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ISRO successfully launches Earth observation satellite abroad GSLV-F17

Chennai, Sept 4

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Friday successfully launched its advanced Earth observation satellite EOS-05 aboard the GSLV-F17 rocket from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, adding a significant new capability to the country’s space-based monitoring system.

The 51.7-metre GSLV-F17 lifted off from the second launch pad at 2.55 a.m. following a 27.5-hour countdown.

The three-stage launch vehicle performed as planned and injected EOS-05 into the designated Sub-Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.

The approximately 2,367-kg satellite will now undergo a series of orbit-raising manoeuvres before being positioned in its operational orbit.

EOS-05 has been developed to provide advanced Earth imaging capabilities from geosynchronous orbit.



Operating at a much greater altitude than conventional low-Earth-orbit observation satellites, the spacecraft will be capable of repeatedly observing large geographical areas.

The satellite is expected to enhance India’s ability to monitor the Indian sub-continent and adjoining regions and provide data for several civilian and strategic applications.

Its observations can support disaster management, agriculture, environmental assessment, natural resource management and the monitoring of weather-related events.

Frequent imaging from its operational position is also expected to improve the availability of information during rapidly developing natural disasters and other emergencies.

The mission marks another important step for India’s Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle programme. GSLV-F17 is the 19th flight of the GSLV and uses India’s indigenously developed cryogenic upper stage.

The successful launch also represents progress in ISRO’s efforts to establish Earth-imaging capability from geosynchronous orbit. An earlier mission, GSLV-F10 carrying the EOS-03 Earth observation satellite, was unsuccessful in August 2021 after the cryogenic upper stage could not complete its planned operation.

EOS-05 gives ISRO another sophisticated platform in its expanding Earth observation programme and is expected to complement the country’s existing satellite network.

With the successful GSLV-F17 mission, India has strengthened its capacity for sustained observation of large areas from space, providing an important technological resource for disaster response, development planning and national requirements.

PM hails ISRO’s GSLV-F17 launch

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday congratulated the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on the successful launch of the GSLV-F17 rocket carrying the EOS-05 Earth observation satellite, describing the achievement as a matter of national pride.

PM Modi took to his social media ‘X’ and said, “Yet another outstanding achievement by ISRO and a proud moment for our nation. The successful launch of GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05, India’s first-ever imaging satellite from Geosynchronous orbit is a reflection of the excellence, innovation and growing capabilities that define India’s space sector.”

Dr Narayanan on criticism over privatisation of space sector ecosystem

Sriharikota



ISRO Chairman, Dr V. Narayanan, on Friday responded to criticism over the increasing role of private players in the country’s space sector, saying that ISRO alone cannot meet India’s growing requirements and that the overall space ecosystem needs to expand.

Speaking to IANS, Narayanan said India’s space economy and ecosystem must grow to meet the country’s rising demand for satellites and related services.

“Please understand, our country’s space economy has to grow and the space ecosystem has to grow because ISRO alone cannot meet the needs of the country. Right now, we have 56 satellites, but the requirement is for hundreds of satellites,” he said. He said the government’s space sector reforms were aimed at enabling greater participation and expansion of the industry, with ISRO providing the necessary support.

“Therefore, the government has announced space sector reforms, and ISRO is hand-holding these activities. We have to really ensure that the space ecosystem in our country grows. Therefore, we will have a lot of job opportunities, the economy will grow and more satellites will be produced,” Narayanan said.

First case of H5N1 bird flu reported in Sydney

Sydney, Sept 4

Authorities on Friday reported the first confirmed case of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu in Sydney, Australia.

Tara Moriarty, the agriculture minister in New South Wales (NSW), told reporters that testing detected the H5N1 strain in a greater crested tern found in Sydney’s Northern Beaches in late August. It represents the first confirmed case in Sydney after the highly pathogenic strain reached the Australian mainland in June.

Moriarty said Sydney residents with pet birds or chickens should take precautions to avoid interacting with wild birds, and people with dogs should ensure they don’t eat carcasses or chase wild birds.

The local mayor for the Northern Beaches, Sue Heins, said that the case will likely be the first of many and the region should brace for the “potentially devastating impacts” of the highly pathogenic strain, which has caused the deaths of millions of birds worldwide.

According to the latest data from the federal government, as of Wednesday, there have been 468 confirmed events of H5N1 bird flu across Australia, 20 of which have been in NSW, Xinhua news agency reported.

Caste-based reservation must continue as long as caste system exists: Athawale

Ranchi, Sept 4



Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale on Friday stressed that reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) must continue as long as the caste system and caste-based discrimination persist in India.

He asserted that reservation is a matter of social justice and representation, and remains essential until caste-based inequalities are eradicated.

Addressing a press conference at the State Guest House here, Athawale said the existing reservation framework should be reviewed on the basis of the actual population of various castes so that communities receive their rightful share in representation and opportunities.

He underlined the importance of a caste census, saying that accurate data on caste populations would help policymakers take informed decisions and ensure better social representation.

Commenting on the controversy surrounding the JPSC and JSSC examinations in Jharkhand, the Union Minister said the concerns raised by aspirants need to be considered seriously.

“If there have been any irregularities in the examination process, an impartial inquiry should be conducted,” he added.

Athawale stressed that a balanced solution should be found to address the grievances of protesting candidates without causing injustice to those who have already cleared the examinations and secured appointments.

He said a long-term resolution to such disputes lies in a recruitment policy that ensures complete transparency in examinations and lays down clear rules for future appointments.

During the operation, the CBI arrested three persons in Haryana and Kolkata for their alleged roles in receiving, layering and dispersing the fraud proceeds, it said.

The CBI has taken over several digital arrest-related cases registered in different states. In three such cases, investigators carried out extensive searches based on detailed financial and technical analysis.

The probe involved scrutiny of bank accounts, online account access data and other digital trails to identify the movement of fraud proceeds and trace the handlers and beneficiaries of the syndicates.

“One of the cases relates to BITS Pilani, where the victim was allegedly kept under digital arrest for three months and defrauded of Rs 7.67 crore by scammers posing as police officers. In another case in Gujarat.

The flood situation in Bihar deteriorated further on Friday as water levels of major rivers, including the Ganga, Gandak, Punpun and Dardha, continued to rise, inundating new areas across the state. According to the Water Resources Department, the Ganga is expected to cross its Highest Flood Level (HFL) at Patna’s Gandhi Ghat and Hathidah in Mokama by Friday night. The state Disaster Management Department has issued an alert for residents living along riverbanks and in low-lying areas of Bhojpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Nalanda, Begusarai, Lakhisarai and Jehanabad, urging them to remain vigilant and take precautionary measures.



Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy met Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai in New Delhi urged him to issue an early No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the Sammakka Sarakka barrage, officially known as the Sammakka Sagar Project.

Digital arrest crackdown: CBI raids 89 locations across 20 states

New Delhi, Sept 4

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched a nationwide crackdown on organised syndicates involved in digital arrest crimes, conducting coordinated searches at 89 locations across 20 states under Operation Chakra-VI, the national probe agency said on Friday.

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Non-bailable Case registered against Mahua Moitra

Kolkatta, Sept 4

A case has been registered against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra under non-bailable sections, said the police on Thursday.

The Krishnanagar MP has been summoned to the Diamond Harbour Cyber Crime Police Station in South 24 Parganas district on Saturday (September 5).

According to the police, a case has been registered under sections 196 (promoting enmity, hatred, or ill-will between different groups based on religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste, or community), 197 (statements, actions, or false information that harm India’s national integration, sovereignty, and public harmony), 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class of citizens) and 353 (making, publishing, or circulating false statements, rumors, or reports—including through electronic media and social platforms—that lead to public mischief) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Konda Surekha denies link with social media posts

Hyderabad, Sept 4

Konda Surekha, who has been dropped from the Telangana Cabinet for alleged indiscipline, on Friday denied any connection with social media posts circulated in her name.

Surekha clarified on X that her family had no connection whatsoever to any news or posts circulating under their name on various social media platforms.

The former minister also provided details of her official social media accounts and requested media and the public to rely solely on information shared through these accounts.

Social media posts attributed to Surekha, reading “big update soon” and “the wait is almost over”, were circulated on Friday.

State Congress demands KCR’s resignation as Leader of Opposition

Hyderabad, Sept 4

The Congress party in Hyderabad on Friday organised a protest, demanding the resignation of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) President K. Chandrasekhar Rao as the Leader of Opposition for his prolonged absence from the Telangana State Legislative Assembly.

The Khairatabad District Congress Committee held a protest rally demanding the immediate resignation of the former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR).

The rally was held from Gandhi Bhavan to Gun Park, with protesters demanding accountability and his resignation.

The protesters carried a large poster portraying former KCR as ‘Kumbhakarna’

They alleged that KCR had drawn Rs 1.32 crore in salary while staying at his farmhouse and not attending the Assembly. They also alleged that Rs 21 crore from the exchequer had been spent on his security and bulletproof vehicles.

The Congress leaders raised the slogan, ‘1000 Days in the Farmhouse — Why Still in Office?’

Khairatabad DCC President, Motha Rohit, said Congress completed a thousand days in office, but the Leader of Opposition KCR is not to be seen in Telangana.



He said though the people of Telangana have given him the responsible position of leader of the opposition, he has stayed away from his responsibilities for 1,000 days.

He remarked that KCR is sleeping in his farmhouse and demanded that he come out and attend the Assembly session to discharge his responsibilities.

Congress leader Indra Shobhan demanded that KCR hand over the post of Leader of Opposition to a Dalit leader. “Before Telangana State was formed and before KCR became Chief Minister, he promised to make a Dalit the Chief Minister.

But in these 10 years, a Dalit never became CM and KCR himself held that position. Now, hand over this position of Leader of Opposition to a Dalit MLA.

India’s forex reserves hit all-time high of \$740.803 billion

Mumbai, Sept 4

India’s foreign exchange reserves rose by \$11.475 billion to reach an all-time high of \$740.803 billion in the week ended August 28, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday.

The increase took the country’s reserves up by \$49.696 billion from end-March levels and by \$46.574 billion compared with the same period a year earlier, according to the data.

In addition, foreign currency assets (FCA) -- the largest component of reserves --increased by \$9.337 billion during the week to \$600.67 billion.

While FCA holdings were up \$48.387 billion from end-March and \$16.73 billion higher than a year ago.



Telangana Congress to hold Maha Dharna on Sept 6 demanding KCR’s resignation

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

The Telangana Congress will organise a Maha Dharna at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park in Hyderabad on Sunday, September 6, demanding the resignation of former Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekhara Rao from his MLA post.

The Congress alleged

that KCR had been drawing his salary for nearly 1,000 days without discharging his responsibilities as the Leader of the Opposition. The party alleged that he had remained largely absent from the Assembly and failed to play an active role as the principal opposition leader. The Congress demanded that KCR resign from the MLA post if he was

unwilling to attend the Assembly sessions and discharge his responsibilities as an elected representative. Several senior Congress leaders, MLAs, MLCs and other public representatives are expected to participate in the Maha Dharna. As part of the preparations, a meeting will be held on Saturday under the leadership of Hyderabad and Rangareddy district in-

charge Ministers Ponnambrahmakar and D. Sridhar Babu to review arrangements for the protest.

Hyderabad and Rangareddy district DCC presidents, MLAs, constituency in-charges and other senior Congress leaders will attend the meeting. The leaders will discuss the action plan and make arrangements to ensure the successful conduct of the Maha Dharna.

Umesh Chandra remains a lasting inspiration for police force: Sajjanar



NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.3

Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar described late IPS officer Umesh Chandra as a symbol of integrity, honesty and courage, and an outstanding police leader who brought pride to the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh and the nation.

Sajjanar said Umesh Chandra remained a lasting source of inspiration for the

police force and recalled his distinguished service and ultimate sacrifice for the police force and society.

On the occasion of Umesh Chandra’s 27th death anniversary, Sajjanar paid floral tributes at his statue at SR Nagar Crossroads on Friday. DGP (Operations, Greyhounds and OCTOPUS) Dr. Anil Kumar and members of Umesh Chandra’s family also participated in the programme. Speaking on

the occasion, Sajjanar said he considered it a privilege to have worked with Umesh Chandra, though only for a brief period. He also recalled his close association with Umesh Chandra’s parents, brother and other family members. The Police Commissioner said people in the locality continued to cherish the late officer’s memory for his honesty, efficient administration and commitment to duty.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Leaves for Maddur in Kodangal Constituency



Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.4

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has left from MCR HRD Institute for Maddur in Kodangal constituency.

The Chief Minister will shortly inspect the ongoing works at the Government Degree College and the under-construction Social

Welfare Residential School in Maddur.

Later, he will inspect the construction works of the BC Welfare Residential School at Gokafasalwad in Doultabad mandal.

In the evening, the Chief Minister will review the works of the Government Junior College in Doultabad.

He will subsequently inspect the works at the

Hakimpet Education Hub and hold a review meeting there on various development works in the constituency.

After the review, the Chief Minister will travel by road to his residence in Kodangal, where he will stay overnight.

On Saturday, the Chief Minister will review various development works in Kodangal until afternoon.

KIMS doctors save 30-year-old from liver transplant by treating rare Budd-Chiari syndrome

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.4

A 30-year-old man who had been advised a liver transplant after suffering from severe and recurrent accumulation of fluid in the abdomen for nearly a year has avoided major transplant surgery following the correct diagnosis and minimally invasive treatment at KIMS Hospitals, Kondapur.

The patient from vizag, who had been consulting doctors for recurrent abdominal fluid accumula-



tion, was initially suspected to have advanced liver disease, with his history of alcohol consumption be-

ing considered a possible cause. He was advised to undergo a liver transplant. Seeking a second opin-

ion, he approached KIMS Hospitals, Kondapur, where a multidisciplinary team of interventional radiologists and medical gastroenterologists conducted a detailed evaluation. Investigations, including advanced vascular imaging, revealed that the underlying problem was not conventional alcohol-related liver disease but chronic Budd-Chiari syndrome, a rare vascular disorder in which the veins draining blood from the liver become severely narrowed or blocked.

Youth Turns Marijuana Smuggler to Gift His Girlfriend an iPhone

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.4

A shocking incident has come to light in the state where a young man allegedly became a marijuana smuggler in an attempt to gift his girlfriend an iPhone.

The youth, who wanted to prove himself an ideal lover by buying his girlfriend an iPhone, ultimately ended up behind bars.

According to police, a couple from Peddapalli, identified as Chaitanya and Hema Latha, pur-

chased 12 kilograms of marijuana in Odisha for ₹16,000 and were transporting it to Hyderabad when they were arrested by police.

The duo had planned to sell the marijuana in Hyderabad for nearly ₹6 lakh, but they

were caught by police near Wyra before they could carry out the sale. During interrogation, Chaitanya told police that his girlfriend had expressed a desire to have an iPhone, and he started smuggling marijuana to fulfill that wish.

RTC bus Driver Killed in Kamareddy road accident

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

A Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus driver was killed and several passengers injured after a Hyderabad-Bichkunda bus overturned near Jukkal X Road in Kamareddy district early Friday.

The bus, carrying 13 passengers, reportedly lost control at high speed and crashed into a roadside culvert wall before overturning. The impact severely damaged the front portion of the vehicle, trapping the driver, Anjaneyulu, who died on the spot. Police are examining whether driver drowsiness or a technical fault led to the accident.

Banswada DSP and his team rushed to the spot and launched rescue operations. A crane was used to retrieve the driver’s body from the wreckage, while the injured passengers were shifted to Bichkunda Government Hospital. Police have registered a case and begun an investigation.

Transport Minister Ponnambrahmakar expressed deep anguish over the accident and spoke with the TGSRTC Managing Director, District Collector and Superintendent of Police to take stock of the situation.

70-Year-Old Man Dies in Stray Dog Attack in Mancherla District

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4:

Mancherla, Telangana: A 70-year-old man died after being attacked by stray dogs in the SC Colony of Dandepalli Mandal headquarters in Mancherla district.

The deceased was identified as Urganti Poshanna, son of Narsayya. According to reports, Poshanna was asleep in his house when a group of

stray dogs suddenly entered the home and attacked him.

After the attack, Poshanna screamed for help. Hearing his cries, his elder brother rushed to the spot and tried to drive the dogs away. During the rescue attempt, the dogs also tried to attack him. After receiving information about the incident, a large number of local residents gathered at Poshanna’s house and chased the dogs away.

Village Sarpanch Rajeshwar

then alerted the 108 Emergency Ambulance Service. The ambulance team reached the scene promptly and examined Poshanna.

However, after the examination, the medical team confirmed that the elderly man had already died. The incident has sparked concern among local residents, who have demanded immediate action from the authorities to address the growing stray dog menace in the area.

Demand For Probe Into Gurukul Student Ashwini’s Death



Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.4 (NSS):

BC Dal National President and BC Reservation Struggle Coordination JAC Chairman Dundra Kumaraswamy has urged the Telangana State Human Rights Commission to order a comprehensive inquiry into the death of Intermediate student Ashwini at Kamadanam Gurukul in Ranga Reddy district.

Ashwini was reportedly found hanging in her hostel room and later died while undergoing treatment.

Kumaraswamy said the incident at a government-run residential institution warranted a detailed probe into possible lapses in student safety and supervision.

He sought examination of the FIR, inquest and post-mortem records, besides preservation of CCTV footage, hostel registers, attendance records and electronic evidence. He also demanded an audit of safety measures, emergency medical response, grievance mechanisms and mental health support across government Gurukuls. (NSS)

Telangana DAK Adalat on sept 16

Hyderabad, Sept.4 (NSS): The Telangana Postal Circle will conduct a state-level Dak Adalat through virtual mode on September 16 at 12 noon, to hear public complaints and grievances relating exclusively to customer services of India Post.

Members of the public from Telangana can submit their grievances either offline or online by September 9. Offline complaints should be addressed to Ms S Vijaya Jyothi, Assistant Director (CS), Office of the Chief Postmaster General, Telangana Circle, Hyderabad-500001, with “DAK ADALAT” super-scribed on the envelope.

Online complaints may be emailed to pgco.tl@indiapost.gov.in, with “DAK ADALAT COMPLAINT” as the subject or first line of the email, by 5.45 pm on September 9.



Under the government’s directions, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are issuing notices under the supervision of the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) as part of the ongoing process of verifying citizens’ details and correcting the electoral rolls. As part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign in Kamareddy, a special voter guidance initiative is being conducted to provide residents with information and assistance regarding the electoral roll revision process. Jamiat Ulema Kamareddy District office-bearers, Mohammed Ferozuddin (Press Secretary) and Haj Mohammed Abdul Wajid Ali (Municipal Councillor, Kamareddy), have been actively guiding members of the public and helping them understand the SIR process. During the initiative, MRO Kamareddy Hema Bandu visited the guidance centre, inspected its functioning, and appreciated the services being rendered by the BLOs, Jamiat Ulema Kamareddy volunteers, and other members assisting the public.

Congress holds massive bike rally in Atmakur

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.4 (NSS):

As per the directions of Telangana State Minister Vakati Srihari, the Congress Party organized a grand bike rally in Atmakur Mandal to mark the completion of 1,000 days of the Congress government’s rule.

The rally was aimed at creating awareness among the public about the government’s welfare and development schemes. A large number of Congress leaders, workers, elected representatives, sarpanches, and par-

ty supporters from various parts of Atmakur Mandal participated in the event.

During the rally, participants highlighted several welfare initiatives and development programs being implemented by the Congress government. Leaders Highlight Government Initiatives

Addressing the gathering, Market Committee Chairman M.D. Rahmatullah, Congress Mandal President Nagesh, and Town Congress President Airla Dinne



Srinivasulu said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy,

the government is prioritizing public welfare and the state’s development.



A major portion of the historic Machli kaman fell down following recent rain in Old City of Hyderabad on Friday.
Pic: Syed Omar

Uttam urges Chhattisgarh to clear NOC for Sammakka Sagar project

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy met Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai in New Delhi on September 3 and urged him to issue an early No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the Sammakka Sarakka barrage, officially known as the Sammakka Sagar Project.

Uttam Kumar Reddy sought Chhattisgarh's cooperation to enable Telangana to store water up to the barrage's Full

Reservoir Level (FRL) and realise its intended irrigation benefits.

During the meeting, the Minister assured the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister that Telangana would pay full compensation for land and houses in the neighbouring State that would be submerged due to the project. He said Telangana was ready to meet the compensation requirement and work with Chhattisgarh to resolve the pending issues.

"Telangana will pay full compensation for the land and houses that will be

submerged in Chhattisgarh. We request the State government to issue the NOC at the earliest to enable us to store water fully in the barrage," Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

The barrage, constructed across the Godavari at Tupakulagudem in Kannaigudem mandal of Mulugu district, is 1,143 metres long and has 59 radial gates. It has a designed storage capacity of 6.94 TMC at an FRL of +83 metres and envisages diversion of 46.96 TMC of Godavari water for irrigation.

Revanth inspects development works in Maddur, directs timely completion

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy visited Maddur municipality in Kodangal Assembly constituency of Narayanpet district on Friday and inspected various ongoing development works.

After arriving in Maddur from Hyderabad by special helicopter, the Chief Minister first inspected

the construction of the degree college building. WIDC Managing Director Ganapathi Reddy briefed him on the project, stating that the three-storey building was being constructed on a four-acre site with a built-up area of 13,670 square feet.

Revanth Reddy directed officials to conduct a survey of the additional land adjoining the college

building and facing the main road. He instructed Narayanpet District Collector Priyanka to acquire the land from the titleholders if it was found to be private property and construct a compound wall around the college to provide it with a spacious campus.

The Chief Minister directed officials to complete the degree college

building by March and take all necessary measures to commence classes from the next academic year. He subsequently inspected the construction of the residential school and college buildings and instructed officials to complete the works within the stipulated timeframe, maintaining quality standards, and make the facilities ready for use.

Revanth Reddy also directed officials to sanction Indiramma houses to those who had donated land for the construction of the Gurukula (residential school) buildings.

A large number of fans, Congress leaders and party workers gathered to welcome the Chief Minister and interacted with him as he inspected the development works. (NSS)

Talasani Slams Cong Over "Praja Palana", Unfulfilled Promises

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

Former Minister and BRS deputy floor leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, questioning its claim of delivering "Praja Palana" (people's governance) while accusing it of failing to fulfill its electoral promises even after 1,000 days in office. Addressing a press conference at the MLA's camp office in Jangaon after being accorded a welcome by local MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy and BRS leaders, Talasani alleged that the Congress had deceived people with "impractical" promises.



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy visited Maddur municipality in Kodangal Assembly constituency of Narayanpet district on Friday and inspected various ongoing development works.

Rs.24.49 Lakh Cash theft Cracked

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

Hyderabad, Sept.4 (NSS): Mailardevpally police have arrested a 28-year-old former bakery worker in connection with the theft of nearly Rs.24.49 lakh cash from a biscuit company's office at Kattedan. The accused was identified as Anil Nagorao Kamble, a labourer and helper residing in Sri Ram Colony, Jalpally.

According to police, the cashier of Harsh Bakers Biscuit Company had kept around Rs.24 to 25 lakh in the office locker on the evening of August 31 before locking the premises and handing the keys to the security guard.

The next morning, employees found the office door, almirah and locker broken open and the cash missing. A case was registered at Mailardevpally Police Station. Police formed special teams and examined CCTV footage and witnesses to identify the suspect. During investigation, Kamble was traced and allegedly confessed to the offence. Police subsequently recovered Rs.24,49,500 and a mobile phone from his house.

Police said the accused had previously worked at Harsh Bakers.

"Konda Surekha's conduct was Objectionable": TPCC Chief

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud on Friday defended the Congress high command's action against former minister Konda Surekha, saying her conduct had violated the party discipline despite the Congress allowing freedom of expression.

Speaking to the media in Delhi, Mahesh Goud said Surekha had spoken out of "anger and anguish" and advised her to refrain from making such statements in future. He said party leaders with grievances could approach the PCC



president, AICC state affairs in-charge, party general secretary or the high command. Goud further said the Congress wanted Konda Surekha to continue in the party and would

provide her opportunities if she remained with it. The party high command had taken the action because her conduct was considered objectionable, he added.

BJP slams Revanth over Modi, Shah - Owaisi patriotism comparison

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

The BJP on Friday criticised Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for comparing Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah with AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on patriotism.

BJP State Chief Spokesperson and Media Incharge N. V. Subash, in a press statement, said patriotism should not be judged through "political convenience or selective state-

ments" and questioned why the Chief Minister sought to place leaders with different political and ideological backgrounds on the same pedestal. Citing Owaisi's controversial "Jai Palestine" remark after taking his Lok Sabha oath in June 2024 and his earlier refusal to chant "Bharat Mata Ki Jai", Subash said such statements had triggered questions about his approach to national symbols and sentiments. He also referred to the AIMIM's historical association with the Razakar

movement and its reported legal assistance to youths arrested in cases involving alleged Islamic State links. Subash stressed that constitutional rights, freedom of expression and due process must be respected, but argued that they cannot be selectively invoked to avoid political accountability. He demanded an explanation from Revanth Reddy over the comparison, asking whether it reflected political posturing or growing political proximity between the Congress government and AIMIM. (NSS)

DK ARUNA, SABITHA BACK KONDA SUREKHA

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.4

Former Minister and BJP MP D.K. Aruna criticised the dismissal of Konda Surekha from the minister post, describing the action against a senior BC leader as unfortunate. She attributed the development to internal differences within the Congress and recalled working with Surekha during the Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy government. Former Minister P Sabita Indra Reddy also criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over the episode.

Black magic belief leads to brutal murder in Hyd; Seven held

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.3

Hyderabad, Sept.4 (NSS):Flaknuma police have cracked the brutal murder of 53-year-old real estate businessman Mohd. Mehboob Ali, allegedly killed over a superstitious belief that he had performed black magic on a woman and was responsible for the death of a relative.

Police apprehended six accused persons and a juvenile on September 3 in connection with the said murder.

According to police, the

incident occurred around 9.30 pm on August 30 near Almas Hotel at Vattepally. Mehboob Ali was allegedly intercepted by the gang and attacked with knives and daggers, sustaining multiple injuries to his head, chest, hands and other parts of the body. He was rushed to Princess Esra Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The investigation revealed that prime accused Mirza Mohsin Baig allegedly suspected Mehboob Ali of performing black magic on his mother, Tahera Begum, who

had reportedly been suffering from prolonged illness. He also allegedly blamed the deceased for the death of his maternal uncle.

Police said Baig shared his suspicions with his cousin Mohammed Imran Ahemad, who allegedly advised him to eliminate Mehboob Ali and assured assistance in securing bail. The duo allegedly then roped in four others and a juvenile to execute the plan.

On the night of the murder, the accused allegedly assembled at Ayaan Darbar Hotel, procured six knives and daggers and travelled on

two Activa scooters before attacking Mehboob Ali.

Police seized two Activa two-wheelers, six knives / daggers and three mobile phones allegedly used in the crime.

The accused were produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody.

Falaknuma police appealed to the public not to believe in black magic or act on superstitious beliefs, stressing that such practices have no scientific basis and that the people should approach the police rather than take the law into their own hands. (NSS)

Harish Rao demands removal of farmers' lands from 22-A list



NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.3

Sirpur-Kagaznagar, Sept.4 (NSS): Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao launched a sharp attack on the Congress government over the alleged inclusion of 42,867 acres of farmers' land in the 22-A prohibited list in the Sirpur-Kagaznagar region.

Addressing a massive BRS protest programme at Koutala, organised under the leadership of former MLA Koneru Konappa, Harish

Rao said 42,867 acres had been included in the 22-A list across seven mandals.

The affected extent included 6,350 acres in Koutala, 8,878 acres in Chintalamanepally, 8,325 acres in Bejjur, 6,690 acres in Kagaznagar, 4,406 acres in Sirpur-T, 2,950 acres in Penchikalpet and 5,268 acres in Dahegaon.

He said the restrictions were causing severe hardship to farmers, who were allegedly unable to obtain bank loans, sell or register

their properties, or use their land to meet their children's needs. Questioning the government's alleged double standards, Harish Rao said, "If Revanth Reddy's own property could be removed from the 22-A list overnight, why can't the lands of poor farmers be removed?" He demanded that the government immediately remove genuine farmers' lands from the prohibited list and order an inquiry into how they were included in the first place.

Congress goal is to make Rahul Gandhi Prime Minister: Vivek

NSS
Mancherial, Sept.4

Minister for Energy and Mines Dr. G. Vivek Venkataswamy has clarified that the goal of everyone in the Congress party is to make Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister.

He stated that their shared objective is to strengthen the

party without room for personal or political differences and to form a Congress government at the national level under Rahul Gandhi's leadership.

Speaking to the media in Mancherial on Friday, the Minister said the Telangana government is moving forward with a focus on public welfare and development.

"Within just one year of coming to power, the Congress government waived farm loans up to ₹2 lakh, spending ₹23,000 crore for this purpose," Vivek said.

He highlighted initiatives such as free bus travel for women, free electricity up to 200 units, distribution of fine-grain rice to the poor,

free medical treatment up to ₹10 lakh under Rajiv Arogyasri, and the sanction of new pensions and ration cards. Vivek Venkataswamy criticised the previous BRS government for neglecting the double-bedroom housing scheme and noted that the Congress government has already sanctioned 2 lakh Indiramma houses.

On youth employment, the Minister said the government is equipping young people with modern skills, including Artificial Intelligence. He informed that 65 Advanced Technology Centres have been established across the state and ₹800 crore will be spent on the development of polytechnic colleges.

At a Glance

One Terrorist Killed in J&K

IANS
Srinagar, Sep. 04



One terrorist was killed during Operation Ashdar in the Ashdar Gali area of Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district on Friday, the Army said. The joint operation by the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF began on Thursday and resumed Friday morning. Troops engaged terrorists after suspicious movement was detected during a cordon-and-search operation.

An AK rifle and other war-like stores were recovered. Searches in the area are continuing. The Army said the operation was based on specific intelligence inputs.

Heavy rain disrupts Delhi flights; nine diverted, over 400 delayed

IANS
Delhi, Sep. 04

As thunderstorms and heavy rain disrupted flight operations in the national capital on Friday, at least nine flights were diverted and more than 400 delayed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).

Four flights each were diverted to Jaipur and Lucknow, while one was diverted to Ahmedabad, according to airport officials. The diversions took place between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm.

Lucknow Airport said four flights bound for Delhi were diverted back due to adverse weather conditions in the national capital: Jaipur Airport said five flights inbound to Delhi were diverted to Jaipur due to adverse weather.

Several airlines also issued travel advisories as the weather disrupted operations. IndiGo said adverse weather over Delhi had affected flight schedules and advised passengers to check their flight status before leaving for the airport and allow additional travel time.

Air India warned that flight operations to and from Delhi could be af-



fected and urged passengers to check the latest flight status before travelling to the airport.

"Flight operations to and from Delhi may be affected due to adverse weather conditions today. To ensure a smooth travel experience, we encourage our passengers to check the latest flight status at the following link before heading to the airport," said Air India.

IndiGo said we are closely monitoring the weather and doing our best to get you where you need to be, safely and

smoothly. "We appreciate your continued patience and understanding. Your comfort and safety remain our top priority," it said.

Akasa Air also said severe weather conditions in Delhi had affected certain flights across its network. The India Meteorological Department issued a red alert for heavy rainfall in parts of Delhi-NCR as thunderstorms and heavy rain continued.

Several parts of Delhi also reported waterlogging following the heavy rain.

India Sends 95 Tonnes of Relief Material, 54 Personnel To Flood-Hit Nepal: MEA

IANS
New Delhi, Sep. 04

India has sent 95 tonnes of relief material, 54 personnel to flood-hit Nepal: MEA New Delhi, Sep 4 (IANS) Continuing with its humanitarian assistance to Nepal, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday said that India has so far sent around 95 tonnes of relief material on seven aircraft, along with 54 personnel to support rescue and relief efforts following the devastating flash floods in the Himalayan nation.

Addressing a bi-weekly press briefing in New Delhi on Friday, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India would continue to extend assistance based on the requirements communicated by the Nepalese government, with plans to send additional forensic kits, Bailey bridges and other requested materials in the coming days.

"We will continue to provide assistance as per the requirements of the Nepal government. In the coming days, we plan to send more forensic kits, Bailey bridges and other materials that are requested by the Nepal government. Yesterday, we had two Indian aircraft fly-



ing to Kathmandu along with 21 tonnes of relief material. Till now, we have supplied around 95 tonnes of relief materials on seven aircraft. In addition to the relief material, we've also sent 54 personnel to support relief and rescue efforts in Nepal. This comprises 30 tunnel rescue experts, 19 forensic experts, and a five-member medical team. Our rescue and forensic teams are deployed on the ground, and they are working closely with the Nepalese authorities," said Jaiswal.

Jaiswal further said that 275 Indian nationals are currently unaccounted for, while 1,907 Indian nationals have so far crossed safely into Nepal from China. He added that, according to

official sources in China, no Indian travellers are currently stranded in the Tibet Autonomous Region.

"As per our current information, 275 Indian nationals remain missing. We continue to be in close touch with the Nepali government, with the Ministry of Home Affairs here and the concerned state governments in India. We have been regularly releasing the names of Indians who have been rescued. We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Nepal authorities in this regard. So far, 166 Indian nationals have been rescued in Nepal. So far, 1,907 Indian nationals have safely crossed into Nepal from China. And as per official sources in China, there are no

Indian travellers who are stranded in the Tibet Autonomous Region," the MEA spokesperson mentioned.

The death toll from the flood disaster in Nepal had reached 1,252 by Thursday noon, with 4,216 people remaining out of contact, according to the latest data released by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA).

The massive flood that struck Nepal's Rasuwa originated in the Tibetan region of China on August 26. It swept through the transboundary Bhoite Koshi River, leaving over a thousand dead, including foreign nationals, and caused widespread destruction in the Himalayan nation.

Chirag Paswan says his Name was 'Misused', Files Complaint Over Viral Video

IANS
Patna, Sep. 04

Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas (LJP-RV) chief Chirag Paswan on Friday said his name was "misused" by influencer Swatantra Bhardwaj in a purported viral video related to the alleged assault of the father of student protester Nishu Azad.

Paswan said he had filed an official complaint against Bhardwaj and urged the Delhi Police to conduct a fair investigation. He also said he and his party stood with Nishu and her family and would seek justice for them.

The controversy followed a purported video in which Bhardwaj allegedly claimed to have assaulted Nishu's father during a protest at Jantar Mantar and suggested that political connections



helped him avoid arrest. Bhardwaj has since denied the allegations and claimed the incident was an act of self-defence.

Calling the matter "extremely serious", Paswan said openly claiming to have assaulted someone and facing no action would set a wrong example. He rejected Bhardwaj's alleged claim that he personally knew him,

saying meeting or interacting with political leaders did not establish such a relationship.

Paswan said he had urged the Delhi Police to ensure a fair probe and that the truth should emerge through the investigation. Delhi Police has assured action in the case, while Bhardwaj was detained in Uttar Pradesh on Friday, according to reports.

Nishu Azad Says Rape Threats Kept Her away from School as Delhi Police Assures Arrest

IANS
New Delhi, Sep. 04

Nishu Azad, whose father was allegedly assaulted during the Cockroach Janta Party's protest at Jantar Mantar, said rape threats and online abuse had forced her to stay home and miss school for two to three weeks.

Her remarks came after Delhi Police assured protesters that accused Swatantra Bharadwaj

would be arrested within 72 hours under the POCSO and SC/ST Acts and for alleged attempt to murder.

Nishu alleged that Bharadwaj's supporters abused her, issued rape threats and circulated vulgar stickers. She said police, which had earlier been "unresponsive", had now acted on her complaint.

The controversy followed a purported viral video in which Bharadwaj

allegedly claimed to have assaulted her father and referred to political connections.

Azad Samaj Party chief Chandrashekhar Azad said Nishu and her father had received threats of rape, acid attacks and murder. He warned of protests if the promised arrests were not made.

CJP co-convenor Saurav Das said the group expected the police to honour their commitment.

PM Modi Hails ISRO's GSLV-F17 Launch as Proud moment for India

IANS
New Delhi, Sep. 04

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday congratulated ISRO on the successful launch of the GSLV-F17 rocket carrying EOS-05, calling it a proud moment



for India.

Modi said on X that the mission reflected India's growing capabilities in space technology and highlighted the expanding partnership between ISRO and Indian industry.

The GSLV-F17 lifted off from Sriharikota at 2.55 a.m. and placed EOS-05 into its designated sub-geosynchro-

nous transfer orbit. ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said the satellite was precisely injected into its intended orbit.

Mission Director Thomas Kurian described the launch as a significant milestone, noting that it was the 19th GSLV flight and carried

India's first imaging satellite designed for operation from geosynchronous orbit.

Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh also welcomed the achievement, describing EOS-05 as a state-of-the-art Earth observation satellite capable of advanced imaging across visible, infrared, multispectral and hyperspectral bands.

Newly wed Woman Found Dead in Water tank in Indore, Husband Detained

IANS
Indore, Sep. 04

A newlywed woman was found dead under suspicious circumstances in a water tank outside her house in Nehru Nagar, Indore,

25 days after her love marriage, police said on Friday.

The woman, identified as Vandana Kushwaha, was found on Thursday after neighbours alerted police. Injury marks were found on her



body, and her husband Upendra Patel and brother-in-law were detained for questioning.

ACP Nidhi Saxena said the case prima facie appeared to be murder, but the exact cause of death would

be known after the post-mortem examination. Police said neighbours had allegedly heard Vandana screaming and later noticed bloodstains on Patel's shirt. The investigation is underway.



At a Glance

Husband Rescued Alive after 10 Days

IAN S
KATHMANDU, Sep. 04



Laxmi Kumari Sah expressed immense relief after her husband, Sanjaya Sah, 30, was rescued alive from a tunnel at Nepal’s flood-hit Upper Trishuli 3A Hydropower Project on Friday. Sanjaya, a foreman from Saptari, and supervisor Kabir Maharjan, 45, were rescued by joint Nepal Army and Armed Police Force teams after spending 10 days inside the damaged tunnel. “I am very happy,” Laxmi said, adding that the rescue had brought immense joy to her family. She was travelling to Kathmandu to meet her husband. The floods have claimed 1,259 lives, while 5,053 people remain unaccounted for.

Jaishankar, Polish President discuss positive trajectory of India-Poland strategic partnership

IAN S
WARSAW Sep. 04

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday called on Polish President Karol Nawrocki in Warsaw and discussed the positive trajectory of the India-Poland Strategic Partnership, besides exchanging views on key global and regional issues. “Glad to call on Polish President Karol Nawrocki. Our conversation focused on the positive trajectory of our Strategic Partnership,” Jaishankar said in a post on X. The discussions covered the Ukraine conflict, the Middle East/West Asia, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and the G20. Jaishankar also met members of the India-Poland Parliamentary Group, led by Kinga Gajewska, and discussed ways to build a contemporary India-Poland relationship in the broader context of India’s ties with the European Union. Earlier, Jaishankar held talks with Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Radoslaw



Sikorski, during which the two sides reviewed progress under the Joint Action Plan 2024-28. The discussions covered a wide range of areas, including trade and investment, space, digital technology, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, defence, education, shipping, mining, energy, culture and people-to-people ties. Jaishankar welcomed Poland’s support for deeper India-EU cooperation and expressed confidence that the entry into force of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement would fur-

ther strengthen bilateral economic ties. The two ministers also discussed global challenges, including supply chain resilience and food, fuel and fertiliser security. Speaking to the media alongside Sikorski, Jaishankar said the Ukraine conflict was among the major regional and global issues discussed during the talks. He stressed the need for dialogue and diplomacy to bring the war to an end. “India believes that endless wars must give way to an end to war. These are wars without winners,” Jaishankar said, noting

that every additional day of conflict results in further deaths, destruction and economic costs. He said India and Poland could work together to shape discussions on several important global issues, particularly amid growing challenges to food, fuel and fertiliser security and the continuing conflicts around the world. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday met Polish President Karol Nawrocki in Warsaw and discussed India-Poland strategic ties, the Ukraine conflict, the Middle East, IMEC and G20.

USEyes 65-billion-barrel Venezuela Reserve

IAN S
WASHINGTON, Sep. 04



The United States is seeking to create what Vice-President J.D. Vance described as an effective 65-billion-barrel oil reserve through a new arrangement with Venezuela, with American companies expected to develop production while US taxpayers receive a share of the royalties. Vance presented the agreement as a means of increasing global oil supplies, reducing prices and strengthening energy security at a time when Iranian attacks on commercial shipping have disrupted international markets. “We’re using, of course, that successful Venezuela operation and some of the friendships and some of the relationships that have developed in the wake of that operation, to create what is effectively a new 65 billion barrel of oil reserve for the United States of America,” Vance told a White House press briefing. Vance said private American companies would enter Venezuela and generate substantial

oil revenues. “Obviously, that’s going to mean world oil markets get only more supply that will lower costs for Americans,” he said. “That means a lot of revenue is going to go to the people of Venezuela.” The Vice-President said the agreement had been negotiated by Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth and other administration officials. “Thanks to the deal struck by Marco and Pete Hegseth and others in the administration, it actually sets us up to where the American people will directly receive some of the royalties as well,” he said. Vance described the arrangement as beneficial to Venezuelans, American consumers and US taxpayers. “So it’s good for Venezuelans. It’s good for anybody who’s buy-

ing gas, and it’s good for the American taxpayer as well,” he said. “So it’s very much a win-win thing.” The Vice-President said the agreement would also provide greater stability to global energy markets. Recent developments, he said, had demonstrated the importance of securing dependable supplies of oil, gas, critical minerals and other resources. Vance contrasted the proposed reserve with the Biden administration’s use of the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve. He accused the previous administration of releasing oil to lower petrol prices ahead of the midterm elections rather than responding to an international emergency. “And what that meant is for Americans, our Strategic Petroleum Reserve under the administration got extraordinarily low,” he said. Venezuela possesses some of the world’s largest proven crude oil reserves. However, its production has been constrained by years of underinvestment, deteriorating infrastructure, political instability and US sanctions.

South Korea Says Hormuz Troop Deployment Remains Under Review

IAN S
SEOUL, Sep. 04

South Korea has not made a final decision on deploying troops or military assets to the Strait of Hormuz, the presidential office said on Friday, as reports suggested Seoul was preparing for a possible mission in the strategic waterway. The presidential office said the government was following due procedures to examine possible options and stressed that no deploy-

ment had been approved. Seoul may consider contributing to efforts to maintain freedom of navigation in the strait, provided such a move does not undermine its existing military readiness. Several South Korean media outlets reported that the military had begun preparations for a potential deployment. Options reportedly include a P-8 maritime patrol aircraft, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team and a naval logistics support ship. Officials were also said to



be coordinating with other countries over possible stopover locations and operational bases. Under South Korean law, an overseas troop deployment requires consideration by the National Security

Council, Cabinet deliberation and approval from the National Assembly. Media reports said a proposal could be submitted to parliament this month. The reported preparations come amid pressure

from US President Donald Trump, who has criticised Seoul for declining to assist Washington in securing the Strait of Hormuz. Trump has also questioned South Korea’s participation in large-scale military exercises focused on North Korea. The presidential office’s clarification came as South Korea weighed how to contribute to freedom of navigation while considering its military readiness and domestic legal procedures.

Bangladesh faces worsening human rights situation amid surge in violence

IAN S
Dhaka, Sep. 04

Bangladesh witnessed a disturbing rise in violence and human rights violations during August, with at least 249 women and children subjected to various forms of violence, including 79 rape cases, according to the Human Rights Support Society (HRSS). The report also documented 70 incidents of political violence that left seven people dead and

more than 536 injured. Mob violence remained a major concern, with 28 people killed and 62 others injured in 53 incidents across the country. Meanwhile, at least 45 journalists faced attacks or harassment in 32 incidents, further raising concerns over press freedom and the overall human rights situation in Bangladesh. HRSS warned that continued violence could further worsen Bangladesh’s human rights situation.

Bhagwat’s WSJ Ad Highlights Hindu Unity Message

IAN S
WASHINGTON, Sep. 04

Hindu American leaders have welcomed a full-page advertisement in The Wall Street Journal featuring RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, saying its message of unity and respect for diversity reflects pride in their heritage. The advertisement,



published on Page A5 of the September 3 edition, carried Bhagwat’s remarks from the Universal Oneness Celebration at Madison Square Garden in New York on August 29. “Our oneness and diversity has to be celebrated, has to be respected, has to be accepted,” Bhagwat was quoted as saying, highlighting the Indian civilisational idea of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — “the world is one family”. The advertisement described Bhagwat as head of the RSS and said 5,000 delegates representing 250 organisations from 853 cities across 39 US states attended the event. It was paid for by RSS Friends. Community leader Ramesh Bhutada said the advertisement made Hindu Americans proud of their heritage. AHEAD Forum director Sudesh Agrawal said the message reflected the community’s commitment to dialogue and cooperation with other communities for the wider good.

Atleast 90 Killed as Government-Houthi Fighting Escalates in Western Yemen

IAN S
Aden, Sep. 04

At least 40 Yemeni government soldiers and 50 Houthi fighters have been killed in fierce fighting across the country’s western frontlines since Thursday, medical officials told Xinhua News Agency on Friday. A medical official on the Red Sea coastal front in Hodeidah province said 14 government soldiers had been killed in fighting there after the Houthis launched a large-scale offensive early Friday. Separately, another medical official on the front in neighbouring Taiz province said 26 government soldiers had been killed in clashes that began on Thursday and continued into Friday. Meanwhile, medical sources in Houthi-controlled areas said hospitals in Hodeidah had received the bodies of at least 50 Houthi fighters killed on the Hodeidah and Taiz fronts, Xinhua reported.



The escalation intensified on Friday as both sides sent additional troops, armoured vehicles and military equipment to the two fronts, according to military sources. The latest escalation marks some of the heaviest ground fighting in western Yemen in recent years and has raised concerns over a broader return to large-scale hostilities after years of relative calm across many of the country’s frontlines. On Monday, Yemeni government forces said they had intercepted four

explosive-laden boats operated by the Houthi group as they attempted to approach government-held islands near international shipping lanes in the Red Sea. The state-run Saba news agency, citing a military source, reported that the boats attempted to approach the strategic Hanish Islands and Zuqar Island before being intercepted by government naval forces. The source said further movements of Houthi boats were detected at different times on Sunday

and Monday as they attempted to approach the islands, which overlook key international shipping routes in the southern Red Sea. Fighting between government forces and the Houthis has intensified across several fronts in recent weeks. Government forces have stepped up drone and artillery strikes on Houthi positions, while the group has launched missile and drone attacks on government-held areas in Marib and along the western Red Sea coast.

Russian Chief Justice Arrives in Delhi for BRICS Judicial Forum

IAN S
New Delhi, Sep. 04

Russian Chief Justice Igor Krasnov arrived in New Delhi on Friday to attend the BRICS Chief Justices’ Forum, which will discuss legal cooperation, artificial intelligence in the justice system and other judicial issues. Krasnov was received at the airport by Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov and other officials. He is scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with judicial counterparts from BRICS member and partner countries to explore ways to strengthen legal cooperation, the Russian Embassy said. Iran’s Head of Judiciary, Ayatollah Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Ejei, also arrived in New Delhi for the forum. He offered prayers at Jama Masjid, met its Imam, Maulana Syed Shaban Bukhari, and interacted with Islamic scholars and religious leaders from var-



ious faiths at the Iranian Embassy. Hosted by the Supreme Court of India from September 4 to 6, the forum brings together Chief Justices, Supreme Court presidents and senior judicial representatives from BRICS members and partner countries. Chief Justice of India Surya Kant is scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with judicial leaders from Russia, China, Egypt, Indonesia, the UAE, Belarus, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Iran and Uzbekistan. The discussions will cover mediation and international commercial disputes,

cross-border enforcement of arbitral awards, artificial intelligence and the judiciary, and judicial leadership and sustainable development. Judicial leaders from Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa and the UAE, along with representatives of partner countries, will exchange views on issues of common interest. India’s BRICS Chairship is guided by the theme “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability,” reflecting the people-centric approach outlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 2025 Rio Summit.

Shaping Minds, Building the Future

By: **Smt. Droupadi Murmu**
Hon'ble President of India

Teachers are the architects of destinies. On the occasion of Teachers’ Day, on behalf of all Indians, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all those teachers who nurture knowledge, skills, values, determination and courage in the lives of our crores of students. It is well known that India’s second President, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, wanted his birthday to be celebrated as Teachers’ Day. He was a world-renowned scholar, a distinguished author and an eminent statesman, but he regarded his role as a teacher as the most important. One of India’s most popular former Presidents, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, was once asked whether he thought people would remember him more as a scientist or as the President. Dr. Kalam replied that he wanted people to remember him as a teacher. Teachers whose competence and character make them worthy of respect, and students who are fully devoted to such teachers, have always represented an ideal for us. Our ancient texts laid down certain principles for teachers: they should love their students like their own children, treat everyone equally and fairly, not become angry

with students, exercise patience and tolerance, always give priority to the welfare of students, and teach them according to their capacity to learn. Expressing profound respect for such teachers, the ‘Shiksha Valli’ of the Taittiriya Upanishad gave this timeless message nearly three thousand years ago: “Acharya Devo Bhava,” meaning, “The teacher should be regarded as divine.” It has been my great good fortune to receive the guidance of many wise and compassionate teachers. At times, our teachers would teach us at their homes even after school hours and would care for us with great affection and attention. After completing Class VII, I was the first girl from my village to go outside the village to pursue further education. Later, while studying in Bhubaneswar as well, I received immense affection and encouragement from my teachers. I mention my teachers here with great humility because their lives illustrate a profound truth: a loving and sincere teacher can awaken immense potential and enthusiasm within a student. Strengthened by such encouragement, students develop the courage to face the most difficult challenges of life and the confidence

to achieve the highest goals. Teachers are not limited merely to teaching the prescribed curriculum. Through their character and personal example, they also teach their students the art and skill of leading a purposeful and successful life. A teacher, besides being a guide, is also a well-wisher, a friend and a companion to students on their journey in pursuit of knowledge. The understanding of the qualities of a good teacher that has been passed down through our civilisation and tradition since ancient times remains fully relevant even today. Many centuries ago, the great poet Kalidasa wrote in his play ‘Malavikagnimitram’ that a good teacher is one who possesses profound knowledge and, at the same time, has the ability to communicate that knowledge effectively to others. A well-known Sanskrit saying teaches us: “Sarvatra Vijayam Ichchhet, Shishyad Ichchhet Parajayam” — one should desire victory everywhere, but should desire defeat before one’s disciple. Encouraging independent thinking among students, awakening curiosity in them, cultivating the habit of asking questions, refining their ability to debate, reason and make decisions, and

helping them develop as independent personalities are among the most useful and satisfying aspects of teaching. Only through such encouraging education will we be able to nurture generations of successful entrepreneurs. I participated in preparing children for musical performances, sports and plays. Even today, recalling our preparations for Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations, and the joy and enthusiasm of the children during those events, gives me great happiness. I also derived immense joy and satisfaction from taking students on picnics in beautiful natural surroundings and introducing them, through games and excursions, to the world of animals, birds, trees and plants. Even many years after I left the school, my students continue to invite me to their family functions. I not only remember the names of many of my students very well even today, but also the affectionate names by which we used to call them. I have also learned a great deal



from my students. I believe that teachers, too, learn much from the spontaneity and curiosity of children. On completing two years as President, I spent time with students at Rashtrapati Bhavan and discussed environmental protection. Their thoughts and perspectives always leave a lasting impression on me. On the completion of the second year of my tenure as President, I spent time with students of the school located within the Rashtrapati Bhavan premises and spoke to them about environmental protection. I have always had a special interest in meeting students and understanding their thoughts and perspectives. Whatever they share with me always remains in my mind. About eleven years ago, I established a residential school in my home in my village. Students from underprivileged families and children who have lost their parents study at this school. From time to time, I have continued to visit the school and meet the children. This year, on my birthday on June 20, I was very happy to meet the children. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji also came with me to the school and encouraged

the students. This extraordinary experience of meeting him will always remain a lasting source of inspiration for those children. Seeing these children progress and move forward gives me a special sense that my efforts are bearing fruit. The responsibility of imparting education is not limited to teachers alone. Those who become role models for children through their character and achievements are also an important source of learning and inspiration. When parents and guardians entrust their children to teachers for education, they place the highest trust in them. They believe that teachers will regard the children as their own and will fully take care of their safety and development. It is the duty of teachers to always uphold this sacred trust. A teacher’s attitude, character and behaviour should never be such that they create fear and anxiety in children, weaken their confidence or generate a sense of inferiority in them. Good teachers help their students become better human beings by enabling them to make the best use of their abilities. It is the professional duty of teachers to guide their students and inspire them to become

good human beings. Students who achieve prosperity and success while upholding moral values in their thoughts and actions are living examples of a teacher’s success. Our country is steadily moving towards the goal of becoming a developed nation while giving fundamental importance to social inclusion. As we move forward on this journey, I want our teachers to shape generations that value our rich cultural heritage and traditions; develop a scientific temper and work for the welfare of humanity; embrace the principle of ‘Antyodaya’; protect the environment and all living beings; strive for excellence individually and collectively; and move forward with the spirit of ‘Nation First’. I appeal to every citizen to always regard our sincere, hardworking and dedicated teachers with appreciation and respect. It is my heartfelt wish that, through the invaluable services of our dutiful and dedicated teachers, India continues this journey of learning and, in the future, attains the position of guiding and leading the world. **Editor’s Note:** This is an English translation of the original article. It is not the officially issued English version.

When AI Becomes Your Doctor: The Hidden Risks of Relying on Chatbots for Cancer Care

Artificial intelligence is rapidly becoming a part of everyday life, and healthcare is no exception. More and more people are turning to AI chatbots for answers to medical questions, including questions about cancer treatment, side effects and the need for radiation therapy. While AI can be a useful tool for understanding complex medical information, treating its answers as a substitute for a doctor can be dangerous.

The concern becomes particularly serious in cancer care, where treatment decisions are rarely based on a single factor. Patients often ask AI whether a tumour can be controlled with targeted therapy, whether radiation can be avoided or whether a particular treatment could cause long-term complications. The answers may sound confident and medically convincing. But confidence should not be mistaken for clinical accuracy. One example illustrates the problem. A patient may be told by an AI chatbot that targeted therapy could control a tumour and that radiation may not be necessary. The chatbot may also highlight possible risks of radiation, including heart damage or the possibility of developing another cancer later in life. While some of these risks are medically recognised, presenting them without the patient’s complete clinical history can create a misleading picture. Targeted therapy itself is often misunderstood. It refers to medicines designed to act on specific biological



AI-generated medical advice may be inaccurate and should not replace a doctor. Cancer treatment must be personalised based on the type and stage of cancer, biopsy results, lymph-node status and other health factors. Targeted therapy does not automatically eliminate the need for radiation or other treatments.

cal targets in cancer cells. In HER2-positive cancers, for instance, drugs such as trastuzumab target the HER2 protein. But this does not mean that targeted therapy automatically controls every area affected by cancer or eliminates the need for other forms of treatment. The effectiveness of treatment depends on the type, stage and biological characteristics of the cancer, as well as several patient-specific factors. Radiation therapy presents a similar challenge. There are cases in which doctors may consider reducing or even avoiding radiation, particularly among selected older patients with small, hormone-positive cancers that have not spread to the lymph nodes. But such decisions require careful

assessment of age, tumour characteristics, lymph-node status, margins, hormone receptors and other medical conditions. A chatbot cannot independently examine a patient, review pathology slides or fully interpret the clinical context in which a treatment decision is being made. Research has also raised questions about the reliability of AI-generated medical advice. Studies examining difficult cancer cases have found that AI systems can sometimes provide confident treatment recommendations even when the medical evidence is uncertain or specialists themselves may disagree. In another assessment involving questions about breast cancer, the average accuracy of three AI models on treatment-re-

lated questions was reported to be only around 44 per cent. There is another problem: medical information has a shelf life. When asked about the side effects of radiation, an AI system may list heart damage, lung injury, nerve problems, lymphoedema or the risk of a second cancer. These are recognised concerns, but some of the evidence behind such statements may come from older radiation techniques. Modern radiation oncology has evolved significantly, with more precise treatment planning and advanced technologies that can reduce exposure to surrounding healthy tissue and lower certain risks. For patients, however, it is often impossible to know which studies an AI system has relied upon, how old the evidence is or whether it applies to their

particular case. The problem becomes even more complicated when cost enters the picture. Cancer treatment can impose a substantial financial burden, particularly on patients without adequate health insurance. AI-generated estimates may be based heavily on healthcare systems in countries such as the United States and Canada, where insurance coverage, hospital systems and access to supportive care can differ considerably from India. In India, treatment costs vary widely depending on the hospital, location, type and stage of cancer, medicines, diagnostic procedures and the availability of government health schemes. Questions such as how much six months of treatment will cost, whether a particular government package applies, or how much an unexpected hospitalisation may add to the bill cannot be answered reliably through a generic chatbot response. The same caution applies to treatment complications. Outcomes reported in clinical trials conducted in Western healthcare systems may not always translate directly to patients living in settings where access to nutrition, infection control, hospital care and supportive services may be different. Treatment interruptions, nutritional deficiencies and infections can influence a patient’s experience and outcome. These individual risks require clinical assessment rather than a generic AI prediction.

Old City Needs Delivery, Not Another Promise

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For decades, Hyderabad’s Old City has figured prominently in political speeches, particularly during election seasons. Promises of better roads, Metro connectivity, housing, healthcare, education and employment have been made repeatedly, yet progress on the ground has remained painfully slow. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s recent assurance to AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi that his government would do everything possible for the development of the Old City is therefore significant—but it must now be followed by visible action. The inauguration of the Chanchalguda–Santoshnagar steel flyover has provided a welcome push to infrastructure development. The Chief Minister’s remarks on the patriotism of the Owaisi brothers and Owaisi’s appreciation of the government’s development initiatives also indicate that political differences need not come in the way of public welfare. Such cooperation can be meaningful if it delivers tangible benefits to citizens. The ₹620-crore flyover is undoubtedly an important project, but one infrastructure project cannot address decades of neglect. Several parts of the Old City continue to face traffic congestion, inadequate drainage, age-



ing housing, poor civic infrastructure and limited economic opportunities. What is needed now is a comprehensive, time-bound development plan for the Old City, backed by clearly defined budgets, deadlines and accountability. Metro connectivity towards Chandrayangutta, improved roads and drainage, stronger government schools and hospitals, affordable housing, skill development and employment opportunities must move from announcements to execution. Development should also remain above political bargaining. The residents of the Old City are citizens with the same rights and aspirations as people living in any other part of Hyderabad. Basic civic amenities are a government responsibility, not a political favour. This is also a test for Asaduddin Owaisi. If he seeks to represent the aspirations of the Old City, he must press for measurable outcomes rather than

simply welcome government announcements. At the same time, the Revanth Reddy government must demonstrate that its commitment to the area goes beyond political symbolism. The people of the Old City do not need another debate over political equations or electoral arithmetic. They need functioning schools, quality healthcare, reliable public transport, clean neighbourhoods, decent housing and meaningful employment opportunities. The Old City is not merely Hyderabad’s political heart or a reminder of its historic past. It is an integral part of the city’s future. The government has made a commitment and the political leadership has welcomed it. The responsibility now is to ensure that the promise reaches the people. The Old City does not need sympathy or slogans. It needs equal treatment, sustained investment and results.



Smriti Mandhana: A New High in Women's Cricket, Inspired by Legends

Mandhana surpasses Mithali Raj's run record and Meg Lanning's century mark, crediting both legends for inspiring her journey.

New Delhi, Sep 4:

Smriti Mandhana has further cemented her place among the modern greats of women's cricket by rewriting two major records in a single Asia Cup match against Hong Kong China in Dubai.

The Indian left-handed opener struck a memorable century to surpass former India captain Mithali Raj and become the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket. Mandhana also moved past Australian veteran Meg Lanning to become the leading century-maker in women's international cricket, taking her tally to 18 hundreds.

Mandhana now has 10,869 runs across all three formats, narrowly ahead of Mithali Raj's 10,868. Her achievement is particularly significant as Mithali has been one of the most influential figures in Indian women's cricket and a role model for generations of players.

Speaking after the match, Mandhana said she did not know she was close to breaking Mithali's record when she went out to bat. She described Mithali as a legend and revealed that she had learned a great deal

by watching both Mithali Raj and Meg Lanning.

With 18 international centuries, Mandhana now leads the list, ahead of Lanning and South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt, who have 17 each.

Mandhana described the achievement as "just the beginning", signalling her determination to achieve more milestones. Her journey from being inspired by legends to becoming a record-holder herself reflects the growing strength and stature of women's cricket.

Mandhana's achievement is also a reflection of the changing landscape of women's cricket, where players inspired by earlier legends are now creating records of their own.

Her humility in crediting Mithali Raj and Meg Lanning makes the milestone even more meaningful, as she now becomes an inspiration for the next generation of women cricketers. Mandhana's record-breaking run highlights her growing stature in women's cricket. She now aims to achieve many more milestones in the years ahead.



'Mirzapur: The Movie' Review: Does the Big-Screen Adaptation Recreate the Web Series Magic?



Mumbai, Sep 3:

The much-awaited 'Mirzapur: The Movie' has finally arrived on the big screen, bringing the popular crime drama franchise from the OTT world to cinemas. Directed by Gurmeet Singh and produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar, the film brings back several familiar faces, including Pankaj Tripathi, Ali Fazal, Divyenndu, Shweta Tripathi and Rasika Dugal.

The story revolves around the battle for control of the Mirzapur throne. Kaleen Bhaiyaa, played by Pankaj Tripathi, continues to remain the central figure, while Guddu Pandit and other key characters are drawn into a fresh power struggle. The entry of powerful drug supplier Baban Yadav, played by Ravi Kishan, adds another layer of conflict as the fight

for control intensifies.

The film successfully retains the dark, violent and crime-driven atmosphere that made the web series popular. However, its runtime of more than three hours makes the narrative feel slow at several points. The screenplay could have

Soha Ali Khan Opens Up About Raising 8-Year-Old Daughter

Mumbai, Sep 3:

Actress and author Soha Ali Khan has spoken about the challenges of raising her eight-year-old daughter, Inaaya Naumi Kemmu, and the importance of having open and age-appropriate conversations with children. Speaking on her podcast All About Her, Soha recalled how her daughter recently went through her podcast notes and books, making her wonder whether she might ask questions about some

sensitive subjects.

The episode featured author and researcher Dr. Seema Anand and sexual wellness advocate Leeza Mangaldas. The discussion explored how parents can respond to children's growing curiosity and introduce sensitive topics in an informed and appropriate manner.

Soha Ali Khan spoke about raising her eight-year-old daughter Inaaya and the importance of open conversations.

Birthday 'Punishment' for Abhishek Sharma Goes Viral as Yuvraj Singh Orders Sit-Ups



New Delhi, Sep 4:

India's T20I opener Abhishek Sharma had an unusual birthday celebration on Thursday, September 4, as his mentor and former India star Yuvraj Singh made him perform sit-ups during a light-hearted training session. Abhishek, who turned 26, was seen following Yuvraj's instructions and completing a series of sit-ups, with the video quickly going viral on social media.

Yuvraj shared the video on Instagram along with a special birthday message for Abhishek. He praised the young batter's rapid rise in international cricket and encouraged him to value himself, care for the people around him and keep learning from his failures. Yuvraj also wished him more runs and centuries in the coming year.

The playful "punishment" reportedly came after Abhishek failed to play some shots correctly during training. Fans reacted positively to the video, praising Yuvraj's unique mentoring style and his ability to push young players to improve while keeping the training environment enjoyable.

Abhishek has emerged as an important batter for India in the T20 format, known for his aggressive approach and ability to score quickly. He is currently preparing for the upcoming Asian Games in Japan, where he will look to carry his form into another major international assignment.

Abhishek is now focused on preparations for the upcoming Asian Games in Japan, where he will aim to make the most of his form and continue his progress in international cricket.

'Nothing Wrong with Sabalenka Standing Up for Herself,' Says Johanna Konta

New Delhi, Sep 4:

Former British No. 1 Johanna Konta has defended world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka after the Belarusian reacted strongly to a reporter's questions about her activities before the US Open. Following her second-round victory, Sabalenka was asked whether parties and brand-related activities in the previous week had affected her preparation. The two-time US Open champion rejected the suggestion, saying her social media posts mainly reflected professional commitments with brands.

Speaking to Eurosport, Konta said athletes often have commercial obligations away from the court and should not be judged solely by their social media activity. She acknowledged that the reporter's question was somewhat antagonistic but said Sabalenka had every right to defend herself.

On court, Sabalenka continued her impressive run, winning her second-round match in just 54 minutes with 24 winners and six breaks from eight opportunities. The victory extended her US Open winning streak to 15 matches as she targets a third consecutive singles title.

Johanna Konta has defended Aryna Sabalenka, saying the world No. 1 had every right to respond to questions about her pre-US Open activities.

BCCI Suspends U-19 World Cup Winner Ravi Kumar, 62 Others Over Age Fraud



New Delhi, Sep 4:

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has taken strict action against 64 young cricketers, including 2022 Under-19 World Cup winner Ravi Kumar and India U-19 player Rohit Yadav, suspending them for two years over age-related violations.

Rohit Yadav, a promising leg-spinner from Uttar Pradesh, was recently in the spotlight after performing well against Sri Lanka and earning selection for India's Australia tour. However, his career has now suffered a major setback following discrepancies in his age-related documents.

According to BCCI sources, different birth years were found in documents submitted by Rohit. One document reportedly listed his year of birth as 2007, while his Aadhaar records showed 2009. The Bengal Cricket Association had earlier prevented him from play-

ing at the junior level after noticing inconsistencies in his age records.

Following an inquiry, the BCCI concluded that Rohit had attempted to conceal his actual age and imposed a two-year suspension.

Ravi Kumar, who was part of India's 2022 U-19 World Cup-winning team, has also been suspended for two years.

The BCCI has additionally taken action against 62 other players over discrepancies in age-related documents. All 64 players have been barred from registering for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 domestic cricket seasons. The move underlines the BCCI's growing focus on maintaining transparency and preventing age manipulation in India's junior and domestic cricket structure.

The BCCI said the action was aimed at maintaining transparency in age-group cricket and preventing players from gaining an unfair advantage by misrepresenting their age.

Padikkal, Siraj Named in South Zone Squad for Duleep Trophy Final



New Delhi, Sep 3:

India international Devdutt Padikkal and Mohammed Siraj have been named in the South Zone squad for the Duleep Trophy final against East Zone, which begins on September 6.

Both players are coming into the match after featuring in India's recent two-Test series against Sri Lanka. India won the series 1-0, with Padikkal emerging as the leading performer. The left-handed batter scored 328 runs

in three innings, including two centuries, and was subsequently named Player of the Series.

Siraj also featured in both Tests in Galle and Colombo and finished the series with four wickets. With spin dominating much of the contest, the pacer will be looking to gain valuable red-ball match practice ahead of India's upcoming assignments.

South Zone have reached the final after defeating North Zone in

the semifinal. Chasing 181 for victory, South completed the target with Tilak Varma making a crucial 51 after scoring 116 in the first innings.

East Zone, meanwhile, secured their place in the final by defeating defending champions Central Zone while chasing a target of 159.

T20 specialists Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Ishan Kishan and Tilak Varma are also expected to feature for South despite the final ending on September 10, just three days before India's T20I series against Afghanistan begins.

Tilak, who captained South in the semifinal, had expressed his desire to play the final, saying he was ready to manage the short turnaround between the domestic fixture and the international series. The inclusion of the India internationals adds further quality to what promises to be a closely contested Duleep Trophy final.

Students Shine at 70th HDSGF District-Level Inter-School Competition

Hyderabad, Sep 3:

N. Abhinav of Vishwa Chaitanya Junior College won the Gold Medal in the under-60 kg category at the 70th HDSGF District-Level Inter-School Competition held at Hanuman Vyam Shala, Sultan Bazaar.

Varshith of GGHS Banslalpet secured Silver, while his schoolmate Vivek won the Bronze Medal.



Mohammad Ali Baig's 'Chand Tara' to Have World Premiere at Toronto Film Festival



New Delhi, Sep 3:

Padma Shri-winning Indian theatre personality Mohammad Ali Baig's debut film Chand Tara, based on the legendary love story of South Indian singer Taramati and Qutub Shahi ruler Sultan Abdullah Qutub Shah, will have its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) on September 16.

The special screening will be held in the 'Market' section at the prestigious TIFF Lightbox as part of the festival's inaugural edition by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC). The film's trailer was unveiled at the Cannes Film Festival in May, where it attracted considerable attention from international filmmakers and audiences.

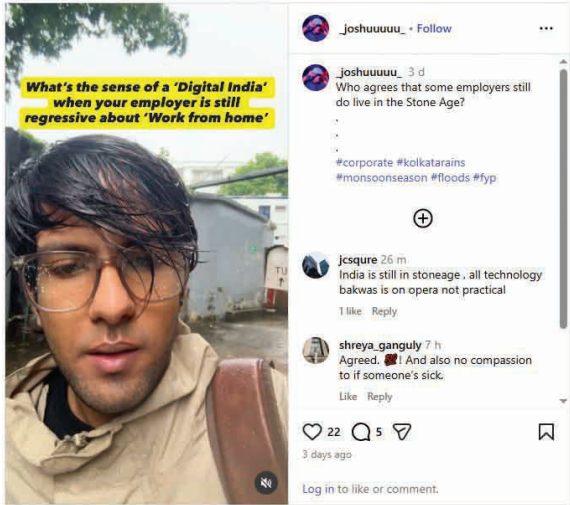
Written and directed by Baig, Chand Tara

combines heritage, music, poetry and grand visual settings. The film features prominent actors including Mohan Agashe, Anupam Kher, Masood Akhtar, Lucky Ali, Vasundhara Das and Karthik Illaiyaraja, besides Baig himself.

Mumbai theatre artists Ranjana Srivastava and Reshma Shetty play key roles, while Hyderabad-based veterans Rashmi Seth, S. A. Majeed and Vijay Prasad appear in important cameos. The film has been praised for its poetic treatment, soulful music, elaborate costumes and grand sets.

The songs from Chand Tara received an enthusiastic response at Cannes and were played multiple times on audience demand. Baig plays Sultan Abdullah, portraying his journey from a carefree prince to a capable ruler facing the Mughal invasion of Golconda.

Man questions Indian work culture after commuting to office in rain



As heavy rain continues to disrupt daily commutes in several cities, a man has sparked a conversation online after questioning why employees are still expected to travel to offices during extreme weather despite work-from-home technology being readily available.

In a video shared on Instagram, the man spoke about the disconnect between technological progress and workplace practices in India. He ar-

gued that while remote working has become possible for many jobs, employers are often reluctant to offer the flexibility even when weather conditions make commuting difficult.

‘Indian work culture still does not really recognise that’

The man, identified as Joshua Jacob Smith, expressed his frustration while highlighting how employees may have to reach their workplaces

drenched after travelling through heavy rain.

“So basically with technology going so far, work from home has become a possibility. But, um, the Indian work culture still does not really recognise that on a day where it’s raining like crazy, and you have to go into work fully wet.”

His remarks reflected a concern frequently raised by employees about whether companies should adopt more flexible working policies during heavy rain, flooding and other situations that can make travelling to the office inconvenient or unsafe.

Sharing the video, Smith also questioned whether some workplaces have failed to keep pace with changing working styles.

“Who agrees that some employers still do live in the Stone Age?” the caption accompanying the post reads.

Social media users react

The video prompted reactions from social media users, with several agreeing that companies should consider remote work during severe weather rather than expecting employees to commute regardless of the conditions.

One user wrote, “WFH should be common sense on such days.” Another echoed the sentiment and commented, “Indian work culture really needs to evolve.”

Others argued that while technology has made remote working easier, attitudes towards workplace flexibility have not changed at the same pace. “Technology changed, but workplace mindsets didn’t,” one person remarked.

Another user suggested that employers should have a straightforward policy for days of particularly intense rainfall, writing, “Heavy rain should automatically mean WFH.”

Chinese man charges people for ‘itch-scratching,’ makes whopping Rs 14 lakh monthly

A Chinese entrepreneur has found a rather unusual way to make people relax, by charging them to scratch their backs. And business, apparently, is good.

Thirty-two-year-old Zhang Xiaoqiao has opened two “itch-scratching” stores in Shenzhen, southern China, where customers pay staff to gently scratch their bodies using specially designed long, pointed nails.

According to a report by South China Morning Post, Zhang opened his first outlet in Baoan District in May and followed it with a second store in Futian District a month later. The businesses operate under the name Suma and offer the scratching sessions in a setup resembling a massage parlour, with customers lying face down while staff work on their backs and other areas.

The service costs 300



14,18,210) in gross revenue each month and have reached the break-even stage while beginning to make a profit. His customers include both men and women, although men make up roughly 70 per cent of the clientele. Zhang told the SCMP that some returning customers had even described the experience as more relaxing than a conventional massage. Since there was no established industry to learn from, Zhang said he had to develop the techniques himself and figure out what kind of scratching would offer customers the most relaxing experience.

The business idea came after Zhang stumbled upon a short video last year showing a woman scratching her husband’s back. He noticed viewers joking in the comments that they would happily pay someone to do the same for them.

Pune founder finds team has a WhatsApp group against him

A Pune-based entrepreneur recently discovered that his entire team had a WhatsApp group that he was not part of. While the discovery initially made him fear that the group was created against him, he soon realised that it was actually a sign that his team had become independent.

Saksham Gaur, founder of Metro Media House, shared the story in a post on LinkedIn where he said he found out about the group just a day after posting a video about how his team was better than him.

His immediate reaction was to panic as he imagined the worst after learning about a “secret group” involving his employees.

However, when he saw the group’s name - “MMH X SAKSHAM” - he realised he was not the subject of a complaint group.

“I am now my own company’s client. Turns out, it’s not a group against me. It’s a group that runs without me,” he said.

Saksham explained that the group allowed his team to discuss work that would otherwise require his involvement. The employees first discuss what has been completed, what is pending and what needs to be solved before filtering the issues that actually require Saksham’s attention.

“If something doesn’t really need me, they just handle it. Among themselves,” he said.

The arrangement also explained why Saksham would often receive the same response when he asked for updates: “Nothing, Saksham. All taken care of.”

While his first reaction was “mock betrayal,” he eventually understood that this was exactly how a well-functioning team should operate.

“Your job as a founder isn’t to manage everything forever,” he said, adding that founders should hire people capable of handling smaller responsibilities independently so they can focus on scaling the business.

Delhi Airport Severely Waterlogged After Heavy Rain

Internet Questions

‘World-Class Infrastructure’

- Airport Passengers Struggle Through Water
- Nine Flights Were Diverted Due To Bad Weather



Heavy rain in Delhi on Friday, September 4, caused serious waterlogging at Indira Gandhi International Airport. Footage from inside the airport showed passengers and staff moving through areas covered

with rainwater, with travellers carrying their luggage through the flooded space.

The scenes raised questions online about how an international airport could face such waterlogging. The rain also

affected flight operations, with several flights diverted because of the bad weather.

Airport Passengers Struggle Through Water

The footage showed airport staff continuing their work while passengers tried to make their way through the water with their bags. The sight was unusual, as areas meant for regular passenger movement appeared to be heavily affected by the rain.

A passenger at the airport described the situation while speaking to news agency. “I’ve never seen anything like this; there is so much water. I’ve been standing here for about half an hour now. I am waiting for the water level to recede a bit so I can head towards the arrival gates.”

The waterlogging added to the problems caused by the heavy rainfall across Delhi-NCR. Several parts of the capital also faced waterlogged roads and traffic issues as the rain continued.

Nine Flights Were Diverted Due To Bad Weather

The rain also reportedly disrupted flights operating through Delhi Airport. According to reports, nine flights were diverted between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm. Four flights were sent to Jaipur, another four were diverted to Lucknow, while one flight was redirected to Ahmedabad.

Bad weather has reportedly affected flight operations in Delhi during periods of heavy rain before, with airlines often advising passengers to check their flight status

before travelling.

Internet Questions Airport Infrastructure

The waterlogged airport quickly became a talking point among social media users. Several people criticised the authorities and questioned the state of the airport’s infrastructure.

“After 7.8 per cent GDP, the government couldn’t resist providing luxurious amenities,” a user said. “World-class infrastructure,” wrote the next.

“This is exactly what we don’t want,” added another person in the comments section. A user said, “What ? Is this for real? Inside the airport wow.” Another comment asked, “How the hell can so much water ever enter an international airport?!!!!”

Some users used humour to react to the situation. A person said, “Free swimming pool facilities at our international airport!” Another user raised concerns about the impression such scenes could leave on travellers, saying, “It gives bad impression to the passengers especially foreigners.”

Delhi man’s phone stunt in metro gets 135 million views, but something seems off



Nikhil Kochar, a Delhi-based influencer, has grabbed attention with a metro-themed dance reel that has crossed 136 million views on Instagram. The clip shows him appearing to stick his phone to a Delhi Metro train before dancing on the platform.

The unusual part comes when the train starts moving and Kochar appears to run after it, making it look as if his phone has been left behind on the moving train. However, viewers soon began looking closely at the clip and came up with their own explanations for how it was made.

Delhi Man Creates His Own Version Of The Trend

Kochar used the song “Manma Emotion Jaage” from the 2015 film Dilwale for the reel. He can be seen dancing near the metro while passengers inside the train look on.

The creator shared the clip with the caption, “Set my own trend with the desi version (Wait for the end view).”

The reel has received more than 4.7 million likes, while thousands of people have left comments trying to understand what happened to the phone.

‘Racism In India?’: Foreigner Questions Paying More At Dilli Haat, Social Media Pushes Back

A foreign visitor has questioned why tourists from other countries are charged more to enter Delhi’s Dilli Haat. The issue has led to a debate over whether different prices for locals and foreign visitors are fair.

The tourist, Tyler Blunden, shared a video showing the ticket board at Dilli Haat. The board lists the entry fee as ₹30 for Indian adults, ₹20 for children aged 5-12, and ₹100 for foreign visitors.



Tourist Compares Dilli Haat Fee With Racism

In the video, Blunden pointed at the ticket rates and questioned why he had to pay more than Indian visitors.

“Look at that, guys. I’ve got to pay a different price from everybody else. If they did that in the UK, that would be called racism. But here, it’s alright,” he said. The words “Racism in India?” were also shown on the video.

Users Question The Tourist’s Comparison

Several people disagreed with Blunden’s comparison and brought up examples of foreign students paying higher fees at universities in Western countries.

One user asked, “So foreign universities charging double fees to international students is racism?” Another user wrote, “Have you checked the tuition fees in your university? They have separate section called international students, that charges way more than what locals pay. So tit for tat.”

“Indian student pay 3 times fees in Western countries and still being attacked,” a third user commented. Another person said, “If paying less than 1 Euro for you feels like racism then why do you guys charge 3x more to students who want to come to your nations as students, considering that most of the Indians have much smaller disposable income than Europeans, I hope you understand the math here.”

Others Explain Why Dilli Haat Has Different Rates

Some users said the lower fee for Indians could be linked to the fact that the place is supported through public money and taxes. “It’s so basic. This place is maintained by the tax of Indians. That’s why indians have to pay less. Get a good college after returning from india,” one user wrote.

‘20-Minute Video’: Bengaluru Founder Spends Rs 1.5 Lakh On First YouTube Video

A Bengaluru-based founder has shared why she spent Rs 1.5 lakh on making her first long-form YouTube video. Chandralekha MR had put off starting her YouTube journey for nearly 18 months.

When she finally decided to begin, she chose not to simply record and upload a video. Instead, she worked with a team for a month to research, write and edit a 20-minute video on why the Indian rupee keeps losing value against the US dollar.

In a LinkedIn post, Chandralekha said she had spent a long time thinking about starting a YouTube channel before finally deciding to take the step.

“I waited 18 months to start YouTube, then spent Rs 1.5 lakh on video one. My first long-form video has taken one month and a team to produce. It is a 20-minute video on why India keeps losing to the dollar. Could we have opened a camera, spoken for 20 minutes, and uploaded it at a much lower cost? Obviously,” she wrote.

She said the goal was not to turn a short-form social media style into a longer video. She wanted viewers to understand the topic while also staying interested till the end.

“But I didn’t want my first serious YouTube attempt to be a longer Instagram Reel. Finance becomes difficult on vid-

eo because the viewer needs to understand the idea and want to continue watching it.”

Chandralekha explained that making a video on finance required attention at every stage. The research, writing, examples, visuals and editing all had to work together. “That meant we had to work on the research, script, examples, visual treatment, edit, and overall pace together. A weak decision in one layer could make a technically correct video feel boring.”

She also admitted that spending ₹1.5 lakh on every video would not be possible. However, she said the first project helped her understand

- She Waited 18 Months Before Starting
- Every Part Of The Video Needed Work
- The Cost Pushed Her To Take The Leap
- Users React To Her Costly First Video

what it takes to make long-form finance content and pushed her to stop delaying her YouTube plans.

“Spending ₹1.5 lakh on the first video is probably not a sensible template for the next 20. I know that. For this one, the investment forced us to learn what long-form finance production demands. It also ended the one-and-a-half-year loop of saying, ‘I want to start YouTube.’”