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We will transform Rayalaseema into a global horticulture hub: CM Chandrababu



Annamayya District, Oct 2 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu stated that Rayalaseema would be transformed into a global horticulture hub with an investment of 1 lakh crore. He laid the foundation stone for the Rayalaseema Horticulture Hub in Madanapalle, Annamayya district, on Friday. Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, CM Chandrababu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, Minister Lokesh, and Anant Ambani participated in the event, where CM Chandrababu delivered an address. "From today, Anant Ambani is a son of the Telugu land—a beloved son to us all," he remarked. He praised Anant Ambani, expressing confidence that he would succeed in any project he undertakes. He noted the tremendous enthusiasm shown by the people of Madanapalle during the event and highlighted that a magnificent initiative had been launched in this drought-prone region, predicting that the area would transform into a land of prosperity. He emphasized that Rayalaseema is set to be transformed into a global horticulture hub with the cooperation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stated that this hub would be established to benefit the farming community.

We will transform Rayalaseema into a water conservation region: Pawan Kalyan

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan stated that farmers in the Rayalaseema region possess great determination. The foundation stone for the Rayalaseema Horticulture Hub was laid in the district on Friday, an event attended by Pawan Kalyan. Speaking at the meeting held on the occasion, he noted that land once plagued by drought is now advancing on the path of development. He announced plans to establish a horticulture hub in Rayalaseema with an investment of 1 lakh crore.



Vivekananda Reddy murder case: ED issues notice to Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy



Hyderabad, Oct 2 : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued a notice to Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy and directed him to appear before it on October 14 in connection with the investigation into alleged financial transactions related to the murder of his uncle and former Andhra Pradesh minister Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy. Avinash Reddy, one of the accused in the 2019 murder case, is the cousin of former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

AP students earn a place in the World Book of Records; Minister Lokesh expresses happiness



Amaravati, Oct 2 : Nara Lokesh, Minister for Education and IT, expressed happiness over students from Andhra Pradesh securing a place in the World Book of Records. He congratulated the students on this achievement. The Minister stated that students from 170 schools participated in the 'Swachh Pathasala' (Clean School) program organized within the limits of the Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation. He revealed that 35,000 students earned a spot in the World Book of Records by collecting approximately 75,000 kilograms of dry waste. On this occasion, Minister Lokesh congratulated all the students who set a record. He stated that the 'Swachh Pathasala' (Clean School) program was organized to create awareness among students about environmental protection.

Telangana Governor, CM pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Bapu Ghat in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Oct 2 : Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Bapu Ghat here on his birth anniversary on Friday. They offered floral tributes at Bapu Ghat at Langer Houz here, where the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi were immersed at the confluence of Musi and Esi rivers. The Governor and the Chief Minister paid their respects at the Samadhi and later showered flower petals on the statue of the father of the nation. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Mohammed Azharuddin, Governor Advisor V. Hanumanth Rao and others paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi. The Governor and the Chief Minister inaugurated a digital museum on the occasion. The leaders also participated in an all-faith prayer meet in the Prayers' hall, which has a 76-ft-long collage wall featuring more than 400 pictures of Mahatma Gandhi. Meanwhile, the Governor paid heartfelt tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversaries. The Governor said in a message that Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of truth, non-violence and compassion continue to inspire humanity.





Gathered courage by reciting the Hanuman Chalisa... Captain Smith with Modi

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Captain Smit Machchhar, speaking to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a video call on Friday, gave him a brief account of the fatal attack and his fightback inside the Dubai-Tel Aviv flydubai flight cockpit and stated that he kept chanting 'Hanuman Chalisa' while fighting off the attacker co-pilot.

The wounded pilot turned emotional, briefing the Prime Minister about his valiant rescue act mid-air and said that he had almost gone down staving off the deadly attack, but one thing that kept him going on was the thought that he could not let 170 passengers die.

Common pass for Metro-RTC travel... Launched by Bhatti Vikramarka



Hyderabad, Oct 2: A common pass for Metro and RTC services has been introduced in Hyderabad. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka launched the Metro-RTC common pass on Friday) at Praja Bhavan. Ministers Ponnam, Vivek, and Azharuddin participated in the event. The Deputy CM purchased the one-day RTC-Metro common pass by paying the required fare for 15 individuals.

70 government doctors dismissed; action against another 193

Amaravati, Oct 2 : The coalition government has once again cracked the whip on government doctors failing to discharge their duties properly. The government has dismissed doctors who were absent from duty without authorization for extended periods, removing 70 of them from service. Action is also set to be taken against another 193 doctors exhibiting similar conduct, with the relevant proceedings currently at various stages. Officials from the DSH and DME submitted a report containing full details regarding that list to State Minister for Medical and Health, Satya Kumar, at the Velagapudi Secretariat on Friday.



Gig workers vital to urban economy : Vivek

Hyderabad, Oct 2 : Telangana Power and Mines Minister Vivek Venkataswamy affirmed that the state government is according the highest priority to the safety, legal protection, and social security of gig and platform workers.

Inaugurating 'Upzy House', a dedicated facility for cab drivers, delivery personnel, and platform workers at Kondapur on Friday, the Minister highlighted the vital role gig workers play in sustaining the urban economy. "Food and essential supplies are delivered to doorsteps within 10 to 15 minutes because of the tireless effort of gig workers. They have become an indispensable part of urban life," Vivek Venkataswamy said.



While weavers' looms fell silent... How did the number of rooms in your hotels increase?

■ Lashing out at the lies of BRS leaders from the undivided district
■ KTR must answer three questions: the tally of assets, the source of investments, and the work done for Sircilla
■ Government Whip Adi Srinivas at a media conference



Rajanna Sircilla, Oct 2 : Government Whip and MLA Adi Srinivas alleged that BRS leaders from the undivided district, rattled and disoriented by the success of Revanth Reddy's rally and public meeting, resorted to telling lies again. He held a media conference at the Sircilla District Congress Party office on Friday and slammed the falsehoods spread by these BRS leaders. He expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the Chief Minister's public meeting and massive rally. Speaking on the occasion, Adi Srinivas remarked that KTR's heart, instead of beating normally, was now pounding "Revanth, Revanth" following the CM's speech. He questioned KTR, noting that while he claims to have started a hotel in 2006, declared it in a 2009 affidavit, and now owns three hotels, he must explain who is responsible for the hardships of the Sircilla people. "Did the number of rooms in your hotels increase while the weavers' looms fell silent? You were elected MLA by Sircilla... but what have you actually given to Sircilla?" he asked. "KTR, how did you acquire the five-star hotels in Hyderabad?" he asked. He demanded that KTR provide answers regarding three specific issues: the details of his assets, the source of his investments, and the work actually done for Sircilla. He warned KTR that the people of Sircilla are watching; if he fails to account for the public's trust, they will certainly settle the score in the upcoming elections. He demanded explanations for the 1,400% increase in KTR's assets and the 3,400% rise in Harish Rao's assets between 2009 and 2026. He also insisted that KTR hold classes for young entrepreneurs to reveal the "tricks of the trade" behind such growth and address the statements made by Kavitha. He pointed out that while funds from the Rajanna Temple's fixed deposits were diverted for the construction of the Pochamma Temple, the current administration is now repaying the associated debts. He noted that the Tank Bund Park was completed at a cost of ¹ 12 crore, and questioned why land acquisition was never carried out despite the ceremonial groundbreaking for the bridge construction. Adi Srinivas declared that the tricolor flag would undoubtedly fly over Sircilla in the upcoming elections. DCC President Sangeetham Srinivas, District Library Organization Chairman Nagula Satyanarayana Goud, Market Committee Chairperson Swarupa Reddy, Town Congress President Devaraju, councilors, other Congress leaders, and others participated in the meeting.



Vakiti-led Telangana delegation witnesses Asian Games events

Hyderabad, Oct 2 : A Telangana government delegation led by Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari witnessed the Asian Games competitions at Aichi-Nagoya in Japan on Friday as part of its visit to study international sporting facilities and management practices.
The delegation visited various sporting venues on the second day of its tour and observed the conduct of competitions and the performance of athletes at the international sporting event.
The delegation comprised Minister Vakiti Srihari, government representative A.P. Jitender Reddy, former Sports Authority chairman Shiva Sena Reddy, and VC and MD Soni Baladevi.
Following India's bronze medal win in Sepak Takraw at the Asian Games, Vakiti Srihari congratulated the Indian team and lauded the players for their hard work and determination.
The Telangana delegation expressed happiness over India winning a medal on the international sporting stage and said the achievement would inspire the youth.
Vakiti Srihari said the Telangana government was taking steps to further develop the sports sector in the State, strengthen training facilities for young athletes and encourage talented sportspersons to excel at the international level.

Komatireddy slams opposition over drought politics



Nalgonda, Oct 2 : Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Friday mounted a sharp attack on the Opposition BRS and BJP, accusing their leaders of taking "sadistic pleasure" in the public distress caused by widespread drought-like conditions.
Addressing reporters at Indira Bhavan in Nalgonda, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy blamed the global impact of El Niño and an increased reliance on agricultural borewells for triggering a sharp spike in Telangana's power demand, which has now touched nearly 20,000 MW. He dismissed the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) administration's claims of delivering uninterrupted free electricity as "false propaganda." "We are not making false promises like the previous government did regarding a 'Dalit Chief Minister' or '24-hour power.' We are placing the true facts before the people," Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said, adding that the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government remains committed.



'May Bapu's timeless message keep guiding us towards better society': PM Modi on Gandhi Jayanti

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary, recalling his ideals of truth, non-violence, simplicity and Swadeshi, saying Bapu's timeless message would continue to guide the country towards a better society and a Viksit Bharat.
In a post on X, PM Modi said: "May Bapu's timeless message keep guiding us towards a better society and a Viksit Bharat."
In a video message, the Prime Minister said the significance of October 2 was well known to every child in the country and underlined the global relevance of Gandhi's ideology.
"The importance of October 2 is well known to every child of our nation. The ideology of Mahatma Gandhi has inspired the entire world. Mahatma Gandhi was such a person who remained distant from power, yet today he continues to rule the hearts of crores of people," PM Modi said.
He further said that Gandhi's thoughts and ideals would continue to remain relevant as long as their influence remains among humanity.
"I believe that as long as the impact of Gandhi Ji's ideology remains with humankind, its inspiration and relevance will continue to remain among us," he said.
PM Modi also recalled Gandhi's emphasis on Swadeshi and Khadi and urged people to purchase Khadi products on October 2.

Harish Rao seeks Rahul Gandhi's intervention over proposed power sector privatisation

Hyderabad, Oct 2 : BRS senior leader and former minister T Harish Rao has urged Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi to intervene immediately to stop the proposed privatisation and equity dilution of key Telangana public-sector institutions, including TG-Transco, TG-Genco, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and the Discoms. In a letter addressed to Rahul Gandhi, the BRS leader alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was moving towards dilution of ownership in strategic public assets. He questioned whether such a policy was consistent with the Congress party's own economic commitments. Harish Rao cited the Congress manifesto, 2019, which, he said, restricted disinvestment to non-core and non-strategic public-sector enterprises, as well as the 2023 Raipur Economic resolution, which emphasised that disinvestment should not lead to private monopolies or duopolies.
"A CWC resolution cannot be binding in Delhi and optional in Hyderabad", Harish Rao said, questioning the Congress national leadership's silence on the reported proposals. Harish Rao argued that TG-Transco could not be treated as an ordinary commercial enterprise, describing it as a critical public utility forming the backbone of Telangana's electricity transmission network. He pointed to its extensive transmission infrastructure, including 400-kv, 220-kv and 132-kv substations, more than 31,420 circuit kilometres of EHT lines and 1,184 power transformers, and questioned the reported proposal to initially dilute 26 percent equity. According to Harish Rao, the proposed transaction raises a broader question over whether strategic public infrastructure is gradually being opened to private ownership and influence.

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The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1. Chinthala Nirmala W/o. Anangala Ramulu, Aged About 30 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. Sri Durga Bhavani Cloth Store, Mulugu Mandal, Siddipet Dist, R/o. H.No: 2-88/26, Singannagudem Village, Mulugu Mandal, Siddipet 502336. **2. Anangala Ramulu S/o. Anangala Narayana** Aged About 34 Years, Degn: General Worker, O/o. M/s. Sanofi Health Care India Private Limited, Medchal-Malkajgiri, R/o. H.No: 2-88/26, Singannagudem Village, Mulugu Mandal, Siddipet 502336. **3. Anangalla Srikanth S/o. A Yadaiah**, Aged About 32 Years, Degn: General Worker, O/o. M/s. Sanofi Health Care India Private Limited, Medchal-Malkajgiri, R/o. H.No. 2-88/13, Village Singannagudem, Mulugu Mandal, Siddipet 502336.

Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
07.11.2023	08.09.2026	Rs. 26,19,790.39/-	Rs. 10,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS:SECU5TF2302280004 Description Of The Immovable Property All that the RCC & ACC House bearing No. 2-88/26, admeasuring 189/94 Sq. Yards., equivalent to 158.81 Sq Mts., with a plinth area of 524.80Sft., RCC & ACC House plinth area of 262.40 Sft., situated at Block No.2, Singannaguda Village & Grampanchayath, Mulugu Mandal, Siddipet Dist., and **bounded by: North:** House of Burra Bixpathi, **South:** 12' Wide Road, **East:** Open Place if A. Mallaiah, **West:**15' Wide Road

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 01-10-2026, Place: Singannagudem
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1. Dharavath Venkatesh S/o. Dharavath Ravi @ Dharavath Golya, Aged About 25 Years, Occ: M/s. Sri Renuka Yellamma Onion Business, Nagaipally Thanda, Thurkapally, Yadadri, R/o. H.No: 3-81, Nagaipalle Thanda, Nagaipalle Village, Thurkapally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri Dist -508116. **2. Dharavath Namki W/o. Dharavath Golya** Aged About 44 Years, Occ: M/s. Sri Renuka Yellamma Onion Business, Nagaipally Thanda, Thurkapally, Yadadri, R/o. H.No: 3-81, Nagaipalle Thanda, Nagaipalle Village, Thurkapally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri Dist -508116. **And Also At 2. Dharavath Namki W/o. Dharavath Golya** Aged About 44 Years, R/o. H.No: 2-71, Nagaipalle Thanda, Nagaipalle Village, Thurkapally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri Dist -508116. **3. Dharavath Hari S/o. Dharavath Devla,** Aged About 42 Years, Occ: Brick Business, R/o. H.No. 4-39, Madhapur Post, Madhapur Village, Thurkapally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri Dist -508116.

Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
07.10.2023	04.09.2026	Rs. 30,65,438.77/-	Rs. 10,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: KSHDATF2303130004 Description of The Immovable Property All that the Part & parcel of House bearing No. 2-71, Gramakantam (Assessment No. 172), admeasuring an extent of 225 Sq. Yards or 188.12 Sq.Mts., with RCC Ground Floor , roof plinth area 635 Sft., situated at Nagaipally Village Thurkapally Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir Dist., and **bounded by: North:** House of Eslavath Thauv, **South:** House of Dharavath Eeru, **East:** 30' Wide Road, **West:** 30' Wide Road.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
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Date: 01-10-2026, Place: Thurkapally.
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

Manipur CM felicitates Mirabai Chanu, Roshibina Devi for Asian Games silver medals



Imphal, Oct 2 : Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Friday felicitated ace weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu and Wushu player Naorem Roshibina Devi on their return to the state after winning silver medals at the ongoing Asian Games in Japan's Aichi-Nagoya.

The Chief Minister congratulated the two athletes for their impressive performances and bringing laurels to Manipur and the country at the continental sporting event. During the felicitation, Chief Minister Singh expressed his desire to establish sports complexes in the rural areas of Manipur, saying that Imphal city is becoming increasingly congested. He added that such facilities would provide sportspersons with easier access to sports infrastructure. The Chief Minister said that if the law and order situation in the state improves, the state government would be able to increase the assistance provided to sportspersons who bring laurels to the state. Regarding the formation of more than one federation or association for a single discipline in Manipur, Chief Minister Singh said that this creates difficulties in the selection process of players for participation in national and international level competitions.

The Chief Minister lauded the responsibilities undertaken by the local clubs and Civil Society Organisations who contribute significantly towards fulfilling the dreams of the young and successful sportspersons of the state.

Chief Minister Singh maintained that the cash reward provided by the state government to medallists at the Asian Games has been enhanced.

The new cash incentives have been fixed for gold, silver, bronze and participants at Rs 25 lakh, Rs 20 lakh, Rs 15 lakh, Rs 5 lakh respectively.

Regarding the proposed establishment of the Weightlifting Sports Academy, the Chief Minister.



Trinamool leader's brother-in-law among four held in job fraud case

Kolkata, Oct 2 : Former Trinamool Congress MLA and district president Ajit Maity's brother-in-law, Govinda Kar, and three others have been arrested in connection with an alleged financial fraud involving promises of jobs, police said on Friday. The former MLA is already in police custody in the same case following his arrest. Along with his brother-in-law, police also arrested his driver, Amal Bhuiyan, and an associate, Pranab Mandal alias Saheb.

On Thursday, police from Kharagpur Local Police Station arrested Govinda Kar from his residence in Madpur.

Investigators said they recovered cash and several gold ornaments during the search.

Meanwhile, police also raided the residence of Pranab Mandal, a resident of Ajit Maity's native village.



Assam Police seize yaba tablets worth Rs 60 lakh, arrest two

Guwahati, Oct 2 : Assam Police have seized a large consignment of suspected narcotic tablets worth around Rs 60 lakh and arrested two persons in Hailakandi district, officials said on Friday.

The operation was carried out as part of intensified action against the trafficking and illegal transportation of narcotic substances in the district. According to officials, police recovered 816.9 grams of suspected Yaba tablets during the operation.

Two persons, identified as Baharul Alam Majumdar and Chayekh Hussain Laskar, were arrested in connection with the seizure.

Officials said the accused were taken into custody after police intercepted them and recovered the contraband from their possession.

The seized tablets are suspected to be Yaba, a synthetic drug containing methamphetamine and caffeine and commonly trafficked across the northeastern region. The estimated street value of the seized contraband is around Rs 60 lakh, officials said. A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway to establish the source of the drugs and identify the intended recipients. Investigators are also examining whether the arrested persons are linked to a larger inter-state narcotics trafficking network operating through Assam and neighbouring states. Police are questioning the two accused to gather information about the supply chain, including the origin of the consignment.

EC assured action over false Form 7 applications: Shivakumar



Bengaluru, Oct 2 : Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday night said the Election Commission had assured action against those who knowingly file false claims or objections in electoral forms, following complaints over the alleged bulk submission of Form 7 applications seeking the deletion of voters. Shivakumar, accompanied by members of his Cabinet and senior Congress leaders, including former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president B.K. Hariprasad and Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara, met officials at the Election Commission office and submitted a detailed representation on the issue.

He subsequently staged a protest.

Addressing reporters later, Shivakumar alleged that thousands of Form 7 applications had been generated and distributed at the grassroots level, containing details such as EPIC numbers and voters' names.

He alleged that attempts had been made to use these forms to delete eligible voters from the electoral rolls. "We have found many cases. Many issues have come to my notice," Shivakumar alleged, claiming that leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Janata Dal (Secular) [JD(S)] had been involved in fraud, illegal activities and a criminal conspiracy against eligible voters.

He claimed that attempts to delete voters had been reported in several constituencies, with the number of applications in some places running into thousands.

Sachin Dev Burman's musical legacy continues to inspire generations: Tripura CM



Agartala, Oct 2 : Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has paid tribute to legendary singer and composer Sachin Dev Burman on his birth anniversary, recalling his immense contribution to Indian music and his enduring connection with the state.

Speaking at a programme organised at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhawan here on Friday, CM Saha said that Sachin Dev Burman's journey from his roots in the erstwhile Royal family of Tripura to becoming one of India's most celebrated musicians was an inspiration for the younger generation.

The Chief Minister added that the state government had donated the house associated with the legendary musician, who belonged to the Royal family but remained grounded despite his aristocratic background.

"He belonged to the Royal family, where he had access to everything, but he left it all behind and created his own identity," CM Saha said. He recalled that Sachin Dev Burman was born in Comilla, now in Bangladesh, and said the folk traditions, melodies and songs of the region deeply influenced his musical sensibilities.



Monsoon to withdraw from Delhi, Punjab within 48 hours; more rain likely in several states

New Delhi, Oct 2 : The monsoon is expected to withdraw from the plains of North India, including Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh, within the next 48 hours. However, the withdrawal is likely to be accompanied by another spell of rainfall in several parts of the country.

According to the Meteorological Department, rainfall is likely in Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Punjab on October 6 and 7. Heavy rainfall is expected in Himachal Pradesh from October 5 to 7, Jammu and Kashmir from October 6 to 7, and Uttarakhand from October 5 to 7. Thunderstorms and gusty winds are also likely over Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during this period.

Navy chief to attend Lawrence School Sanawar's 179th Founder's Day celebrations



Shimla, Oct 2 : The Lawrence School, Sanawar, in Himachal Pradesh, will celebrate its 179th Founder's Day with a three-day programme beginning on October 3, bringing together students, faculty, parents and the extended Old Sanawarian community from across India and overseas.

Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, will be the chief guest at the 179th Founder's Trooping of the School Flag Ceremony on October 5.

Admiral Swaminathan assumed charge as the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff on May 31.

The Founder's Day celebrations will mark another milestone in the journey of one of the world's historic residential educational institutions.

Founded on April 15, 1847, by Sir Henry Lawrence and Lady Honoria Lawrence, Sanawar began with just 14 boys and girls living under canvas on the Kasauli hills before the first buildings were completed.

Over nearly 18 decades, the school has evolved into a distinguished co-educational residential institution while retaining its traditions, values and strong sense of community.

Located in the hills of Solan district, Sanawar's residential environment has traditionally combined academic learning with sports, outdoor activities, cultural pursuits and community living.

Its long-standing traditions have played an important role in shaping generations of Sanawarians, with the school's ethos emphasising not only academic development but also character, leadership, discipline and participation beyond the classroom.

Founder's Day remains one of the most significant occasions on the school calendar, bringing together current students and faculty with parents, alums and members of the wider Old Sanawarian community.

The three-day programme will reflect this enduring legacy through a mix of sporting events, cultural activities, exhibitions, special assemblies and traditional ceremonies.

The concluding day on October 5 will begin with the Founder's Day Special Assembly, followed by the much-awaited 179th Founder's Trooping of the School Flag Ceremony with Admiral Swaminathan as the chief guest.



Bapu's ideals, simplicity, and thoughts continue to guide us in building self-reliant, Viksit Bharat: CM Yogi

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary on Friday, stating that Bapu's ideals, simplicity, and thoughts continue to guide us in building a self-reliant and Viksit Bharat. In a post on X, CM Yogi wrote: "On the sacred birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi ji, who walked the path of truth and non-violence to convey the message of freedom to the entire world through indigenous means and non-violence, millions of salutations. Best wishes to the people of the state on International Day of Non-Violence," the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister said.

"The revered Bapu's ideals, simplicity, and thoughts continue to provide us all with constant guidance even today in building a self-reliant and Viksit Bharat," he added.



Himachal govt raises apple procurement price, announces higher milk support rate

Shimla, Oct 2 : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday announced an increase in milk support prices from December 1 and a Rs 1 per kg hike in apple procurement rates under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), reiterating the government's commitment to strengthening the rural economy.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAPAKA SUMA,** w/o RAPAKA DANIYELU residence of D.No: 1-85, Kotha Colony, Gollapalem, Kesanapalli, Malkipuram mandal, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Konaseema dist. A.P. Have changed my name **RAPAKA MARIYAMMA (Old Name) to RAPAKA SUMA (New Name).** Hence after all my documents (Passport., etc.) and correspondence will continue with my new name **RAPAKA SUMA.**

NOTICE

My client, **Smt. Hemalatha,** wife of Sri Dantuluri Seetharama Raju, resident of Pedamadi Village, within I. Polavaram Gram Panchayat limits, I. Polavaram Mandal, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District, hereby informs that the original document registered in the name of her mother, Smt. Lakshmi, wife of Sri Kanumuri Suryanarayana Raju, bearing **Registered Document No. 688/2006, SRO I. Polavaram, was lost on 25-08-2026.** The said original document was lost while she was travelling on her husband's motorcycle on the way to a Xerox shop at Murumalla for taking Xerox copies of the said document.If anyone finds or comes across the said original document/original deeds, they are requested to kindly inform us immediately.

D. V. V. S. Murthy, Advocate
Bogaraju Veedhi, K. Agraharam, Amalapuram.

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India and Bangladesh reaffirm longstanding ties, discuss matters of mutual interest

India and Bangladesh reaffirmed the enduring bilateral ties and cooperation and discussed is sues of mutual interest during a meeting between India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Dinesh Trivedi and Bangladesh's Minister of Liberation War Affairs, Ahmed Aazam Khan in Dhaka. "High Commissioner Shri Dinesh Trivedi met with the Minister of Liberation War Affairs of Bangladesh, Mr. Ahmed Aazam Khan, on a courtesy call on September 30th. The two sides exchanged views on matters of mutual interest and reaffirmed the longstanding ties and cooperation between India and Bangladesh," the Indian High Commission in Dhaka posted on X on Thursday. Trivedi on Wednesday stressed the need for thorough preparations by both sides ahead of the meeting between Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and PM Narendra Modi, saying there was no need to rush, local media reported.

Addressing reporters following his meeting with Liberation War Affairs Minister, Trivedi said, "We have to make sure that proper preparations are made because many issues will have to be discussed - trade, commerce, water - many issues. We are very positive about the future."

"It is absolutely certain that at some point in time, both the leaders of sovereign independent countries will meet. Let us give both the leaders, both the countries, convenient time. At the right time, all right things will happen," Bangladeshi media outlet Bonik Barta quoted the Indian High Commissioner as saying. Stressing that any outstanding issues could be resolved if the two leaders met and discussed them together, he further said, "See, challenges will be there. If we think there are no challenges - that would be wrong." The meeting came a day after Trivedi met Bangladesh's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir in Dhaka, where the two sides explored ways to deepen bilateral engagement and advance cooperation for mutual benefit between the two countries.

Following the meeting, the Indian High Commission in Dhaka took to X and posted: "High Commissioner Shri Dinesh Trivedi held a courtesy meeting with the Minister of State-1 for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Humaiun Kobir, on 29 September 2026. High Commissioner conveyed congratulations on his assumption of charge as the State Minister. The discussion focused on continued cooperation between the two neighbouring countries, for mutually beneficial outcomes for the peoples of India and Bangladesh." During the meeting, Kobir reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to engaging with India in a "forward-looking and mutually respectful" manner on matters of shared interest and for the benefit of both countries' peoples. The two sides exchanged views on bilateral ties as well as regional and international developments, including the recently concluded 81st United Nations General Assembly in New York, Bangladeshi daily Dhaka Tribune reported.

UP farmers welcome hike in MSP price for Rabi crops, say it will help them plan crop diversification

Lucknow, Oct 2 : With the Centre clearing an increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi crops for 2027-28, the move has been welcomed by scores of farmers across the country as a "positive, farmer-friendly and income-boosting" step.



The Cabinet announced the highest increase in MSP for safflower at Rs 675 per quintal, followed by rapeseed and mustard at Rs 413 per quintal. The farming community in Uttar Pradesh.

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Mamata Banerjee named in ED statement over probe in money laundering case

Kolkata, Oct 2 : Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and ex-Cabinet Minister Indranil Sen had been named by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday in relation to the central probe agency's investigation into a case of money laundering, other than that of "Mass Art", which had been accused of selling "Durga Puja Preview Show Passes" in 2024 and 2025.

Sen is already under the ED scanner in connection with the "Mass Art" case.

In this particular case, where both Mamata Banerjee and Sen, a singer-turned-politician, had been named by the ED is in relation to the agency's investigation against Sen's proprietorship concern christened Octave Records.

According to a statement issued by ED on Thursday evening, during Sen's tenure as the West Bengal Tourism Minister during the previous Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress government, multiple tenders from both the state tourism as well as cultural departments of more than Rs 85 crore, were awarded to the entities owned by Dhrubajyoti Bose and Dipesh Roy, both of whom were close aides of Sen.



"These entities subsequently transferred large sums of money to entities controlled by relatives of Indranil Sen. Furthermore, massive cash withdrawals have been observed from the bank accounts of the entities that secured these tenders," the ED statement said.

In the same statement, the ED claimed that a detailed investigation in the matter had revealed that cash of more than Rs 3.3 crore was deposited into the bank accounts of Sen and his proprietorship entity, Octave Records. "Also, from the bank account of Octave Records, a sum of nearly Rs 30 lakh was transferred via banking channels to Mamata Banerjee, the then Chief Minister of West Bengal, which Indranil Sen has claimed was paid in the form of royalty," the ED statement added.

According to the central agency, during search and seizure proceedings, incriminating digital devices and documentary evidence were found

Delhi: Kiren Rijiju joins NDMC's voluntary service for cleanliness

New Delhi, Oct 2 : As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 campaign, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Friday organised a mass voluntary service drive as part of the initiative "Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath", with Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju joining the event.

Union Ministers, senior officers of the Government of India, the Delhi Government Minister, the NDMC Chairman, senior officials, students, traders, residents, Safai Sevaks, and representatives of various institutions actively participated in Shramdaan, reaffirming their collective commitment to a cleaner, greener, and healthier New Delhi, an official statement said. The initiative saw enthusiastic public participation at schools, markets, residential areas, public places, offices and institutional complexes, turning cleanliness into a people-centric Jan Andolan, the statement said. Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju joined the Shramdaan programme at Navyug School, Peshwa Road, near Gole Market, along with NDMC Chairman Manoj Kumar Dwivedi.





Gujarat CM reviews child nutrition and honours workers

Ahmedabad, Oct 2 : Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Friday visited an Anganwadi centre in Bopal as part of the 'Angan Milan Seva' initiative under the ongoing 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan', interacting with children and parents and reviewing the services provided at the centre. During his visit to Bopal Anganwadi-6, Patel distributed fruits, Sukhdi and toys to children. Take-Home Ration (THR) was also distributed to pregnant women, adolescent girls and children aged six months to three years.

The Chief Minister inspected the Anganwadi premises and reviewed the facilities and activities available for children.

He also interacted with children and their parents and enquired about the regularity and quality of services being provided through the Anganwadi. As part of the programme, Poshan Champion Awards were presented to children who had improved their nutritional status and maintained the improvement.

Patel also felicitated Anganwadi workers, helpers and ASHA workers for their outstanding performance.

The 'Angan Milan Seva' event was organised as part of the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan', being held to mark 25 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public service.

Ahmedabad Mayor Hitesh Barot, Collector Bhavya Verma, Deputy Mayor Anju Shah, Standing Committee Chairman Kamlesh Patel, officials of the Women and Child Development Department, office-bearers and officials of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, along with parents and children, were present at the event. On Wednesday evening, Patel visited Dam View Point-1 in Ekta Nagar. The CM interacted with tourists from Danta taluka, Banaskantha, who visited Ekta Nagar to see the Statue of Unity.

MP BJP chief counters Rahul Gandhi over Balaghat visit, seeks answers on Congress record

Bhopal, Oct 2 : Madhya Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Hemant Khandelwal on Friday hit back at Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi over his allegations against the BJP government during his visit to Balaghat, asking him to explain what Congress governments did for tribal areas during their long tenure in power.

LoP Rahul Gandhi visited Balaghat on Thursday and met tribal families, including those affected by the deaths of children.

After interacting with the tribal families, LoP Rahul Gandhi raised questions regarding healthcare, malnutrition, education and basic facilities in the tribal region and alleged that the BJP government had failed to address their problems.

Responding to the remarks, Khandelwal said LoP Rahul Gandhi was welcome to meet people and listen to their concerns, but should also answer



questions about the Congress party's record in tribal areas. "LoP Rahul Gandhi should also give an account of the Congress' long rule," Khandelwal said.

He added that while Congress was raising questions about problems in tribal areas today, it should also explain what concrete efforts its governments had made for development, healthcare, education, roads and basic facilities in those regions.

Khandelwal said several basic problems continued to exist in tribal areas despite the Congress having been in power for years and asked why the party had failed to resolve them during its tenure.

The BJP state president also referred to the issue of Naxalism in Balaghat, recalling the killing of former minister and senior Congress leader Likhiram Kanwre by Naxalites. He asked LoP Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party to explain what concrete steps the Congress government had taken to deal with Naxalism at the time and whether he had met Kanwre's family and understood their suffering. Khandelwal said the Congress could not escape responsibility merely by raising questions about the BJP government.

Samrat Choudhary invites investors to Bihar, highlights infrastructure push at summit

Patna, Oct 2 : Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, Industries Minister Shreyasi Singh and Road Construction Minister Kumar Shailendra jointly inaugurated the Rising Bihar Investor Summit 2026 at the Taj City Centre in Patna on Friday. Addressing the inaugural session, Choudhary said Bihar was ready to welcome investments and assured investors that the state government would provide all possible support and facilities.

He said infrastructure, including roads, electricity and water supply, was being strengthened to create a favourable environment for industries. Urging industrialists to invest in Bihar, the Chief Minister said the government was working to expand investment and employment.





Brazil, US move closer to trade deal

Milwaukee, Oct 2 : Brazil and the United States are moving closer towards a trade agreement and will work in the coming weeks to define the scope of negotiations, including tariffs, non-tariff barriers, quotas and safeguards, a senior Brazilian minister has said.

Brazil's Minister of Development, Industry, Trade and Services Márcio Elias Rosa said he held a "good meeting" with US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer on the sidelines of the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting here.

"We spoke about the possibility of an agreement. We renewed the commitment to having an agreement," Rosa said through an interpreter during an impromptu gaggle. "Greer is interested in building this agreement," he said. Rosa said the immediate task was to determine what would fall within the negotiations. "In the coming weeks, we are going to define a conceptual scope of such trade agreements, which can talk about tariff or non-tariff issues," he said.

The Brazilian side, he added, had never lacked willingness to negotiate. Rosa said negotiations had resumed following direct engagement between the presidents of the two countries after tariffs affected Brazil's economy.

The two sides subsequently held talks, including a second in-person meeting during the G20 gathering in Milwaukee, he said.

War risks drag global growth to 3.1 pc: IMF

Washington, Oct 2 : The global economy is set to slow in 2026 as war-driven disruptions in energy supplies and trade routes push up prices and dent growth, International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said, warning of tougher conditions if the conflict persists.

"Even if the conflict is short-lived, extensive infrastructure damage and supply-chain disruptions are pushing prices up and slowing global growth down from 3.4 per cent last year to 3.1 per cent in 2026," Georgieva said at the IMF's Spring Meetings press briefing on Friday (local time).

She cautioned that a prolonged conflict and sustained high oil prices could sharply worsen the outlook. "In the most adverse case, growth could fall to 2 per cent, and the shock is global," she said, adding that "all countries are affected by higher energy prices."





Media outlet faces restriction in Pakistan over PoK unrest coverage; concerns grow over press freedom

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Users in Pakistan have taken to social media platforms to express outrage over what they describe as the blocking of access to one of the international media outlets in the country following its coverage of recent developments in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Several users reported difficulties accessing Al Jazeera, which calls itself the first independent news channel in the Arab world, and raised concerns over press freedom, internet restrictions, and the public's right to access independent information.

The reported restriction comes amid growing tensions in PoK, where protests and unrest have intensified over the past several days. The claims regarding the website's inaccessibility have sparked a debate online, with users questioning whether the move was linked to Al Jazeera's reporting on the ongoing situation in the region.

The controversy follows criticism from Pakistani authorities over international media's coverage of sensitive issues related to the country. Officials have previously accused the international news organisation of biased reporting, while the outlet has maintained its role as an independent media organisation.



Iran war to end 'very quickly': Trump

Washington, Oct 2 : US President Donald Trump said that the war with Iran would end "very quickly" and predicted oil prices would fall sharply once the conflict was over, as he portrayed Tehran as militarily and economically weakened.

Speaking to reporters after arriving in Texas and later during a visit to a Peterbilt Motors facility in Denton, Trump said Iran faced a choice over how the conflict would end.

"Iran will very soon be ending one way or the other," Trump told reporters. "It'll either just say, look, they have 301 percent inflation. They have no money, they have no currency. Their military has been defeated, their navy is gone, their air force is gone, everything's gone." "And, one way or the other, it's going to end very quickly. And when that ends, oil prices are going to drop like a rock," he said.

Trump also said the United States could consider seeking the release of diesel stocks held by a European country to help ease prices, although he did not identify the country.

"Well, we may do that. They have some diesel, but the prices are coming down. All prices are coming down," he said.

Trump acknowledged that oil prices remained elevated, but argued they were lower than under former President Joe Biden.

"The one thing we have is oil is a little high, but oil is much lower than it was for Biden," he said. "And we did something that Biden didn't do. Iran will never have a nuclear weapon."

During his later remarks at the Peterbilt facility, Trump returned repeatedly to Iran and energy prices. He said the United States had maintained movement of oil despite the conflict and Iranian restrictions around the Strait of Hormuz.

Former US Treasury Secretary, Harvard head hit by disclosures in Epstein files

New York, Oct 2 : As Congress readies to vote on Friday on the release of all the files on convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, once a high-flying billionaire social figure, preliminary leaks have hit Larry Summers, a former Treasury Secretary and Harvard University head.

After disclosures in emails between them that Summers sought advice from Epstein about seducing a woman, Summers said that he was "deeply ashamed" and would withdraw from public engagements.

Democrat Representative Ro Khanna, who spearheaded the effort for the legislation to release the documents, told a TV interviewer that he wanted the elite involved to be exposed.



South Africa to uphold diplomacy while sticking to principled positions, says minister

Johannesburg, Oct 2 : South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ronald Lamola reaffirmed the country's commitment to diplomacy, emphasising that it will remain firm on its principled positions.

Speaking on Friday at the opening of the inaugural Annual Aziz Pahad Peace, Security, and Human Rights Dialogue in Pretoria, the country's administrative capital, Lamola noted that South Africa will not engage in "trading insults" with any country, Xinhua news agency reported.

"We're practicing diplomacy. We're not in the business of trading insults with anyone in the world. We will remain firm on our principled positions. We will continue to pursue our national interest in line with diplomatic decorum," Lamola said. "If we disagree with any country, it should not be on the basis of insults but the substance of the matter." He further noted that South Africa valued its "mutually beneficial trade relations" with the United States, and the government remained committed to extending a "hand to bridge our recently challenging relationship with the US."



While Pretoria was open to mending its strained ties with Washington, it remained firm on its policies, including taking the Israeli government to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in 2023 over alleged genocide in the Gaza Strip.



US lawmaker, diplomats hail Indian Flydubai pilot

Washington, Oct 2 : An American lawmaker has joined US President Donald Trump and Indian diplomats in praising Captain Smit Machchhar for his courage aboard a Flydubai flight, as messages of appreciation for the seriously injured Indian pilot continue to pour in.

Congressman Rich McCormick, who represents Georgia's 7th Congressional District, called Machchhar a "true hero" and highlighted his connection with the Indian community in his constituency.

South Korea's Defence Ministry launches new counterintelligence unit in overhaul

Seoul, Oct 2 : South Korea's defence ministry on Friday launched a new counterintelligence unit tasked with countering espionage and terror threats from North Korea and elsewhere, as part of a sweeping overhaul aimed at replacing a former unit long dogged by criticism over its political influence.

The new defence counterintelligence agency is one of three new bodies being established under the reform plan, after the ministry decided to disperse and transfer the core functions of the Defence Counterintelligence Command (DCC) to new and existing agencies. The ministry unveiled the reform plans in early June to dismantle the DCC, marking the command's dissolution 49 years after its establishment.

The new counterintelligence unit will "proactively tackle future security threats" by working with domestic and foreign partner agencies to combat increasingly covert intelligence activities and terrorist threats from North Korea and other countries, the ministry said in a release.

It will also focus on preventing military secret leaks in the defence industry, while seeking to provide security support for other strategic areas, such as maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations being pursued in cooperation with the US Navy, reports Yonhap news agency.

Also, a major task will be protecting advanced technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and satellite systems against potential cyberthreats, the ministry added.

A launch ceremony was held at the former headquarters in Gwacheon, just south of Seoul, attended by Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back and other military officials. A new security support unit was also launched within the ministry on the same day. It will mainly oversee internal military security, including security audits for corps-level units or larger formations and investigation into security breaches.





Kumaraswamy attacks Congress govt over Bidadi land acquisition notification

Bengaluru, Oct 2 : Strongly condemning the Congress government for issuing the final notification for land acquisition for the Bidadi township project despite intense opposition from farmers, Union Minister and Karnataka JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy on Friday announced that a legal battle would be launched against what he termed an anti-farmer move.

He declared that he would fight on behalf of the farmers who stand to lose their land. The Bidadi township row centres on the Karnataka government's plan to acquire agricultural land in and around Bidadi, near Bengaluru, for a proposed township project. The Bidadi region is located close to Bengaluru. Amid the opposition, the Congress government led by Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar issued the final notification for land acquisition on Saturday.

The Union Minister challenged Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to accompany him to the affected villages and determine whether the owners of the land notified for acquisition under the Bidadi township project are genuine farmers or not. "Claiming that farmers are not farmers is the height of arrogance. It is a grave insult to the very people who feed the nation. If the Chief Minister wants to know whether they are genuine farmers, let him visit those villages. I will also go there.

Punjab isn't Kejriwal's personal jagir : Sirsa slams AAP convener for use of state resources

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Delhi Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa has mounted a sharp attack on Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, accusing him of exploiting Punjab's resources for personal and political gains.

In a strongly worded post on X on Friday, Sirsa, who holds the portfolios of Food & Supplies, Industry, and Forest & Environment in the Delhi government, questioned Kejriwal's frequent use of Punjab's state helicopter.

"Punjab isn't Kejriwal's personal jagir! Why is Arvind Kejriwal using Punjab's state helicopter like his personal ride? In what official capacity? Who gave CM Bhagwant Mann the right to hand over Punjab's resources to serve AAP high command?" Sirsa wrote.

He further criticized the Punjab government, highlighting the state's financial distress and governance issues. "Punjab is buried under debt. Farmers are in distress, youth are jobless, industries are collapsing… and public money is being blown on Kejriwal's VIP luxuries!" he alleged.



The Delhi minister called out Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, demanding an explanation for the apparent misuse of state resources. "Is he Punjab's CM or Kejriwal's travel agent?" Sirsa asked, indicating that Mann was prioritising Kejriwal's political activities over Punjab's governance.

Come and join Congress directly leaving behind your 'baggage': Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury tells Mamata Banerjee

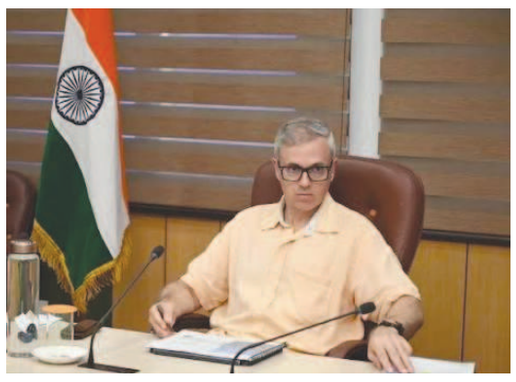
Kolkata, Oct 2 : Former West Bengal Congress President and five-time previous Lok Sabha member, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, on Friday gave an open call to the former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to directly come under the fold of the Congress leader but after leaving behind her "baggage" attached to the Trinamool Congress. "Mamata Banerjee will take the right decision if she joins Congress directly with the existing MPs and MLAs who are still loyal to her. We will accept it. When she had already taken shelter under the leadership of Congress, which is like a banyan tree, she should join the party directly instead of carrying along a separate entity.



J&K govt sanctions Rs 10.95 crore for preservation, upgradation of religious sites in Anantnag

Srinagar, Oct 2 : The Jammu and Kashmir government said on Friday that it has approved two projects worth Rs 10.95 crore for the preservation and upgradation of important religious sites in Anantnag district. Office of the J&K Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, said on X, "Government of Jammu & Kashmir has approved two projects worth Rs 10.95 crore for the preservation and upgradation of important religious sites in Anantnag. Rs 5.03 crore has been approved for the restoration and renovation of Ziyarat Sharief Khiram, while Rs 5.92 crore has been sanctioned for the repair and renovation of Shiv Mandir, Thajiwara, Bijbehara." "These projects will preserve the sanctity and heritage of both religious places while improving facilities for devotees," the CMO said. While Muslim religious sites need upgradation, it is the Hindu religious sites in the Valley whose preservation and upgradation have become a serious challenge for the authorities. The Hindu sites have been lying unattended for over 36 years after the forced exodus of the Kashmiri Pandit community due to terrorism.

The preservation of Hindu religious and cultural heritage in Kashmir involves temple restoration, legal protections against land encroachment, and community-led revival efforts. Revival and preservation efforts include government-funded renovation projects, court-mandated safeguards for unattended sites, and the reopening of historic places of worship. Friday's decision by the Jammu and Kashmir government to provide Rs 5.92 crore for the repair and renovation of the Shiv Mandir at Thajiwara in Bijbehara is another step towards the objective of preservation of Hindu religious sites. The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh ordered the administration to safeguard unattended Hindu temples and shrines from land grabbers and encroachments. Local leadership has discussed introducing dedicated legislation to protect the properties and religious sites of the displaced community.



Dozens of long-closed sites, such as the 300-year-old Anandishar Temple in Srinagar and the Shiral Nath Temple, have resumed regular rituals and prayers. For decades following the migration of Kashmiri Pandits in the 1990s, many local Muslim neighbours voluntarily acted as caretakers and cleaners to protect temple structures from decay.



Delhi HC rejects bail plea of ex-AAP MLA Naresh Balyan in MCOCA case

New Delhi, Oct 2 : The Delhi High Court on Friday dismissed former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Naresh Balyan's bail plea in a case registered under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA).

A single-judge Bench of Justice Manoj Jain, who had reserved the verdict last week, declined to grant bail to the former Uttam Nagar legislator. Balyan has challenged the trial court's order refusing him bail in the organised crime case registered by the Delhi Police Crime Branch under the MCOCA. The former AAP MLA was rearrested by the Crime Branch in December 2024 under the MCOCA.

Delhi Police arrest two for selling banned Chinese product, recover 37 reels in Dayalpur crackdown

New Delhi, Oct 2 : In a major crackdown on the sale of prohibited Chinese product (kite strings), Delhi Police on Friday arrested two persons and seized 37 reels of the banned kite string during a coordinated operation in the Dayalpur area of northeast Delhi.

Police said the recovery prevented a potential threat to public safety, as Chinese Manjha has been linked to several fatal and serious injuries in recent years.

According to police, the action began on the night of August 1 at around 11:30 p.m., when Head Constable Karan Pal and Constable Rajan were on routine patrol. During the patrol, the team reached Shop No. D-1/102 on Main 25 Foota Road in Nehru Vihar, where they allegedly found a man selling prohibited Chinese Manjha.

The accused was identified as Mohd. Rihan (23), a resident of Ashok Vihar, Loni. A search of the shop led to the recovery of six reels of banned Chinese Manjha, including five Hero Plus reels and one Mono Kite reel. The reels were seized on the spot.

Based on the recovery, Delhi Police registered FIR No. 363/2026 at Dayalpur Police Station under Section 223(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Sections 5 and 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act. Police said Mohd. Rihan has no previous criminal record.

During interrogation, Rihan allegedly revealed the source from where he had procured the prohibited kite string. Acting on the information, the investigating team traced and arrested Deepak (28), a resident of Indra Market in Loni, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

Police conducted a search of Deepak's shop and recovered 31 more reels of banned Chinese Manjha. The entire stock was seized in accordance with legal



procedures. Like Rihan, Deepak also has no previous criminal involvement, police said.

NIA interrogates JeM suspect Hamim Mondal, Arpita Sarkar in Bengal

Kolkata, Oct 2 : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday interrogated Hamim Mondal, the suspected Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) associate, and his female aide, Arpita Sarkar, both of whom were arrested last week by the Special Task Force (STF) of West Bengal Police.

Considering the seriousness of the charges against Mondal and Sarkar, who also have links with Shahzad Bhatti Network (SBN).



Assam Rifles conducts drone awareness, security exercises for CISF personnel in Tripura

Agartala, Oct 2 : The Assam Rifles conducted a demonstration on drone operations and emerging aerial threats for personnel of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at the Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) Airport in Agartala, officials said on Friday. A defence spokesperson said that the drone awareness session focused on contemporary security challenges faced by the CISF and explored effective ways to counter them through timely detection, swift response and coordinated action.

The interaction covered drone identification, detection and mitigation techniques, safe interdiction procedures, legal aspects governing drone operations and practical measures required to safeguard critical aviation infrastructure, he said.

According to the spokesperson, the lecture sessions also highlighted the importance of inter-organisational synergy among the Assam Rifles, CISF, airport authorities and other stakeholders to strengthen overall



security preparedness. The initiative underscored the spirit of collective responsibility towards national security, with emphasis on unity, vigilance and coordinated response to emerging threats, the official pointed out.

He said that senior officials and CISF personnel appreciated the session, which reinforced the importance of seamless coordination and preparedness in ensuring the nation's security.

Jharkhand: Latehar farmers rejoice over extension of PM KISAN scheme, thank Prime Minister

Ranchi, Oct 2 : Farmers across the country are rejoicing over the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, one of the flagship schemes for the agriculture sector and are expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the benevolence. In Jharkhand's Latehar district, hundreds of farmers celebrated the five-year extension in the PM-KISAN scheme, from 2026-27 to 2030-2031. The extension of the scheme was recently approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi.



They are delighted with the Central Government's decision to extend the scheme and its benefits for another five years. A couple of them, counting its benefits, said that this helped them reduce their dependence on money lenders, thereby freeing them of their devious trap. Shashi Bhushan Pathak, a local farmer, told IANS, "It is an excellent development for farmers.

Rupee climbs to near one-month peak on lower crude oil prices

Mumbai, Oct 2 : The Indian rupee surged to a near one-month high on Friday as crude oil prices fell by up to 7 per cent to below the $80-a-barrel mark amid hopes of a deal to end the Iran conflict, while strong foreign inflows further supported the currency. The domestic currency strengthened nearly 0.3 per cent to 95.13 against the US dollar, its highest level since July. It had settled at 95.38 against the US dollar in the previous session and had gained more than 1 per cent last week. According to market experts, the rupee strengthened to around 95.1 per dollar as lower crude prices improved India's inflation and import outlook. They noted that the RBI's near-daily dollar sales helped ease concerns of the currency weakening beyond the 97-per-dollar level.





ASSOCHAM urges RBI to hold rates steady in key MPC meet next week

New Delhi, Oct 2 : As the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) prepares for its upcoming monetary policy meeting, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) on Friday called for a cautious approach, recommending that the RBI adopt a "wait and watch" stance rather than opting for an immediate rate cut.

ASSOCHAM President Sanjay Nayar emphasised that while the central bank had already injected liquidity into the market through measures like a 25-basis-point rate cut during the last policy cycle, it is important to allow time for these measures to take effect.

"The RBI has recently injected liquidity into the market through various measures, including a 25 basis points cut last time," he said. Nayar contended that the focus should be on assessing the impact of these steps on capital expenditure (capex) growth and consumer consumption before making any further decisions.

Muthoot Finance shares tumble over 14 pc after Q1 results



New Delhi, Oct 2 : Shares of Muthoot Finance plunged more than 14 per cent on Friday after the gold loan financier announced its June quarter (Q1 FY27) results. The stock opened 7.81 per cent lower at Rs 2,876 on the NSE and extended losses during the session, falling as much as 14.38 per cent to Rs 2,671 apiece by around 12:15 p.m. At the last count, the NBFC stock was trading over 8.5 per cent lower, underperforming the broader market. The decline came despite Muthoot Finance reporting a consolidated net profit of Rs 2,799 crore for the first quarter of FY27.

Institutional investments in Indian real estate up 31 pc at $1.3 billion in Q1

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Institutional investments in India's real estate sector saw a strong start to 2025, with total inflows reaching $1.3 billion in the first quarter, a new report said on Friday.

This marks a 31 per cent increase compared to the same period last year, driven largely by domestic investors, according to the report by Colliers India.



Food businesses must stop using metallic pins, wires in food packaging immediately: FSSAI

New Delhi, Oct 2 : The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on Friday directed food business operators (FBOs) to immediately discontinue the use of metallic pins, staple pins, wires or similar materials for sealing, fastening, securing or packaging food items, saying such practices pose a serious risk to consumer safety.

In an advisory issued to food businesses, the food regulator said it had come to its notice that metallic pins and wires are being used in decorative cakes as well as for fastening food packets, cake boxes, sweet boxes.

HDFC Bank appoints Anup Bagchi as next MD & CEO, to take charge on Oct 27

Mumbai, Oct 2 : HDFC Bank has appointed Anup Bagchi as its next Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer after receiving approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), according to a stock exchange filing on Friday.

Bagchi, currently the MD and CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, will assume charge on October 27, 2026, following the completion of incumbent MD and CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan's tenure on October 26. Jagdishan had chosen not to seek reappointment for another term. "The Board of Directors of the Bank, based on the recommendation of the Governance, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, at its meeting held today i.e. October 1, 2026 approved the following: a. appointment of Anup Bagchi as an Additional Director of the Bank w.e.f. October 2, 2026 till the date of approval of the shareholders as per the provisions of Companies Act, 2013.

b. appointment of Anup Bagchi as the MD & CEO of the Bank on such terms and conditions including remuneration, as approved by the RBI, for a period of 3 (three) years with effect from October 27, 2026, subject to approval of the shareholders as per the provisions of Companies Act, 2013," the private lender said.





The appointment marks a key leadership transition at India's largest private sector lender. Earlier, HDFC Bank had submitted two names to the RBI for consideration for the top position: Anup Bagchi and the bank's Deputy Managing Director Kaizad Bharucha.

Ola Electric's revenue from operations drops 55 pc in Q3, losses up on-quarter

Mumbai, Oct 2 : Electric two-wheeler company Ola Electric on Friday reported 55.02 per cent decline in its revenue from operations (year-on-year) to Rs 470 crore in Q3 FY26, compared to Rs 1,045 crore in the same period last fiscal. The company's total revenue also saw a significant decline in the December quarter, falling 56.99 per cent year-on-year to Rs 504 crore, compared to Rs 1,172 crore in the same period last year. Ola Electric continues to suffer losses. In the December quarter of FY26, the company reported a loss of Rs 487 crore, compared to Rs 564 crore in the same period last year.

The company's losses increased quarter-on-quarter. The company had incurred a loss of Rs 418 crore in the September quarter.

The company's expenses declined in the December quarter of FY26. The company's total expenses decreased by 50.76 per cent to Rs 741 crore in the October-December period, compared to Rs 1,505 crore in the same period last year. The significant reason for the decrease in expenses is the lower cost of materials used in production. Material costs in the December quarter of FY26 were Rs 223 crore, a 74 per cent decrease from Rs 867 crore spent in the December quarter of FY25.

Ola Electric shares closed at Rs 30.9 on Friday, down 0.26 per cent. During the day, it hit a new 52-week low of Rs 30.41. The stock has delivered a negative return of 51.90 per cent over the past year. Since the beginning of this year, the stock has fallen 17.59 per cent. Ola Electric, which has been facing difficulties, laid off employees last month. It stated that approximately 5 per cent of its employees will be affected as part of this ongoing structural change. The company further stated that it is focused on providing a superior customer experience and building a streamlined organization for long-term, profitable growth.



Govt scraps charges on updating nominee details in PPF accounts

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced on Friday that the government has issued a Gazette Notification to bar financial institutions from levying any charges for modifying or updating nominee details in PPF (Public Provident Fund) accounts.

"Recently it was informed that a fee was being levied by financial institutions for updating/modifying nominee details in PPF accounts. Necessary changes are now made in the Government Savings Promotion General Rules 2018 via Gazette Notification April 2, 2025, to remove any charges on the updation of nominees for PPF accounts," the Finance Minister posted on X along with a copy of the Gazette Notification.

The Banking Amendment Bill 2025, passed recently, allows the nomination of up to four persons for the payment of depositors' money, articles kept in safe custody and safety lockers, the Finance Minister said. A PPF account is a long-term, government-backed savings scheme offering tax-free returns and a secure way to accumulate wealth for those looking for safe investments.



Hyundai Motor Group expands community initiatives as it completes 30 years in India

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Hyundai Motor Group on Friday marked 30 years of operations in India and announced expansion of its community initiatives such as healthcare, education, cultural and environmental programs across the country.

The Group said it will scale activities delivered by its seven affiliated companies and the Happy Move program to broaden private-sector exchanges between India and South Korea, the company said in a release.

It announced that Hyundai Mobis is implementing pond and lake restoration projects to improve water storage in water-scarce regions of Tamil Nadu. Hyundai Motor's 'Ecogram' program has established local waste recycling facilities and converts food waste into biogas for power generation.

Through its global 'IONIQ Forest' social contribution program, Hyundai Motor has planted 1.1 million trees and developed parks in regions including Pune, Sriperumbudur and Gurgaon since 2021.

The group mentioned ongoing efforts to integrate its 'Hyundai Hope for Cancer campaign' with the global 'Hyundai Hope on Wheels' initiative and establishment of the Hyundai Centre for Cancer Genomics at IIT Madras to advance cancer research.





Pandya key to India's balance in 2027 ODI WC, biggest challenge is to get him fit, says Ganguly

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Former India captain Sourav Ganguly believes star fast-bowling all-rounder Hardik Pandya will be vital to maintaining the side's balance at the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup in South Africa, adding that keeping him fit and match-ready will be head coach Gautam Gambhir's biggest off-field challenge leading into the marquee event.

The ICC officially launched the schedule for the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup in Cape Town on Thursday and set the stage for the tournament to commence in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia from October 2 to November 21. Pandya has played two ODI World Cups for India in 2019 and 2023, where he was ruled out of the competition after sustaining an ankle injury in the clash against Bangladesh in Pune.

"I think Hardik Pandya is very important to India's balance in the World Cup. That's one of Gambhir's and the team's biggest challenges, to get him fit on the park. I don't think he plays enough cricket, but for India, the balance has got to be right.



'Unfinished business': Gill sets sights on 2027 World Cup after 2023 heartbreak

New Delhi, Oct 2 : India captain Shubman Gill has described the 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup as "unfinished business", saying players do not get too many opportunities to represent their country at the marquee tournament, and he is grateful to have another chance to do so. The 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup will kick off on October 2, with the final scheduled for November 21. Two-time champions India will open their 2027 ICC Men's ODI World Cup campaign against defending champions Australia in Cape Town on October 7.

The marquee clash offers Shubman Gill and his team an immediate rematch of the 2023 World Cup final, where Australia beat India in Ahmedabad, as their opening assignment of the 14-team mega event to be played in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

"Yes, absolutely, it's unfinished business because of the way we played throughout that World Cup. We were looking like the best team in the tournament. But World Cups are like that. You might play the entire tournament well, but you don't play one game well, and that game could be the final of the World Cup," Gill said on JioStar ahead of the third ODI against the West Indies.

"So definitely, it is unfinished business. And as a player, you don't get that many opportunities to represent your country in a World Cup. There could be two, three, four, five, you never know. So, every World Cup that you play for your country is a big honour. So, very grateful to be able to play another one," he added.

Asian Games: India lose to South Korea, clinches silver in recurve mixed team



Okazaki, Oct 2 : Indian men's recurve archery team settled for a silver medal in the final after going down to nine-time champions South Korea at the Okazaki Chuo Sogo Park Multipurpose Square at the ongoing Asian Games here on Friday. The Indian trio of Neeraj Chauhan, Yashdeep Bhoge, and Dhiraj Bommadevara lost to the Korean powerhouse, featuring Kim Je Deok, Kim Woojin, and Lee Wooseok, in the title clash, 1-5 to settle for a silver as a historic gold slipped out of their hands.



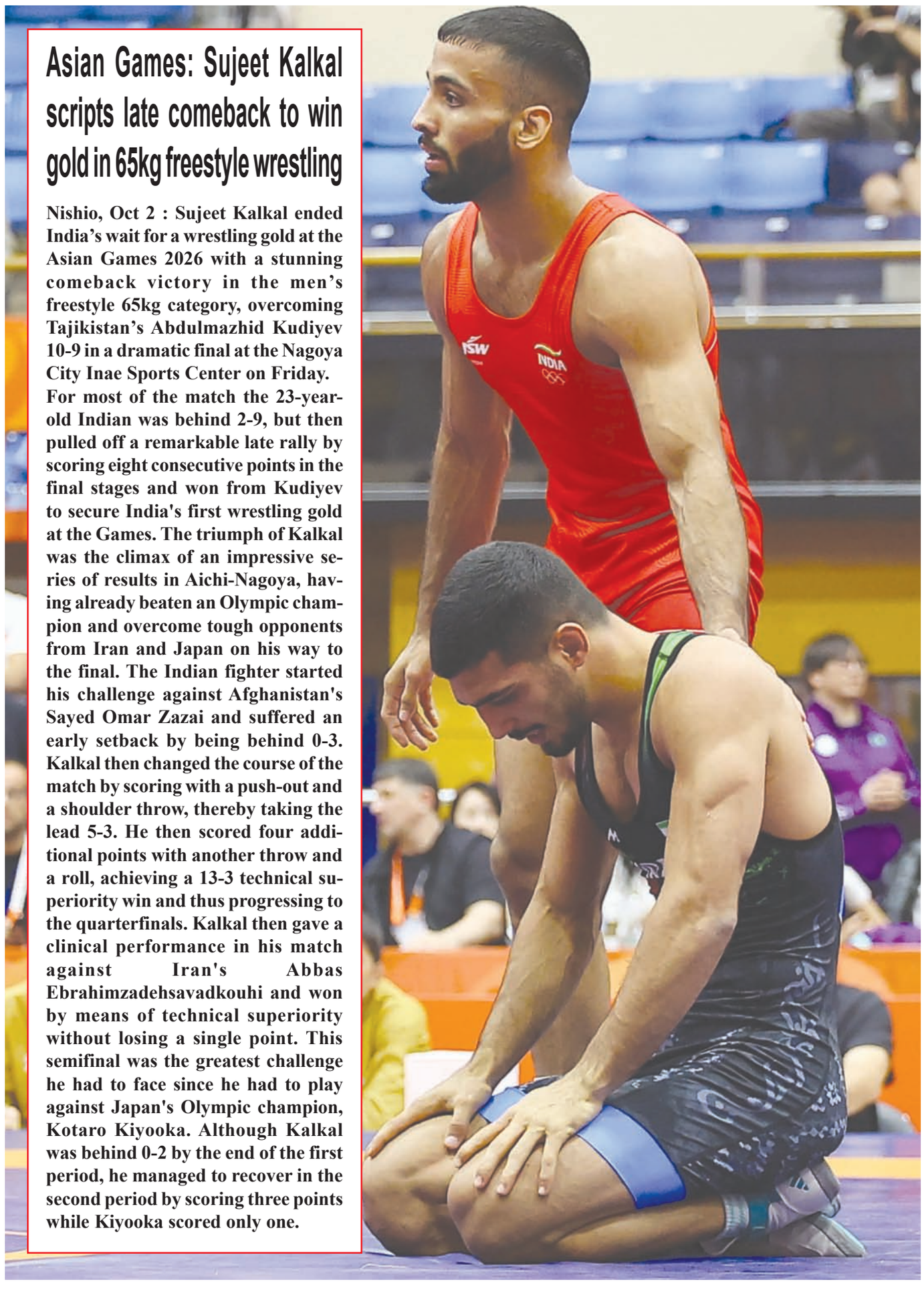
CM Himanta Sarma dials Lovlina after Asian Games gold, says Assam proud of 'Golden Girl'

Guwahati, Oct 2 : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday spoke to boxer Lovlina Borgohain over the phone and congratulated her on winning the gold medal in the 75kg boxing category at the Asian Games, describing the achievement as a moment of immense pride for the state and the country.

Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina won the gold after beating China's Bao Ziyi 5-0 in the final, becoming only the second Indian woman boxer to win Asian Games gold after Mary Kom.

CM Sarma said he personally called the Assam-born boxer to convey his best wishes on behalf of the people of Assam, coinciding with her birthday. "Just spoke to Lovlina over call and extended my best wishes on behalf of the people of Assam on her birthday as well as for this prized gold at the Asian Games. She is super elated, and so are we," Sarma said in a social media post. Earlier, congratulating Lovlina on her gold medal, Sarma described her as Assam's "Golden Girl" and said there could be no bigger birthday gift than winning the ultimate honour for the country. "Our Golden Girl punches it off in style.

Asian Games: Sujeet Kalkal scripts late comeback to win gold in 65kg freestyle wrestling



Nishio, Oct 2 : Sujeet Kalkal ended India's wait for a wrestling gold at the Asian Games 2026 with a stunning comeback victory in the men's freestyle 65kg category, overcoming Tajikistan's Abdulmazhid Kudiyev 10-9 in a dramatic final at the Nagoya City Inae Sports Center on Friday.

For most of the match the 23-year-old Indian was behind 2-9, but then pulled off a remarkable late rally by scoring eight consecutive points in the final stages and won from Kudiyev to secure India's first wrestling gold at the Games. The triumph of Kalkal was the climax of an impressive series of results in Aichi-Nagoya, having already beaten an Olympic champion and overcome tough opponents from Iran and Japan on his way to the final. The Indian fighter started his challenge against Afghanistan's Sayed Omar Zazai and suffered an early setback by being behind 0-3. Kalkal then changed the course of the match by scoring with a push-out and a shoulder throw, thereby taking the lead 5-3. He then scored four additional points with another throw and a roll, achieving a 13-3 technical superiority win and thus progressing to the quarterfinals. Kalkal then gave a clinical performance in his match against Iran's Abbas Ebrahimzadehsavadkouhi and won by means of technical superiority without losing a single point. This semifinal was the greatest challenge he had to face since he had to play against Japan's Olympic champion, Kotaro Kiyooka. Although Kalkal was behind 0-2 by the end of the first period, he managed to recover in the second period by scoring three points while Kiyooka scored only one.



Yuzvendra Chahal retires from first-class cricket, vows to continue playing white-ball formats

New Delhi, Oct 2 : Veteran Indian leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal on Friday announced his retirement from first-class cricket, acknowledging that his long-cherished dream of earning a Test cap was no longer within reach, while adding that he remains committed to competing in white-ball formats. Chahal, who has represented India in 72 ODIs and 80 T20Is, never got the opportunity to don the Test whites despite a 17-year career in domestic and county circuits. His last international appearance came during a T20I against the West Indies in August 2023.

"The first cricket ball I ever held was a red ball. I was 10 years old, and I had no idea then how deeply I would fall in love with this game. For me, red-ball cricket was never just another format. It was where I learned the meaning of patience, character, resilience and the pure joy of being out there for hours, fighting for every run and every wicket. "I played my last First-Class match at Lords, saying these words is emotional as a Test cap was always a dream, one that I carried with me for many years.

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