkages, and the outstanding calibre of its students. New Record with its Highest ever Domestic Offer: ₹1.27 Crore Package.

Mr. Narayan Tyagi, B.Tech student from the Computer Science and Engineering department has received a domestic offer with a CTC of ₹1.27 crore from an MNC, marking the highest-ever package in NIT Warangal’s history. Mr. Mohammed Nahil Nashwan B.Tech student from Electrical and Electronics Engineering secured a domestic offer with a CTC of ₹1.0



crore. These milestone reinforces NIT Warangal’s reputation as one of the top engineering institutions in India, producing globally competitive graduates.

Within just the first two months of the 2025–26 placement drive, the institute has witnessed remarkable success and excellent offers across disciplines.

Key Highlights (So far in

the first two months of the placement season 2025 -26):

6 students received offers with CTC beyond ₹70 Lakhs. 34 students secured offers with CTC exceeding ₹50 Lakhs. 125 students bagged offers above ₹30 Lakhs. 163 students crossed the ₹25 Lakhs package. Over 200 students have received offers above ₹20 Lakhs. The average package has sur-

passed ₹26 Lakhs (till 15th Oct).

The placement season is far from over! With a large pool of highly capable students still available, and with many leading recruiters yet to visit the campus, more high-value offers are expected in the months ahead.

Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director of NIT Warangal, congratulated all students and faculty, saying:

“The ongoing season demonstrates our students’ excellence, industry relevance, and the growing confidence of recruiters in our institute.” He also appreciated the dedicated efforts of the Centre for Career Planning and Development (CCPD) team, led by Prof. P. V. Suresh, for steering this success.

Labour Minister Meets with Unorganized Labour Unions

(Capital Information)

Jagtial, Nov 7 : The Central Labour Minister, Mansoor Manda, met with representatives of various unorganized labour unions, including the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, to discuss issues affecting workers in the country. The meeting aimed to promote dialogue and find solutions to the problems faced by unorganized workers. The unions demanded several changes, including:-

Increase in minimum pension to Rs. 5000 for beedi workers.

Simplification of pension procedures.

Recognition of anganwadi workers as government employees.

Minimum wages and social security for ASHA workers.

Improved working conditions and wages for mid-day meal workers.



Effective implementation of labour laws in the construction industry.

Support for street vendors.

Minimum wages and social security for domestic workers.

Extension of social security benefits to agricultural workers and private transport workers.

The unions expressed concerns about the lack of implementation of labour laws,

inadequate wages, and poor working conditions in various sectors. They criticized the politicization of labour unions and urged the government to take concrete steps to address the issues faced by workers.

The meeting was attended by Sudhir Kumar, General Secretary, All India Beedi Mazdoor Mahasangh, and representatives of various unorganized labour unions.

SVU Resonates with Vision@2047 : JNU Chancellor Dr. V.K. Saraswat

(Capital Information)

Tirupati, Nov 7 : Sri Venkateswara University (SVU), in collaboration with the Innovation, Science and Technology Foundation (ISTF), organized a distinguished lecture by Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member of NITI Aayog and Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). The lecture, titled “Research & Innovation: The Engine of Viksit Bharat @2047,” was held in the Senate Hall.

Dean Acharya N. Chandrayudu welcomed the gathering. Dr. T. Narayana Rao, Secretary of ISTF, introduced the foundation’s vision and activities, noting that building a regional ecosystem in Tirupati, fostering incubation for faculty-student research, supporting startups, and establishing national laboratories are key steps in technological growth. He highlighted India’s accelerated trajectory in research and innovation across sectors like space, biotechnol-



ogy, Artificial Intelligence (AI), renewable energy, and semiconductors.

Professor Uma, Vice-Chancellor of Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam (SPMVV), addressed the gathering, emphasizing the rising participation of women in STEM fields. She stated that the talent and leadership of women scientists must be fully realized in the national innovation drive, citing scholarships, mentorship, and conducive environments in labs and research centers as crucial factors.

Presiding over the event,

Acharya Narsingarao, Vice-Chancellor of SVU, elaborated on the university’s vision for research and teaching. He confirmed that SVU prioritizes interdisciplinary centers, expands incubation and industry partnerships, and encourages faculty-student teams to pursue projects leading to patents, prototypes, and startups.

He affirmed SVU’s commitment to meaningfully contribute to Viksit Bharat @2047. Keynote by Dr. V.K. Saraswat.

In his keynote address, Dr. V.K. Saraswat presented

a compelling roadmap for India to become a developed nation by 2047. He defined ‘Viksit Bharat’ as a state that combines sustainable economic growth with social inclusion, quality education, healthcare, environmental stewardship, and technological self-reliance. Dr.

Saraswat articulated four pillars supporting India’s progress:

(i) Scientific and technological leadership in areas like Space, AI, Biotechnology, and Quantum Computing.

(ii) Sustainability and Green Growth, including renewable energy and climate action.

(iii) Digital Economy, driven by AI-based startups pushing towards a trillion-dollar digital market. (iv) Youth-led Innovation through robust university research and patents.

He termed research as the backbone of development, citing how it boosts GDP and creates high-value



employment. Surveying key growth sectors, Dr. Saraswat noted India’s status as the world’s third-largest solar producer in the green transition initiative, alongside its strengths in IT and software services. He highlighted defense milestones like the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and the indigenous missile programs.

Dr. Saraswat encouraged universities to actively participate in global collaboration frameworks with partners in the U.S., Japan, Germany, Australia, Israel, and the European Union. He

also called for strong data-protection laws to safeguard India’s data sovereignty, stating that this is “India’s future.”

Dr. V.K. Saraswat’s visionary lecture was highly appreciated by dignitaries, faculty, researchers, and students, who actively participated in an interactive session. The program concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Registrar Acharya Bhupati Naidu. Rector Acharya Apparao, Former Vice-Chancellor Acharya Murali, Principals, Deans, and professors were among the attendees.



State Mahila Congress leader dies of brain stroke : Nalgonda District Mahila Congress President Gopagani Madhavi

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, Nov 7 : Telangana State Mahila Congress Vice President Dubbarupa passed away due to illness. Dubbarupa, wife of former Nalgonda councillor Dubbarupa Ashok, died of brain stroke at a hospital in Hyderabad on Friday morning. Nalgonda District Mahila Congress President Gopagani Madhavi expressed grief over her death.



Apollo Cancer Centres launches 'Check O Late!' - campaign to promote early cancer detection

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : Apollo Cancer Centres, Hyderabad, marked National Cancer Awareness Day with the launch of a creative awareness initiative titled "Check O Late!", aimed at driving the message of early cancer screening and prevention.

The unique campaign used dark chocolate as a metaphor for the fear and stigma associated with the word cancer, conveying that timely diagnosis can transform outcomes and turn fear into hope.

The event began with an address by Dr. K. Shilpa Reddy, Consultant Radiation Oncologist, followed by a welcome note from Dr. P. Vijay Anand Reddy, Director, Apollo Cancer Centres.



Ms. Shikha Goel, IPS, Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, attended as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Vanitha Datla, Vice-Chairperson & Managing Director, Elico Healthcare Services, was the Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo

Hospitals, said, "Early detection is not just a medical advantage—it is a social responsibility. Through initiatives like 'Check O Late!', we want to make screening a natural part of preventive health in India."

Senior oncologists — Dr. Sai Lakshmi Daayana, Dr. Rekha Bansal, and Dr. Rashmi Sudhir — shared

clinical insights, highlighting how early detection can save lives. Cancer survivors also shared emotional testimonies underscoring the importance of regular screening.

A symbolic "Check O Late" box was unveiled during the event, followed by the launch of a QR-based awareness video. "Dark chocolate represents the perceived bitterness around cancer—but with awareness and timely check-ups, that bitterness can turn to hope," noted Dr. Shilpa Reddy.

Dr. Vanitha Datla distributed symbolic boxes to doc-

tors and urged people to adopt proactive screening habits, citing real-life instances where early detection proved life-saving.

Ms. Shikha Goel commended Apollo Cancer Centres' innovative campaign, calling awareness "the strongest tool to fight cancer."

Mr. Tejasvi Rao Veerapalli, CEO, Apollo Hospitals, Telangana Region, said, "Innovative public engagement is key to defeating cancer. We want people to act early rather than fear the word cancer."

The programme concluded with remarks by Dr. Nikhil Ghadyalpatil, reaffirming Apollo's continued commitment to preventive oncology and community awareness.



Hayatnagar Government Degree College student selected for Pre-Republic Day Parade Camp 2025

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : Government Degree College Hayatnagar NSS Unit 2 Volunteer P. Meena (B.Com 3rd year) has been selected for the West Zone Free Republic Day Parade Camp 2025 to be held from October 31 to November 9 at Hemachandrabacharya North Gujarat University, Patan, Gujarat. She will participate in the ten-day training there. On this occasion, Meena was congratulated by the college principal Dr. P. Suresh Babu, NSS program officers Dr. S. Sarada Devi, Dr. E. Yadagiri Reddy, and teachers Dr. P. Ramadevi, Dr. S. Subramaniam, Bala, NCC officer Dr. Dhanraj, Librarian Dr. A. Durga Prasad.



Young India Integrated Residential School construction work should be expedited : Collector Ila Tripathi

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda bureau, Nov 7 : District Collector Ila Tripathi has ordered to expedite the construction work of the Young India Integrated Residential School, which has been undertaken at SLBC Colony near the Nalgonda district headquarters.

ministrative block for the students by the start of the next academic year.

She said that the work should be expedited and completed, and the work should be of high quality. She instructed Revenue Additional Collector G. Srinivas to monitor the work every month. She said that the state government is giving top priority to Young India Integrated Residential Schools, and keeping this in mind, it is her responsibility to ensure that the school construction is completed quickly.

Revenue Additional Collector J. Srinivas, Nalgonda RDO Y. Ashok Reddy, Executive Engineer, Contractor, and others were with the District Collector.



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, has put students' lives and studies on the road : SFI

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda, Nov 07 : The Nalgonda Division Committee of the Indian Students' Federation (SFI) held a protest in front of the Collector's office gate holding books and reading. Later, Nalgonda Division Vice President Navdeep and Division Leader Riyaz expressed their grief that the education of SC, ST, BC, poor and middle class students has been on the road for the past week as the college owners have gone on strike demanding the release of scholarship fee reimbursement in Degree, PGB, Pharmacy and BTech colleges.

They said that it is sad that the government, which should provide the necessary facilities and scholarship fee reimbursement to poor and middle class students so



that they can continue their studies, is showing favoritism towards the students and keeping them away from their studies. He said that the government should think about how students will pass and write the exams without completing the syllabus and without attending the college during the exams and immediately release the outstanding scholarship fee reimbursement and hold discussions with the private college owners so

that the studies of the poor and weak students can move forward.

Otherwise, he warned that there is a risk of students falling behind in their studies for a year. He said that the Students Federation of India (SFI) will fight continuously until the scholarship fee reimbursement is released.

District leaders Mahesh, Chaitu, Venkat, Akhil Ramesh, Hari, Krishna, Kalyan, Ram Charan and others participated in this program.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti Celebrations in Grand Style



(Capital Information)
Kavali, Nov 7 : Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti celebrations were held in a grand style in Kavali mandal of Nellore district on Friday under the auspices of Mera Yuva Bharat Nellore. A unity march was organized from the RDO office to the Bridge Center in Kavali town.

District officials, public representatives, and representatives of voluntary organizations participated in this program in large num-

bers. District Youth Officer Akula Mahendra Reddy, Nellore District Setnel CEO A Nageswara Rao, Kavali RDO Vamsi Krishna, MPDO CH Sridevi, Kavali Municipal Manager Pawan Kumar, BJP state leaders Kandukuri Satyanarayana and CV Satyam participated as chief guests in this program.

Representatives of various voluntary organizations also participated and made the program a success. Priyadarshini Mahila Mandal

President Sheikh Khader B, Rahim Charitable Trust Founder Abdul Halim, The Poor People's Voluntary Organization President Dr. Chevuru Chinna, Parivartan Voluntary Organization President Rahman, and Meekosam Voluntary Organization President Dilip Kumar Rayapati organized the padayatra.

Speaking on the occasion, District Youth Officer Akula Mahendra Reddy said that youth is the main force for the progress of the country and it is necessary to pass on the values of unity shown by Sardar Patel to today's generation. He called on the youth to participate more actively in social service and play their part in nation building. Next, RDO Vamsi Krishna said that Sardar Patel's services for the unification of

the country are memorable and suggested that the youth should move forward with commitment and discipline.

With the participation of officials, NGOs, students and youth in large numbers, the march spread the message of unity and patriotism among the people.

At the end of the program, everyone sang the Vande Mataram song together and further expressed the spirit of patriotism.

- A. Jaya Prakash

Lilliput School Celebrates 150th Vande Mataram Day

(Capital Information)
Nizamabad Bureau, Nov 7 : Lilliput School celebrated 150th Vande Mataram Day in a grand manner. As part of this program, the national anthem was sung at 10 am on Friday.

Students made a pyramid with the 150th letter. As part of this program, school correspondent Ramakrishna said, "It is very happy to celebrate the 150th Vande Mataram, it has been 150 years since this Vande Mataram was composed, Vande Mataram was composed by Bankinchandra Chatterjee, and the national anthem represents Indian unity, patriotism, and unity."

Vande Mataram means "salute to the Telugu mother." He informed the students about very important things. The Vande Mataram song was sung in the school premises.

As part of this program, school correspondent Ramakrishna, Principal Dasu, teachers, students, and others participated.



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Dt.07.11.2025
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Tender No.	Brief Description
30253593	Lower Spring Seat
30253637	Buffer Plunger
66258594	Track machine spares of plasser make
25253210	Room temperature vulcanising (RTV) SILICON SEALANT
29251148	End frame Non driving end assembly (machine) of WAP7/WAG9loco.
56251198	Lead Acid stationary secondary cell, 120 AH,Low
29251552	Set of Manganese steel pins for bake rigging
25255015	IGBT based 3x130 KVA Auxiliary converter for 3-phase Electric locos.
30253594A	High capacity thermoplastic
33251603A	Must Change Kit
STORES-STW-25	Rate contract for Transportation of railway Goods service per Metric Ton per Kilometer
66258191	Track machine spares of plasser make
30253695	POH kit of self Lubricating polyester resin based composite brake gear bushes for BMAB Coaches
38251146	Bogie centre pivot top for casnub Bogie
37255002	Sliding Door Arrangement complete for BCNHL Wagon
SCR-CAP-TRT25	RC for the supply of TRT spares for IR, make Harsco rail, USA
66258562	Procurement of valves etc. for Track Machine.
66256193A	Procurement of CRCC HTECMAKE spares for the use of track machines
38255016	Draft gear with follower
56251239	Point machine for assemble/Semi assembled
38255017	Coupler body with shank wear plate
66256888	Procurement of spares for use of track machines
66258539	Procurement of spares for use of track machines
66256087A	Procurement of LORAM make for track machines
66257117	Procurement of spares for use of track machines
33251330A	Non Asbestos based Organic brake pads (one RH & one LH) For LHB type coaches

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL No. 01 on dt.20.11.2025. SL No. 02 on dt.21.11.2025. SL No. 03 to 06 on dt.24.11.2025. SL No. 07 & 08 on dt.25.11.2025. SL No. 09 on dt.26.11.2025. SL No. 10 on dt.27.11.2025. SL No. 11 on dt.28.11.2025. SL No. 12 to 16 on dt.01.12.2025. SL No. 17 & 18 on dt.02.12.2025. SL No.19 & 20 on dt.03.12.2025. SL No.21 to 23 on dt.08.12.2025. SL No.24 on dt.09.12.2025. SL No.25 & 26 on dt.10.12.2025.

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CWMLGDS acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No.18-CWMLGDS- ET-2025-26 closing date 28.11.2025 at 11:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on (IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through demand draft, banker's cheque, deposit receipts, FDR etc., are not allowed.

1.Tender No.:18-CWM LGDS-ET-2025-26 dated 06.11.2025
Description of work : Stripping, Cleaning and Painting of Bogie Components at Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, Secunderabad.
Approximate Cost (₹) 7,81,08,381.02 (Rupees Seven Crores Eighty One Lakhs Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty One and Two paise only). **EMD : (₹)** 5,40,600/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Thousand and Six Hundred only). **Period of Completion:** 24 months **Date of Closing :** 28.11.2025 11:00 hrs

1. Website Particulars: www.ireps.gov.in
For further Tender conditions/details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of tender documents, corrigendum, please visit our website <https://www.ireps.gov.in/>.

Chief Workshop Manager Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda

E-Tender Notice No. N-SG-36-2025-26-LHS-28 dated 05.11.2025

Sr.DSTE/NED acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work.

1. Tender Number and Date : N-SG-36-2025-26-LHS-28 dated 05.11.2025
Name of Work:- S&T Works in connection with Provision of Limited Height Subway in lieu of LC 41, LC 42 between DLB-POZ, Limited Height Subway at km 775/8-9 (Trespass Location at Closed LC 91) between AMW-LHD, Leftover Works at RUB in lieu of LC 21, LC 22 between WDN-PRLI, LC 7 between PKNS-GNH, LC 18, LC 19 between GNH-WDN stations over Nanded Division. **Estimated Project Cost:** (₹) 89,93,801/- **Bid Security :** (₹) 1,79,900/- **Completion period of work :** 12 Months **Bid closing Date (Bid Due Date) :** 28.11.2025 at 15:00 hrs **Bid Opening Date :** 28.11.2025 after 15:00 hrs **Validity of Offer :** 60 Days from Bid Closing Date **Cost of Tender Booklet :** (₹) 0/-

All bidding is in Indian Railway e-tendering portal www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender. Further details can be seen in www.ireps.gov.in

Sr.Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Nanded

NW/148/W-III/Tender Notice/GS/2025-26 Date : 06.11.2025

The open tender for the following work is floated and the details of the tender are already uploaded at www.ireps.gov.in.

1.Tender No. T-202526-GS-05
Authority : Dy. CE/GS/NED
Description of the work:- Project supervision services agency (PSSA) for providing project supervision services at South Central Railway. Gati Shakti Nanded unit. **Advised Tender value:** in (₹) 1,07,46,656.60 **Earnest Money in:** (₹) 2,03,700/- **Completion on period :** (12) Twelve Months **Cost of Tender form in :** (₹) 0/-

The above tender will be closed on 27.11.2025 at 15:00 Hrs for further details please visit website www.ireps.gov.in.

Dy.Chief Engineer/GS Nanded

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Editorial

'Vande Mataram' made it clear that India is not just a piece of land, but an idea

Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed a celebration in Patna, Bihar, marking 150 years of the national song 'Vande Mataram'. Amit Shah also led the collective recitation of the Swadeshi pledge. The event was attended by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and several other dignitaries.

In his address on the occasion, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah said that today is a day of awakening Indian consciousness because 150 years ago, on this very day, great freedom fighter and renowned literary figure Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay penned 'Vande Mataram.' He said that Bankim Chandra, through this song, gave the nation a great mantra of national consciousness, which later became the proclamation and guiding principle of India's freedom struggle and,

after independence, a reason to unite the country. Shah added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the collective efforts of the nation over the past 11 years have accomplished many tasks toward fulfilling the dreams of a great India envisioned by our freedom fighters.

Amit Shah said that with the collective singing of 'Vande Mataram' today, a phased effort has begun to reawaken India's consciousness over the next year. He emphasized that a nationwide campaign will be launched to align our lives with the mantra and spirit of 'Vande Mataram.' This campaign will be conducted in both physical and digital formats. Shah announced that a social media campaign named '#VandeMataram150' will be launched in all languages, encouraging people to write 'Vande Mataram' in all regional languages to strengthen na-

tional unity.

Union Home Minister said that on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram,' the government has organized several programs. He said that various political parties, voluntary organizations, and people participating in the festival of reawakening the nation's consciousness have also organized numerous events. He said that 'Vande Mataram' is, in a way, a part of the novel Anandamath, which later became the proclamation of the freedom movement. Shah added that when the Indian hockey team collectively sang 'Vande Mataram' before the hockey final at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, it became certain that when our country attained independence, this song would not merely be a political slogan but would serve as an inspiration to keep the nation united and ignite patriotism forever.

Amit Shah said that on August 15, 1947, at the behest of Sardar Patel, Pandit Omkar Nath Thakur sang the complete 'Vande Mataram,' resonating with the first heartbeat of a free India. He said that on January 24, 1950, during the final session of the Constituent Assembly, Dr. Rajendra Prasad accepted 'Vande Mataram' as the national song, paving the way for its revered acceptance by the nation. He added that from that moment, 'Vande Mataram' became a song of national consciousness for all of us, and today marks the celebration of its 150th anniversary.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that we must also understand the period in which Vande Mataram was written. He said that in 1875, after the long subjugation under the Mughals, the era of British rule had begun. At that time, the First War of Inde-

pendence had also failed, and there was apprehension in the minds of people across the country about whether our national consciousness would awaken again. Shah said that at that time, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee composed this great hymn of national consciousness, which became the first proclamation of our cultural nationalism. He said that Vande Mataram makes it clear that India is not just a piece of land, but an idea and a culture that binds and unites all Indians.

Amit Shah said that our party has always emphasized cultural nationalism, and the very consciousness of the idea of cultural nationalism must have been inspired by the song Vande Mataram. He said that many of our freedom-loving revolutionaries went to the gallows with a smile, chanting Vande Mataram. He added that the time has now come to build the

India envisioned and desired by all those great souls. Shah said that the period from today until 2047 is the time to draw inspiration from Vande Mataram and create a great India.

Union Home Minister said that today Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also participated in the collective singing of Vande Mataram in Delhi. He said that at such a moment, all of us have resolved that the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram also dedicated to swadeshi. He said that building a self-reliant India is not possible without swadeshi. Shah urged the countrymen to take a pledge to adopt Swadeshi on the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram'. The Home Minister said that we should all resolve to join the process of making India a great nation by 2047 and take a pledge today to once again dedicate our lives to Bharat Mata.

Transport systems similar to the RRTS will be developed in other major cities apart from Delhi : Manohar Lal

New Delhi, Nov 7 (PIB) The 18th edition of the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2025 was inaugurated today by Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Power, in Gurugram, Haryana.

The inaugural session was graced by Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs; Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, MoHUA; Dr. Raja Sekhar Vundru, Additional Chief Secretary (Transport), Government of Haryana; and Dr. Chander Shekhar Khare, Managing Director, GMRL.

The event witnessed the presence of senior officials from Central and State Governments, Managing Direc-

heads of transport undertakings, international experts, and representatives from academic and research institutions. Over 1600 professionals and academicians are participating in this year's conference.

The three-day event is being jointly organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, and the Government of Haryana, through the Institute of Urban Transport (India) and Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL).

The 2025 edition focuses on the theme 'Urban Development and Mobility Nexus', highlighting the interlinkages between urban planning and mobility systems, and their collective impact on economic



growth, environmental sustainability, social equity, and public health.

In his inaugural address, Manohar Lal extended greetings on the 150th anniversary of the national song 'Vande Mataram', and lauded the contribution of the UMI conference in shaping India's mobility ecosystem. He highlighted that with nearly 1,100 km of operational metro

network, India has become the third-largest metro network in the world, soon to attain the second position. Referring to the PM e-Bus Sewa, the Minister announced the deployment of 10,000 electric buses across smaller cities, with 100 e-buses earmarked for Gurugram.

The Minister further underlined that last-mile connectiv-

ity remains a critical challenge to improving metro ridership and assured that the Ministry will work closely with States to implement effective measures in this regard.

Union Minister Manohar Lal also said that Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), through its subsidiary — Delhi Metro International Limited (DMIL) — will act as the nodal agency on behalf of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for executing consultancy, construction, turnkey projects, management services, and operation and maintenance-related projects in India and abroad.

He also informed that it has also been decided that DMRC, through another of its subsidiaries, will act as the nodal organization to support

MoHUA in the planning, coordination, and management of Mass Rapid Transit Systems (MRTS) across the country.

In his address, Union Minister Manohar Lal also stated that transport systems similar to the RRTS will be developed in other major cities.

Speaking on the occasion, Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, stated that mobility is not merely a mode of transport but a driver of socio-economic growth. He emphasised that initiatives such as Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) are transforming urban mobility and enhancing commuter experience across India.

Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, MoHUA, in his re-

marks, stressed the importance of integrated urban development and mobility planning to enhance the livability and sustainability of Indian cities.

The conference will feature plenary sessions, panel discussions, and technical presentations focusing on innovations and policy frameworks to build future-ready, inclusive, and sustainable urban mobility systems in India.

Union Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the exhibition at the Urban Mobility India Conference 2025 and took a ride in a retrofitted Electric Auto, converted from CNG. The initiative highlights India's innovation in sustainable and inclusive urban transport.

Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025: Why Being Opposed En Masse?

Voices of protest against the India Government's Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025 have begun to emerge en masse stating it as anti-farmer, anti-consumer, and anti-employee. The power employees, engineers, farmers and consumers have started to come on the same page to oppose it.

In a meeting of the National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers (NCCOEEE) held in Mumbai on 03 November 2025, it has been decided that 2.7 million power employees and engineers across the country will be forced to launch a nationwide movement against the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025 and the privatization of the power sector, if the Government of India fails to listen to their voice.

Acting on the strategy prepared for the nationwide agitation against the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025, a united front with the leaders of the electricity employees, Samyukta Kisan Morcha, All India Trade Unions and common consumers will be formed.

State-level joint conventions of NCCOEEE will be held in November, December, and January in all states to mobilize employees and engi-



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neers against privatization and the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025, and a call will be given for 'Delhi Chalo' on 30 January 2026.

Taking a lead, complying with the decisions of the National committee, All Haryana Power Corporations Workers Union organised a state-level convention on 5th November in Rohtak against the Electricity (Amendment) Bill and accusing the power corporation management of ignoring the demands of the employees and promoting privatization, announced to protest at the Panchkula headquarters of ACS Power on November 26.

Now the questions arise—Why the NCCOEEE is opposing the bill? How will this bill affect the present scenario?

Explaining the ill effects, in a statement issued by Sudip Dutta, convener on 4th November, quoted that the NC-

COEEE leaders have shown their concern that through the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025, the Central Government wants to privatize the entire energy sector of the country. After privatization, electricity rates will become so high that they will be beyond the reach of farmers and common consumers.

In the press conference attended by leaders of NCCOEEE - Shailendra Dubey, Comrade Mohan Sharma, Convenor Comrade Sudip Dutta, Comrade Krishna Bhojyar, Ratnakar Rao, Sanjay Thakur, Laxman Rathod it was explained how the bill has negative impact.

"Through Sections 14, 42, and 43 of the Amendment Bill, private companies are being given the right to use the network of government electricity distribution companies to supply power, and in return, they will pay only nominal wheeling charges to the government DISCOMs. This will mark the beginning of the end of electricity distribution in the government sector" fears NCCOEEE.

Committee further explained that the entire responsibility for the maintenance and strengthening of the network will lie with the government distribution companies. The financial burden of this

will fall on the government electricity distribution corporations, while private companies will be given the freedom to earn money through this network.

Under this Amendment Bill, private companies will not have the obligation of uninterrupted power supply. The adverse consequence will be that private companies will use the government company's network to supply electricity to profitable industrial and commercial consumers, while the responsibility of supplying power to farmers and poor domestic consumers will remain with the government electricity distribution corporations. As a result, government electricity distribution companies will become bankrupt and will not even have money to purchase electricity or pay salaries to their employees.

How will the farmers be looted in the shadow of the new bill?

NCCOEEE stated that the Amendment Bill proposes to amend Section 61(g) to eliminate cross-subsidy within the next five years. Along with this, the Bill provides that electricity tariffs should be cost-reflective, meaning no consumer should be supplied electricity at a price lower than the cost. This means that farmers will have to pay at



least Rs. 12,000 per month as an electricity bill for a 6.5 horsepower pump if it runs for six hours a day. Similarly, electricity rates for consumers below the poverty line will become at least Rs. 10–12 per unit. Further, the Bill proposes to promote virtual power markets and market-based trading systems. This will destabilize long-term agreements and make the cost of power more volatile.

Is the bill against the federal structure of the country? NCCOEEE cautions that presently the electricity is listed in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution under the Concurrent List, which means that the central and state governments have equal rights in matters of electricity. But through this Amendment Bill, the Central Government is taking away the rights of the states in elec-

tricity matters, and there will be direct intervention by the Central Government in electricity distribution and tariff determination, which is against the federal structure and spirit of the Constitution.

Farmers' unions have also jumped into the fray. Participating in the convention at Rohtak, Haryana, National Vice President of All India Kisan Sabha, Comrade Inderjeet Singh announced that farmers will also strongly oppose the Electricity Amendment Bill being brought to privatize electricity and the installation of smart meters.

Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Dakonda, Punjab has also come forward to support the agitation against the electricity bill. Angeez Singh Bhadaur, State Press Secretary, informed our representative that in the meeting of the Kisan union, it has been

passed that the Electricity Amendment Bill-2025 is being brought by the central government in violation of the promise made to the farmers and this is a ploy to implement privatization in the field of electricity distribution. Therefore,

the Electricity Amendment Bill 2025 will be opposed with full force.

Bhadaur further stated that the Samyukta Kisan Morcha is scheduled to march towards Chandigarh on November 26 and a pre-march meeting will be held at Kisan Bhawan, Chandigarh on November 17 to make concrete plans for this march. The main demands of that march will include the demand for cancelling the Electricity Amendment Bill.

The government should not remain so adamant and rigid while deciding such sensitive issues and always keep in mind the 13 months long farmers' agitation against three black agricultural laws wherein more than 700 farmers lost their lives and ultimately the central government had to repeal those laws.

Ministry of Ayush Scales up integrative cancer care through research, centres of excellence and community outreach

New Delhi, Nov 7 (PIB) On National Cancer Awareness Day, the Ministry of Ayush highlights the need to strengthen public awareness and early detection efforts as cancer remains the second leading cause of death globally. Many countries across the world have recorded considerable numbers of oral, cervical and breast cancer cases. India is placing increased emphasis on education, screening and holistic health practices to address the challenge more effectively.

A large share of the cancer burden stems from pre-

ventable factors such as tobacco use, unhealthy diets, obesity, physical inactivity, alcohol consumption, environmental pollutants and HPV infections, highlighting the need for stronger awareness and timely action. Early detection greatly improves survival, particularly for breast, cervical and oral cancers that can be identified at more treatable stages through routine screening.

With many cancers preventable and several potentially curable when diagnosed early, sustained healthy lifestyle choices remain critical. Avoiding tobacco, limiting

alcohol, eating plant-based diets, maintaining a healthy weight, staying active and reducing exposure to smoke and pollutants collectively help lower risk and support long-term wellbeing.

Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (IC) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, emphasised that safeguarding public health requires a proactive and people-centric approach to cancer awareness and prevention. He noted that the Ministry's expanding initiatives—including integrative cancer-care centres, collabo-

rative research efforts and community-focused programmes—aim to ensure that affordable, holistic and supportive care reaches every citizen. He added that integrative models combining modern oncology with Ayush systems can significantly improve quality of life, particularly for vulnerable sections of society.

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, highlighted that India's expanding network of integrative cancer-care initiatives reflects the Ministry's commitment to strengthening evidence-based, patient-centric solu-

tions. He noted that Centres of Excellence, collaborative research platforms and partnerships with leading institutions such as TMC–ACTREC, Arya Vaidya Sala, AIIMS and other reputable organisations are helping advance new therapeutic insights, improve symptom management and enhance quality of life for cancer patients. He added that these initiatives demonstrate the capacity of Ayush systems to complement modern oncology through systematic research, trained manpower and clinically validated supportive care.

The Ministry of Ayush is

expanding integrative cancer care through key Centres of Excellence, including those at TMC–ACTREC, Mumbai, for integrative care and Ayush drug discovery. These centres support in-silico, preclinical and clinical studies, specialised OPDs and capacity building. At Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal, a dedicated CoE focuses on quality of life and supportive therapy, managing 26,356 cancer patients including 338 lung cancer cases in the last two years, and demonstrating the impact of integrated patient care.

The Ministry of Ayush reiterates that prevention, early

diagnosis and integrative supportive care must remain central to India's response to the growing cancer burden. Strengthening awareness, improving access to screening and encouraging healthier lifestyle choices are essential to reducing risk and improving outcomes. The efforts complement the vision of combining modern medical approaches with the preventive and supportive strengths of Ayush systems to offer a comprehensive pathway to lowering the national burden and enhancing the wellbeing of patients and communities.

Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences & Research hosts 'White Coat Ceremony' to welcome the Class of 2025 students!

Chief Guest & Renowned orthopaedic surgeon Dr K J Reddy, presented the White Coats to the students



(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (AIMSR) Hyderabad; hosted the White Coat Ceremony, for the MBBS Class of 2025 students, at the RNR Auditorium, Jubilee Hills, today. Chief Guest Dr. K J Reddy, Professor & Sr Consultant, Orthopedic Surgeon, Apollo Hospitals; presented the White Coats to students on the occasion. Ms. Aparna Reddy K, COO, AIMSR; Dr. K. Manohar, Dean, Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences & Research; along with the faculty from the Institute and parents of students, were present to catch a glimpse of the momentous occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. K J Reddy said, Visionary legend Dr. Prathap C. Reddy transformed healthcare in India, placing our nation on par with those offering world-class medical care. As you begin your journey, draw inspiration from his ideals of compassion, excellence, and innovation. Medicine is not just science; it is empathy in action. Patients approach you in distress; your words and reassurance often begin their

healing. Communication is key, a doctor who listens well diagnoses better and earns trust. Build your career on a strong foundation of knowledge and a commitment to continuous learning. The medical field evolves rapidly, and staying updated ensures your patients always receive the best care. Equally vital is your own health. A sound mind and body are essential for a fulfilling career. Follow the mantra of a balanced diet, good sleep, and regular exercise. Today, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the world of medicine. Embrace it. Those who resist will risk redundancy; those who adapt will redefine success. AI, when used wisely, can enhance your diagnostic acumen, precision, and patient outcomes, making you not just a good doctor, but a

great one. Finally, nurture curiosity and a spirit of innovation. Keep asking how you can make care better for your patients. That mindset will keep you relevant, respected, and remembered, as a true healer of tomorrow. Dr. K. Manohar said, today marks a special milestone in your life, the day you step into one of the noblest professions known to humanity. As you don the white coat and take your solemn oath, you are not merely wearing a symbol, but embracing a lifelong commitment to compassion, ethics, and excellence. This day reminds you of the core values that define every true medical professional, dedication to lifelong learning, unwavering ethical practice, and the pursuit of the best patient care. These are not just

ideals, but daily responsibilities that will shape your journey ahead. As you strive toward these goals, remember that the path can be demanding. The pressures of this profession are real, and stress can challenge your well-being. Make it your priority to care for yourself as you care for others, by nurturing a healthy lifestyle, practicing mindfulness, and building resilience. Ms. Aparna Reddy K, said, today marks a defining moment in the lives of the Class of 2025 students, the beginning of a noble and life long journey in medicine, as you don your white coats for the first time. Remember it's not merely a garment, but represents your commitment to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, to respect the autonomy and

dignity of every patient and to provide compassionate and evidence based care. You are about to embark on a journey filled with discovery, challenge and growth, supported by the world class education, cutting edge research opportunities and a nurturing environment that will enable you to become the best version of yourself. Congratulations to each one of you for reaching this milestone, your dedication and perseverance have brought you here, may this white coat ceremony inspire you all to uphold the values of integrity, empathy and excellence that define the medical profession.

White Coat Ceremony is a memorable experience for students taking their initial steps into the noble profession of Medicine, by joining the medical school. One hundred and fifty students of the 2025 batch of the Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, were welcomed into the medical fraternity by the faculty and were ceremonially "cloaked" with their white aprons. The students dressed elegantly in white, later took the Hippocrates oath, traditionally sworn at graduation.



SCR Celebrates 150 Years of Vande Mataram

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, Nov 7 : As part of the yearlong celebrations to commemorate 150 years of 'Vande Mataram', Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR along with Satya Prakash, Additional General Manager, SCR; Senior officers and staff together rendered the National Song today i.e., 07th November, 2025 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The initiative aims to honour the contribution of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and reaffirm the values of unity, sacrifice and love for Motherland.



150th anniversary celebration of the national anthem "Vande Mataram" at Miryalaguda Municipal Office

(Capital Information)
Miryalaguda, Nov 7 : A special program was organized in Miryalaguda Municipality on Friday to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the National Anthem "Vande Mataram" at the Miryalaguda Municipality office, expressing patriotism and remembering the historical significance of the anthem that inspired the Indian independence movement, said Municipal Commissioner G. Srinivas. Municipal DE, AE, SI, Manager, Ward Officers and other staff & school students participated in the program.



Collector P Praveen at the mass singing program

(Capital Information)
Sangareddy, Nov 07 : To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the composition of the national anthem by Mahakavi Sri Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, a mass singing program was organized at the Zilla Parishad Girls' High School in Sangareddy Town on Friday as per the instructions of the

state government. District Collector P.Praveenya participated as the chief guest in this program and sang it collectively with the students. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that ... every word of the Vande Mataram song is filled with the feeling of patriotism and proudly says that India is one. This song is a symbol of the

unity and brotherhood of our country and he suggested that every student should keep this feeling in mind. The Collector also stated that by singing the Vande Mataram song in school every day, the feelings of patriotism, discipline and unity will be further strengthened among the students. The students were advised to

take inspiration from this song for the spirit of national service. They said that the Vande Mataram song instills a sense of patriotism in every citizen and that this song has special significance in the history of the country. DEO Venkateshwarlu, teachers and students participated in the program.

Vande Mataram rendered in unison at Mahbubnagar Collectorate

(Capital Information)
Mahbubnagar, Nov 7 : Marking the 150th anniversary of the composition of the national song "Vande Mataram" by poet Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, officials and staff of all departments came together for a collective rendition of the song at the Integrated District Office Complex (Collectorate) here on Friday.

The programme, held in response to government directions, was led by District Collector Vizindira Boyi, who said that Vande Mataram instills a deep sense of patriotism and holds immense historical significance in India's freedom movement. Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik, Collectorate officer Suvarna Raj, and officials and employees



from various departments participated in the event, expressing their patriotic fervour.



Vande Mataram Mass Singing at IDOC

(Capital Information)
Nizamabad Bureau, Nov 7 : To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the national anthem Vande Mataram written by Mahakavi Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, the Vande Mataram song was sung in a mass manner at the Integrated District Offices Complex (Collectorate) on Friday as per the government's orders. Under the leadership of Collector T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, all the officers and staff of all the departments voluntarily participated and expressed their patriotic feelings. He said that the Vande Mataram song instills a sense of patriotism in every citizen and this song has special significance in the history of the country. Additional Collectors Ankit, Kiran Kumar, Trainee Collector Caroline Chingthian Mavi, Collectorate A.O Prashant, district officers and staff of all departments participated in the mass singing. Participated.

Big-hearted Chinna Ella Reddy! - He drove out the Razakars

He supported the entire village

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad / Mahabubnagar, Nov 7 : His name is Chinna Ella Reddy! But he had a big heart!! Born in a simple family and faced many ups and downs. He drove out the Razakars. He stood by the poor. He provided employment to hundreds of people. He also trained his children to be useful to the society. Tokala Chinna Ella Reddy was born on October 10, 1926 in Dharmagnapur village of Devarakadra constituency. The conditions of that time were terrible.



The Razakars used to carry out brutal attacks on the villages. However, he gathered the villagers with a non-violent protest. He drove out the Razakars. When the then-unified Palamuru District was suffering from famine, he provided employment to hundreds of people through his acquaintances in Mumbai. He encouraged women to collect beedi

leaves. He established a cottage industry and provided employment. He was elected as the Sarpanch of Damagnapur three times as an unrivaled leader and won the hearts of the people. He would greet everyone with a smile and tell them frankly that only if they work hard in life, they will grow. He himself followed what he said. He was also known in the surrounding areas of Palamuru District. In those days when irrigation was not proper, he taught many people to prepare seeds themselves. Thus, he increased the dairy crops. He provided abundant grain. The little Ella Reddy with tails became a big name for all the surrounding villagers, regardless of caste and creed. Some leaders thought that if the villagers provided basic facilities in the villages, the villagers would abandon them. But unlike them, Chinna Ella Reddy provided roads, drinking water and other facilities to the village. He stood out like a big tree in the head of the villagers. He had three sons and six daughters. He made all of them beneficiaries after facing hardships. He provided financial assistance to many people for higher education. They are all now beneficiaries. By supporting many institutions, he contributed to the progress of the respective institutions. He paved the way for employment for hundreds of people. Their third son, Dr. Surender Reddy, has made a name for himself in both the Telugu states as a senior surgeon at Yashoda



Hospital in Hyderabad. Surender Reddy is actively participating in many social and political service programs. He has become a good-hearted political leader. The eldest son Pratap Reddy and the second son Ravinder Reddy became famous as those who can be called. They helped in their own way and became the head of the house for the people of the area. Ella Reddy passed away on the 28th of last month at the age of 99. Damagnapur was suddenly in mourning. Chinna Ella Reddy's fans, family members, villagers and people from the surrounding areas cried with tears. They

cried in unison that they had lost a great leader. The loss of Chinna Ella Reddy is irreparable.. irreplaceable. ! On Saturday, the Dashadina Karma of Tokala Chinna Ella Reddy is being held in Damagnapur. Many politicians, industrialists and educated people have already expressed their condolences on the death of Ella Reddy. They said that they will be committed to achieving his ambition. Let us pray that the soul of Chinna Ella Reddy, who was a great leader for many, rests in peace! All the dead are dead.. The dead are the sweet memories of the dead!!



Collector Orders Protection of SC Corporation Land from Encroachments

(Capital Information)
Mahbubnagar, Nov 7 : District Collector Vizienidra Boyi directed officials to take immediate measures to prevent encroachments on government land allotted to various departments.

On Friday, the Collector, along with officials from different departments, conducted a field inspection at Lakshmi Nagar in the Mahbubnagar district headquarters, where 5 acres and 30 guntas of land in Survey Nos. 247 and 250 have been allotted to the SC Corporation. The land was earlier handed over to the SC Development Department for the construction of a hostel.



During the Vigilance Monitoring and POA Act Committee meeting held on Thursday at the Collectorate, committee members raised concerns that the land allotted to the SC Corporation

was under encroachment and sought immediate action for its protection.

Following this, the Collector inspected the site along with Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra

Pratap, Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik, RDO Naveen, Urban Tahsildar Ghansiram, SC Corporation In-charge ED Venkata Reddy, SC Development Officer Sunitha, and officials from the Municipality, Revenue, and Survey & Land Records Departments.

The Collector instructed the Survey and Land Records officials to conduct a detailed survey and demarcate boundaries clearly. She directed the SC Development Department to take up fencing work to safeguard the property and ordered officials to identify and act against any encroachments on the allotted land.



A.Ravi Goud as Kalher SI

(Capital Information)
Sangareddy, Nov 7 : Kalher Police Station SI Madhusudhan Reddy was transferred to Sangareddy Ruler Police Station and Ravi Goud from Sadashivapet Police Station took over as Kalher Police Station SI.

Speaking on the occasion, they said that the people of the mandal should take proper precautions to avoid being scammed online and that motorists should follow traffic rules while driving on the roads.

"VANDE MATARAM" WHICH UNITED ALL OVER INDIA : ADDITIONAL COLLECTOR NAGESH

Medak, Nov 7 : Mass Vande Matara singing was held at Medak Collectorate office. On Friday, Additional Collector Nagesh, DRO Bhujanga Rao, Collectorate AO Yunus, DEO Radha

Kishan, DRDA PD Srinivasa Rao, Science Officer Rajireddy and other district officials along with the staff sang "Vande Mataram" song collectively at 10.00 am.



The Additional Collector spoke on the occasion "Vande Mataram" is the song that united all of India and ignited the desire for independence among all Indians.

He said that the Vande Mataram mass singing program has been undertaken across the district to further develop the sense of patriotism in every citizen and to highlight the importance of the Vande Mataram song in the history of India.

District officers and staff of Collectorate office participated in this program.



150th anniversary celebration of the national anthem "Vande Mataram" at Miryalaguda Sub-collector Office

(Capital Information)
Miryalguda, Nov 7 : On Friday, a mass singing of the national anthem "Vande Mataram" was held at the Miryalaguda Sub-Collector's Office to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the national anthem, expressing patriotism and remembering the historical significance of the song that inspired the Indian independence movement. DAO Srinivasa Sharma, Sub-Collector's Office staff and others participated in the program.



SI Sujith who filled potholes on roads

(Capital Information)
Sangareddy, Nov 7 : Potholes appeared on the roads and the potholes were filled to prevent motorists from facing accidents, said Adnur SI Sujith.

Speaking on the occasion, they said that as part of the prevention of road accidents on the road from Zaheerabad to Bidar, the road potholes were filled with gravel under the auspices of Haddunur police with the cooperation of Mandal Congress leader Bhaskar Reddy.

They appealed to motorists to take note of this and travel carefully.

Radiographers - Seeing the Unseen

(Capital Information)
Karimnagar, Nov 7 : Radiography techniques play a vital role in uncovering hidden health problems within the body by using imaging equipment to medical diagnosis and treat medical issues. Radiographers are the skilled professionals trained to operate image equipment and produce high-quality images that help in diagnosis. To bring awareness about the importance of radiography in modern medicine "World Radiography Day" is observed every year on 08 November since 2004.

Seeing the Unseen - Radiographers :

The theme of World Radiography Day-2025 has been "Radiographers : Seeing the Unseen". This day marks the anniversary of the groundbreaking discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen on November 08, 1895.

This work by Roentgen revolutionized medical field, paved the way for advancements in medical imaging, an essential component of modern medicine. Radiology plays an essential role in healthcare by helping physicians and specialists to diagnose and treat various medical ailments. The medial imaging techniques include X-rays, CT Scan, MRI, Ultrasound tools provide critical information regarding what happened inside the body, allowing early detection and better medical prescriptions.

Celebrate World Radiography Day :

The Radiography techniques help in early detection of diseases, minimally invasive procedures, guiding treatment plans, patient safety and monitoring. On this day let us raise the awareness about Radiographers, encourage Radiol-

ogy education, express appreciation, learn about Radiology, share success stories I, organise workshops, support Radiography organisations, promote professional development, connect the community and recognising the impact of patient care. We can also consider to use relevant hashtags like #Medical-Imaging, #Heathcare-Heroes, #XRayDiscovery, RadiographyMatters through social media platforms.

Radiography Day is a meaningful event to honour the contributions offered by Radiographers and the significance of Radiology in healthcare. Let's take few minutes to appreciate the radiographers in your surroundings and see the unseen efforts they do every day to keep us healthy and happy.

- **Dr. B. Madhusudhan Reddy**



It is dangerous to thresh paddy on roads : SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao

(Capital Information)
Medak, Nov 7 : Medak District SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao said that dangerous to thresh paddy on the roads.

Speaking at the police headquarters on Friday, he said that some farmers were plowing paddy on the roads, causing narrowing and accidents.

Similarly, putting stones around the grains and covering them with black polythene covers may cause accidents at night without the motorists noticing them, he said.

He said that incidents like this have already taken place in some places. He said that threshing grain on the roads is a threat to the safety of people.

SP Srinivasa Rao said that everyone should participate in public safety.

Department of Consumer Affairs conducts Chintan Shivir on "Amendment in the Consumer Protection Act, 2019" to review the consumer redressal framework and evolve an action plan for strengthening consumer justice

New Delhi, Nov 7 (PIB) The Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India, organized a "Chintan Shivir on Amendment in the Consumer Protection Act, 2019" today at Manak Bhawan, New Delhi. The deliberations on legislative & procedural reforms focused on strengthening the consumer protection framework and ensuring speedy and effective redressal of consumer grievances.

The event was graced by Hon'ble Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, President, National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC); Smt. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs; Bharat Khara, Additional Secretary; and Anupam Mishra, Joint Secretary. In their addresses,

they underscored the Government's unwavering commitment to simplifying consumer grievance redressal mechanisms and reinforcing institutional frameworks for consumer justice.

Smt. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, in her inaugural address highlighted that the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 sets clear timelines for case disposal three months for regular cases and five months for those requiring testing or analysis and urged that no case should remain pending beyond six months, reflecting the Government's focus on timely consumer justice.

The Secretary further underlined the growing use of technology in consumer protection through initiatives such as Direct Benefit Transfer, e-filing, and digital grievance redressal, along with the

E-Jagriti initiative, which has improved digital efficiency and transparency. She also highlighted India's global recognition by UNCTAD for strengthening pre-litigation redressal through the National Consumer Helpline (1915), which resolves over 12 lakh complaints annually many within 21 days or less with more than 1,150 companies onboarded as partners and AI-based systems ensuring faster grievance resolution. Thus, highlighting the evolution of Consumer Protection Act of 1986 to more progressive and technology-based Consumer protection Act of 2019 which ensures speedy, hassle-free, and cost-effective justice that aligns with the pace of technological advancement.

Hon'ble Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, President, National Consumer Disputes

Redressal Commission (NCDRC), emphasized the need for a structured and regular performance audit that not only check procedural compliance but also measure the actual impact of the law in delivering justice to consumers. He called for stronger institutional and technological support across consumer fora through NIC, highlighting the role of technology, including AI tools like ChatGPT. He stated that while such tools can enhance efficiency, human judgment, empathy, and understanding must remain at the core of justice delivery, with technology serving only as a supportive tool.

Bharat Khara, Additional Secretary, highlighted the significant provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, describing it as a landmark step in safeguarding consumer rights and promoting

fair trade practices. The Act aims to empower consumers through greater transparency, accountability, and accessibility to justice. Speedy, cost-effective, and technology-driven redressal of consumer grievances under the proposed amendments is ensured with the help of real-time case tracking, virtual hearings, digital submissions, and paperless proceedings through integrated e-filing and e-record management systems.

Anupam Mishra, Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, highlighted initiatives such as e-JAGRITI for digital filing and virtual hearings, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) based tools for case management and predictive analysis, and Bhashini-enabled multilingual access to make the system more efficient and inclusive. He also

stressed the need to rationalize District Commissions, fill vacancies, and strengthen infrastructure to ensure timely and effective delivery of consumer justice.

The Chintan Shivir discussed proposed amendments to the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 to ensure faster case disposal and reduce pendency. Key focus areas included strict timelines, digital transformation through e-JAGRITI, and the use of AI and ML for efficient drafting and case management. The sessions also stressed strengthening District Consumer Commissions, filling vacancies, and improving infrastructure. The discussions reaffirmed the Department's commitment to a citizen-centric, technology-driven, and time-bound grievance redressal system, aligned with the Govern-

ment's vision of Ease of Living and Digital Governance.

The Chintan Shivir witnessed active participation from a wide spectrum of stakeholders, including representatives from State Governments, Presidents and Members of State and District Consumer Commissions, Voluntary Consumer Organisations (VCOs) such as Citizen Consumer & Civic Action Group (CAG) and Mumbai Grahak Panchayat, National Law Universities from Delhi, Ranchi, Puducherry, and Patiala, and leading industry associations such as FICCI, CII, RAI, and ASSOCHAM. Representatives from prominent law firms including Dua Associates, Ikigai Law, Jaitley & Bakhshi, and Nishith Desai Associates also contributed to the discussions, offering valuable legal, academic, and industry insights.

India-New Zealand Business Forum Showcases Expanding Bilateral Partnership and Economic Opportunities

Union Minister Piyush Goyal interacts with prominent New Zealand business leaders

New Delhi, Nov 7 (PIB) Commemorating the historic visit of Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, to New Zealand—accompanied by the largest-ever Indian business delegation—the India-New Zealand Business Forum was organized by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the High Commission of India, Wellington.

The forum brought together senior government officials, leading industry representatives, and key business stakeholders from both countries to showcase the depth of India-New Zealand economic relations and to explore new avenues for partnership and collaboration.

A key highlight of the event was a fireside chat between Piyush Goyal and Mr. Todd McClay, Minister of Trade, New Zealand. The interaction reaffirmed the strong commitment of both nations' leadership to enhance their economic engagement and underlined the



importance of the ongoing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations in shaping a stronger, mutually beneficial economic partnership. The discussions built on the renewed momentum in bilateral relations following the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rt. Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, in India in March 2025, where both leaders agreed to pursue a comprehensive and forward-looking trade agreement.

During his visit to Auckland and Rotorua, Goyal interacted with several prominent New

Zealand business leaders, including Ms. Carmen Vicelich, CEO of Valocity; Mr. Ranjay Sikka, CEO of Slumberzone; Mr. Nathan Guy, Chairman of the Meat Industry Association; and Mr. Tony Clifford, Managing Director, Pan Pac. The interactions reflected the growing interest in expanding cooperation with India across diverse sectors such as agriculture, tourism, technology, education, sports, gaming, and drone technology. Given India's significant advancements in the space sector, including its recent lunar missions, space collaboration

was identified as a promising area for future engagement.

At Rotorua, Goyal addressed a CEO Roundtable attended by members of the Indian business delegation and CEOs from leading New Zealand enterprises. He reiterated the significance of the FTA as a symbol of bilateral friendship, trust, and strategic partnership, while highlighting India's attractiveness as a global investment destination offering vast opportunities for value addition and innovation.

The Minister, along with Mr. Todd McClay, also engaged with members of the Indian diaspora in both Auckland and Rotorua. In Auckland, Rt. Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, joined them in addressing the Indian community. He emphasized the vital role of the Indian diaspora as a "living bridge" between India and New Zealand, echoing the sentiments expressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Goyal encouraged mem-

bers of the diaspora to continue contributing to the growth and development of New Zealand—their Karm-Bhoomi—while staying deeply connected to their roots in India, and to take on leadership roles in strengthening communities in both countries.

The Indian business delegation held a series of interactions with key New Zealand enterprises to explore synergies and potential collaborations. Site visits to Red Stag—New Zealand's largest sawmill—Fonterra Co-operative Group's Dairy and Food Innovation Headquarters, and the Auckland University Innovation Hub facilitated productive discussions on trade and investment opportunities across sectors.

The visit underscored New Zealand's emerging position as a strategic partner in India's growth journey and reaffirmed India's commitment to deepening bilateral economic linkages and fostering long-term cooperation with New Zealand.



Hearty Congratulations from KSMCA to Satish Krishna Sail on being nominated to KDCC Bank

(Capital Information)

Bengaluru, Nov 7 : Satish Krishna Sail, MLA, Karwar Assembly Constituency and Chairman, Karnataka State Marketing Communication & Advertising Limited has been nominated by the Government as Non-Official Member to the Kanara District Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. (KDCC) with immediate effect. KSMCA expresses its gratitude to the Government and wishes that he will perform commendably as a Non-Official Member.

TEC signs MoU with IIT Bombay for collaboration on Joint Studies and Technical Contributions in Telecom Technologies and Standardisation Activities

New Delhi, Nov 7 (PIB) The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), the technical arm of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT Bombay) to collaborate on joint studies, research, and technical contributions in advanced telecom technologies and global standardisation activities.

The partnership aims to develop India-specific standards and test frameworks, explore future network technologies such as 6G, Artificial Intelligence (AI), NGN, VoIP and enhance India's participation in ITU-T (International

Telecommunication Union – Telecommunication Standardization Sector) Study Groups.

The MoU was signed on 7th November 2025 by Amit Kumar Srivastava, DDG (Mobile Technologies), TEC and Prof. Sachin Patwardhan, Dean (R&D) IITB in presence of Syed Tausif Abbas, Sr. DDG & Head (TEC), Sh. Jitendra B Chavan DDG (WR TEC) Mumbai and Prof. Prasanna S Chaporkar, EE Department, IITB at IIT Bombay.

The partnership creates a formal framework for TEC to work closely with IIT Bombay on next-generation telecom and standardisation activities.

6G: Study of 6G architecture and enabling technologies with active contributions



towards research, pre-standardization studies and standardization activities in 3GPP & related global forums.

Core Network: Joint studies and technical contributions in telecommunications core networks.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): Joint studies and technical contributions in the field of AI in telecom and Development

sensing and rural connectivity applications.

Signalling Requirements and Protocols: Joint Studies and technical contributions in signalling requirements and protocols for telecommunication networks, including NGN, VoIP, IMT-2020/3GPP, and signalling based architecture.

This partnership aims to accelerate indigenous R&D and increase India's influence in global standardisation processes by strengthening India's contributions to global standardisation bodies such as ITU and 3GPP.

This collaboration will further the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision by strengthening indigenous research, design and manufacturing in telecom

- developing India-specific standards, test frameworks and home-grown solutions that bolster national self-reliance, secure critical communications infrastructure and reduce dependence on imports.

The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) is the technical arm of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India. TEC formulates technical standards, specifications, and conformity assessment requirements for telecom equipment and networks in India, ensuring interoperability, quality, and alignment with global best practices. TEC represents India in international fora such as the ITU-T, ITU-R and coordinates Na-

tional Working Groups for global standardization activities

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) recognized as Institute of Eminence, by the Government of India, is known worldwide for the high-quality education that it imparts and for undertaking cutting-edge research in various areas of science, engineering, design, management and humanities. It has strong academic and research capabilities in signaling requirements & protocols for telecommunications networks including NGN, telecommunication core networks, 5G/6G technologies, artificial intelligence applications in telecom and convergence in broadcasting.

Nature-Based Solutions for the Air Pollution Crisis: A Green Path to Cleaner Cities

Air pollution poses a critical threat to global public health and sustainable urban development. While traditional engineering solutions focus on technological fixes and emission controls, an increasingly recognized and cost-effective approach is the deployment of Nature-Based Solutions (NbS), leveraging the power of ecosystems to clean the air.

What are Nature-Based Solutions?

Nature-Based Solutions are actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore ecosystems to address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, while simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits. For the air pollution crisis, this primarily involves the strategic use of urban green infrastructure.

How Green Infrastructure Cleans the Air

Vegetation and natural

systems mitigate air pollution through several key mechanisms:

- Particulate Matter (PM) Capture:** Plants, particularly trees and shrubs with rough or large leaf surface areas and complex canopies, act as natural filters. Particulate matter (like dust, soot, and aerosols) adheres to leaf surfaces through deposition and is later washed away by rain or falls to the ground. Studies have shown that vegetation can significantly reduce PM concentrations at street level.
- Gaseous Pollutant Absorption:** Plants naturally absorb gaseous pollutants such as Carbon Dioxide (CO_2), Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x), Sulfur Dioxide (SO_2), and Ozone (O_3) through their leaf stomata during photosynthesis and respiration.

- Mitigating Urban Heat Islands (UHI):** Air pollution and urban heat are often interlinked. Green infrastructure, through evapotranspiration and shading, cools the urban environment. Lower temperatures can slow down the formation of secondary pollutants like ground-level ozone, which is catalyzed by heat.

- Serving as Natural Barriers:** Strategically planted green barriers, such as hedges or rows of trees along roadsides, can intercept pollutants from traffic sources, reducing the direct exposure of nearby pedestrians, cyclists, and residents. This is especially effective in enclosed spaces like street canyons.

Key Types of Nature-Based Solutions

The implementation of NbS takes various forms in



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the urban landscape:

- Urban Forests and Parks:** Large green spaces provide the greatest overall pollutant removal capacity across a city, contributing significantly to a region's "green lung" effect.
- Street Trees and Green Corridors:** Planting suitable species with high pollutant tolerance and efficient absorption rates

along busy transport routes can directly reduce exposure in high-risk areas.

- Green Roofs and Green Walls (Vertical Greening Systems - VGS):** These systems introduce vegetation into dense urban areas where horizontal space is limited. They provide localized air cooling, thermal insulation, and filter air in close proximity to buildings.
- Moss Walls/Panels:** Certain species of mosses have a large bio-active surface and are highly effective at absorbing and breaking down particulate matter and gaseous pollutants, leading to their commercial use in "City Trees."

Challenges and the Need for Strategic Design

While the benefits are clear, the effectiveness of NbS is highly context-dependent and requires careful

planning:

- Species Selection:** Choosing plants with a high Air Pollution Tolerance Index (APTI), appropriate canopy structure, and low biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) emissions is crucial. Some plants can emit BVOCs, which may contribute to ozone formation.
- Placement and Configuration:** The geometry of the planting (e.g., dense planting in a street canyon) must be designed to enhance air circulation and pollutant capture, rather than trapping pollutants and increasing concentrations for nearby receptors.
- Scale and Maintenance:** NbS alone cannot solve the air pollution crisis; they must be a complementary strategy to source reduction (reducing emissions from vehicles and industry). Furthermore, these

systems require ongoing maintenance to ensure their long-term health and efficacy.

Conclusion

Nature-Based Solutions offer a powerful, multifaceted, and sustainable approach to tackling the air pollution crisis. By embracing green infrastructure, cities can move beyond simple mitigation to simultaneously achieve cleaner air, reduced urban heat, increased biodiversity, and improved public well-being. The challenge now lies in mainstreaming these solutions into urban planning and policy, ensuring strategic design to unlock their full potential as a critical component of a resilient, sustainable urban future.

Would you like me to find examples of cities successfully implementing a specific type of Nature-Based Solution, such as green walls or urban forestry, to tackle air pollution?

Is Social Media Dying a Slow Death? An Evolving Landscape

The question of whether social media is "dying a slow death" is complex, often leading to a divide between those who see an inevitable decline in major platforms and those who view the current shifts as evolution, not expiration. While the total number of global social media users continues to grow, there are clear signs of fatigue, changing user behavior, and a fundamental transformation of the social media experience as we know it.

The Argument for "Decline"

While the overall user base is not shrinking, several key indicators suggest a decline in the dominance and original purpose of the major platforms:

- Platform Fatigue and Over-Commercialization:** Many users feel overwhelmed by an endless stream of content, aggressive advertising, and algorithm-driven recommendations that pri-

oritize engagement metrics over genuine connection.

This over-commercialization often outweighs the original purpose of networking.

- The Content Shift:** The algorithms on platforms like Facebook and Instagram increasingly prioritize content from pages, influencers, and paid posts over posts from friends and family. This has led to a feeling of less authentic social connection and more exposure to "noise and clutter."
- Erosion of Trust and Authenticity:** Issues like the rise of AI-generated content, fake engagement (bots), and concerns over privacy and data exploitation have led to a significant decline in user trust.
- Digital Detox Trends:** Growing awareness of the negative effects of social media on mental health and productivity has fu-



eled a rise in "digital detoxing," with more users choosing to limit screen time or take complete breaks.

The Case for "Evolution"

Rather than a death, the industry appears to be undergoing a major metamorphosis, shifting from broad, public networks to more private, niche experiences:

- The Rise of Private/Niche**

Communities: The trend is moving away from the massive, public feed towards smaller, more intimate spaces. This includes:

- Messaging Apps:** Platforms like WhatsApp and Telegram are becoming key spaces for digital conversations.
- Niche Communities:** Users are gravitating to-

wards smaller, more focused forums and groups, such as Facebook Groups and dedicated subreddits, to connect with like-minded people.

- Video Dominance:** The move toward short-form video, largely popularized by TikTok, has fundamentally changed how content is consumed, forcing all major platforms (Insta-

gram, YouTube) to adapt to a "video-first" strategy.

- New Functionality:** Social media platforms are evolving beyond simple networking.
- Social Commerce:** The integration of shopping directly into platforms is creating a powerful new revenue stream.
- Search Engines:** Platforms like TikTok and YouTube are increasingly used by younger users as primary search engines for information and reviews.
- The Platform Lifecycle:** The history of social media shows that while individual platforms (like MySpace, Vine, or even Google+) can fail, the concept of online social connection endures. New, innovative platforms will always rise to replace the ones that stagnate.

Conclusion: A Change in Form, Not Function

Social media is not dying, but the era of the single, monolithic platform dominating all online interaction is likely fading. The industry is fragmenting and diversifying.

The slow "death" being observed is really the decline of a specific style of social media—the broad, all-encompassing, public-facing feed of the 2010s—and its rebirth into a more complex landscape defined by video, private communities, commerce, and niche interests.

The future of social media will likely be defined by greater personalization, stronger community-building features, and a continued battle to balance advertising revenue with user well-being and content quality.

Would you be interested in an article focusing specifically on the rise of niche social media platforms as a counter-trend to the decline of the large networks?

Prithviraj Unleashes Dark Power As Rajamouli's Fierce Kumbha!

A storm doesn't need thunder first, sometimes a single spark does the trick. And that spark just hit when S. S. Rajamouli dropped the first look of Prithviraj Sukumaran as the villain in SSMB29. The poster looks wild, dark suit, a heavy robotic chair, and that cold, quiet stare that gives off serious menace. Fans are losing it online, calling it one of the boldest villain reveals they've seen in ages.

Rajamouli posted it with a note that felt straight from the heart, After canning the first shot with Prithvi, I told him he's one of the finest actors I've ever known. Bringing Kumbha to life, ruthless, smart, and powerful, was creatively satisfying. He even joked, Thank you Prithvi for slipping into his chair... literally.



ally. That little line had every- one grinning and guessing

about what's coming.

The poster's vibe is haunting, a dry, stormy land with wind swirling around, soldiers in the background, and Prithviraj sitting like he owns the chaos. The robotic arms make it even crazier, hinting that this villain's brain might be sharper than his fists. It's pure Rajamouli stuff, big, weirdly poetic, and completely unexpected.

With Mahesh Babu leading the charge and Prithviraj now confirmed as the bad guy, things are heating up fast. The team plans to drop a three-minute video on November 15, and fans are already counting days. If this glimpse says anything, SSMB29 isn't just another action movie, it's Rajamouli's next storm brewing right before our eyes.

Ram Charan's Peddi Chikiri Song: A Pan-India sensation

Peddi starring Mega Powerstar Ram Charan is one of the biggest and most anticipated films of Indian Cinema. The first glimpse created a viral sensation making it an unprecedented global phenomenon. Now, the makers have unveiled first single, Chikiri Song, composed by Legendary composer AR Rahman.

The song features Ram Charan dancing his heart out after falling in love with leading lady, Janhvi Kapoor. Looking at her natural beauty, he is so mesmerised that he keeps singing praises about her. AR Rahman's tune is so catchy and peppy that instantaneously mesmerizes.

Ram Charan's dance moves for the song are so captivating and graceful that instantly everyone would start



to groove with him. His striking screen presence and performance adds to the charm of the song. Glimpses of Janhvi Kapoor also add to the visual and aesthetic beauty.

Framing by Buchi Babu Sana and production values are commendable. Such visuals have never been seen in Telugu Cinema with pictur-

esque locations and VFX work being major highlights.

The massive visual scale and magnitude on which the producer Venkata Satish Kilaru has mounted the film is unprecedented. The song increases the buzz for Peddi further and Pan-India movie is set to release on 27th March 2026.



Bhagyashree Borse pins all hopes on back to back releases

Bhagyashree Borse made a promising debut with Mr. Bachchan, impressing audiences with her screen presence and glamor, even though the film did not perform well at the box office.

The young actress now has high hopes pinned on her next two releases, Kaantha, which hits theatres on November 14, and Andhra King Talukla, releasing on November 28.

Both films are crucial for her to establish a strong foothold in the industry. As she prepares for back-to-back releases, all eyes are on whether Bhagyashree can deliver a hit and sustain her growing popularity in Tollywood.

Akhanda 2: First single 'The Thaandavam' to release on Nov 14

Following the blockbuster success of Akhanda, God of Masses Nandamuri Balakrishna has once again joined hands with Boyapati Sreenu for its sequel titled Akhanda: The Thaandavam. The second installment is all set for a grand theatrical release on December 5, 2025.

So far, the makers have unveiled a couple of teasers, and as per the latest update, the title song, which also serves as the first single, will be launched on November 14. To build the hype, the team dropped a fiery promo that has already thrilled fans. Penned by Kalyan Chakravarthy, the song is crowned by Shankar Mahadevan and Kailash Kher.

Fans are eager to see if Thaman can recreate the



musical magic of Akhanda in this sequel. Samyukta plays the female lead, while Aadhi Pinisetty takes on the antagonist's role in this action drama.

Bajrangi Bhaijaan fame Harshaali Malhotra makes

her Tollywood debut with this flick. Produced by Raam Achanta and Gopinath Achanta under 14 Reels Plus, Akhanda 2 is proudly presented by M Tejaswini Nandamuri on a grand scale.



Anushka Shetty's endearing look from Kathanar revealed

The makers of Kathanar: The Wild Sorcerer have unveiled Anushka Shetty's stunning first look from the film, and fans can't stop praising her regal presence.

Described by the team as a timeless beauty, Anushka makes her Malayalam debut with this ambitious period fantasy thriller directed by Rojin Thomas and written by R. Ramanand.

The film explores the life of Kadamattathu Kathanar, a legendary 9th-century Christian priest said to possess magical powers. Jayasurya plays the titular role, while Prabhu Deva appears in a key part.

With grand visuals and a mystical storyline, Kathanar: The Wild Sorcerer promises to be a visual spectacle, and Anushka's ethereal look has only heightened the excitement.

Paramita World School students for state level S. G. F swimming competitions

(Capital Information)

Karimnagar, Nov 7 : Recently, Paramita World School students showed their talent in the district level S. G. F swimming competitions held in Godavarikhani in the joint Karimnagar district.

In the Under-17 junior selection competitions, 9th grade students of the local Paramita World School, Abhyudaya Raj Sri Vihas, Anaya Rao, Chaitanya, Lasya, 8th grade, Soumith, 6th grade participated in the Under-14 category and showed great talent and were selected for the state level competitions to be held in Centenary Colony this month, said the school principal M. Sreekar.



On this occasion, Paramita Schools Chairman Dr. E. Prasada Rao specially congratulated the talented students.

In this program, the direc-

tors of the schools, Prasuna, V.U.M. Prasad, school principal M. Srikar, coach Thota Sridhar, gym teacher, Jetty Srinivas and others participated.

Narayana Premier League Zonal Level Event Celebrated at Nizamabad

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau, Nov 7 : Nizamabad, November 7, 2025: Narayana Premier League, a zonal level sports event, was held at the Old Collector Ground in Nizamabad on Friday. The event was organized by Narayana Schools Zonal Level Competitions of Adilabad Zone and

Nizamabad Zones.

District Education Officer P. Ashok was the chief guest of the event. AGM Shivaji, AGM Prasad, High School R&D Head Ashok, Champs R&D Head Swathi, E-Kidz R&D Head Sangeetha, Co-ordinators Rakesh, Azima, Kalpana, Naresh, Kalyani Madam were also present.



Principals of Adilabad Zone and Nizamabad Zones Chandana, Rajani, Kishore, Nirmal Principal Parvati, Bhainsa Principal Prabhu, Adilabad Principal Swarnalatha were also present on the occasion.

The sports team led by Karan, the soft skills team, sports incharge Pawan, parents participated in the Narayana Premier League.

The event aims to promote sportsmanship, teamwork and healthy competition among the students. Various sports and cultural events were held in the NPL, showcasing the talents of the students of Narayana schools.

The event was a grand success, with the participants and attendees praising the management and enthusiasm of the students.

Hockey has given India pride of place in Olympics, says Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya as centenary celebrations of Indian hockey begin

New Delhi, Nov 7 (PIB) The Sports Authority of India and Hockey India celebrated 100 years of Indian hockey with a grand centenary event at the historic Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on Friday. The landmark occasion was graced by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Parliamentary and Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru Udhayanidhi Stalin, Minister of Sports and Youth Services, Odisha, Suryabanshi Suraj, President, FIH, Dato Tayyab Ikram, along with other dignitaries, hockey legends, and members of the national teams.

The celebration marked a century of sporting excellence, pride, and unity, honouring the journey of Indian hockey from its beginnings in 1925 to its resurgence in the modern era.

Union Sports Minister Dr. Mandaviya expressed his pride at being part of the milestone, noting that "the sport has seen

many phases, and it was through hockey at the Olympics that we showed the world what India can achieve in sports. We have never looked back since. With its rich history, Indian hockey is once again rising and moving towards another Olympic medal. As the country celebrates with over 1,000 matches being played nationwide today, entire Bharat revels in this proud moment. The Government of India will continue to support our players and the sport in every possible way. I congratulate Hockey India, the players, coaches, and fans for being part of this remarkable journey."

Minister of Parliamentary and Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju reflected on the historic day, saying, "I consider myself fortunate to stand here among the legends of the game on this special occasion. It has been a long and inspiring journey for Indian hockey. I congratulate Hockey India for honouring our greats alongside the current stars, merging our rich history with our promising future. Con-



gratulations to all who have been part of this incredible journey."

Dato Tayyab Ikram, President of the FIH, remarked, "It is a pleasure to be part of this historic milestone for Indian hockey. Today we express gratitude to our legends, players, fans, and administrators who have shaped this journey. India has led the way in world hockey through 100 years of resilience and innovation. I thank the Government of India and Hockey India, for their continued support. India's resurgence in the Tokyo and Paris Olympics shows its strength, and I am confident the next 100

years will be even brighter for Indian hockey."

An exhibition match between the Sports Minister's XI, led by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, and the Hockey India XI, led by Dr. Dilip Tirkey, set the tone for the day. The match ended in a 3-1 win for the Sports Ministry XI, with goals from Beauty Dungdung, Salima Tete, and Krishna Pathak, while Manpreet Singh scored for Hockey India XI.

Hockey India also felicitated some of the game's most celebrated icons in recognition of their lasting contributions to the sport and their inspiration to generations of players. The leg-

ends of the game honoured at the ceremony included Gurbux Singh, Harbinder Singh, Ajith Pal Singh, Ashok Kumar, B. P. Govinda, Aslam Sher Khan, Zafar Iqbal, Brigadier Harcharan Singh VSM, Vineet Kumar, Romeo James, Asunta Lakra and Subhadra Pradhan.

Another highlight of the day was the launch of the commemorative book "100 Years of Indian Hockey", which chronicles the sport's journey through a century of triumphs, challenges, and revival. A special photo exhibition also offered a rare glimpse into Indian hockey's remarkable history through archival photographs,

Olympic moments, and memorabilia tracing the sport's evolution from the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics to the present day.

With Tamil Nadu gearing up to host the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025, the coveted trophy was also on display, marking the start of a 20-city trophy tour. Adding to the festivities, singer and composer Siddharth Mahadevan delivered a series of energetic live performances, captivating those in attendance and highlighting the celebratory note to the occasion.

Extending the centenary spirit across the country, a Nationwide Hockey Festival was organised simultaneously in 500 districts, engaging more than 36,000 players in over 1,000 exhibition matches. The initiative brought together school athletes, veterans, and community teams, transforming the milestone into a true national celebration of the sport.

Dr. Dilip Tirkey, President of Hockey India, shared, "It is an honour for me to stand here at the very stadium where I at-

tended my first camp and played my first major tournament. Today is a tribute to those who laid the foundation for Indian hockey a century ago and to every player who has brought glory to the nation through this sport. We must also recognise all the stakeholders who work tirelessly for the promotion of Hockey including the Government of India who given us immense support. I am confident that many more moments of pride await us in the years to come."

Bholanath Singh, Secretary General of Hockey India, expressed gratitude to all those who made the milestone possible: "A special thanks to the Government of India for making this celebration a reality and to all the esteemed dignitaries present here today. This moment belongs to the entire hockey fraternity, and we are proud to be celebrating it across every state. I also thank our State Member Units for their constant support and contribution in taking the sport forward."

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