



Ayyanna Patrudu to attend 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Barbados

Amaravati: AP Legislative Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu will represent the State at the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) to be held in Barbados from October 7 to 10. He will be participating as the representative of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Andhra Pradesh branch. Secretary-General of the AP Legislature Prasanna Kumar Suryadevara will also accompany the Speaker to the conference. The Indian delegation will be led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. The CPC serves as a global platform for presiding officers of legislatures across Commonwealth nations to share their experiences, exchange ideas, and explore solutions to contemporary challenges faced by parliamentary institutions. The 68th CPC is being hosted by the Parliament of Barbados and the CPA Barbados branch, bringing together Speakers, Members of Parliament, and parliamentary staff from all CPA member countries and regions. Speaking before his departure from Delhi via London, Ayyanna Patrudu expressed happiness over representing the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly at the prestigious event. "It is a privilege to attend the 68th



Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference and the CPA General Assembly as a representative of the State. This annual gathering provides an excellent opportunity to learn best practices and governance models from other Commonwealth legislatures, which can strengthen our own legislative system," he said. The theme of this year's CPC is 'The Commonwealth: A Geopolitical Association'. Workshops will cover diverse subjects such as strengthening parliaments in support of democracy, building trust and transparency in governance, technological and AI-driven modernization, climate change impacts on health, and enhancing public confidence in legislatures. Ayyanna Patrudu will take part in discussions on topics including 'Strengthening

Institutions to Support Democracy', 'Building Trust and Transparency in Democracy and Elections', and 'The Importance of the Division of Powers among National, Regional, and Decentralised Legislatures'. As part of the CPC, the 59th meeting of the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table (SoCATT) will also be held, where Prasanna Kumar Suryadevara will represent the Andhra Pradesh Legislature Secretariat. Elections will also be conducted during the CPC for key positions, including Chairpersons of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) and the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPWD), along with the CPA Treasurer and Vice-Chairperson.

Minister visits KGH, examines treatment provided to students

Visakhapatnam: Women and Child Welfare Minister Gummadi Sandhya Rani on Sunday interacted with students of Kurupam Girls' School, who fell sick and are currently undergoing treatment at King George Hospital. She enquired about the health condition, medical services being provided to them. The minister visited different wards where the students were undergoing treatment in the hospital, including isolation, Rajendra Prasad ward and children's wards and spoke to their parents. Speaking to the media, the minister said that 129 students of Kurupam Tribal Girls' School have fallen ill. Of them, 37 girls have been shifted to KGH for better treatment. The girls are suffering from jaundice and fever, she stated. After interacting with the doctors, Sandhya Rani expressed satisfaction over the treatment being provided at KGH. The Women and Child Welfare Minister informed that the rest of the girls are undergoing treatment at Parvathipuram Government Hospital. The health condition of all is stable at present and a few of the children are suffering from Hepatitis-A, she informed. Further, the minister stated that the government is taking special care of the health of girls. About 600 students are studying in the school and a medical team has been set up at the hostel and the children are being monitored. The minister informed that an RO plant was set up in the hostels for the students to provide them safe drinking water. Concrete measures will be taken until all the children recover, she added. The minister stressed that the surroundings of the school are clean and 40 new toilets are being constructed in the premises. Sandhya Rani opined that due to the change in the weather conditions, students are more likely to get affected by fever. The minister made it clear that an investigation will be launched into the incident and a disciplinary action will be taken based on the report.



Spl flight between Vijayawada, Ahmedabad soon

Vijayawada: Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath alias Chinni announced that a special flight service between Vijayawada and Ahmedabad will be launched soon. This initiative aims to enhance air connectivity between Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat. He mentioned that many businesspeople who have settled in Vijayawada and various parts of the state originally migrated from Gujarat. The new flight service between Gannavaram and Ahmedabad is expected to benefit these business individuals. The MP made this announcement while participating as the chief guest at the weekly Anna Danam (food service) organised by Sri Sambhavnath Jain Shwetambar Murti Pujak Sangh at Jain Temple Street on Tamminavari Street in One Town here on Sunday. The service, which has been conducted every Sunday for the past 25 years, continues to serve food to devotees and the needy without interruption. Members of the Sangh warmly welcomed MP Sivanath.

IMD sounds heavy rain alert for today

Hyderabad: The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a forecast of heavy rainfall in several parts of the state for Monday and light to moderate rainfall from October 7 to 10 in different places in the city even as the state capital received heavy rainfall in the early hours on Sunday resulting in inundation of low-lying areas. The IMD has issued a yellow alert for Monday with a warning of heavy rainfall very likely to occur at isolated places in Hyderabad, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahbubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Narayanpet districts. Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) are very likely to occur at isolated places in all districts of Telangana. Also Read - 20 dead as rain triggers



landslides in Darjeeling The IMD officials also issued a warning of light to moderate rainfall at a few places over Telangana from October 7 to 10. Thunderstorm accompanied by lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) are very likely to occur at isolated places in Adilabad, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal,

Nizamabad, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahbub nagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet, Jogulamba Gadwal districts of Telangana on October 8. It made similar forecasts for these districts on October 9 and 10. Meanwhile, heavy rains lashed the city and the nearby districts in the early hours on Sunday. The officials said that the rainfall was because of the cumulonimbus clouds. The low-lying areas in the city got inundated, throwing life out of gear. It rained in many parts of the city including Jubilee Hill, Banjara Hills, Filmnagar, Yousafguda, Manikonda, Pension Office, Abids, Khairatabad, Panjagutta, Lakdikapool and other areas

A platform for students to collaborate, innovate and exchange ideas

Visakhapatnam: Five teams -- code cloud, techno Titans, Aerolith-X, Astro vision and Aerthinx have been shortlisted in the 'NASA International Space Apps Challenge 2025.' Organised by Dr Lankapalli Bullayya College of Engineering (A) in association with Prajna Resources Private Limited, the two-day global hackathon that focused on the theme 'learn, launch and lead' concluded on Sunday. The platform brought young innovators, coders, and researchers together to create impactful solutions incorporating



NASA's open-source data and the event included various rounds. A total of 81 teams registered for the hackathon. Of which, 56 teams comprising over 300-plus students from 14

engineering colleges in and around Visakhapatnam, various districts of Andhra Pradesh and cities like Bengaluru and Bilaspur participated in the hackathon. After an intense

evaluation by the panel members, top five teams were shortlisted for the final presentation rounds. The prize distribution ceremony is scheduled on October 6. Secretary and Correspondent of Dr Lankapalli Bullayya College G Madhu Kumar will honour the winners for their exceptional creativity and problem-solving skills. The event saw Director of NSTL Abraham Varughese attending as chief guest for the inaugural ceremony. Addressing the participants, he encouraged them to pursue innovation with scien-

tific curiosity and global responsibility. Principals of the institution D Deepak Chowdary and G S K Chakravarthy motivated the students to hone their skills in research and innovation. The event, held with the support of NSTL, was coordinated by event organisers D Bhujanga Rao along with G Vamsi Krishna and B. Pardhasaradhi along with 19 faculty coordinators and 14 student coordinators from different departments of the college that fosters research, innovation and technology-driven education.

Peoples government always be with public welfare:

—AMC Jangaon chairman Banka Shivaraj



Jangaon, October 6, Metro Udayam: During this season, to facilitate for the farmers, there must be two IKP centres must be provided in the market yard, Jangaon. AMC, Jangaon chairman Banka Shivaraj appealed the dist collector Rizwan Bhasha Sheikh of Jangaon to provide the IKP two centres in market yard. Shivaraj Yadav spoke on this occasion, our government is people's government always available in the market yard and helping the each and every farmers. Sometimes international exports prices are in low, the private business persons will purchase in the lowest prices from the farmers. The dist collector accepted the proposal of the AMC chairman and instructed the concerned authorities to arrange two IKP sales centres in the market yard for avoiding hurdles of the farmers. Very shortly the two IKP sales centres will be opened and sales also begin with suitable price. In this programme dist additional collector Bency Loam, DRDO PD Vasantha, AMC special grade secretary Jeevan Kumar, supervisor Srinivas and others participated.

Karnataka BJP slams Siddaramaiah for his 'separate religion for Lingayats' remarks

Karnataka BJP has strongly criticised Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for stating that 'Lingayat is a separate religion' and for assuring that the 'Namma Metro' name will be changed to 'Basava Metro,' questioning the Chief Minister's inner intentions. Speaking to the media on Monday, the BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra, during the inauguration of the BLA-1 state-level workshop held at the Bharat Scouts and Guides Bhavan, stated, "Protecting all communities and religions should be the foremost duty of the Chief Minister. While we welcome naming the Metro station after Basaveshwara, the public must be aware of what is in Siddaramaiah's mind." to Basava Metro Vijayendra said that while public statements are one thing, the Chief Minister must reveal his inner intentions. "The call for a separate religion has resurfaced. I have



observed this in newspapers. The discussion on the Veerashaiva-Lingayat or Lingayat religion has again come to the forefront, and the public is aware of who is speaking on this issue in the backdrop," he stated. "We must protect the Hindu religion today and be alert to attempts to divide it. At the same time, efforts must be made to unite society. Among all communities—including Scheduled Castes, backward classes, Vokkaliga, and Veerashaiva-Lingayat communities—there are economically, socially, and educationally disadvan-

tagged groups. Justice must be provided to all communities. Why is Siddaramaiah in such a hurry?" he questioned. He further criticised the caste census, stating that in some areas, even differently-abled individuals are being included improperly. "There is no proper preparation; yet the Chief Minister insists it must be completed within 15 days. Some forces are even trying to divide society. They are attempting to undermine the Hindu religion. Similar conspiracies and attempts have occurred in the past, but they were unsuccessful. It will not

succeed in the future either," he added. The statement by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that Lingayat is a separate religion has sparked a clash of words between two senior Congress ministers - Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil and Minister for Forests Eshwar Khandre, both hailing from the Lingayat community, in Karnataka. Siddaramaiah made the statement that Lingayats are a separate religion on Sunday in Bengaluru. The issue, raised by the Congress-led government in 2017, had been set aside following the electoral setback. Siddaramaiah had then recommended to the Centre that Lingayats be declared a separate religion. Deputy Chief Minister and State Congress President D.K. Shivakumar had apologised to the public for attempting to create a separate religion for Lingayats. However, the controversy has resurfaced.

NIRF Rankings: A wake-up call or a pat on the back for AP and TG?

State-funded schemes that promote academic research, university-based startups and interdisciplinary collaboration can go a long way in improving institutional performance. At the same time, stronger ties with industry and greater emphasis on inclusivity and access, especially in tribal and rural areas, can help meet both educational and social goals. In an age where data-driven decisions dominate the discourse on higher education, the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), introduced by the Ministry of Education in 2015, has become a benchmark for academic credibility and institutional performance in India. With parameters spanning teaching, learning and resources, research and professional practice, graduation outcomes, outreach, inclusivity, and perception, NIRF endeavours to present a holistic view of the quality of higher education institutions across the country. Following the release of the 2025 NIRF rankings, states like Andhra Pradesh and Telangana find themselves at a critical juncture. While there are moments

of pride, there are also glaring gaps, which should not be overlooked. For the two states that have shown immense ambition in the education sector post-bifurcation, the NIRF results offer both applause and admonition. Telangana, particularly Hyderabad, a growing hub for technology and education, has seen commendable representation in the NIRF lists, particularly in categories like engineering, pharmacy and overall university rankings. Institutions like the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H), University of Hyderabad and NALSAR University of Law continue to uphold lofty standards, consistently appearing among the top 10 or 20 in their respective domains. Private universities and deemed-to-be institutions such as the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H) and BITS Pilani (Hyderabad campus) also add to the state's intellectual capital. These results are not accidental; they reflect sustained focus on quality faculty, research culture, and global collaborations. Andhra Pradesh,

meanwhile, presents a more modest picture. Though institutions like Andhra University and Sri Venkateswara University do make it into the rankings, their positions are not particularly competitive. Despite the establishment of state-run universities and development of new institutions post-2014 bifurcation, the State is struggling to create a clear identity in the national academic landscape. The absence of an IIT or IIM in the top tiers from AP should be a concern for policymakers. Beyond the numbers, NIRF rankings highlight systemic issues. For example, in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, rural and semi-urban institutions struggle with low perception scores, which is an indicator of reputation among peers and employers. This points to the need for strategic branding, industry engagement, and alumni involvement, which are areas traditionally overlooked in state-run institutions. Moreover, research output and citations, major components in the rankings, are dominated by a handful of elite institutions. The rest of them languish due to lack of

funding, limited industry tie-ups, and inadequate incentives for faculty to publish quality research. The way forward for both states lies in improving faculty recruitment and retention, upgrading infrastructure and fostering a culture of research and innovation. State-funded schemes that promote academic research, university-based startups and interdisciplinary collaboration can go a long way in improving institutional performance. At the same time, stronger ties with industry and greater emphasis on inclusivity and access, especially in tribal and rural areas, can help meet both educational and social goals. While Telangana has made some progress in expanding access to education through welfare schemes and residential institutions, Andhra Pradesh must expand its efforts to ensure education becomes truly inclusive. Equally important is the need for transparency and accountability in the functioning of higher education institutions. Universities must be granted autonomy, but this must be accompanied by mechanisms

that ensure merit-based hiring, efficient administration, and student-centric learning environments. A shift toward outcome-based education and digitized governance will enhance institutional credibility and bring long-term gains. NIRF rankings, while not being the final word on institutional quality, are an important diagnostic tool. For Andhra Pradesh and Telangana with young populations, emerging industries and aspirations of becoming knowledge economies, these rankings should serve as both report cards and roadmaps. The message is clear: the potential is vast, but the path forward requires vision, investment, and reform. It is time for both states to move from competing among themselves to collaborating for academic excellence, setting benchmarks not just for the region, but for the nation. At the end of the day, in the race for educational leadership, good intentions are not enough; only measurable outcomes matter. (The writer is a former principal and founder of Supporting Shoulders, NGO)

Bomb threat to Tirupati's Sri Venkateswara University

Sri Venkateswara University received a bomb threat on Monday, prompting an extensive search by the police. The threat, however, proved to be a hoax. The university authorities received an email that five IEDs have been planted at the helipad on the university campus. The helipad was prepared by the authorities for Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who will be arriving here on Tuesday. Also Read - Man arrested in state taken to Kullu, remanded. Alerted by the university authorities, police swung into action to search for explosives.

Police teams with the help of sniffer dogs and bomb disposal squads searched the campus and helipad but found no explosives. Police launched an investigation to identify the sender of the email. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is scheduled to visit his native village, Naravaripalli, on Tuesday. He will be landing at the SV University campus before proceeding to the village by road. Hotels and a temple in Tirupati had received similar bomb threats in the name of terrorist groups last year. Seven hotels and the Varadaraja temple in the

town received emails stating that bombs were planted on their premises. After the management of the hotels and the temple informed the police, the law enforcement agencies, with the help of sniffer dogs and bomb disposal squads, searched the premises but found no explosives. For three days, the management of various hotels had received emails stating that a bomb had been planted in the hotels. Police, with the help of a dog



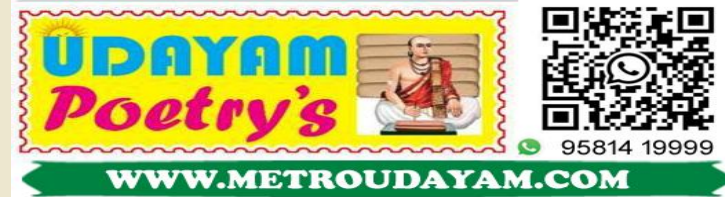
squad, thoroughly searched the premises but found nothing suspicious. The threatening emails were received in the name of Jaffer Sadiq and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). Jaffer Sadiq, a former member of Tamil Nadu's ruling party DMK, was arrested in February last year by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on charges of smuggling narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Bihar voters will again choose politics of development:

HM Amit Shah



New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday congratulated Bihar electors on the announcement of the Assembly poll schedule, expressing confidence that the voters will once again choose the politics of development this time. HM Shah's statement in a post on X came shortly after the ECI declared that the Bihar Assembly elections will be held in two phases on November 6 and 11, with the results being declared on November 14. The Union Home Minister said, "The Election Commission has announced the Bihar Legislative Assembly elections. Congratulations to all the people of Bihar for this grand festival of democracy." "Under the leadership of Modi Ji, the NDA government has pulled Bihar out of Jungle Raj and given it a new direction of development and good governance. Today, Bihar is witnessing historic changes in every sector, along with poor welfare, infrastructure, health, and education," he said. "I am fully confident that the people of Bihar will once again choose the politics of development this time. #BiharElections2025," said HM Shah. Earlier, while addressing media persons, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, accompanied by Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, described the Bihar elections as "mother of all elections". "We want to assure Bihar voters that not only will the elections be exemplary and smooth, but also the most peaceful due to a special focus on maintaining law and order," he said. The 2025 Assembly elections are the first to be held in the eastern state after the purification of the electoral rolls under a Special Intensive Revision (SIR), which yielded a final voters' list with 7.43 crore electors, including 14 lakh first-time voters. CEC Gyanesh Kumar also shared details and the timeline of the SIR held after a gap of 22 years, saying that the final electoral roll has been given to all political parties. "The window for requesting corrections in the electoral rolls is open till 10 days before the filing of nomination papers by candidates for the upcoming elections," he said. The ECI also fixed November 11 as the date for bye-elections to eight Assembly constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Telangana, Punjab, Mizoram and Odisha. The results will be declared on November 14.



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!

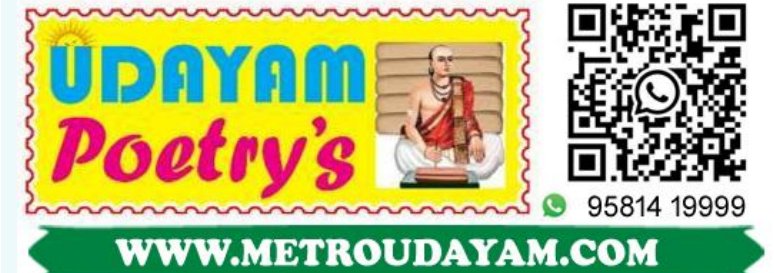


It is always better to
have
open mindedness!
It lessens the gap in
human
relations!
Wish welfare of all with
heart
and sole!
So that you stay in oth-
ers heart!

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

'Sita Payanam' first look released

The latest project directed by the multi-talented Arjun Sarja is 'Sita Payanam'. Produced by Sri Ram Films International, the film stars Aishwarya Arjun and Niranjana in the lead roles, while Arjun and Dhruva Sarja will be seen in powerful characters. Today, on the occasion of Dhruva Sarja's birthday, the makers have released his full first look. The poster featuring Dhruva Sarja as Action Hulk is stunning and has already created a strong buzz among fans. Also Read - Dhruv Sarja joins Arjun's 'Seetha Payanam' cast The teaser, which was released earlier, has received a wonderful response, and the songs have become chartbuster hits. Veteran actors Sathiyaraj, Prakash Raj, Kovai Sarala, and others play key roles in the film. Anoop Rubens is composing the music for 'Sita Payanam', with cinematography by G. Balamurugan, editing by Ayub Khan, and dialogues penned by Sai Madhav Burra.



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से मुदगा (रक्त के थक्के से एक छोटा मांस का लोथड़ा), मुदगा से इज्म (छोटे से मांस के टुकड़े से हड्डियाँ), फिर इज्म से लहम (हड्डियों से मांस), फिर रुह (आत्मा) डालने तक के विकास की बात संक्षिप्त में ही सही लेकिन स्पष्ट रूप से एक के बाद एक क्रमिक ढंग से बताया गया है।

यह आयत ईश्वर की सृजनात्मक शक्ति और मनुष्य के विकास में उसकी भूमिका को स्पष्ट रूप से दर्शाती है। यह आयत मनुष्य के भ्रूण के विकास के चरणों को क्रमानुसार दर्शाती है। इसमें उल्लेख किए गये भ्रूण विकास का क्रम आज का विज्ञान भी जैसे के तैसे याने ठीक इसी तरह सिद्ध कर चुका है। याने उपरोक्त तथ्य वैज्ञानिक रूप से भी मान्य है। यह बताता है कि कैसे एक शुक्राणु एक अंडे के साथ मिलकर एक थक्का बनता है, फिर उस थक्के से ऊतक, फिर हड्डियाँ और मांस का विकास होता है, फिर रुह (आत्मा) डाली जाती है।

परमात्मा कितना अच्छा निर्माता है के जो नुस्के के एक कतरे (वीर्य के एक बूंद) को एक थक्का बनाया, फिर थक्के को मांस का लोथड़ा बनाया, फिर मांस के लोथड़े को हड्डियाँ बनाई, फिर हड्डियों को फिर से मांस से ढँक दिया, फिर उसमें रुह (आत्मा) डालकर एक बेहतरीन रचना के रूप में तैयार करके प्रस्तुत किया। इन्हीं उपरोक्त बातों हमें बताकर मानव जाती को उद्देशित करते हुये कहता क्या हम तुम्हारे सर्वोत्तम सृष्टिकर्ता नहीं हैं?

उपरोक्त दिया गया स्पष्ट उदाहरण सोचने, समझने वालों के लिए, बुद्धी और ज्ञान से काम लेने वालों के लिए ईश्वर की सृजनात्मक शक्ती को समझने में बहुत मदद करेगा। ऐसे और भी बहुत से उदाहरण अगर हम जागरूक होकर देखें तो सृष्टि के कण कण में हमें परमात्मा की स्वाक्षरी उसके शक्ती के रूप में देखने को मिलगी। इसके बाद भी उस सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा को और उसके सृजन शक्ति को कोई कैसे इनकार कर सकता है भला?

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Tea sector in Bengal's northern region envisages over Rs 100cr losses due to rain, landslides

Kolkata: Amid the ongoing crisis in the hills, Terai and Dooars regions in northern region of West Bengal following heavy rainfall and frequent landslides during the last couple of days, the tea sector in the region in the region is envisaging a loss of over Rs 100 crore because of the natural disaster. According to the Dooars branch of the Tea Association of India secretary, Ram Avtar Sharma, although the exact details of the losses in the tea sector is yet to be available, initial estimates suggest that the loss would be nothing less than Rs 100 crore or even more. "To my knowledge, the

tea sector in North Bengal had not faced such huge losses in the past. The sector needs government assistance," he said. The tea sector had been affected by the current disaster in two ways. First, a number of tea gardens in the hills, Terai, and Dooars region had been badly affected by the rains and landslides, affecting the plantation there before the "two leaves and a bud" are plucked. Secondly, there had been severe waterlogging at the storehouses of processed tea leaves in the region, which had resulted in huge losses. According to the initial estimates, around 30 of

the total of 276 tea gardens in the hills, Terai, and Dooars regions combined had been majorly affected by the flood and the landslides. The maximum number of tea gardens affected is in the Terai region at 15. "These are just the initial estimates. The exact number of gardens affected and the exact quantum of loss could be ascertained in due course," said a Tea Association of India associate. Industry experts are of the opinion that, following the loss faced by the sector as well as disruption in tea production, tea prices might increase in the next few months.



Vishnu Vishal's gripping thriller 'Aaryan' locks Oct31 release



Actor Vishnu Vishal, well-known to Telugu audiences, is back with an intense investigative thriller titled Aaryan. Produced by Vishnu Vishal Studioz in association with Shubhra and Aryan Ramesh, and directed by Praveen K, the film promises a chilling murder mystery. The recently released teaser received an overwhelming response for its gripping visuals and suspenseful tone. Set to release on October 31, Aaryan will be distributed in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana by Sudhakar Reddy's Sreshth Movies, known for hits like Vikram, Amaran, and Thug Life. Vishnu Vishal plays a police officer, while Selvaraghavan, Shraddha Srinath, and Maanasa Chowdhary appear in key roles. With music by Ghibran, cinematography by Harish Kannan, and editing by San Lokesh, Aaryan is gearing up for a wide theatrical release. Details about the trailer and audio launch will be revealed soon.

Rajinikanth Visits Badrinath Dham Ahead of Winter Closure



Rajinikanth is currently on a divine intervention. Yes, the Superstar made a spiritual visit to Badrinath Dham on Monday, October 6, offering prayers to Lord Badri Vishal before the temple's annual winter closure. Welcomed by the Shri Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee, Rajinikanth received prasad and a tulsi garland as he climbed the temple premises. Photographs from the visit show the actor dressed in a warm sweater, reflecting the chilly Himalayan weather. His pilgrimage comes at a time when the temple portals are scheduled to close for winter on November 25 at 2:56 PM. The closure signals an end to the annual pilgrimage season, during which devotees from across the country visit Badrinath before paths become inaccessible due to snow. Meanwhile, prior to his Badrinath visit, Rajinikanth was also spotted in Rishikesh, where he walked in white kurta and dhoti and shared a simple roadside meal, a moment captured by local onlookers. On the work front, Rajinikanth was last seen in Coolie, alongside stars like Nagarjuna and Shruti Haasan. The film was directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj.

Kantara Chapter 1 Box Office Day 4: Rishab Shetty's Latest Film Crosses 200 Crore Mark

Rishab Shetty Kantara 2025 keeps getting bigger. Following an exceptional opening, Kantara Chapter 1 box office skyrocketed throughout the weekend, with Sunday alone bringing in record-breaking numbers. After a stellar first weekend, the action entertainer's future is looking incredibly bright as it appears to be among the biggest blockbusters of the year. Weekend Box Office Collections Reach New Heights Kantara day 4 collection an astonishing net of ₹162.85 crore in its first three days in India. On Saturday, it significantly improved upon Friday's collection to earn around ₹55 crore, a rise of roughly 20% (Friday's collection stood at ₹46 crore). On Sunday, the film's collections peaked, providing it with the biggest single-day performance of its run so far. Tracking platform Sacnilk reports Kantara



Chapter 1 raked in ₹61 crore on Sunday, catapulting Kantara 200 crore club to a whopping ₹223.25 crore by the end of the weekend. Audience Adoration Soars Followership love for Kantara Chapter 1 has been nothing short of phenomenal. With its action-packed sequences and witching performances, the film has kept cult fused to their seats, and it contin-

ues to do so. In India, the film kept its theaters packed, with Kantara Chapter 1's Kannada interpretation reporting 98% – 99% occupancy in afternoon and evening shows throughout multiple regions in Karnataka. While the film has already met with widespread success in India, Kantara Chapter 1 has also impressed overseas with its domestic collection in

the three-day period totaling over \$4 million, a staggering number for a regional film in its first three days. Lifetime Earnings Continue to Soar, Surpassing Recent Hits Kantara Chapter 1 has already cleared the lifetime business of multiple major recent releases by the end of its first Sunday. These include Sitaare Zameen Par (₹167 crore), They Call Him OG (₹179 crore), Lokah Chapter 1 (₹153 crore), and most recently, Kantara vs KGF collection's domestic collection of ₹185 crore, making it the third-highest-grossing Kannada film in India after KGF Chapter 2 (₹860 crore) and Kantara (₹310 crore). Riding high on an immensely positive response from both audiences and the industry, Kantara Chapter 1 is set for a historic run in the weeks to come.

'Raju GariGadhi 4: Srichakram' promises a divine blend of horror, faith, and fun

After the blockbuster success of Mirai, South India's leading production house, People Media Factory, is back with another grand spectacle — Raju GariGadhi 4: Srichakram. Directed by Ohmkar, the creative force behind the cult horror-comedy franchise, the fourth installment promises to redefine the genre with a bigger scale and deeper mysticism. The film is being produced with lavish production values under the powerful backing of People Media Factory. The announcement poster, depicting a woman in a red saree levitating before a multi-armed goddess idol, evokes a haunting yet



divine energy, setting the tone for the film's fusion of spirituality and supernatural suspense. Carrying the tagline "A Divine Horror Begins," Srichakram teases an intense cine-

matic experience that blends devotion, fear, and humor. Set in the mysterious village of Kaalikapuram, the film explores ancient beliefs, buried secrets, and eerie manifestations while balancing thrilling moments with mass-appeal comedy. SS Thaman will score the music, while Sameer Reddy handles cinematography and Tammiraju serves as editor. Sri Nagendra Tangala is the production designer, with dialogues by AjjuMahakali. The makers promise that Raju GariGadhi 4 – Srichakram will be an unforgettable theatrical event — where goosebumps meet giggles, and devotion meets dread.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu Confirms Telugu Comeback 'Maa Inti Bangaram' Isn't Shelved

Samantha Ruth Prabhu has confirmed she's returning to Telugu films with her long-awaited project Maa Inti Bangaram. In a Q&A session with fans on Instagram, the actor revealed that the film will begin rolling this month, ending months of speculation about her next Tollywood venture. Back in April 2024, Samantha had first announced Maa Inti Bangaram, marking it as both her acting return and a production under her banner, Tralala Moving Pictures. The first look featured her in a saree and mangalsutra, holding a gun with blood smeared across her face, a



stark, striking image hinting at the film's intense tone. She had captioned the post as, "Not everything has to be golden to glitter #Bangaram Something is Cooking."

View this post on Instagram A post shared by Samantha (@samantharuthprabhuoffl) During the recent Q&A, when asked about her next Telugu film, Samantha simply said, "Finally, I have an answer to this question. Maa Inti Bangaram is finally starting this month." She also confirmed the project is not shelved, clarifying on the doubts that had circulated during the long silence. According to reports, Maa Inti Bangaram is being directed by Nandini Reddy, who previously worked with Samantha on Oh! Baby and Jabardasth. It's expected to be an action thriller.

Vijay Devarakonda Spotted With A Ring Post His Engagement with Rashmika Mandanna? Here's What We Know

A weekend has passed since the news of Vijay Devarakonda and Rashmika Mandanna circulated online. While the couple is yet to confirm this happy news, the initial rumour itself sent a wave of excitement amongst the fans. Now, adding extra buzz to this news Vijay was spotted visiting Sri Sathya Sai Baba's ashram with family. But that's not it? What caught everyone's attention was a ring on his finger in viral photos. Meanwhile, Rashmika's first post amid the news stayed focused on her work; showing behind-the-scenes moments from her

upcoming project 'Thamma' and avoiding direct reference to the engagement. While the couple is yet to send out an official confirmation, Vijay's team has given a nod to the news stating that the couple got engaged in a private ceremony held on Friday, October 3, in the presence of close family members at his residence in Hyderabad. No public photos have surfaced yet. The team also gave a confirmation on a February wedding in 2026, and the couple is likely to host a destination wedding. Coming to their whirlwind romance, their love story is a classic example

of a match made on the sets. Yes, the couple first met during the shoot of Geetha Govindam (2018), where their on-screen chemistry fueled rumors of a deeper connection. They later reunited on Dear Comrade (2019), which further added fuel to the fire. Over the years, both have been discreet about their personal lives, often avoiding public confirmation of dating rumors. However, eagle-eyed fans have always drawn connections in their every move together- be it their vacation or puja at home.

