



Medaram Jatara Draws Crowds as Festival Nears Conclusion

The Medaram Jatara, a renowned tribal festival in Telangana, is set to conclude today. However, the festival has been marked by unprecedented crowds, with devotees gathering at the gaddas as Sammakka and Saralamma arrived. After taking holy dips in the Jampanna stream, millions of worshippers offered offerings of gold and jagery to the goddesses at the gaddas.

On Friday alone, an estimated five million devotees visited the site. The arrival of Pagidda Raju, Govinda Raju, and two mothers on the gaddas led to such a massive congregation that even if the entire forest was filled with sand, passage would have been impossible. This caused a severe traffic jam on the Tadvai-



Medaram road, with vehicles halted for about eight kilometres from Tadvai to Medaram. Participants who had attended the festival for three days began

returning from Saturday. Chaos and Congestion at Medaram. Devotees who visited Sakkama-Saralamma on Friday faced diffi-

culties returning, as RTC buses were insufficient. Many waited at the bus stands overnight, expressing frustration over the lack of transport. In response, RTC officials are dispatching additional buses to manage the crowds.

On Thursday night around 10 pm, Sammakka Thalli appeared at the gaddhe, attracting a large crowd. The event led to a minor stampede among both VIP and general devotees, especially near the TTD building, Jampanna Vagu, and RTC junction. Power outages twice during the night added to the inconvenience, particularly for families with children and the elderly. Meanwhile, Minister Adhuri Lakshman's convoy was stuck amid the throngs, causing fur-

ther irritation among devotees who were unhappy about VIP vehicles passing through the busy area.

Festival Closure

The Medaram Mahajatar, which began on 28th January, is scheduled to conclude today. On Wednesday, deities Saralamma from Kannepalli, Pagiddidda Raju from Poonugondla in Gangaram Mandal, and Govindaraju from Kondayi in Eturunagaram Mandal reached the gaddas. The following day, Sammakthalli was installed on the main gaddas from Chilukalugutta. On Friday, four deities appeared to the devotees, who paid their respects before the deities returned to the forest, marking the end of the festival today.

CM Revanth Reddy holds virtual meeting on Telangana Municipal Elections



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy convened a Zoom meeting to discuss the upcoming municipal elections. The meeting was attended by TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, in-charge Meenakshi, and several ministers. During the session, the PCC chief presented survey reports related to the elections. A target was set for the Congress party to secure 90 per cent of the available seats. The Chief Minister emphasised the need to take precautions to prevent rebel candidates from contesting. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to join the election campaign from 3rd February.

Kuppam set to emerge as major tourism hub, asserts CM

Kuppam (Chittoor district): Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said Kuppam has strong potential to grow as a major tourism destination and stressed the need to develop it in a planned and tourist-friendly manner. He asked officials to ensure that visitors face no inconvenience and directed them to take all necessary precautions to provide safe and quality facilities. The Chief Minister participated in various tourism development programmes in Kuppam Rural mandal and inaugurated the Kangundi Heritage Village and Bouldering Park on Friday. The District Tourism Council developed the Heritage Village and Bouldering Park at a cost of Rs 35 lakh. The Tourism Department has also made available 32 homestays and nine tent accommodations at the Kangundi Heritage Village.



During his visit, Chandrababu Naidu inspected the facilities provided in the homestays and tent accommodations and interacted with officials about maintenance and services. He said Kuppam's proximity to Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, along with its closeness to Bengaluru, would help attract more tourists from neighbouring states. He instructed officials to focus on development works that would appeal to tourists from these regions. The Kangundi Heritage Village showcases various art forms and ancient wall paintings, reflecting local culture and heritage. The Bouldering Park has been developed with facilities for rock climbing to attract adventure tourism enthusiasts. Naidu also unveiled a 100-foot national flag in Kangundi.

The Chief Minister also launched the 'Discover Kuppam' tourism website, which aims to give wide publicity to tourist destinations in and around Kuppam. He said the website would play a key role in promoting local tourism and providing information to visitors.

Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for tourism development works in Kuppam to be taken up with Rs 4 crore from APSBCL CSR funds. He also inaugurated the Punnami Resorts, which include 18 luxury rooms, an amphitheatre, a meeting hall and restaurants, further strengthening tourism infrastructure in the region. Government whip K Srikanth, APSRTC vice-chairman P S Munirathnam, collector Sumit Kumar, MP D Prasada Rao, KADA project director Vikas Marmat and others were present.

Municipal polls: Over 28,000 nominations filed

The last date for filing nominations for the municipal elections concluded on Friday, with a total of 28,456 nominations filed across 124 Urban Local Bodies in the state. According to the State Election Commission, nearly 20,000 nominations were filed on the final day alone. During the first two days of the nomination process, over 8,000 nominations were submitted. The scrutiny of nominations will be conducted on January 31, while the last date for withdrawal is February 3.

On the same day, the Commission will publish the final list of contesting candidates. Polling for the municipal elections will be held on February 11, from 7 am to 5 pm, the

Commission added.



TG PECET-2026 Test Committee meets in Hyderabad

Prof.V.Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHHE), Prof.U Umesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Satavahana University & Chairman, TG PECET 2026 and senior officials E Purushotham, Prof. S K Mahamood, Prof. Sriram Venkatesh, and Prof Rajesh Kumar at the first meeting of the TG PECET-2026 Test Committee at TGCHHE in Hyderabad, on Friday. The meeting approved key aspects



including eligibility criteria, examination scheme, norms and schedule for admissions into two-year B.P.Ed and D.P.Ed courses for the academic year 2026-27.

WALTAIR DIVISION BAGS NINE BEST EFFICIENCY SHIELDS

East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar has announced the Best Efficiency Shields under "Visisth Rail Seva Puraskar-2025" in 20 categories during the 70th Railway Week Award Function scheduled to be held on 4th February 2026.

The Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair, Shri Lalit Bohra, will receive the Best Efficiency Shields on behalf of the Division along with the concerned branch officers at the award function.



The Best Efficiency Shields awarded to Waltair Division are:

- Best Maintained Running Room – Rayagada/Waltair
- Civil Engineering Shield
- Personnel Shield
- Sales Management Shield
- Security Shield
- Stores Depot of Electric Loco Shed, Waltair
- Track Machine Shield

Additionally, Waltair Division has shared Best Efficiency Shields jointly with other Divisions in the categories of:

- Rail Madad
 - Signal & Telecom
- The Overall Efficiency Shield will be announced at the venue during the award ceremony. DRM Shri Lalit Bohra congratulated all the Shield winning departments for outstanding performance.



Let's move to solve the problems. Ravella Seetharamayya.....



Kodada January 31 Metro Morning

Ravella Sitaramaiah, the state vice-president of the association, called upon everyone to join hands to collect the dues due to the retired employees. On Saturday, the birthday celebrations of the retired employees celebrated in the month of January at Sangha Building in Kodada were celebrated with a mass cake cutting. On this occasion, they said that the government should solve their fair problems. He demanded that those who retired after March 2024 should be paid their dues immediately, saying that they are not getting their dues even today. District President Bollu Rambabu, Secretary Pantri Raghuvara Prasad, Financial Secretary Veerababu Vidyasagar Rao, Haji Naik, Balemia, S Dhani, Bhramaramba, Shobha, Neeraja, Biksham, Narasaiah and others participated in this program presided over by Associate President Janaiah.



**Kabardar Koushik Reddy
Amberpet constituency
Ex-minority chairman GHCC**

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Mohammed Hussam Uddin, Amberpet constituency Ex-minority chairman GHCC, demanded that Paddi Koushik Reddy should be suspended from the BRS party. Speaking at a press conference held at the Amberpet Congress party office on Saturday, he stated that the BRS party should suspend Padi Koushik Reddy from the party. He protest against Paddi Koushik Reddy inappropriate remarks against Muslims. Otherwise, they warned that the BRS party would be taught a fitting lesson in the upcoming elections. He said that making such remarks against an IPS officer was shameful and demanded that Koushik Reddy immediately apologize to the IPS officers and the minority community. They also warned that they would gherao Koushik Reddy's house if he failed to do so.



Don't hurt the self respect of the people of 14th ward....



Kodada January 31 Metro Morning

While there are strong BC candidates in the 14th ward of Kodada town, many senior Congress leaders strongly condemned the idea of fielding candidates from outside the Congress party. On Saturday, independent candidates, ward people and Congress party leaders gathered at Ramineni Srinivasa Rao's

residence and unanimously declared Ramineni Srinu as their candidate. In this ward, where there are many intellectuals, people from outside come and pray here, saying that everyone will stand together regardless of caste and religion in their ward. They appealed to the Congress party leadership to think about it and declare Ramine as Srinu's party candidate as it is a mat-

ter of their self-respect. They held posters and raised slogans saying 'Local kiss, no non-local kiss'. Leaders Idula Krishnaiah, Air Force Venkata Reddy, Pattabhi Reddy, Jaipal Reddy, Sheikh Meera, Yesaiah, nominated candidates Ramineni Srinivasa Rao, Ali, Muttiah Yadav Umamaheswara Rao ward people, women and others participated in this meeting.

Trump signals that a peace deal is within reach, though profound interpersonal tensions between Putin and Zelenskyy complicate the negotiation process

"I suppose Putin and Zelensky do n't like each other," Trump told journalists at the White House. "They detest each other. Right now, they detest each other. But I suppose we're getting veritabily near to getting a agreement. I suppose that we've a enough good chance of getting it settled."

On Thursday Trump said he'd spoken to Putin lately and asked him to break attacks on Kyiv and other Ukrainian metropolises due to harsh downtime rainfall. "I called him up and I tête-à-tête asked him not to fire into Kyiv and colorful municipalities for a week. And he agreed to do that," Trump said during a Cabinet meeting. "A lot of people were saying, 'Do n't waste your call,'" he added. Trump justified his request by citing severe Trump on Russia Ukraine war much of Ukraine and other corridor of Europe. Temperatures plunged to record lows over much of the mainland this week. Trump said it's "extraordinary cold wave, record- setting cold wave, like what we've right now then."

The adverts come ahead of anticipated Ukraine war peace talks addresses intermediated by the US anticipated over the weekend. Russia also invited Zelensky to Moscow for addresses.



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धर्म के धर्मदेश एक मानव को उत्कृष्ट बनाने की शक्ति रखते हैं। अर्थात धर्म मानव जाती के लिए ईश्वर से प्राप्त वह जीवन दर्शन और जीवन पद्धति है जो मानव को मानवता के शिखर पर पहुँचाने के लिये प्रेम, करुणा, न्याय, संयम जैसे सृजनात्मक शक्तियों को उजागर करता है। इस्लाम ने भी वहदानियत का सबक (एकीश्वरवाद का पाठ) सिखाकर एक ही सच्चे ईश्वर के याने सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के प्रति समर्पित भाव को पैदा करता है। एक सृष्टिकर्ता परमात्मा के लिए मानव के भक्ती को विशेष रखा गया है।

एकीश्वर की उपासना यह कोई इस्लाम धर्म का मात्र आदेश नहीं है बल्कि बहुत से धर्म और पंथ में भी एकीश्वर की उपासना का विधान है। हिंदू धर्म में भी हमें बहु देववाद दिखता है, लेकिन इसके दार्शनिक मूल (वेदान्त) में भी उसी एकीश्वर को ही माना गया है। वेदों की शिक्षा के अनुसार 'एकमेवाद्वितीयम्' याने ईश्वर एक ही है जो अद्वितीय है, जो निर्गुण, निराकार है। उस स्रष्टा के व्यतिरिक्त कोई ईश्वर नहीं है। उस एक ही सर्व शक्तिमान परम पूज्य सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के प्रति समर्पित होकर केवल उसी एक की उपासना करने का आदेश धर्म देता है।

इसके व्यतिरिक्त यहूदी, ईसाई, पारसी, सीख सभी एकीश्वर को मानते हैं। उस ईश्वर का नाम भले ही अलग हो लेकिन ईश्वर मात्र एक ही है। पारसी लोग अहुरा मजदा को एकमात्र ईश्वर के रूप में उपासना करते हैं। एकीश्वर की उपासना करने वाले चाहे कोई भी हो और चाहे उनके उपासक को किसी भी नाम से पुकारते हो लेकिन वह एक ही है। एकीश्वर वाद ईश्वर के बराबर, ईश्वर के समकक्ष हो ऐसा और किसी को नहीं मानता। एकीश्वर वाद ईश्वर को ऐसे सर्वोच्च स्थान पर रखता है के उसका स्थान कोई ले नहीं सकता।

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शरीर से जुड़े हुए व्यक्ति पर वासनाएं हुक्म चलाते हैं। जो आत्मा से नहीं जुड़ा उस व्यक्ति पर विकार शासन करते हैं। और आत्मा से नहीं जुड़े हुये व्यक्ति पर अधर्म शासन करता है। लेकिन जो आत्मा से जुड़ा है उस पर खुदा (ईश्वर), पैगंबर (स्व.) और इमाम अलौहिस्सलाम का हुक्म चलता है। याने ईश्वर का या उसके भेजे हुये खास मासूम (पवित्र) लोगों का शासन चलता है। और जो आत्मा से जुड़ा हो उस व्यक्ति पर धर्म का शासन चलता है। किसीकी इताअत (शासन) मान्य करें यह पवित्र कुरआन के पांचवें अध्याय, सुरह अल माइदा की आयत क्रमांक ११ में कही गयी है।

पवित्र कुरआन के अध्ययन से पता चलता है के, जो अपनी आत्मा से जुड़ा है वहीं खुदा (ईश्वर), पैगंबर (स्व.) और इमाम अली अलौहिस्सलाम को, याने ईश्वर और ईश्वर के खास भक्तों को अपना हुक्मराज (शासक) मानता है। जो केवल मात्र शरीर से जुड़ा है उस पर ना ही खुदा का रंग चढ़ता है, ना ही पैगंबर (स्व.) का रंग चढ़ता है, और ना सच्चे लोगों का रंग चढ़ता है। फिर ऐसे ही लोग ईश्वर के खास बंदों को छेड़कर पथभ्रष्ट हुये थे, हो रहे हैं और होते रहेंगे।

ईश्वर के अस्तित्व का विश्वास दासता नहीं बल्कि समस्त दासत्व से मुक्ती है। ईश्वर की भक्ती ही हर तरह की दासता से खासकर वासनाओं की दासता से मुक्ति दिलाती है। ईश्वर को छोड़े हुये लोग उन लोगों की गुलामी में कैद होते हैं जो खुद वासनाओं के गुलाम हैं। धर्म के मानवीय मूल्यों को विकृत करके अमानवीय कार्य कलापों में व्यस्त अधर्मियों के कारण धर्म या ईश्वर का विशेष करना नहीं चाहिए। बल्कि उस सच्चे धर्म के पाठ को देखना चाहिये जिस की बुनियाद ही मानवतावाद है।

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

Sirivella (Nandyal district): Sirivella police have busted an inter-district ganja trafficking network and arrested five persons, seizing 6 kilograms of ganja during a raid conducted on January 30. The operation was carried out under the directions of Nandyal District Superintendent of Police Suneel Sheoran, Additional SP Yugandar Babu, and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Allagadda, K. Pramod, with supervision from Sirivella Circle Inspector D. Ramu. Addressing media conference on Saturday, DSP Promod said acting on credible information received by Sirivella Police Station In-charge Sub-Inspector E. Jayappa, the police kept special surveillance near Kashireddinayana Ashram in Boyilakuntla village. The tip-off

indicated that Jinkala Maddileti of Boyilakuntla was to receive ganja from Koduru Srinivasu of East Godavari district. Based on this input, a planned raid was conducted at around 4 pm, during which five persons were caught red-handed while packing ganja for illegal transportation. Hello further stated that the police have seized 6 kg of ganja from the spot and arrested all the accused by 6.30 pm on the same day. The seized contraband was taken into police custody and a case was registered under relevant provisions of the NDPS Act. Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused were part of an organised supply chain involved in illegal transportation and distribu-



tion of ganja. Further probe disclosed that the prime accused, Jinkala Maddileti, is a habitual offender with four NDPS cases registered against him in Avanigadda, Delhi, Mahanandi and Nandyal Taluk police stations. A rowdy sheet and suspect sheet have also been opened against him. DSP K. Pramod warned that strict action would be taken against rowdy-sheets and anti-social elements in Allagadda sub-division. Police appealed to the public to report information related to ganja trade through the EAGLE toll-free number 1972, assuring confidentiality of informants.

Sirivella police crack ganja racket; five held, 6 Kg contraband seized

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COMEDIANS OF BOLLYWOOD

Comedy is part of our life. It may occur at any place, any time and to anyone. In Literature and films, comedy is, therefore, needed as comic interludes to make them natural and realistic. EENA MEENA DEEKA tells us the story of comedy tracks in our movies and of renewed comedians in Bollywood. Sanjit Narwekar, a journalist, award winning documentary maker, and an authority on the history of Indian Cinema, has written about twenty books on Indian Cinema. The book under the review holds a mirror to the knowledge and scholarly observation that he has gained over the years through a long association with the industry.

Tracing the origin of the penchant of the Bollywood directors of yore for comedy in all its shades, Sanjit opens his book fittingly with a short write-up on the father of Indian film industry, Dadasaheb Phalke and the comedy scenes in his short films. Writing about the reputed comedians, Sanjit treats the reader with interesting snippets from the lives and career of stalwarts and even of old actors such as Noor Mahammad, Gope, V H Desai, Yakub and et al from the Pre-Independence era. Jeevan (real name, O K Dhar) was another

famous comic villain in those days and he excelled himself in the role of Narad which he played in more than a hundred films.

Talking about Kishore Kumar, a multifaceted talent, Sanjit says that Kishore came to Bombay to become a singer initially but an acting career was thrust upon him against his will by his actor brother Ashok Kumar. However, this reluctant actor acted in more than a hundred films and made a name as a comic hero. When Kishore tried to be a serious romantic hero, people didn't accept him wholeheartedly. According to the author, this singer, producer, director, actor excelled himself as a singer after the runaway success of the film, Aaradhana and almost stopped acting in comic roles.

During a bus ride in Bombay, actor Balraj Sahni one day ran into B J Qazi, the bus conductor entertaining his passengers with his antics. Impressed by his histrionics, Sahni landed Qazi a small role in a movie directed by actor Guru Dutt. Dutt gave Qazi the name of a world famous scotch, Johnny Walker when he essayed the role of a drunkard. The rest is history.

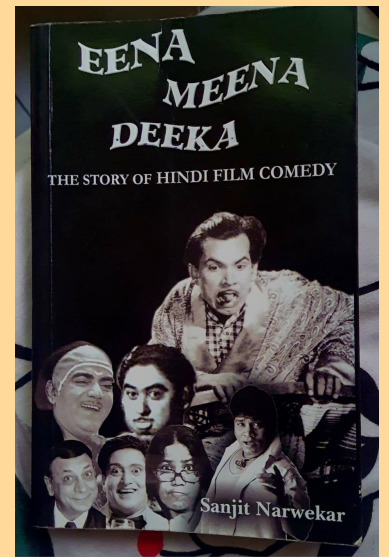
When his father lost his job, Johnny Walker

became the sole bread winner in his big family but it was an uphill task before he attained a stardom. Almost for three decades from 1950s, Johnny Walker was in great demand and many memorable roles landed in his lap and in particular people were crazy for his songs sung by Mohammad Rafi in a suitable voice. Though many big heroes of that time were Johnny Walker's close friends, Guru Dutt was his friend, guide and philosopher. The icing on the cake is though Johnny Walker was remembered for his drunkard roles, he was a teetotaler till his end in 2003.

That Sanjit has in this book a full chapter for Mehmood, the King of Comedy tells us a lot about Mehmood's talent and popularity in the industry. Acting was in his blood as both his parents were famous stage artists and it was a small wonder that he started acting as a child artist and scaled Himalayan heights as a comedian, singer, producer, and director. Most heroes of that time wanted Mehmood in their films as their sidekick. In a career spanning four decades, Mehmood made lots of fame and fortune and at the time of his death in America in 2004, Mehmood left behind a huge 186 acre estate in the outskirts of Bengaluru, among other things, for his children from his two marriages.

In this twenty one chapter book, the author talks about all kinds of comedians and all types of comedy. He has not forgotten the women comedians of first generations in the industry and the big heroes such as Raj Kapoor who successfully essayed comic roles with

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In other words, the reader in general and movie buffs in particular can find here information about any comedian worth his/her name in the Bollywood cinema from the early 1920s. The title is a line taken from a funny, nonsensical word play Hindi song composed by musician C Ramachandra for a movie.

Rare pictures of actors, both colour and black and white, pithy synopses of many hit movies are other added features of this book published by Rupa and Co and priced at Rs 295. A real and sincere tribute to all those who have brought laughter into the lives of millions of movie goers and fans.

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For smooth life running Some rules are framed. We only written them. What to do what not. Equally apply to all.

None should dare to cross limit. Punishment will also be there for violation! Cast and creed is not criteria! Rich and poor are equal! No concession to weak and strong!

Fault should be booked to task! So that others become alert! Law and order has vigilant eye! Culpit at any cost should not escape! What ever may be status should



abide rules!

Must teach the children why to follow rules! Once they catch the importance of rules, They certainly become responsible citizens in Society.

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

Free Medical Camp Organised for Safai Mitras



Hyderabad, metro udayam January 31 : Recognising the vital role played by Safai Mitras in maintaining clean and sustainable cities, a free medical and health check-up camp was organised under the Safai Mitra Sarthak initiative at the Manikonda Municipal Corporation Community Hall. The camp was conducted with CSR support from Silicon Labs and organised by Anubhuti Welfare Foundation, with assistance from the

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the medical team of L.V. Prasad Eye Institute. The initiative aimed at strengthening the health, safety and well-being of frontline sanitation workers. As part of the camp, Safai Mitras underwent general health check-ups, medical consultations for early detection of health issues, and eye examinations including vision assessments. Free spectacles will be provided to those in need. More than

100 Safai Mitras benefited from the programme, which addressed key occupational health risks and ensured timely access to medical services. The camp was inaugurated by T. Krishna Mohan Reddy, Deputy Commissioner, Narsingi Circle, as the chief guest. Medical Officer Dr K.S. Ravi, Mukesh Chopra and N. Venkatesh, Senior Directors of Silicon Labs, along with employees of Silicon Labs and members of Anubhuti Welfare Foundation, were present. Speaking on

the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need to recognise and honour the services of Safai Mitras, who play a crucial role in keeping homes and surroundings clean. The organisers stated that the Safai Mitra Sarthak programme focuses on improving working conditions, ensuring dignity, and supporting the social and economic empowerment of sanitation workers through collaborative efforts of corporate organisations, NGOs and urban local bodies.

Telangana Rajyaadhikara Party TRP, can win certainly in Jangaon Municipal elections



Jangaon, January 31, Metro Udayam: Telangana Rajyaadhikara Party (TRP) candidates Renukuntla Murali 5th Ward, Jannu Sujatha 10th Ward, Mohammad Jalil Pasha 13th Ward, Gaddam Krishna 23rd Ward will ring the victory bell in the municipal elections. Working President Jittaboina Naresh said that during the nomination verification today, that they will work hard to solve the problems of drainage, drinking water and electricity in the wards for the past few years and make them ideal. In this meeting, District Vice President Choppari Santosh, District Secretary Chirra Veeraswamy, District Minority President Mohammad Pasha, Constituency Youth President Boda were present. Ramesh, district leaders Manda Dilip, youth mandal president Mukka Vishnu Vardhan, mandal general secretary Vallala Bhanuchander and others were present.

National Seminar on Jyotiba Phule–Savitribai Phule Legacy Concludes at OU



Hyderabad, metro udayam January 31.... A two-day national seminar on "Empowering Marginalized Voices: The Legacy of Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule" concluded successfully here on Friday. The seminar was organised by Dr J. Madhavi, Director, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Research Centre (MJPRC) and brought together scholars and academicians from Maharashtra, Assam, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Odisha, Puducherry and Telangana. The event focused on the life, work

and enduring relevance of social reformers Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule, highlighting their contributions to social justice, equality and inclusive education. Prof. G. Naresh Reddy, Registrar of Osmania University, and Senior Professor S. Jithender Kumar Naik graced the occasion and released the seminar souvenir. Addressing the gathering, they stressed the importance of adopting technology in education, strengthening teacher training and moving beyond traditional teaching methods. They



also appreciated the vision of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram in enhancing the academic standards of the university, noting that continuous dialogue and debate are essential for institutional growth. The seminar featured a keynote address by Prof. Dilip Chavan from Nanded University and plenary talks by Prof. Dipendu Das (Assam University) and Prof. Nagaratna Parande (Rani Chennamma University, Belagavi). Paper presentations and panel discussions were held on the main theme

and sub-themes, with participants engaging in insightful deliberations on the relevance of the Phules' legacy in contemporary India. The seminar served as a valuable platform to create awareness among young scholars about the contributions of Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule. Appreciating the initiative, Prof. Dilip Chavan lauded the Director of MJPRC for organising the seminar and observed that it was after nearly a decade that a national-level seminar on Jyotiba Phule had been conducted.

Thailand Masters: Devika stuns top seed Supanida, enters semis

Bangkok: India's Devika Sihag pulled off a big upset at the Thailand Masters Super 300 badminton tournament, stunning home favourite and top seed Supanida Katethong in straight games to reach the women's singles semifinals here on Friday.

The 20-year-old unseeded Indian, who claimed her maiden BWF International Challenge title at the Malaysia International last year, kept her composure to seal a 21-19 21-18 victory in the quarterfinals that lasted just 40 minutes.

The world No. 63 will face fifth seed Huang Yu-Hsun of Chinese Taipei next.



Devika has been steadily building momentum on the circuit. In August 2025, she won Malaysia International, beating compatriot Isharani Baruah in the final. She was also part of the Indian mixed team that won a bronze medal at the 2025 World University Games. Last season, Devika fin-

ished runner-up at the Indonesia Masters Super 100 and reached four finals in 2024, winning titles at the Swedish Open and Portugal International, while finishing second-best at the Estonian International and Dutch International.

In another women's singles quarterfinal, Isharani fought hard but bowed out after losing 18-21 21-13 to Malaysia's Wong Ling Ching.

India's challenge in the men's singles ended at the quarterfinal stage after Tharun Mannepalli went down 11-21 17-21 to China's Zhu Xuan Chen.

Paytm Delivers Third Straight Profitable Quarter as PAT Rises to 225 Crore; Revenue Increases to 2,194 Crore in Q3 FY 2026

Paytm (One 97 Communications Limited), India's full stack merchant payments leader serving MSMEs and enterprises, and a leading financial services distribution company, and the pioneer of mobile payments, QR codes, and Soundbox, today announced its financial results for the quarter ending December 2025 (Q3 FY26) reporting its third consecutive profitable quarter, driven by strong monetisation, higher payments GMV, merchant subscriptions, and distribution of financial services revenue.

In the December quarter, Paytm reported a profit after tax (PAT) of ₹225 crore, an improvement of ₹433 crore year-on-year. EBITDA for the quarter improved to ₹156 crore with an EBITDA margin of 7%, reflecting an improvement of ₹379 crore YoY driven by revenue growth and continued operating leverage. Contribution profit stood at ₹1,249 crore, up 30% YoY with a contribution margin of 57%, an improvement of 5 percentage points YoY. Paytm UPI continued to gain market share for the third consecutive quarter. Paytm's consumer UPI GMV grew 35% in the last nine months versus industry GMV growth of 16%.

In Q3 FY26, operating revenue grew 20% YoY to ₹2,194 crore, led by higher payments GMV, increase in merchant subscriptions and growth in distribution of

financial services. On a like-for-like basis, revenue growth was approximately 25%. Paytm said that there was an insignificant impact on revenue from industry stoppage of rent payments through credit card (PA PG guidelines, Sep 2025) and Real Money Gaming (RMG) Act, Aug 2025, as the company has taken proactive compliance measures over the past few years.

Payments services revenue (including other operating revenue) grew 21% YoY to ₹1,284 crore. Net payment revenue increased by 25% YoY to ₹613 crore, due to improved payment processing margin and increase in merchant subscriptions which grew by 27 lakh YoY to reach 1.44 crore. Payments GMV grew 24% YoY to ₹6.2 lakh crore.

In Q3 FY 2026, distribution of financial services revenue grew 34% YoY to ₹672 Cr, driven by continued growth in distribution of merchant loans and wealth products. This is despite lower volumes under the Default Loss Guarantee (DLG) program, which leads to lower revenue and lower other direct costs.

Indirect expenses declined 8% YoY to ₹1,092 crore, driven by lower employee costs (including ESOP costs) and lower Provisions for Doubtful Debt (PDD). Cash balance stood at ₹12,882 crore as of the quarter ending December 2025, providing



continued capital flexibility to expand business.

During the quarter, the offline merchant business was transferred to Payments Services Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, in line with regulatory guidelines. Payments Services

Limited received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator. Further, the RBI authorised PPSL to operate as a Payment Aggregator for offline and cross-border payments.

Netflix Releases Censored Version of Dhurandhar, Fans Voice Their Frustration



Fans watching the film online were dissatisfied as the OTT interpretation has had certain corridor cleaned. It was noticed that despite having an 'A' standing, portions of vituperative discourses were cleaned for the dhurandhar Netflix OTT release.

Not long after the film started streaming online, social media saw memes and pixies pouring in as netizens blasted the streaming platform for muting discourses and laundering abuses in the film, cutting it by 10 twinkles.

numerous druggies also raised questions about why an 'A' instrument film was cleaned when OTT platforms are meant for people above 18 times of age. Some prominent political discourses have also been muted from the film.

Fans were largely disappointed as they anticipated flicks on OTT platforms to be uncensored for mature cult.

One stoner vented on X, "You certify movie as A you mute/ bowdlerize words! Like Are we 5y/ o k. schart class only or what? Every person using this app is above dhurandhar 10 minute cut there's no meaning watching a film if u have lot's of cutting and laundering. U r just stealing the natural raw substance from it." Another asked the makers, "generators. Why the abuses are cleaned?"

One addict twittered, "Damn was hoping for an uncut interpretation This has muted the accursed words same as the theatre one." Another added, "noooooo#Dhurandhar on Netflix still has the gaalis cleaned! bhai what's the point of releasing on OTT if you bowdlerize the stylish corridor."

Alia Bhatt captures all the chaos behind achieving her latest high-glam avatar

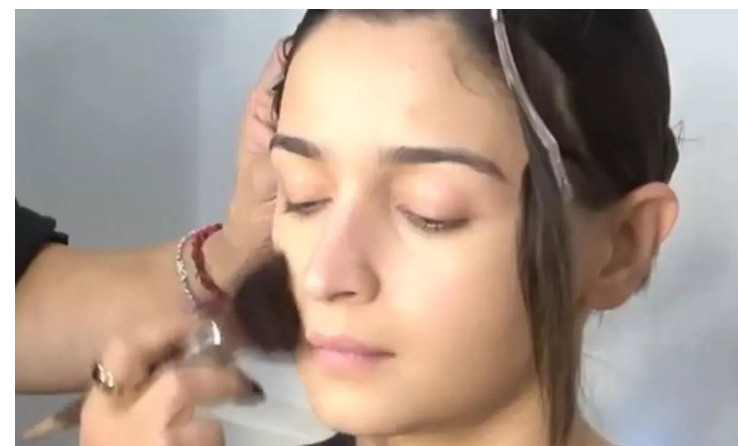
Mumbai: Actress Alia Bhatt treated her Insta Fam with a fun insight into all the chaos that went behind creating the high-glam look for one of her latest photoshoots. Admitting that she has no idea what type of look they will be going for today, Alia asked her team, "What are we doing today?"

Replying to her, one of the members shared, "We are in a movie star zone today".

To this, Alia hilariously asked, "Am I a movie star or a character?"

She got the answer "both".

Alia was informed that they would be keeping things simple and doing an enhanced version of how she arrived for the



shoot.

Adding in some masti, Alia proclaimed that she wishes to look like the mannequin being flaunted by a team member.

Towards the end of the clip, Alia also went on to give us a peek into her mesmerizing final look in short hair, created for the shoot.

"there was no shortage of chaos (sic)", the 'Dear

Zindagi' actress said.

In another professional update, Alia and her sister, Shaheen Bhatt, will be backing the coming-of-age romantic comedy "Don't Be Shy" under their home banner, Eternal Sunshine Productions, in association with Prime Video.

Shedding light on the project, Alia shared through a statement, "At

Eternal Sunshine, we've always wanted to back stories that feel honest and voices that feel their own".

"This film immediately spoke to us because of its sincerity and coming-of-age lens and Sreeti's passion and energy naturally fed into the spirit of the story. It's an incredibly special project for me and for Eternal Sunshine. And with Prime Video, we found partners who consistently take bold creative calls and genuinely support distinctive storytelling, which felt like a natural meeting of minds, and the right place for this story to find its audience," she added.

Alia also has Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Love & War" and "Alpha" in the making.

Cold eases as dry weather forecast for AP and Telangana

The intensity of cold conditions has decreased across the Telugu states, with daytime temperatures rising despite a slight chill during the early morning hours. As temperatures increase later in the day, the weather is turning noticeably warmer. Against this backdrop, the Meteorological Department has issued an update on weather conditions in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for the next three days, stating that winds



blowing from the north-east and east are likely to result in dry weather.

According to the Amaravati

Meteorological Centre, north and south coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Rayalaseema are expected to experience dry weather on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with fog likely at one or two places on Saturday and Sunday. No significant change in minimum temperatures is expected in Andhra Pradesh and Yanam over the next five days.

The Hyderabad Meteorological Centre said lower-level winds from the east and south-east will bring dry weather across Telangana on all three days.

RJD seeks judge-monitored CBI probe in Bihar's NEET aspirant death case



Patna: The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) on Saturday demanded that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the suspicious death of a NEET aspirant be conducted under the supervision of a Supreme Court or High Court judge. RJD spokesperson Ejaz Ahmad questioned the handling of the case by the Bihar Police and the Special Investigation Team (SIT), saying that investigators have made no breakthrough even after 18 days.

"The manner in which the Bihar Police and the SIT have failed to make any progress, and the way the DGP allegedly termed the case a suicide despite objections from the family, shows that the chances of justice are very slim," Ahmad said.

He added that although the Bihar government has recommended a CBI inquiry, the state is under a "double-engine government," raising doubts about the independence of the probe. "Justice through the CBI also appears uncertain. It would be wiser to conduct the investigation under the supervision of a Supreme Court or High Court judge," he said. On Friday, family members of the deceased met Bihar Director General of Police Vinay Kumar, but later claimed they were given no assurance of justice. According to the family, the DGP reportedly maintained that the student had committed suicide.

The family subsequently met Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Samrat Choudhary, but expressed dissatisfaction with the assurances provided.

The mother of the deceased levelled serious allegations against the Bihar Police, claiming that officials had been "bought off." The victim's brother alleged that the police and the SIT were treating the family like criminals.

"They are showing no intention of solving the case. Instead, they are behaving as if we are the accused," he said.

The NEET aspirant was found unconscious in her hostel room on January 6 and later succumbed to her injuries at a private hospital on January 11.

Initially, the Patna Senior Superintendent of Police ruled out sexual assault. However, the post-mortem report by Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH) and the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report contradicted this claim, stating that sexual assault could not be ruled out. The FSL report further confirmed the presence of semen on the clothes of the deceased.

The Patna Police had constituted a high-level SIT under the supervision of an IG-rank officer, but the investigation has made little progress. The SIT has collected blood samples from over 15 individuals, including family members.

The case has now been handed over to the CBI, even as political pressure intensifies for a court-monitored probe to ensure transparency and justice.

February 12 was the date: Jayant Patil reveals Ajit Pawar's 'final wish' to merge NCP factions

Mumbai: In a series of significant revelations following the tragic death of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in a plane crash, senior NCP(SP) leader Jayant Patil on Saturday claimed that the two factions of the Nationalist Congress Party were on the verge of a formal merger.

According to Patil, the reunification was not just a political strategy but was "Ajit Dada's final wish" to remove the stigma of the party's split while Sharad Pawar is still politically active.

Confirming statements made by Sharad Pawar earlier on Saturday in Baramati, Patil noted that the merger was almost finalised and was scheduled for a formal announcement on February 12.

"It was decided on January 16 to announce the merger after Zilla Parishad polls, on February 8. But since I was to attend a wedding in Delhi, Ajit dada said that 'whatever date you decide we will announce the merger.' So, we decided on February 12," said Patil. He further added, "Ajit Pawar had told us that he



had informed Praful Patel, Sunil Tatkare, Chhagan Bhujbal and other leaders of his party about the plans for merger."

"Ajit Pawar's last wish was to see the merger of the two parties. Now, that Sunetra Pawar is taking over charge, if she decides to take a note of sentiments of party MLAs, only then that last wish can be fulfilled," he added.

Patil revealed that around 10 high-level meetings were held over the last four months to discuss the merger. Notably, four of these meetings took place at Patil's residence, where Ajit Pawar expressed a strong desire to reunite the family and the cadre.

"We were meeting frequently in recent weeks. On January 16, we met at my house to finalise election coordination. The goal was always to bring the NCP family back together. Now, we must face this new, challenging reality without him," he said. A crucial part of the plan involved contesting the upcoming Zilla Parishad elections under a single, unified symbol—the Clock.

Patil stated that Ajit Pawar wanted to test the waters of a unified front at the local level before the official merger.

"Ajit Pawar used to tell me that all of his legislators are with him in his decision. There will not be any opposition to his decision of merger," he noted.

Patil expressed deep grief, stating that the sudden plane crash in Baramati has "interrupted" a process that was nearly at the finish line.

"If Ajit Dada were alive today, the political map of Maharashtra would have looked very different by next week," he said.

Even as Jayant Patil speaks of reunification, the Ajit Pawar faction is moving ahead with its own administrative transitions.

Sunetra Pawar, Ajit Pawar's wife, will be sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister today to maintain the faction's stability within the Mahayuti government.

While Patil and other NCP(SP) leaders like Eknath Khadse and Anil Deshmukh have been vocal about these talks, the Ajit Pawar-led faction has remained tight-lipped.

Senior leaders Sunil Tatkare and Chhagan Bhujbal have refused to comment on the merger, stating that their current priority is filling the leadership vacuum and supporting the Pawar family in their grief.

India to host 2nd India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting today in New Delhi

India will host the 2nd India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting (IAFMM) on Saturday, in New Delhi, marking a significant step in strengthening ties between India and the Arab world.

The high-level meeting will be co-chaired by India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and will be attended by foreign ministers and senior representatives of all 22 member states of the Arab League, along with the Arab League Secretary General.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the meeting is being held after a gap of nearly a decade, with the first India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting having taken place in 2016 in Bahrain. "The 2nd India-Arab FMM is expected to build on our existing cooperation, expanding and deepening this partnership," the MEA said in its official release.

The India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting is the highest institutional mechanism guiding cooperation between India and the League of Arab States (LAS). The dialogue framework was formalised in March 2002 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between India and the Arab League.

Subsequently, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed in December 2008 during the visit of the then Arab League Secretary General Amre Moussa, leading to



the establishment of the Arab-India Cooperation Forum. This framework was later revised in 2013 to strengthen its structural organisation. India currently holds observer status in the Arab League.

At the first Foreign Ministers' Meeting in 2016, the two sides identified five priority areas of cooperation, economy, energy, education, media and culture, and proposed a range of activities across these sectors. Officials said the meeting will focus on reviewing progress made so far and exploring ways to further enhance collaboration in these key areas, reflecting the growing political, economic and strategic engagement between India and Arab countries.

This is also the first time India is hosting the India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi,

underscoring the importance New Delhi attaches to its partnership with the Arab world. The MEA noted that the meeting "will see participation by all 22 Arab countries by Foreign Ministers, other Ministers, Ministers of State and other Senior Officials and Arab League."

Ahead of today's ministerial-level talks, the 4th India-Arab Senior Officials' Meeting was held on January 30, setting the stage for detailed discussions and coordination.

Diplomatic observers view the meeting as a key platform to give fresh momentum to India-Arab relations at a time of evolving regional and global challenges, with an emphasis on economic cooperation, energy security and people-to-people ties.

Telangana DGP Praises Police Efforts at Medaram Jathara



Telangana State Director General of Police (DGP) Shivadhar Reddy commended the police for their enthusiastic performance at the Medaram fair, with the support of the tribal community.

After visiting the forest deities, the DGP assessed the crowd of devotees and traffic flow through CCTV footage from the command control room. Speaking to the media, he highlighted that, unlike previous fairs, the new Child Track Management System significantly improved the process of locating missing children and elderly, using QR-coded handbands that made searches easier and more efficient.

He noted that trainee IPS and DSP officers were assigned duties at the event to gain practical experience. Reflecting on his personal connection, the DGP mentioned visiting Medaram as a trainee officer in 1996 and observed many improvements since then.

He also praised the widening of roads and the provision of alternative routes to prevent traffic congestion. The deployment of drones has enhanced surveillance, covering every corner of the fair. The DGP was accompanied by Multi-Zone-1 IG Chandrasekhar Reddy, Warangal and Ramagundam Police Commissioners Sunpreet Singh and Amber Kishore Jha.

Vijay Varma shows how he concluded 'Gustaakh Ishq' shoot



Mumbai: Actor Vijay Varma gave fans a fun peek into how he wrapped up the shoot of his project 'Gustaakh Ishq'. The actor shared a cheerful video from the sets, capturing a high-energy celebration as the team broke into bhangra the moment the dhol beats kicked in. The video, which showcases Vijay's infectious energy and desi moves, also features a glimpse of the happy crew marking the end of the schedule on a high note.

"Can't keep calm when the dhol kicks in. This how we celebrated the end of the Gustaakh Ishq shoot. Check out the moves on @mrfilmistaani Now streaming on @jiohotstar @fatimasanashaiikh @vibhupuri @manishmalhotra05 @stage5production," he wrote as the caption. Gustaakh Ishq: Kuch Pehle Jaisa is directed by Vibhu Puri. The film also stars Fatima Sana Shaikh, Naseeruddin Shah and Sharib Hashmi. The film marks the debut of fashion designer Manish Malhotra as a film producer.

The film is set in the 1990s and follows a young poet's efforts to revive his father's printing press, but in doing so falls for his mentor's daughter, forcing him to choose between love and loyalty. Vijay on January 18 took a trip down memory lane on Sunday as he revisited the year of 2016 where he took a picture of the 'Golden toilet' at house of Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan. He wrote, "2016 was sort of a milestone year for me.. I got to work with Big B and Shoojit da on movie Pink with the lovely cast and crew. Met god @sachintendulkar. Made gym buddies @sanyamalhotra and @fatimasanashaiikh Met my hero @irrfan Worked on Yaara with @tigmanshughalia sir with @mev-idyutjammwal and @theamitsadh Music video Naina Bawre with my friend @reensen and overall goofed around with my new found mini fame." Vijay Varma also reflected on his experience of meeting and working alongside megastar Amitabh Bachchan during the making of the courtroom drama Pink, directed by Shoojit Sircar.

Kareena Kapoor calls bestie Amrita Arora her 'sunshine in the rain' on her birthday

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan took to social media to shower love on her close friend Amrita Arora, fondly known as "Amolas", as she celebrated her 45th birthday on Saturday.

Kareena shared a cheerful reel on Instagram featuring moments with Amrita, set to the evergreen Whitney Houston track I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me). The video reflected the duo's long-standing friendship and easy camaraderie.

Along with the reel, Kareena penned a heartfelt note that read: "You are sunshine in the rain... love you so much... Happy birthday my Amolas @amuaroraofficial." The post quickly caught attention, with fans and industry friends joining in to wish Amrita.

On the professional front, Kareena recently wrapped up shooting for her upcoming film Daayra, an investigative crime thriller co-starring Prithviraj Sukumaran. The Meghna Gulzar-directed project completed filming in December last year.

Announcing the wrap, production house Junglee Pictures had shared a photograph of Kareena, Prithviraj and Meghna smiling for the camera. The caption read: "#Daayra! It's a wrap! Months of hard work, creativity, and collaboration have come



together to bring this story to life. Immense gratitude to the cast, crew, and everyone who made this journey possible. Onward to the next chapter! In Cinemas 2026."

Daayra is described as a gripping investigative crime thriller that delves into how a single diabolical act can spark equal and opposite reactions, deeply dividing opinions across society. Rather than providing easy answers, the film aims to provoke thought and raise challenging questions around crime and justice.

Set against a complex socio-legal

backdrop, the film casts Prithviraj as a police inspector, while Kareena essays a fierce and enigmatic character, showcasing her dramatic range.

Meanwhile, Amrita Arora began her career as a video jockey before making her Bollywood debut in 2002 opposite Fardeen Khan in Kitne Door Kitne Paas. She gained popularity with the action-comedy Awara Paagal Deewana and went on to appear in films such as Speed, Red: The Dark Side, Deha, Team: The Force and Kambakht Ishq, where she played a supporting role.

Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon and Rashmika Mandanna wrap up shoot for 'Cocktail 2' with celebrations

Mumbai: Actors Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon and Rashmika Mandanna have wrapped up the shoot of their much-anticipated film Cocktail 2, directed by Homi Adajania. The team marked the occasion with a cheerful celebration, giving fans a glimpse into the camaraderie shared on set.

Director Homi Adajania took to Instagram to announce the completion of filming, sharing a group picture featuring himself alongside Shahid, Kriti and Rashmika. The vibrant photograph carried the playful words "Love you fools" and "Fun was had!", capturing the spirited mood of the wrap-up celebrations.

Sharing his thoughts on completing the project, Adajania wrote, "Cocktail 2 shoot wrapped... I may be biased, but this one feels a tad special. Big love to my fabulous crew and cast for tolerating the absurdity that I am. Love you guys." His post was met with warm responses from the cast, with Kriti Sanon commenting affectionately and later re-sharing the post on her Instagram Stories, expressing her love for the team. Produced by Dinesh Vijan under the banner of Maddock Films, Cocktail 2 has been written by Luv Ranjan. While the makers have chosen to keep details of the plot under wraps, the film has already generated considerable buzz due to its star-stud-



ded cast and the legacy of the original film.

The first instalment, Cocktail, released in 2012, starred Saif Ali Khan, Deepika Padukone and Diana Penty and was also directed by Homi Adajania. The film went on to become a major success, both commercially and culturally, earning praise for its music, performances and contemporary storytelling. Adding to the excitement around the sequel, the cast and crew have frequently shared fun behind-the-scenes moments from the sets of

Cocktail 2. Rashmika Mandanna, in particular, recently amused fans by posting a picture in which she appeared to be trying her hand at cinematography. Captioning the image "Shots without actors", she jokingly teased her director of photography, suggesting she might have found a new career path. Cocktail 2 is expected to hit cinema halls in 2026, and with the shoot now complete, fans are eagerly awaiting further updates, including the teaser, music and official release date.

KCR Consults with Leaders Over Phone Tapping Case

Former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) held discussions with leaders and lawyers in Erravalli regarding notices issued by the SIT in the phone tapping investigation. KTR and Harish Rao have been present in Erravalli since yesterday to coordinate the matter

ahead of tomorrow's SIT interrogation.

It is understood that the SIT declined KCR's request to conduct the questioning at his residence in Erravalli, Markook Mandal, Siddipet district. The authorities stated they could not facilitate the interrogation there and clarified that KCR must appear in Hyderabad instead. He has been asked to be available for questioning at his residence in Nandinagar, Hyderabad, on Sunday, 1st



February, at 3 PM.

Mysouthdiva Drops Its Much-Awaited 2026 Calendar



Hyderabad: Mysouthdiva, one of South India's leading digital entertainment and lifestyle platforms, successfully launched its 9th edition much-awaited calendar at a grand and glittering. Media9 & Bharati Cements proudly announces the much-anticipated launch of the MySouthDiva Calendar 2026 at Ramanaidu Studios, Film Nagar. This one-of-a-kind calendar showcases actresses Shriya Saran, Ananya Nagalla, Sakshi Mhadolkar, Simrat Kaur, Gehna Sippy, Riya Suman, Rhea Sachdeva, Ulka Gupta, Aishwarya Salvi, Manasvi Mamgai, Chandsi Kataria & Palak Agarwal. The calendar launch marked another milestone in Mysouthdiva's journey of celebrating beauty, confidence, and individuality. Featuring stunning visuals, elegant themes, and inspiring personalities, the 2026 calendar showcases a perfect blend of style, grace, and contemporary fashion trends.

The event was graced by Tollywood actresses & Models Gehna Sippy, Rhea Sachdeva, Aishwarya Salvi, Ulka Gupta along with Manoj Kumar Katokar, Ravindra Reddy DM Bharathi cements Ramesh Puppala Producer, shyamsundar nethi Producer & others. MySouthDiva calendar features 12 beauties of south cinema who looked extremely gracious & great in the calendar.

Speaking on the occasion, Manoj Kumar, Media9 Director of Mysouthdiva, said, "This calendar represents our vision of celebrating talent, beauty, and strength. Through this initiative, we aim to inspire young women and promote positive representation in the media. Each month highlights a unique theme, reflecting empowerment, style, and cultural richness".

Actress Aishwarya Rajesh Inaugurates Visista Gold and Diamonds Flagship Store at Jubilee Hills

Hyderabad: South Indian Actress Aishwarya Rajesh inaugurated Visista Gold and Diamonds flagship store at Road no 36, Jubilee Hills. Speaking at the event, Aishwarya Rajesh said, "It is a great honour to launch Visista Gold and Diamonds store in Hyderabad. What I like most about Visista is their wide range of designs that beautifully blend traditional elegance with modern flair."

Sindhuja, CEO and Director of Visista, shared, "We have worked diligently to curate a stunning collection that merges traditional craftsmanship with contemporary style. Our store features an exquisite selection of gold and diamond jewellery for both women and men, including necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings, and more."

"Each piece is meticulously crafted by skilled artisans who are passionate about creating elegant, one-of-a-kind designs. The store also offers custom jewellery design services, customers to create their own unique pieces."

The Launch saw an enthusiastic turnout as fans gathered to catch a glimpse of Aishwarya Rajesh, who added glamour to the occasion. Her presence created a buzz, and she greeted her fans with warm waves.



Cummins ruled out as Australia make two changes in T20 WC squad

Sydney: Australia's pace spearhead Pat Cummins has been ruled out of the T20 World Cup due to injury as Cricket Australia made two changes to the provisional squad to finalise their 15-member team for the mega T20 spectacle, commencing on February 7.

Cummins, along with Josh Hazlewood and Tim David, had initially been named in Australia's provisional squad, pending fitness. The pacer, who has not played since his solitary Ashes Test appearance in Adelaide, since suffering a lumbar stress injury in July, has not recovered fully from his lingering back injury and will miss the marquee tournament in Sri Lanka and India.

Meanwhile, top-order batter Matthew Short has also been omitted from the original 15-player squad. However, Josh Hazlewood, who missed the entire Ashes series due to hamstring and Achilles injuries, has been included in the T20 World Cup squad. Tim David is also back in the team after missing the Pakistan tour.

Mitchell Marsh captains the team as Australia named a spin-heavy group, with Adam Zampa joined by Matthew Kuhnemann, Cooper Connolly and all-rounders Glenn Maxwell and Matt Renshaw.



Mitchell Owen is the most notable omission from the 15-man squad.

Despite Cummins's absence, the team's fast bowling unit looks strong with Hazlewood leading the pack, supported by Nathan Ellis, Xavier Bartlett and Ben Dwarshuis, who came in place of Cummins.

Australia has been drawn in Group B alongside Ireland, Oman, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. They will play their group stage matches in Sri Lanka, kicking off their campaign against Ireland on February 11 in Colombo.

The team is currently playing a three-match T20I series against Pakistan, where Mitchell Marsh's side lost the first match by 22 runs on Thursday.

Australia squad for the 2026 T20 World Cup-

Mitchell Marsh (c), Xavier Bartlett, Cooper Connolly, Tim David, Cameron Green, Nathan Ellis, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Matt Kuhnemann, Glenn Maxwell, Matthew Renshaw, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zampa, and Ben Dwarshuis.

Harrison-Skupski win first major as team with Aus Open men's doubles crown

Melbourne: Competing in just their second tour-level event together, Christian Harrison and Neal Skupski lifted the Australian Open men's doubles trophy in their first major as a team here on Saturday.

The American-British duo defeated home favourites Jason Kubler and Marc Polmans 7-6(4), 6-4 inside Rod Laver Arena to earn a one-hour, 49-minute championship-match triumph to claim the trophy.

Harrison and Skupski, who both competed at last year's ATP Finals with different partners, joined forces for the first time in Adelaide earlier this month, where they reached the semi-finals. The sixth seeds produced a composed performance in the semifinals to defeat Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos, a two-time major-winning team in 2025, 6-3, 7-6(7) for a place in the final.

Wild card pairing Kubler and Polmans battled admirably throughout the final, and they delighted the home fans by rallying from 2-5 in the opening set to force a tie-break. Yet the momentum of the match shifted dramatically after Harrison and Skupski won four consecutive points from 3/4 to move a set ahead.



The sixth-seeded Harrison and Skupski built on that tie-break success by crucially breaking serve in the third game of the second set, and they sealed victory on their second match point after Harrison fired an ace down the T, ATP reports.

Kubler was bidding for his second Australian Open doubles crown after triumphing with Rinky Hijikata, also as wildcards, in 2023. He owned a 14-3 doubles record at his home major, according to the ATP Win/Loss Index, highlighted by his title run in 2023 alongside fellow Australian Hijikata. For Polmans, the final marked his best

doubles result at Melbourne Park, surpassing his previous Australian Open high of a semi-final appearance on debut in 2017 with Andrew Whittington.

Earlier on Saturday, Elise Mertens and Zhang Shuai, who last played a Grand Slam together at Wimbledon in 2022, defeated Anna Danilina and Aleksandra Krunic 7-6(4), 6-4 to win the women's doubles crown, what is a ninth Grand Slam doubles title between them in just their seventh career event as a pair.

On Friday, Gadecki and Peers become the first pair in 37 years to defend the Australian Open mixed doubles title.

CM Chandrababu lauds record distribution of e-cycles in Kuppam

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu announced a historic achievement in Kuppam, where 5,555 e-cycles were distributed. He took part in and addressed the 'Praja Vedika' programme, which is dedicated to serving the poor. Naidu stated that the people had cast their votes for the cycle symbol, demonstrating what real development entails. Prior to the event, an e-cycle rally was organised from Sivapuram to the Praja Vedika venue, with the Chief Minister riding an e-cycle to arrive at the event.

