



# Next decade to further bolster India's global digital leadership: PM Modi

New Delhi: As 'Digital India' completes 10 years, the next decade will be even more transformative, as the country moves from digital governance to global digital leadership -- from India-first to India-for-the-world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday. According to PM Modi, 'Digital India' has not remained a mere government programme; it has become a people's movement. "It is central to building an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', and to making India a trusted innovation partner to the world. To all innovators, entrepreneurs, and dreamers: the world is looking at India for the next digital breakthrough," said the Prime Minister in a post on LinkedIn. Ten years ago, India embarked on a bold journey into uncharted territory with great conviction. While decades were spent doubting the ability of Indians to use technology, "we changed this approach and trusted the ability of Indians to use technology," said PM Modi. "While decades were spent thinking that the use of technology would deepen the gap between the haves and the have-nots, we changed this mindset and used technology to eliminate the gap between the haves and the have-nots. When the intent is right, innovation empowers the less empowered. When the approach is inclusive, technology brings change in the lives of those on the margins," PM Modi emphasised. This belief laid the foundation for Digital India - a mission to democratise access, build



an inclusive digital infrastructure, and provide opportunities for all. In 2014, internet penetration was limited, digital literacy was low, and online access to government services was scarce. Many doubted whether a country as vast and diverse as India could truly go digital. "Today, that question has been answered not just in data and dashboards, but in the lives of 140 crore Indians. From how we govern, to how we learn, transact, and build, Digital India is everywhere," said the Prime Minister. In 2014, India had around 25 crore internet connections. Today, that number has grown to over 97 crores. Over 42 lakh kilometres of Optical Fibre Cable, equivalent to 11 times the distance between Earth and the Moon, now connects even the most remote villages. PM Modi wrote on LinkedIn that India's 5G rollout is among the fastest in the world, with 4.81 lakh base stations installed in just two years. "High-speed internet now reaches urban

hubs and forward military posts alike including Galwan, Siachen, and Ladakh. India Stack, which is our digital backbone, has enabled platforms like UPI, which now handles 100+ billion transactions a year. Around half of all real-time digital transactions happen in India," the Prime Minister highlighted. Through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), over Rs 44 lakh crore has been transferred directly to citizens, cutting out middlemen and saving Rs 3.48 lakh crore in leakages. Schemes like SVAMITVA have issued 2.4 crore+ property cards and mapped 6.47 lakh villages, ending years of land-related uncertainty, PM Modi stated. India's digital economy is also empowering MSMEs and small entrepreneurs like never before. Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is a revolutionary platform which opens a new window of opportunities by providing a seamless connection with a huge market of buyers and sellers. "GeM (Government e-Marketplace) enables the common man to sell goods and services to all arms of the government. This not only empowers the common man with a huge market but also saves money for the government," said the Prime Minister. ONDC recently crossed 200 million transactions, with the last 100 million in just six months. From Banarasi weavers to bamboo artisans in Nagaland, sellers are now reaching customers nationwide, without middlemen or digital monopolies. GeM has also

crossed Rs 1 lakh crore GMV in 50 days, with 22 lakh sellers, including 1.8 lakh+ women-led MSMEs, who have fulfilled orders worth Rs 46,000 crore. India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) from Aadhaar, CoWIN, DigiLocker, and FASTag to PM-WANI and One Nation One Subscription is now studied and adopted globally, wrote PM Modi. CoWIN enabled the world's largest vaccination drive, issuing 220 crore QR-verifiable certificates. DigiLocker, with 54 crore users, hosts 775 crore+ documents securely and seamlessly. "Through our G20 Presidency, India launched the Global DPI Repository and a \$25 million Social Impact Fund, helping nations across Africa and South Asia adopt inclusive digital ecosystems," the Prime Minister further highlighted. "India now ranks among the top three startup ecosystems in the world, with over 1.8 lakh startups. But this is more than a startup movement; it is a tech renaissance. India is doing extremely well when it comes to AI skill penetration and AI talent concentration among our youth," PM Modi said. "Through the \$1.2 billion India AI Mission, India has enabled access to 34,000 GPUs at globally unmatched prices at less than \$1/GPU hour, making India not just the most affordable internet economy, but also the most affordable compute destination. India has championed humanity-first AI," according to PM Modi.

## Heavy Rains Expected in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

The Hyderabad Meteorological Centre has reported that surface circulation in the Bay of Bengal is persisting, leading to forecasts of moderate to heavy rainfall across 19 districts in Telangana. Residents can expect rain accompanied by thunder and lightning, with gusty winds predicted to reach speeds of 30-40 km/h. Heavy rainfall was already recorded in Hyderabad, where an hour-long downpour on Monday resulted in significant traffic congestion in various areas. In Andhra Pradesh, the weather remains predominantly cloudy throughout the day. The Amaravati Meteorological Centre has indicated that light to moderate rain will affect North and Coastal Andhra from morning until evening, with the possibility of heavier downpours in certain regions. Winds are currently sweeping across North Andhra, while dry weather is anticipated in Rayalaseema today. Further north, heavy rain is also impacting states like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Odisha due to the influence of a low-pressure system. The Meteorological Department has issued alerts for additional heavy rainfall across various areas, including Tamil Nadu.



## Chandrababu's helicopter makes emergency landing amid adverse weather conditions

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's helicopter made an emergency landing today due to adverse weather conditions shortly after take-off from his residence in Undavalli. The Chief Minister was en route to Malakapalli in East Godavari district to distribute NTR Bharosa pensions and to attend local gram sabhas and a party workers' meeting. However, as the helicopter ascended, the pilot encountered significant cloud cover and potential rain, prompting an immediate emergency landing at Gannavaram Airport. Upon landing, Naidu swiftly boarded a special flight from Gannavaram to Rajahmundry. From



Rajahmundry, he continued his journey to Malakapalli by road, where he successfully participated in the pension distribution programme. After completing his engagements in Malakapalli, Naidu returned to Rajahmundry Airport, where he then flew back to Gannavaram Airport. He returned to his

residence in Undavalli by nightfall, concluding a day marked by unexpected challenges. Air traffic control and the Indian Meteorological Department had alerted officials about the unfavourable weather conditions surrounding Vijayawada and Undavalli, leading to precautionary measures

being put in place. Despite initial concerns, the helicopter took off, but the pilot's quick decision-making ensured the safety of the Chief Minister

CM Chandrababu's Chopper Lands at Gannavaram Due to Bad Weather

Due to bad weather, the helicopter carrying Chief Minister Chandrababu landed at Gannavaram Airport. He will then take a special flight to Rajahmundry. From there, he will travel to Kovvur. The Chief Minister will visit Malakapalli village in Tallapudi mandal. There, he will distribute NTR Bharosa social security pensions. He will also hold a public gathering in

## CM Revanth Reddy visits Pashamylaram blast site, orders comprehensive probe

In a heart-wrenching incident, the death toll from the recent blast at the Sigachi industry in Pashamylaram, Sangareddy district, has risen to 45. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy visited the site this morning to oversee rescue operations and assess the situation. Arriving from his Jubilee Hills residence, the Chief Minister conducted a thorough inspection of the accident site and held discussions with officials regarding the circumstances surrounding the explosion. He expressed significant

concern over whether the Sigachi industry adhered to safety regulations and inquired about the inspection protocols in place. CM Reddy has ordered a comprehensive investigation to determine the exact causes of the incident and has insisted that experts be involved in the analysis. He also sought clarity on whether the industry management had provided an adequate response to the tragedy, requesting a detailed report on the accident. During his visit, CM Reddy emphasised the



importance of implementing measures to prevent such incidents in the future, instructing officials to prepare accurate

facts rather than speculative answers. Accompanying him were Ministers Sridhar Babu, Damodar Rajanarsimha, Vivek, and Ponguleti Srinivas, who also inspected the site. Meanwhile, ongoing rescue operations have revealed that 143 people were working at the facility at the time of the explosion. While 34 individuals sustained serious injuries and have been rushed to nearby hospitals for treatment, search efforts are continuing under the debris, with reports indicating that approxi-

mately 29 bodies are in a condition that makes identification challenging. So far, six bodies have been positively identified, but 17 individuals are still unaccounted for. Fortunately, 57 people escaped the disaster without injury. In a show of empathy, CM Revanth Reddy plans to visit the victims receiving treatment in local hospitals later today. The situation remains fluid, with the potential for the death toll to rise as rescue workers continue their efforts.

## Jamadagni Renuka Ellamma Kalyana Mahotsavam celebrations

Medipally July:01 (Metro udayam)



Jamadagni Mahamuni Renuka Ellamma Kalyana Mahotsavam was held on Tuesday at the Sri Sri Sri Renuka Ellamma Temple in Peerzadiguda. Speaking on the occasion, Peerzadiguda Municipal Congress party president Tungaturthi Ravi said that the people of the corporation wanted to live with the blessings of Amma with ailments, Ashtavasi and happiness. He said that spiritual consciousness in the society will increase through religious activities Somaiah, Mahesh, Thirumalesh, Naresh, Raju Srinivas, Temple Committee members, Vishnu Goud and many members of the temple committee were present at the event

**Sarzameen Teaser Released: Kajol, Prithviraj, Ibrahim Ali Khan Star in Kashmir-Based Thriller**

Dharma Productions shared the teaser of Sarzameen. The film is about fighting in Kashmir. Prithviraj plays a soldier. He wants to protect his country. Kajol plays his wife. They have emotional scenes. Ibrahim Ali Khan plays the villain. He is a terrorist. His new look got much attention online. The story shows fights in snowy Kashmir. The film is directed by Kayoze Irani. It will release on Jio Hotstar on July 25. This is Ibrahim's first acting role after working behind the scenes.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I Kumari Shiva Parvati I lost My passport when went to Tirupati in February (2025). The passport was not seen even when he came home and checked all the items. Then I realized that my passport was lost. My Passport Number R 1606567 If anyone find it, I kindly request to contact me on the phone for this number 8639671596.

## DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER VISITS VIZAG STEEL PLANT TO STRENGTHEN FREIGHT OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATION



In a proactive step towards enhancing operational efficiency and strengthening coordination for freight movement, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Waltair Division, Shri Lalit Bohra, visited the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant today. The visit aimed at reviewing infrastructural facilities and

discussing avenues for improving freight logistics and business cooperation.

DRM Shri Lalit Bohra was accompanied by a team of senior officials, including the Senior Divisional Operations Manager, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager-II, Senior



Mechanical Engineer (Freight), and Senior Divisional Engineer (South). The delegation held a high-level meeting with Shri A.K. Bagchi, Director (Projects) of Vizag Steel Plant, along with other senior plant officials.

The discussions focused

on key aspects such as increasing freight throughput, efficient rake management, and exploring opportunities to enhance mutual business through strategic planning. Emphasis was laid on minimizing rake detention time and optimizing logistics to boost overall operational performance.

## DRM FELICITATES STAFF FOR COMMENDABLE WORK DURING NON-INTERLOCKING WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Waltair, Shri Lalit Bohra felicitated railway staff including Divisional Traffic Inspectors, Station Masters, Token Porters, and others for their outstanding contributions to the successful execution of Non-Interlocking (NI) works across the Division over the past year.

The felicitation function was witnessed by ADRM (Operations) Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo, Senior Divisional Operations Manager Shri Tanmay Mukhopadhyaya, and other senior officials.

Appreciating the relentless efforts of the team, DRM Shri Lalit Bohra highlighted their role in the successful commissioning of the Automatic Signalling System on the main line



of Waltair Division and in sections of the Marshalling Yard. He also lauded their contributions to the commissioning of new lines as part of the doubling projects on the Kottavalasa-Kirandul line, Koraput-Rayagada line, and at Goods

Sheds. He encouraged the team to maintain the same spirit and dedication in future projects, with the aim of enhancing the Divisions performance and setting a role model for the entire Indian Railways network.

## Mr. Sandeep Mathur Assumes Additional Charge as General Manager, South Central Railway

### General Manager Holds Review Meeting with Officials

Mr. Sandeep Mathur, the General Manager of South Coast Railway (SCoR), assumed additional charge as General Manager of South Central Railway (SCR) today, i.e., July 1, 2025, at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. He belongs to the 1988 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE).

Prior to his appointment as General Manager of the newly formed South Coast Railway Zone, headquartered at Visakhapatnam, Mr. Mathur served as Principal Executive Director (Signalling) at the Railway Board under the Ministry of Railways. He played a key role in implementing various technical advancements and policies related to railway signalling.

Mr. Sandeep Mathur began his career in Indian Railways as an



Assistant Signal & Telecom Engineer in the Allahabad Division (now Prayagraj Division of North Central Railway). Over his extensive career, he held several important positions across various zones of Indian Railways, including Railway Board, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, and South Eastern Railway.

He notably served as Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) in

Jhansi Division and as Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) in North Central Railway. During his tenure at the RDSO (Research Designs and Standards Organisation), the research wing of Indian Railways, he led the team responsible for the approval of the indigenous automatic train protection system Kavach

Significantly, Mr. Mathur has international experience and

was instrumental in the successful commissioning of a double line project between Rawang and Ipoh in Malaysia. He was appreciated for showcasing Indian Railways capabilities at the global level.

Today, at Rail Nilayam in Secunderabad, Mr. Sandeep Mathur conducted a review meeting with Additional General Manager of South Central Railway Mr. Neeraj Agarwal,

Principal Heads of Departments, and other senior officials of SCR. Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) of all six divisions joined the meeting via video conference.

Addressing the officials, the General Manager emphasized that safety in railway operations should always be the top priority. He urged officials to pay special attention to precautions during the monsoon season. He instructed them to closely monitor passenger amenities and ensure punctuality of train operations.

He further stressed that while undertaking infrastructure development projects across the zone, including station redevelopment works, the quality of work and adherence to safety guidelines must be strictly maintained. He appreciated the progress made by the South Central Railway zone in recent years and commended the dedication of the staff.



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## OPEN MIND!

We often hear!  
Think with open  
mind!  
Talk with open  
mind!  
If it real one, why  
differences?

It might not be exactly  
true!  
External exposure  
may not be taken  
as fact!  
Something hidden  
secret is there!

Tongue may speak,  
mind think in other  
way!  
No co incide of both!  
There arise deviation  
in talk and thought!

Not so easy to be plain!  
After all we are  
humans!  
Fluctuation is natural!  
No problem,if others



feelings not hurted!

It is always better to  
have  
open mindedness!  
It lessens the gap in  
human  
relations!  
Wish welfare of all with  
heart  
and sole!  
So that you stay in oth-  
ers heart!

Composed by:  
B. Satyanarayana Rao,  
(Ba.Sa. Raa)

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**धार्मिक व्यक्ती  
के लिए एक  
समय भक्ती -  
प्रार्थना करने,  
दूसरा समय  
उपजीविका  
कमाने और  
तीसरा समय  
स्वयं के सुखों  
के बारे में  
चिंतन, मनन के  
लिए होता है।..  
(शकील उवाचा  
-401)**



विद्या अपरा विद्या है, यह वह  
विद्या है जो पवित्र वेद, उपनिषद  
इत्यादि धर्मग्रंथ और शास्त्र, शिक्षा,  
कल्प, व्याकरण, निरुक्त, छंद जैसे  
लौकिक ज्ञान से संबंधित है।

याने हमें लौकिक  
और पारमार्थिक दोनों भी ज्ञान  
प्राप्त करना बहुत ही जरूरी है।  
हम अपने जीवन का कुछ हिस्सा  
हमने भले ही दुनिया कमाने के  
लिए याने अपनी जरूरतों को पूरा  
करने के लिए इस्तेमाल करते हो  
लेकिन और कुछ हिस्सा खुद को  
और खुदा (ईश्वर) को जानने के  
साथ साथ पाने वाले सुख धर्म  
संगत है या नहीं इस बात पर  
चिंतन मनन करने और कुछ हिस्सा  
सृष्टिकर्ता परमात्मा की भक्ती,  
प्रार्थना में गुजारना चाहिए। इस  
बारे में पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.  
) पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली  
इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम में  
अपने समय को तीन भागों में  
बांटने को कहते हैं।

आप अलैहिस्सलाम  
कहते हैं के, "मोमिन (धार्मिक  
व्यक्ति) के लिए तीन वक्त (समय)  
होते हैं। एक वक्त जिस में वह  
अपने परवरदिगार (पालनहार  
परमात्मा) से दुआ व मुनाजात  
(भक्ती, प्रार्थना) करता है। दूसरा  
वह वक्त जिसमें वह अपनी रोजी  
रोटी (उपजीविका) के लिए कोशिश  
(प्रयत्न) करता है। और तीसरा वह  
वक्त होता है जिसमें वह अपने  
नफस व लज्जत के मुताल्लिक  
(स्वयं के बारे में और पाने वाले  
सुखों के बारे में) गौर व फिक्र  
(चिंतन, मनन) करता है के कौन  
हलाल (धर्म प्रमाणित, वैध, उचित)  
और पसंदीदा (रुचिकर) है।" (हेदरी  
कुतुबखाना, मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित  
उर्दू पुस्तक तजल्लियाते हिकमत,  
ईमान और मोमिन 27, हदीस  
क्रमांक 06, पुष्ट क्रमांक 63)।

-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद  
जाफरी (शकील मंवर), मंवर,  
पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

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## आम का फल

आम का फल, स्वादिष्ट और मीठा  
है,  
गर्मियों का मौसम, इसकी मिठास  
बढ़ाता है।  
आम की सुंदरता, अनोखी है,  
जो दिल को मोहने वाली, स्वादिष्ट  
है।

आम का रंग, पीला और लाल है,  
इसकी सुंदरता, हर किसी को भाती  
है।  
आम का स्वाद, अनोखा है,  
जो जीभ को खुश करने वाला,  
मीठा है।

आम के पेड़, छाया देते हैं,  
गर्मियों में ठंडक, प्रदान करते हैं।  
आम का फल, स्वास्थ्य के लिए  
लाभदायक है,  
जो शरीर को मजबूत बनाने में  
मदद करता है।

आम की विविधता, अनोखी है,  
अलग-अलग प्रकार, अलग-अलग



स्वाद।  
आम का मौसम, हर किसी को  
पसंद है,  
जो गर्मियों को सुखद बनाता है।

आम का फल, प्रेम का प्रतीक है,  
जो दिल को छूने वाला, मीठा है।  
आम की सुंदरता, हर किसी को  
मोह लेती,  
जीवन को सुखद बनाने वाली,  
अनोखी है।

वीवी दुर्गायत एम. ए.

## India vs England: Changes in Playing XI for Second Test (July 2, 2025)

India lost the first match and must do well in the second Test at Edgbaston, Birmingham tomorrow (July 2). The match starts at 3:30 PM IST. England has the edge, but India hopes to surprise them at this ground. Likely Players for India Nitish Kumar Reddy is expected to replace Shardul Thakur. Reddy did well in Australia and in practice sessions. Thakur didn't perform in the first Test. Reddy offers better batting depth from the lower order. Two spin bowlers will play: Ravindra Jadeja and likely Washington Sundar or Kuldeep Yadav. Sundar's batting makes him a strong choice, though Kuldeep's spin also has fans Jasprit Bumrah may rest to manage his fitness over five Tests. If he rests, Akash Deep or Arshdeep Singh will join Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna India is down 0-1 and needs to bounce back. England will use the same winning team. India is making smart team choices—adding stronger batting depth and managing players to have a better chance in the match.

# PM Modi's visit to focus on trade, investment: Namibian Presidency

Windhoek: The Namibian Presidency has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Southwest African nation on July 9 will explore new avenues to enhance the bilateral collaborations between India and Namibia. Namibia will be the final leg of PM Modi's five-nation visit after Ghana (July 2-3), Trinidad and Tobago (July 3-4), Argentina (July 4-5) and Brazil (July 5-8). It will be the first visit of Prime Minister Modi to Namibia, and the third-ever Prime Ministerial visit from India to Namibia. It is also the first bilateral State Visit that Nandi-Ndaitwah is hosting after taking over as the President of Namibia in March. "Driven by a common desire to deepen bilateral relations between the two nations, the leaders will witness the signing of bilateral cooperation agreements, including those in trade and investment, the environment,



health, and ICT," state run Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) quoted Alfredo Hengari, the Press Secretary of Namibia as saying on Monday (local time). According to Hengari, PM Modi's programme includes an address to a joint session of Parliament and a visit to Heroes' Acre in the Namibian capital, Windhoek, the war memorial of the country. The Namibian Press Secretary stated that PM Modi and President of Namibia

## Pharma unit blast: Telangana announces Rs 1 crore ex-gratia for families of deceased

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday announced a compensation of Rs one crore each to the families of those killed in the blast at a pharma unit at Pashamylaram near Hyderabad. Those who sustained critical injuries will be paid Rs 10 lakh each, and Rs 5 lakh each to others with minor injuries. After visiting the accident site, he told media persons that both the company management and the state government will ensure compensation to the victims. He also announced that expenses for the treatment of the injured will be borne by the company and the government. The Chief Minister directed officials to provide Rs 1 lakh to the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the injured as immediate assistance. The government will extend all help to the affected families, including the education of the children by admitting them to government residential schools. The Chief Minister said the officials have so far confirmed the death of 36 workers in the accident. Some workers are missing and feared trapped under debris. He stated that 143 employees were present in the factory when the explosion occurred, and so far, 58 of them have been contacted by authorities. Efforts were on to trace the remaining. Some of them may be trapped under debris, while some others may have escaped in panic and did not come into contact with authorities. He termed it as the most tragic incident and said that in no other accident in the past in United Andhra Pradesh or Telangana, so many lives were lost. He said the available information shows that workers in the factory were from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Stating that the government has taken a serious view of the accident, he said he had already ordered an inquiry by a five-member committee of top officials. He assured action against those found responsible for the disaster. Voicing concern over the increasing number of fire accidents, the Chief Minister said the government would bring a system to ensure implementation of safety regulations and their compliance by companies' management. The Chief Minister later visited a hospital in Patancheru to call on the injured. Earlier, the Chief Minister spoke to senior officials about the blast and the subsequent fire, which left a trail of destruction in the unit located at Pashamylaram industrial area in Sangareddy district, about 50 km from Hyderabad. He also enquired about the status of the rescue operation as scores of rescue workers continued clearing the debris of the production unit's three-storey building, which collapsed under the impact of the blast. The Chief Minister was accompanied by ministers Damodar Raja Narasimha, D. Sridhar Babu, P. Srinivasa Reddy and G. Vivek and senior officials.



be very useful in renewing the relationship, besides deepening economic engagement, the MEA stated. The MEA said that during his visit, PM Modi will hold bilateral talks with President Nandi-Ndaitwah and also pay homage to the Founding Father and first President of Namibia, Late Dr. Sam Nujoma. India and Namibia have strong historical linkages, with New Delhi recognising the South West African country much before it attained independence in 1990. Both nations enjoy a very warm relationship and share a wide range of areas for cooperation, including in the domains of environment and biodiversity, trade and investments, mining, diamond processing, energy, healthcare, defence, agriculture, capacity building and education. PM Modi's visit is expected to further deepen and strengthen bilateral relations between the two nations.

# Sushmita Sen shares Paralympian Sumit Antil's inspiring recovery story on National Doctors' Day

Mumbai: On National Doctors' Day, actress Sushmita Sen shared the inspiring story of Paralympian Sumit Antil, who overcame a life-changing accident to win a gold medal for India. Sharing the story as part of the Second Birthdate campaign, the former Miss Universe reflected on the importance of doctors in giving people a second chance at life. On Tuesday, Sen took to her Instagram handle and shared a heartfelt post revealing the inspiring journey of Paralympian Sumit Antil. The actress said that just like him, she too feels grateful for the "second birth date" gifted by doctors. Sushmita explained that while we all receive our first birth date from our parents, it is



the doctors who step in during life-threatening moments and give us a chance to begin again. In her post, the actress praised Sumit for not only recovering from a serious

accident but also going on to make the country proud by winning gold. Sharing a video featuring Sumit narrating his journey, Sushmita Sen wrote, "I'm sharing Sumit Antil's #SecondBirthDate story today. His journey, much like my own, reminds us that while we get one birth date from our parents, it's doctors who give us a precious second chance at life. To see him not just recover but go on to win gold for India, that's truly inspiring. Thank you @sunpharma live for this wonderful National Doctors' Day initiative." "If you, like Sumit and me, have a doctor to thank for a second chance at life, visit [www.second-birtheadate.com](http://www.second-birtheadate.com) to send your personalised Thank You doctor

card. #SecondBirthDate #NationalDoctorsDay." Actress Shilpa Shetty also took to social media to express her gratitude towards the medical community. In her heartfelt post, she encouraged everyone to take a moment to appreciate the individuals who dedicate their lives to healing and helping others. Calling them the true heroes, Shilpa paid tribute to doctors for their unwavering commitment, compassion, and tireless efforts in saving lives. Every year on July 1, India celebrates National Doctors' Day to acknowledge and appreciate the invaluable role doctors and healthcare professionals play in improving lives and supporting communities.

## Kiran Abbavaram unveils bold new avatar in FL of 'K-RAMP'



Young Tollywood actor Kiran Abbavaram is set to return to the big screen with his upcoming film K-RAMP, his 11th feature, promising a mix of mass appeal and fresh storytelling. The film is being jointly produced by RazeshDanda and Shiva Bommak under the banners of Hasya Movies and Rudransh Celluloid, with Jains Nani at the helm as director. YuktiThareja stars opposite Kiran as the female lead. The makers released the first look poster of K-RAMP today, revealing Kiran in a vibrant lungi-clad look that exudes both rugged charm and urban style. What stands out is the background design—a heart symbol creatively constructed using liquor bottles—hinting at a bold and unconventional narrative. The quirky yet striking visuals have generated curiosity and buzz among fans and industry insiders alike. Positioned as a potential game-changer in Kiran Abbavaram's career, K-RAMP appears to blend romance, mass elements, and bold storytelling. With its unique premise and stylized presentation, the film is expected to appeal to a wide section of the audience. The film is currently in the final stages of production and is being readied for a grand theatrical release during the Diwali 2025 season. Expectations are high as Kiran aims to make a strong impact with this ambitious outing.

## Bhumi Pednekar applauds UNDP India's efforts to empower youth in driving sustainable development goals

Mumbai: Actress Bhumi Pednekar has praised UNDP India for its efforts to empower young people in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She called the initiative a significant step towards building a more inclusive and sustainable future. Pednekar, UNDP India National Advocate for the SDGs, shared, "This initiative is a game-changing moment. Today's youth are informed, passionate, and committed to building a better world. Through this partnership, we are creating a platform where their vision and energy can drive sustainable action and impact at scale." The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India has teamed up with Collective Artists Network India Pvt. Ltd. to boost youth involvement in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The partnership aims to spark meaningful

conversations on important global issues like climate change, gender equality, poverty, and inclusive development. Talking about the partnership, Dr. Angela Lusigi, Resident Representative, UNDP India, stated, "This partnership is a step forward in empowering young people to become active change-makers. Across India, youth are not only raising their voices for change — they are leading it. Whether it's championing climate action, advocating for gender equity, or creating inclusive opportunities, their work is shaping the future. With Collective Artists Network, we can amplify these efforts, ensuring that stories of youth leadership resonate from urban centres to rural communities." Dhruv Chitgopekar, Co-founder, Collective Artists Network, added, "At Collective, we believe storytelling is a powerful tool to drive real change.



Partnership with UNDP allows us to channel the voice and influence of India's youth toward causes that support building a future rooted in purpose, equity, and sustainability." The first project under this partnership was a three-part digital docuseries created with Under 25, one of India's biggest student communities. The series showcased inspiring stories of young changemakers and reached millions of viewers online. It also featured support from actress and UNDP India Youth Champion, Sanjana Sanghi. The partnership aims to work with OTT platforms, filmmakers, brands, and popular influencers to run campaigns and events that raise awareness and encourage action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the country.

## 'Kannappa' continues its strong run with Rs 2.5 crore on Monday; weekend earnings now stand at Rs 25.90 crore

### Kamal Haasan Selected for Academy Awards Committee, Praised by Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan said on X (Twitter) that actor Kamal Haasan joining the big Academy Awards 2025 committee is a proud moment for India's film industry. He said Kamal Haasan has acted for more than 60 years and is very talented as an actor, storyteller, and director. Kalyan said Kamal Haasan's work has helped Indian and world movies a lot. Kalyan added that Kamal Haasan is great at many parts of making movies. He writes, sings, directs, produces, and acts. Kalyan congratulated him and wished him many more good years in movies.



Vishnu Manchu film 'Kannappa' is running in theatres and is doing decent business at Kannappa box office. It had opened with a positive response from the audience and collected good feedback for its emotional second half, the bang — a star-loaded climax of Prabhas Akshay Kumar cameo, Mohanlal and beyond. Kannappa entered its first Monday with an expected fall, but fared well keeping in mind the weekend. Kannappa Movie Review According to the initial estimations of trade analyst Sacnilk the film made around Rs 2.5 crore in its debut Monday, for a total revenue of the sum of 25.90 crore over four days. The film opened to a good amount of 9.35 crore on its first day. It was and then a further the figure of Rs 7.15 crore on the Saturday and the final figure of Rs 6.9 crore on Sunday. Occupancy trend The film took a normal plunge in the numbers on Monday, but Kannappa managed to hold on to good footfalls for its Telugu version on the strength of its subject. The Kannappa piracy issue



throughout the day was evenly distributed: 10.74% in the morning, 12.08% in the afternoon, 9.41% in the evening and 13.28% in the night shows. Kannappa in its original language, Telugu, fared the best with a 15.53% occupancy on Monday. Kannappa in Telugu had 12.22% occupancy in the morning shows. This slowly picked up to 16.16% in the afternoon and went up further to reach a high of 17.42% in the evening, and then, 16.32% in the

night shows. In its dubbed release, Kannappa in Hindi had a good opening with an overall occupancy of 9.39%. The occupancy for Kannappa was low for the morning show at 3.91%. Audience attendance increased through the day, at 9.06% in the afternoon, 10.30% for the evening, and 14.29% for the night shows. Kannappa, a Telugu cinema success, is steadily gaining the interest of the north audience.