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## Hyderabad: DSR Builders launches 'The Twins' luxury project in Nanakramguda

Hyderabad: DSR Builders & Developers has announced that The Twins, an ultra-luxury residential development located in Nana kramguda, Financial District, was launched by Chinna Jeeyar Swamy along with film producer Seshagiri Rao, DSR MD D Raghurami Reddy, DSR Founder D Abhishek Reddy. Envisioned as a landmark address, the project comprises two iconic towers designed as a unified architectural statement, aimed at discerning home owners seeking space, privacy and long-term value, a press release said. Abhishek Reddy said, "The Twins represents our philosophy of building



homes for people who intend to live well over the long term." The project's architecture departs from conventional high-rise forms, incorporating softer curves and fluid lines to enhance natural light, improve views and ensure visual privacy between residences. Architect Nirup Reddy, who led the design, said, "Our approach was to balance scale with sensitivity."

## Andhra's Pothireddypadu expansions threaten Telangana's Krishna River share

Hyderabad: What began as a modest inter-State agreement to supply drinking water to Chennai and irrigate drought-prone Rayalaseema has evolved into a major flashpoint in the ongoing Krishna River water dispute between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Hyderabad city guide The Pothireddypadu Head Regulator (PRP), located on the foreshore of the Srisailem Reservoir in Andhra Pradesh's Nandyal district is turning out to be the centre of escalating tensions, with Telangana accusing Andhra Pradesh of unauthorized expansions that could deprive it of its minimum entitlements. Originally conceived as part of the Telugu Ganga Project, the PRP was formalized in 1983 under accords where Maharashtra, Karnataka, and undivided Andhra Pradesh agreed to spare 15 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) annually, 5 TMC each, for Chennai's drinking water needs. The initial capacity was limited to 1,500-4,960 cusecs during flood periods (July-October), strictly for surplus water. However, over decades, successive Andhra Pradesh governments have enhanced the regulator's capacity. From 11,150 cusecs in the 1980s to support the Srisailem Right Bank Canal, it rose to 44,000-55,000 cusecs by 2006 under Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, and further proposals aimed at 80,000-88,000 cusecs or more. Recent works include lining and widening the linked Srisailem Right Main Canal (SRMC) from enhancing its water carrying capacity enabling potential daily lifts of 7 TMC over 30 flood days, totaling up to 210 TMC annually. These expansions feed multiple projects including Telugu Ganga, Galeru-Nagari Sujala Sravanthi (GNSS), Handri-Neeva Sujala Sravanthi (HNSS), and KC Canal, primarily benefiting Rayalaseema's Kurnool, Anantapur, YSR Kadapa, and Chittoor districts, besides upland Nellore areas. In 2025, under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, fresh priorities have been set including completion of the HNSS canal widening (554 km at Rs 3,873- Rs 3,890 crore),



with water reaching tail-end reservoirs like Jeedipalli for the first time in decades, boosting groundwater and irrigating lakhs of acres. Telangana views this as a grave threat. Lacking adequate storage compared to Andhra Pradesh's downstream advantages, Telangana argues that excessive drawals through PRP, often exceeding entitlements, leave it disadvantaged. In the 2025-26 water year so far, Andhra Pradesh has drawn approximately 533-535 TMC from joint Krishna projects, including around 195 TMC via PRP alone, against Telangana's 117-120 TMC. Over the past 11 years, similar patterns have persisted, with Andhra Pradesh allegedly guzzling hundreds of TMC beyond allocations, even in deficit years. Telangana tourism guide

Telangana has repeatedly complained to the Krishna River Management Board and tribunals, labeling expansions 'illegal' and violative of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014, which requires approvals for new and enhanced projects. Complaints in 2025 highlighted brisk lining works on SRMC and unauthorized capacity increases, urging KRMBS restraints. Telangana demands equitable sharing based on its 68 percent catchment area contribution, seeking ~70% of the 811 TMC allocated to undivided Andhra Pradesh by KWDI (currently split 512:299 TMC favouring Andhra Pradesh). As the common reservoirs like Srisailem and Nagarjuna Sagar hold limited stocks (total 299 TMC above minimum drawdown levels recently), the conflict has started escalating. Telangana warns of irreversible harm to in-basin needs, including Nagarjuna Sagar ayacut and Hyderabad's drinking water.

## IndiGo to issue Rs 10,000 vouchers to passengers hit by flight cancellations

New Delhi: Indian carrier IndiGo will start compensating passengers affected by widespread flight cancellations earlier this month, from next week. The airline will begin issuing travel vouchers worth Rs 10,000 from December 26 to passengers who were severely impacted and stranded at airports for several hours on December 3, 4, and 5, according to multiple reports. These vouchers are over and above the compensation of Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 mandated under government norms. The decision was taken at a high-level review chaired by Aviation Secretary Samir Sinha, and the government has asked IndiGo to ensure payments reach all eligible passengers without further delay. A decision was made at the meeting that payments should begin within a week for passengers who booked directly through IndiGo's website, since their data is already with the airline. IndiGo was directed to collect passenger details from travel agents and online travel agencies and ensure direct payments to affected customers. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has been tasked with monitoring the successful dispersion of compensation, and the civil aviation ministry will monitor the process through its Air Seva grievance



portal. While IndiGo has initiated refunds for cancelled flights, many passengers who booked through Online Travel Agencies (OTAs) remain unpaid, indicating coordination gaps between airlines and booking platforms, the reports said. MakeMyTrip had processed refunds worth nearly Rs 10 crore so far after direction from DCGA, even before receiving payments from IndiGo, the report said. IndiGo Chairman Vikram Singh Mehta had earlier said that the airline's Board will bring in external technical experts to work with the management and identify the root causes behind last week's massive flight disruptions. He said the experts will help ensure that such large-scale operational failures never happen again. Meanwhile, the company stated that all destinations in the airline's network have been fully connected since December 8, and operations have stabilised since December 9.

## Anti-terror operations intensified along IB after infiltration alert in Jammu

Jammu: Security forces have intensified anti-terror operations across the Jammu region following intelligence inputs about a possible infiltration attempt by terrorists from across the border amid dense fog, officials said on Saturday. Search operations by police, Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), and Army personnel are underway at various locations near the International Border (IB) in Kathua, Samba, Jammu, and Rajouri districts, besides the Chatroo forest belt in Kishtwar, they said. According to intelligence inputs, movement of suspected terrorists has been reported at launch pads along the border opposite Hiranagar, Ghagwal, Ramgarh, and Akhnoor areas in the Kathua-Samba-Jammu sector over the past two days, officials said. To counter a possible infiltration attempt, search and cordon operations are on in Bobiya border outpost, Tappan, Mareed, Paharpur, Pansar, Maniyari, Tarnah Nallah, Bein Nallah, Kishanpur Kandi,

Chak Chabbey, Dolka Samyal, and Rukhe-Sarkar areas in Kathua district. Besides, security forces are conducting search operations at Babar Nallah, Paloora, Treyal, Mansar, and Chilla Danga in Samba, and Pragwal and adjoining areas in the Akhnoor sector, they added.

According to officials, the searches are also part of area domination in view of the prevailing harsh weather conditions accompanied by dense fog cover. Security forces have also intensified search operations in Rajouri district to thwart any infiltration bid by terrorists, officials said, adding that four grenades were recovered during one of the combing operations on Friday. In Kishtwar district, security forces conducted searches in over a dozen forest villages for the second day on Saturday after locals reported movement of suspected terrorists. However, there has been no contact with any suspects so far, they said, adding that the anti-terror operation was ongoing when the last reports were received.

## BJP slams Rahul Gandhi for Germany visit during Parliament session

New Delhi: The BJP on Saturday slammed Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi for his Germany visit during the Winter Session of the Parliament and accused the Congress leader of "defaming India" and "meeting anti-India forces" abroad. Addressing a press conference in the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, the party's national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said, "Travelling to a foreign land, defaming India, meeting anti-India forces, is being done by none other than India's immature LoP Rahul Gandhi. This is deeply concerning, and Indians are also outraged by



this." He said that the primary responsibility of the Leader of the Opposition is to be present in Parliament when it is in session. "But Rahul Gandhi leaves Parliament and goes to Germany."



# Editorial

## Do not rush it: On the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has released the draft electoral roll for seven States and Union Territories after the first phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was completed with the submission of enumeration forms by eligible voters and their digitisation by Booth Level Officers (BLO). In Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, more than 97 lakh and 58 lakh voters, respectively, were deleted. These deletions range from 7.5% of the pre-SIR rolls in West Bengal to 15% in the case of Tamil Nadu. In West Bengal, the deletions seem to be the highest in urban areas, especially Kolkata. A clear picture on the gender breakup and the reasons for the deletions will emerge only after parsing the ECI's booth-wise data. Reports also indicate that the ECI has identified a high number of enumeration forms in West Bengal as either unmapped to the 2002 electoral roll or carrying doubtful linkages. The risk of widespread exclusions looms within a compressed 53-day hearing window with Electoral Registration Officers expected to insist on citizenship documentation, including proof of parents' birth details for those born after 1987. In Bihar, the Supreme Court of India's salve — allowing electors to use Aadhaar as a viable identity document — helped stave off a high number of deletions, but even then, 68 lakh names were deleted and 24 lakh added as fresh voters or through change/correction requests. The resultant drop in the female gender ratio, from 907 in the pre-SIR rolls to 892 in the final rolls, suggested that all was not well with the SIR in that State.

Seen in this light, the Court's direction to the ECI to take a "sympathetic view" of representations to extend the enumeration phase by considering the "ground realities" is something that the electoral body should heed. While the ECI has proclaimed that it will ensure no genuine voter is disenfranchised, it relies on tabulating change/correction requests from Booth Level Agents of political parties rather than cross-mapping with government databases such as death registration data. Vulnerable sections such as short-term migrants, illiterate voters and married women risk disenfranchisement under this process, suggesting that the procedure of placing the onus on eligible voters to confirm their presence on the rolls is flawed. Add to this the logistical difficulties faced by States such as Kerala where the SIR coincided with local body elections, combined with the pressure on BLOs to meet tight deadlines, and the case for extending the timeline becomes compelling. Lastly, while the Court has helped ease voter registration during the SIR, it has still not heard the key question of the constitutionality of the whole process. The sooner it decides on it, the easier it would be for electors and the ECI.

## Congress poaches Sarpanches with cash and development grants in Mancherial

Mancherial: The Congress, which suffered a blow in the gram panchayat elections in the erstwhile Adilabad district, is trying to control the damage by wooing winning Sarpanches. The party's leaders, particularly in the Chennur Assembly constituency, are reportedly poaching candidates who registered victories in the polls by offering cash of Rs.5 lakh and promising development works worth Rs.20 lakh each if they join the Congress. They are approaching the candidates through their close aides and supporters to attract them. The leaders are said to be obstructing Independents from attending BRS meetings. They are staying in touch with the winners over the phone and enticing them to accept the offer and become partners in the development of their respective villages. They are leaving no stone unturned to divert the newly elected sarpanchs towards the ruling

party. Political party merchandise Labour Minister and Chennur MLA Dr G Vivek drew flak for failing to select the right candidates in several villages in the elections, resulting in a setback to the party. He is allegedly using inducements to cover up his errors while fielding candidates and to protect his image before the top leadership of the party, which is learnt to be upset with him. Activists of the Congress are already unhappy with Vivek for being unable to control the domination of two upper-caste leaders in the party's affairs in Chennur. The two leaders played a vital role in choosing candidates for the gram panchayat elections, affecting the results and shocking many. They are accused of collecting money from certain sarpanch candidates. While Congress-backed candidates won in 70 villages, BRS-supported candidates registered victories in over 30 villages.

## VG-RAM-G: 60:40 cost sharing method to impose additional financial burden on Telangana

Hyderabad: The Central government's decision to increase the share of expenditure for works executed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to a 60:40 ratio between the State and the Centre will impose an additional financial burden on Telangana. Hyderabad city guide Apart from changing the MGNREGA name to Viksit Bharat — Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajveeka Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G), the Central government has increased the cost-sharing ratio between the State and the Centre to 60:40 from the existing 90:10. Under the new policy, the number of work days for rural households is being increased from 100 to 120 days in a financial year. However, the revised fund-sharing pattern will definitely have an impact on the Panchayat Raj department, which is already reeling under a severe financial crisis.

Due to the delay in holding Gram Panchayat elections, the State government is worried about the lapse of nearly Rs.3,000 crore in Central government grants. This apart, due to paucity of funds, panchayats were not being extended the required financial assistance to execute various works in villages. Since the Congress government came to power, Panchayat Secretaries have been forced to spend from their own pockets to execute basic works such as spraying bleaching powder, purchasing brooms and ensuring sanitation. In many villages, bearing the expenditure towards diesel costs for operating water tankers to supply water and for watering saplings has also become a challenge. Under the MGNREGA, panchayats used to execute various works, including laying roads and construction of public toilets and school buildings. Accordingly, the Central government used to bear the full cost of workers' wages, three-fourths of the material cost and three-fourths of the wages for skilled and semi-skilled workers. The implementation of the new policy would impose an additional financial burden of about Rs.1,600 crore on the State. If the

number of work days is increased, the expenditure would rise further as the State government would have to bear 40 percent of the total cost, said an office bearer of the Panchayat Secretaries Association. In Telangana, there are 1.06 crore workers and 51.96 lakh job cards have been issued. In 2021-22, Telangana was approved 14.25 crore work days (person days), which has been cut down to 7.5 crore work days in 2025-26. Telangana tourism guide In the 2024-25 financial year, the State was approved 12 crore work days and, accordingly, the Central government allocated Rs.3,834 crore. After adding the State government's share, the total budget was about Rs.4,344 crore. Of this, the Central government bore Rs.2,612 crore towards workers' wages, an administrative cost of Rs.1,500 crore and other expenses. The Telangana government's share supported the material cost component, which was minimal, while the balance was supported by the Central government. Under the new policy, the State government's burden would increase drastically as it would have to bear 40 percent of the total annual expenditure. Things would be even more challenging than they were during the last two years, the office bearer added.

## Hyderabad: Missing nine-year-old girl traced, reunited with parents

HYDERABAD: A nine-year-old girl who was missing for two days from Attapur was traced and handed over to her parents by the police on Friday. According to the police, the girl gone missing from her house on Wednesday afternoon. After the parents noticed the child missing they approached the police. Meanwhile the local people found the girl wandering on the road in Rajendranagar and handed over the child to Child Helpline officials after she failed to reveal her residence address. Hyderabad city guide The girl was then shifted to a safe shelter. The Attapur police who registered a case of kidnapping and checked with different police stations and analyzed the closed circuit cameras footages.

## Tiger spotted near Malyalapally in Ramagundam mandal

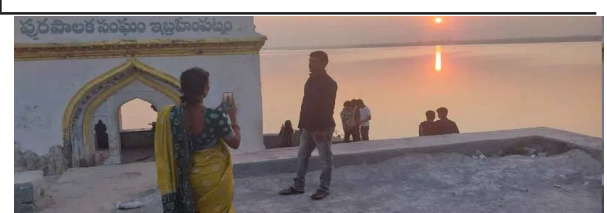


Peddapalli: A tiger, which had moved through the Medipally opencast coal mine and along the Godavari river premises a week ago, was sighted on the outskirts of Malyalapally village in Ramagundam mandal on Friday. The animal was reportedly seen by a shepherd, Katheramalla Kumari. Kumari had taken her sheep for grazing to a nearby forest area located in BPL lands on Friday. The sheep reportedly ran back after hearing the tiger's roar. On spotting the animal, Kumari fled from the spot and alerted villagers. Following information about the incident, forest officials visited the area and found pug marks confirming the presence of the tiger. The tiger, which had earlier moved near the Godavari river on the outskirts of Lingapur, Medipally OCP and Pamulapeta, is believed to have reached the Malyalapally forest area after passing through the Ramunigundala hillocks. Forest officials have advised people in surrounding villages to remain alert and avoid visiting agricultural fields alone.



## SSC hall tickets to carry QR codes from March 2026 in Telangana

Hyderabad: The School Education department is exploring the option of printing the Quick Response (QR) codes in hall tickets issued for the SSC Public Examinations, which are scheduled for March 2026. Hyderabad city guide The initiative is aimed at aiding the Class X students to navigate their respective examination centres with ease. The QR code comes embedded with examination centre details. Scanning the code with a smartphone, students can identify their examination centre, check the distance, estimate the time required for travel and even get real-time traffic updates. The initiative introduced by the Telangana Board of Intermediate Education during the intermediate public exams in March 2025 was beneficial for students especially in Hyderabad where identifying college locations was challenging. "We are exploring QR codes for the Class X hall tickets and necessary works have already been commenced," said a senior official. Meanwhile, around 5.27 lakh students, including 10,000 private once failed candidates registered for the Class X examinations until the last count on Friday.



popular for sheep, cattle and poultry, however the livestock business has declined over the years. "Now only vegetables, clothes, imitation jewellery, handicrafts and other goods are sold. Local people visit the market for their needs," said Monaiah, a local resident. The property prices have escalated over the recent years in Ibrahimpatnam mandal and its surroundings.

## Ibrahimpatnam's Wednesday shanty survives real estate boom

Hyderabad: The real estate boom, high rise buildings, skyrocketing prices of land and commercial development in Ibrahimpatnam, located 40 km away from the city in south east of Ranga Reddy district, has failed to erase the history and the aura of the city's suburb. Hyderabad city guide As if oblivious to all the fast developments and urbanization, the region continues to retain its charm and

unique aspects such as the weekly 'Wednesday shanty'. Come Wednesday and hawkers squatter on the road leading to Ibrahimpatnam village. Blankets, edibles, vegetables, clothes, plastic articles, kitchenware, imitation jewellery, and farm products are sold at the market by the small-time businessman. Mohd Anwar, a vendor from Puranapul is a regular at the market. "I have been visiting

Ibrahimpatnam for trade purposes for the last four decades. In my early days, only bicycles and dhoti clad men were seen on the muddy path, now cars and scooters move around on the road. The scene has rapidly changed in the last one decade, yet its characteristic Ibrahimpatnam Bazaar continues to be conducted on Wednesday," said Anwar. Mallesh P, a used clothes vendor said that he travels all the way from LB Nagar, to the market. "My father was a regular at the market for several years, selling used clothes and blankets. He passed away in 1999, now I am continuing the business," said Mallesh. The shanty was



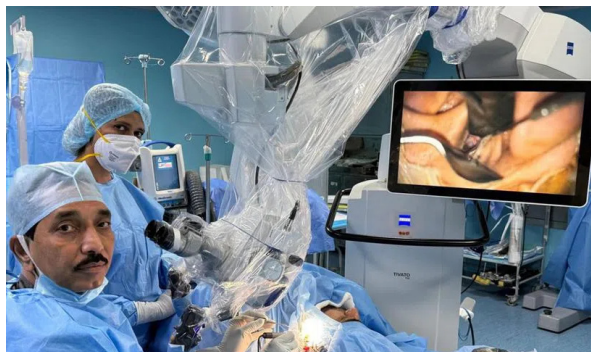
## Traffic diversions in Hyderabad for Christmas celebrations at LB stadium on Dec 20

Hyderabad: In view of Christmas celebrations – 2025, being held at LB Stadium by the State government and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy scheduled to attend, there will be certain traffic restrictions imposed in the city between 5pm and 10 pm on December 20. Traffic will be either stopped or diverted at the following routes on a need basis. Traffic from AR Petrol Pump junction towards BJR Statue will be diverted towards Nampally Railway Station and traffic from Basheerbagh towards A.R. Petrol Pump will be diverted towards SBI, Abid Road and Nampally Railway Station road. Similarly, traffic from Sujatha

School lane towards Khan Lateef Khan building will be diverted towards Nampally Junctions to be avoided are Lakdi-ka-pul, Iqbal Minar, Ravindra Bharathi, Hyderabad Traffic Police junction, Basheerbagh, BJR Statue Circle, SBI Gunfoundry, A.R. Petrol Pump, KLK Building and Liberty. Hyderabad city guide The RTC buses plying from Ravindra Bharathi towards BJR Statue will be diverted towards Nampally Railway Station depending on the traffic situation if required. In case of any inconvenience in commuting, citizens can contact Hyderabad Traffic Police Helpline – 9010203626.

## Complex ENT surgeries bring relief to patients from USA and Australia at Care Hospitals

Hyderabad: Two patients, one from the United States and another from Australia, suffering from complex health ailments related to ENT, successfully underwent surgeries and recovered at Care Hospitals, Banjara Hills. The first patient, a 35-year-old cybersecurity professional from Brisbane, Australia, approached the hospital after two failed nasal surgeries in Australia left him with a severe saddle-nose deformity and chronic breathing difficulty. Clinical assessment revealed complete loss of internal nasal support. Dr. N. Vishnu Swaroop Reddy, Head, ENT, Care Hospitals, performed a complex rib cartilage reconstruction for his nose, using the patient's own tissue, restoring both structure and function. Post-surgery, the patient improved and returned to Australia. The second patient, a 30-year-



old professional from New York, USA, suffering from significant bilateral hearing loss, sought treatment after a failed right ear surgery in California. The patient underwent untouched left-ear stapedotomy under local anaesthesia, regaining normal hearing instantly and Dr. Swaroop also performed revision stapedotomy surgery on the previously failed right ear, successfully restoring hearing in the right ear as well.

## Farmer flees as Nizamabad bank detects fake currency deposit

Nizamabad: A farmer who attempted to deposit money at a bank in Varni to clear a crop loan after the panchayat elections triggered alarm on Thursday after the currency was found to be fake. Bank officials alerted the police, following which the farmer fled the premises and is now absconding. The farmer, identified as N Chinna Sayulu of Jalalpur village in Varni mandal, arrived at a Canara Bank branch carrying 417 currency notes of Rs 500 denomination. While counting the cash using a counting machine, the cashier grew suspicious and informed branch manager Pankaj Kumar. On verification, bank officials found that all 417 notes, amounting to Rs 2,08,500, were counterfeit. When officials attempted to question Chinna Sayulu, he reportedly ran out of the bank, Sub-Inspector Raju

said. Based on a complaint filed by the bank manager, police registered a case and launched an investigation. Efforts are on to trace the farmer, whose whereabouts remain unknown. The incident soon took a political turn, with allegations that the fake currency was distributed during the recent gram panchayat elections by a political party. Political history books BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank alleged on social media platform X that the farmer had received the money from a local Congress supported sarpanch. He further questioned the credibility of the investigation, citing earlier claims linking a fake currency racket to an alleged encounter involving Riyaz, and accused the Congress government of failing to ensure a fair probe.

## Cold wave to persist in Telangana for two more days: IMD

Hyderabad: Cold wave conditions in multiple districts of Telangana are expected to continue for two more days, India Meteorological Department (IMD)-Hyderabad in its forecast on Friday evening said. Hyderabad city guide "Minimum temperatures are likely to be below normal by 3 degree C to 4 degree C, at isolated pockets during the next 2 days over Telangana. Cold wave conditions are very likely to prevail at isolated pockets in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherla, Nirmal, Warangal, Hanumakonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy districts of Telangana," IMD-Hyderabad in its forecast said. Minimum temperatures in the rest of the districts in the State are expected to range between 11 degree C and 15 degree C, the IMD five-day forecast indicated. Meanwhile, independent weather forecasters in Hyderabad, active



on multiple social media platforms, have indicated that people in the State will experience severe cold in the coming 48-hours. "Dear people of Telangana including Hyderabad city, next 2 nights, morning will be severely cold with widespread single digits ahead in the entire Telangana. It's going to be a massive chill, please stay alert. Prepare your night and morning travel accordingly. A few parts in Hyderabad will witness 6 to 8 degree Celsius while North and Western parts of Telangana will witness 5 to 8 degree C," T Balaji (Telangana weatherman), on Friday posted on X.

## Mudumala Megalithic site conservation efforts begin in Narayanpet

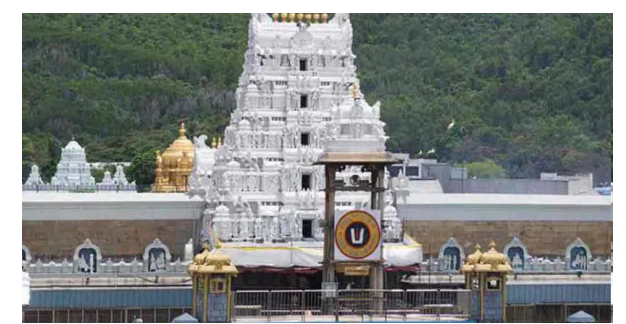


Hyderabad: The Heritage department, along with the Narayanpet district administration, initiated measures to protect and conserve the Mudumala Megalithic site with menhir structures, which has been included in the UNESCO tentative list. Hyderabad city guide The sites 1 and 2 have evidence related to the Ursa Major constellation, forming an integral part of megalithic heritage in the State. A joint survey was conducted on Friday by Heritage department director Prof. K Arjun Rao, along with Narayanpet district administration and Deccan Heritage Acad-

emy chairman Vedakumar Manikonda, to demarcate boundaries and complete fencing work on the site. During the visit, the district collector was asked to re-demarcate the boundaries in connection with the installation of fencing. As for the proposal to permit laying of power grid transmission lines passing through the Mudumala site from Karnataka into Narayanpet district, the expert committee constituted by district collector instructed that its directions and procedures must be strictly followed.

## TTD to supply temple essentials at subsidised rates

Hyderabad: The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) will provide mic sets, umbrellas, Sessa Vastram, and stone and Panchaloha idols to Hindu temples at subsidised rates, as part of its commitment to promote Sanatana Hindu Dharma. Hyderabad city guide Eligible applicants should submit application forms along with a Demand Draft (DD), as per norms to the following address: The Executive Officer, TTD Administrative



Building, K.T. Road, Tirupati. (Interested persons can contact over phone: 0877-2264276)

## BRS leaders hail resurgence of party at grassroots with Panchayat polls



Hyderabad: Hailing the resurgence of the BRS party at the grassroots as demonstrated by the cadre in the gram panchayat polls, BRS leader and former Minister S. Niranjan Reddy said on Friday that the outcome proved the growing public resentment against the Congress government. Hyderabad city guide Addressing a news conference at Telangana Bhavan along with BRS leaders G. Devi Prasad and MLA Methuku Anand, he said despite misuse of power, the polls exposed the insecurity haunting the Chief Minister. The BRS leaders claimed that despite being in opposition, their party secured the highest number of seats in many districts, with BRS candidates and supporters winning outright or sharing victories equally with Congress in several areas. "In districts where there was a 50-50 split between the ruling party and BRS, and in other places where our supporters triumphed, it's clear there's intense public resentment against the Congress," said Niranjan Reddy. Political party merchandise He emphasized that even in places where Congress allegedly misused power, BRS

emerged victorious. Criticizing Revanth Reddy for personally campaigning using helicopters, a move no previous Chief Minister made for local polls, Niranjan Reddy pointed out that the public still favoured BRS. "No party leader, including the Chief Minister during our tenure, campaigned for local body elections, and we never boasted about our wins. But Revanth Reddy holds media conferences to claim credit for the victories while hurling baseless allegations at our leaders," he added. Taking strong exception to the baseless attacks on BRS Chief K. Chandra shekhar Rao, working president K.T. Rama Rao, and former minister T. Harish Rao, Niranjan Reddy said the Chief Minister has been speaking whatever comes to mind against the BRS leadership. Telangana tourism guide The leaders strongly opposed the Central Government's decision to rename MGNREGS undermining Mahatma Gandhi's legacy while increasing state contributions to 40%. "The Centre is trying to tarnish Gandhi's name, while the Congress leadership remains silent," they said.



## Nikil Sekhar, Dhruv and Ganesh shine with five-wicket hauls in inter-school cricket

Hyderabad: Fine spells by G Nikil Sekhar (five for 25) for St Mark's Boys Town, V Dhruv (five for 11) for Hyderabad Public School (Ramanthapur) and Ganesh C Rao (five for 22) for DPS Nacharam, along with centuries by Shreyas Ande (107 not out) for Gowtham World School and T Sai Suchit Reddy (108) for DPS Nacharam, were the highlights of the day's play.

Inter-schools (under-14) one-day knock-out: Slate The School (Abids) 61 in 25.4 overs (Krish 4/22, Md Nurhaan 4/4) lost to Gowtham Model School (West Marredpally) 64/2 in 8.2 overs.

The Premia Academy (Langerhauz) 94 in 22.2 overs (Ishaan 4/8) lost to Little Flower School (Uppal) 97/2 in 14.4 overs. Santos Global School (Meerpet) 100 in 30.3 overs (G Nikil Sekhar 5/25) lost to St Mark's Boys Town (Jahanuma) 101/1 in 13.2 overs (G Rakesh 33 not out, Md Kamran 61).

HPS (Ramanthapur) 182 in 40.3 overs (D Vihaan 82, G Kartikeya 32, Ashish 3/25, Siddharth 3/25) beat Nagarjuna School (Vanasthalipuram) 114 in 30 overs (V Dhruv 5/11).

HPS (Begumpet) 138 in 38.2 overs (Rishin Kandi 65, CH Anirudh 3/26, Divesh Raghunandan 4/38) lost to Pallavi Model School (Alwal) 139/1 in 25.2 overs (Divesh Raghunandan 76 not out).

Gowtham World School (Saroornagar)



232/5 in 50 overs (Shreyas Ande 107\*, M Aryan 49, Venkat Sagar 3/56) beat Mahboobnagar District 146 in 37.2 overs (P Sai Ram 34, M Purohit 4/26).

DPS (Nacharam) 399/7 in 50 overs (Arjun Diwakar 83, T Sai Suchit Reddy 108, Vihaan Shah 46, N Prateek 72 not out) beat Chirec International School (Kondapur) 70 in 17.5 overs (Amaan Khan 33, Ganesh C Rao 5/22, Amarnath 3/33).

Medak 230 in 45.1 overs (Nishanth Reddy 55, K Charan Jith 61, C Sai Nitish 39 not out, Vihaan 4/38, Harshith 3/50) lost to St Andrews HS (Suchitra) 231/7 in 46 overs (Harshith 99, P Ashwith 45, A Shiva Raghava 52, Shreejan Reddy 3/41).

Women (under-15) selection matches:

Team B 172/2 in 35 overs (Akshara Rathod 50, S Neetha 31) lost to Team E 176/3 in 32.3 overs (Akshaya 34, Sai Dhruvigna 53 not out).

Team C 167/7 in 35 overs (B Yamuna 50, Bhavishya Reddy 37) beat Team D 143/8 in 35 overs (P Shanvi 50, Geethika 36, Swagatika Panda 3/27).

## BAI launches first-ever Para Badminton Coaches Development Program in Raipur

HYDERABAD: The Badminton Association of India (BAI) is conducting its first-ever Coaches Development Program – Para Badminton (Grassroot) in Raipur from December 16 to 20, marking a significant step in strengthening the coaching framework supporting the sport's rapid rise in the country. The five-day programme is bringing together coaches from across India for specialised training aimed at building long-term capacity in para-badminton. The course is being hosted under the guidance of Dronacharya Awardee Gaurav Khanna, the national head coach of the Indian para-badminton team, and features a comprehensive curriculum that combines classroom sessions with on-court practical modules. Participants are being trained in disability awareness, para-sport governance, classification systems, assistive equipment, coaching methodology, medical support requirements and event organisation, offering a holistic understanding of the discipline. Para-badminton in India is currently witnessing a phase of sustained growth, reflected in consistent success at the highest level. Indian shuttlers won an impressive 18 medals at the 2024 BWF Para-Badminton World Championships, highlighting the country's depth across multiple categories. That momentum carried into the



Summer Paralympics 2024, where India secured five medals, further reinforcing its position as one of the sport's leading nations. As performance standards continue to rise, the emphasis on structured coach education is becoming increasingly central to sustaining progress. "This coaching course is an important step in strengthening the ecosystem around para-badminton," said Sanjay Mishra, General Secretary, BAI. "The performances of our athletes on the global stage underline both the potential and responsibility we have. By focusing on coach development and specialised education, we are supporting the sport's growth in a measured and sustainable way." Besides Khanna, who is widely recognised as a key figure in India's para-badminton journey and under whose guidance Indian athletes have won over 1,000 international medals, the programme is being supported by Murali Krishna, who has served the Indian team at World Championships, the Hangzhou Asian Games, and several international tournaments across Asia, Europe and Africa. "Para-badminton demands a specialised coaching approach," said Khanna.\*

## Shubman Gill omitted from India's T20 World Cup 2026 squad; Axar Patel named vice-captain

Hyderabad: India star batter and captain of Test team Shubman Gill doesn't figure in the Indian team announced for the 2026 T-20 World Cup to be held in the sub-Continent. Hyderabad city guide In a way, it was not surprising given the poor run of Gill in T-20 format having failed to score a fifty in the last 15 innings and scores only 220 runs. Axar

Patel being named as vice captain could also be deemed a surprise given the welcome return to form by all rounder Hardik Pandya. The return of southpaw and wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan, who led Jharkhand from the front to title triumph in the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy scoring 517 runs including a brilliant century in the final, was understandable and



good that the selectors have given due importance to his consistency in the country's premier T-20 tournament. India's squad for T20 World Cup 2026 and New Zealand T20Is: Suryakumar Yadav (captain), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel (VC), Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Varun Chakravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Sanju Samson (wk), Washington Sundar, Ishan Kishan, Rinku Singh.

## Varun Dhawan opens up on gruelling training, real-location shoots for Border 2

Mumbai: Actor Varun Dhawan will be seen in a completely fresh avatar in his next, "Border 2". However, in order to do justice to playing the role inspired by the real-life war hero, Colonel Hoshiar Singh Dahiya, he had to undergo some intense training that included strength training, endurance work, and mobility. Talking about his role, Varun revealed that even playing a soldier on screen required a certain level of physical and mental discipline. He added that

things got even more interesting as they were shooting in real locations, something that helped him put himself in the mindset of a soldier. "Border 2 demanded a different level of physical and mental discipline, especially since we were shooting at real locations like Babina, and such situations really put you in the mindset of a soldier. You're out there all day, often in tough conditions, so fitness becomes less about looking a certain way and more about stamina and recovery,"

explained Varun. Along with physical training, Varun also tried his best to keep his diet clean and simple, packed with high protein, healthy carbs, and of course, a lot of fluids to keep himself hydrated during the outdoor shoot. He added, "My routine had to be very functional, lots of strength training, endurance work, and mobility because the terrain and weather can not be kind. Diet-wise, I kept it very clean and simple: high protein, good carbs, and lots of hydration to sustain long outdoor shoots." Varun will be accompanied by Sunny Deol, Diljit Dosanjh, and Ahn Shetty as the core cast of "Border 2". Backed by Bhushan Kumar, Nidhi Dutta, and co-produced by



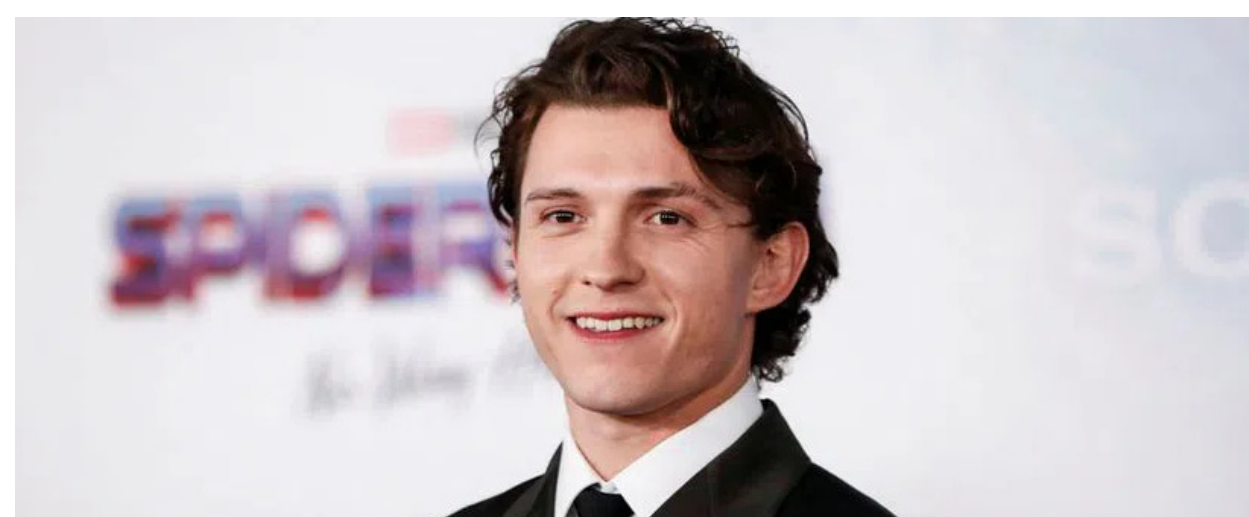
Shiv Chanana, and Binoy Gandhi, "Border 2" is being directed by Anurag Singh. With the teaser of the forthcoming war drama already creating massive buzz, "Border 2" is slated to get a theatrical release on 23 January 2026.

## Tom Holland wraps shooting for 'Spider-Man: Brand New Day'

Los Angeles: Hollywood star Tom Holland has wrapped shooting for his upcoming film "Spider-Man: Brand New Day". Directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, the film is set to release in theatres on July 31, 2026. It also features actors Zendaya, Jacob Batalon, Sadie Sink, and Liza Colon-Zayas, among others. The filmmaker shared a series of pictures on his Instagram handle on Saturday, featuring him alongside the actor. It was followed by the picture of the entire crew of the film. Cretton praised the efforts of everyone involved in the film, which was the biggest and most rewarding project for the filmmaker. "I'm so deeply grateful for the people who walked with me through the biggest, most rewarding film I've ever been a part of. To @nik\_ki, for laughing through the insanity and carrying our entire family on your back. To

my kids, for forcing me to put my phone down and get out of my head long enough to build a fort in the living room with couch cushions.

"To our amazing cast, for breathing so much life into these beloved characters and moving us every day. To our unbelievable crew, who worked tirelessly with unmatched creativity and craftsmanship, who made me laugh so hard my stomach never stopped hurting," he wrote in the caption. The filmmaker also lauded efforts by Holland. "I love you all so much and can't wait for the world to see your stunning work on the big screen. And of course, to @tomholland2013, for your kind, generous leadership on and off screen, for your relentless work ethic, your fearless performances, and for your friendship. That's a wrap on 'Spider-Man: Brand



New Day," he wrote. The film will be penned by Erik Sommers and Chris McKenna, the writing duo behind No Way Home, and marks a significant moment in the ongoing Sony-Disney collaboration that has allowed Spider-Man to remain part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Besides "Spider-Man: Brand New Day",

Holland will also feature in Christopher Nolan's upcoming film The Odyssey. Based on the ancient Greek epic poem "Odyssey" by Homer, the film features a star-studded cast comprising Matt Damon, Zendaya, Robert Pattinson, Lupita Nyong'o, Anne Hathaway, and Charlize Theron.