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PM Modi Wishes Nation Happiness and Prosperity on Vijayadashami



New Delhi, Oct21 (Way to News): Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended heartfelt Vijayadashami greetings to people across the country, wishing them happiness, prosperity and success. In his festive message, Modi expressed hope that the occasion, symbolising victory, joy and faith, would strengthen people's determination and inspire them to move forward with renewed confidence. Vijayadashami, also known as Dussehra, celebrates the triumph of good over evil and holds immense religious and cultural significance across India. The festival commemorates Lord Rama's victory over Ravana and Goddess Durga's triumph over Mahishasura. The Prime Minister's message conveyed his wishes for peace, progress and prosperity among citizens on the auspicious occasion.

BJP Slams Vijay Government Over Blast Convicts' Parole



Chennai, Oct20 (Way to News): The BJP has criticised the Tamil Nadu government led by Chief Minister Vijay for granting 60 days of parole to five life convicts in the 1998 Coimbatore serial bomb blasts case. BJP spokesperson Narayanan Thirupathy demanded cancellation of the orders, arguing that the decision disregarded the victims' suffering. The February 14, 1998, bombings killed 58 people and injured more than 200. The government's decision has triggered political controversy.

Rubio Says India-US Ties Will Shape 21st Century

- India's global influence highlighted at Freedom 250 event;
- Trade, energy and strategic cooperation remain key priorities



Mumbai, Oct20 (Way to News): US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Tuesday described India as a "powerful, influential" nation, asserting that the partnership between New Delhi and Washington would play a defining role in the 21st century. His remarks underscored the strategic importance of bilateral relations at a time when both countries are seeking to strengthen economic engagement and address differences over trade and energy policies. Rubio made the comments while attending the Freedom 250 reception at the Jio World Conv ention Centre in Mumbai. The event formed part of the United States' preparations to mark the 250th anniversary of its independence in 2026. The US secretary of state arrived in Mumbai on Tuesday for a three-day visit to India from October 20 to 22. His programme includes discussions with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and engagements aimed at advancing cooperation across several strategic and economic sectors. Rubio's remarks highlighted Washi ngton's recognition of India's growing international standing and its capacity to influence major global developments. The two countries have expanded cooperation in defence, technology, regional security and econom ic affairs in recent years, althou gh differences over tariffs, energy purchases and other policy matters have complicated the relationship. Trade is expected to remain a central issue during the visit. Both governments have been working towards a broader trade agreement, with officials indicating that negotiations have made progress but that some differences remain to be resolved. The outcome could have significant implications for businesses, exporters and investors in both countries. Energy cooperation is another important component of Rubio's itinerary. He is scheduled to travel to Gujarat on Wednesday to visit Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery, one of the world's major refining complexes. Discussions surrounding energy supplies and opportunities for commercial cooperation are expected to feature prominently during the visit. India's continued purchases of Russian oil have been a source of friction with Washington, particularly amid US efforts to influence international energy trade. At the same time, India has maintained that its energy decisions are guided by

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CM Revanth Wish Telangana Peace Prosperity on Vijayadashami

Hyderabad, Oct 20 (Way to News): Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extended warm Vijayadashami greetings to the people of the state on Tuesday, wishing them happiness, prosperity, good health and success. Both leaders highlighted the festival's message of the triumph of good over evil and the importance of righteousness, unity and social harmony. The Governor conveyed his wishes to the people of Telangana, expressing hope that Vijayadashami would inspire courage, virtuous conduct, integrity and a positive outlook among citizens. He said the festival symbolised the victory of righteousness over unrighteousness, truth over falsehood and good over evil. Shukla prayed that, with the blessings of Goddess Durga, Telangana would prosper in peace and harmony and that every citizen's life would be filled with happiness and success. He also called upon people to contribute to the development of a progressive Telangana by upholding unity, mutual respect and social responsibility. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also extended his heartfelt greetings, describing Dussehra as a festival that occupies a special place in Telangana's culture and traditions. He said the occasion conveyed enduring values such as courage, truth, righteousness, unity and self-confidence. The Chief Minister urged people to work towards building a society founded on love, compassion, brotherhood and humanity. He called upon citizens to overcome negative traits such as ego, jealousy, hatred and



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KCR Celebrates Dasara with Family



Erravelli, Oct 20 (Way to News): Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) president and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao celebrated Vijayadashami with his family members and party leaders at his residence in Erravelli on Tuesday. The celebrations were held in accordance with traditional customs, with Vedic scholars conducting religious rituals and chanting hymns. KCR performed vehicle puja and Ayudha Puja, followed by special prayers to the Shami tree, known as the Jammi tree in Telangana. KCR's wife Shobha, son and BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao, daughter-in-law Shailima and grandson Himanshu Rao participated in the celebrations. Former Home Minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali, along with party leaders Jahangir and Zubair and other party functionaries, also attended

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Yadadri Unit 5 Synchronised

Coal Supply Deal Nears Finalisation

Hyderabad, Oct20 (Way to News): The 800 MW Unit 5 of the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant has been successfully synchronised with the electricity grid, marking a significant milestone for Tela ngana's 4,000 MW power project on the occasion of Dasara. Meanwhile, Coal India has agreed in principle to supply 50 lakh tonnes of coal annually to the plant from Odisha, offering potential relief amid concerns over fuel availability. The synchronisation marks progress in commissioning the major thermal power project, which is expected to strengthen the state's electricity generation capacity. The plant, developed at an estimated cost of ₹20,400 crore, was awarded to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). Bharat Rashtra Sam ithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao welcomed the development in a post on X, crediting



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HMWSSB Restores Hyderabad Water Supply After Emergency Repairs

Hyderabad, Oct21 (Way to News): The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has resto red drinking water supply to affected areas of the city after repairing a damaged air valve on the Krishna Dri nking Water Supply Scheme Phase-II pipeline near Nago le Metro Station. The air valv e, located near Pillar No. 813 close to Uppal Bagayath, was



damaged around 4 am on Tuesday after a car crashed into its iron safety barricade. The impact severe ly damage d the protec-

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TTD Halts Recommendation Letters for Tirumala Darshan

Tirumala, Oct20 (Way to News): The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has ann ounced that recommendation letters for Lord Venkatesw ara's darshan and accommodation in Tirumala will not be accepted while the Model Code of Conduct remains in force for local body elections in Andhra Pradesh. Acco rding to TTD, the restriction has been introduced in view of the election-related regulations currently in effect across the state. The temple administration clarified that darshan and accommodation facilities will be extended only to protocol dignitaries who visit Tirumala in person, subject to the prescribed rules. The decision will remain in force throughout the period during which the Model Code of Conduct is applicable. Consequently, d evotees and individuals seeking special darshan or accommodation through recommendation letters will have to plan their visits in accordance with the prevailing guidelines. TTD has appealed to devotees to take note of the revised arrangements and extend their cooperation to the temple administration. The clarification is intended to ensure compliance with election regulations while maintaining established procedures for facilitating pilgrims and eligible protocol dignitaries. According to reports, the local body elec-



tion process in Andhra Pra desh is expected to conclude on December 2, 2026, with the completion of all phases. The restrictions on recommendation letters will continue as long as the election code remains in effect. The latest announcement is imp ortant for devotees planning visits to Tirumala in the coming weeks, particularly those who intend to seek darshan or accommodation through recommendations from public representatives and other authorities. TTD has urged pilgrims to stay informed about the applicable rules and cooperate with the administration until normal procedures are restored.

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tive fence and valve, resulting in a major water leak and disruption to the drinking water supply. Following the incident, transmission officials immediately stop ped the relevant pumps to control the water flow and prevent further leakage. Teams from the Transmission, Oper ations and Maintenance departments rus hed to the site and initiated emergency restoration work. Officials mobi lised the necessary machinery, equipment and technical personnel to carry out repairs without interruption. The damaged air valve system was repaired within five hours, completely stopping the leakage. Subsequently, the pipeline was restored and drinking water supply to the affected localities resumed. The incident had disrupted supplies to several parts of Hyderabad, including BN Reddy Nagar, Uppal, Vanasthalipuram, Ramanthapur, Beerappagadda, Auton agar, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Padmar aonagar, Secunderabad, Cantonment, La laguda, Addagutta, Nallagutta, Mettu guda, Vai shalinagar, Meerpet, Bada ngpet, Balap ur and Marredpally. HMW SSB Man aging Director K. Ashok Red dy appreciated the officials, engineers and technical staff for their coordinated effo rts and swift response. He stressed that ens uring uninterrupted drinking water supply remained the board's priority and urged staff to respond promptly to emergencies. The rapid completion of repairs helped minimise disruption to residents during the festive period.

Three Arrested in Fatal MVSR College Truss Collapse

Hyderabad, Oct20 (Way to News): Adibatla police have arrested three persons in connection with the collapse of an iron lighting truss during a Dandiya event at MVSR Engineering College in Nadargul on October 17. The accident claimed the life of student Narayanadas Sona Chilikti and left 22 others injured. The arrested persons were identified as Mallela Saketh, 22, an event organiser, and Bathula Puneeth, 21, and Sayam Nishanth Yadav, 24, who were associated with PS-Lightings and Sounds, accor ding to police. The incident occurred during Dussehra celebrations when a temporary iron truss erected beside the stage collapsed onto students participating in the event, triggering panic on the college campus. Preliminary investigations indicated that the structure had been erected on only two pillars instead of four and that adequate safety precautions had allegedly not been followed during installation. Police said Saketh, who operated under the name Kriyaa Operations, had unde rtaken responsibility for the event arrangements, including the stage, lighting, sound system and generator. The work was subsequently subcontracted to other event organisers and lighting contractors. Investigators seized mobile phones,



agreement documents and financial transaction records from the arrested persons. A 19-metre-long truss and an unauthorised DJ sound system were also seized from the scene. Five other persons, including three individuals associated with the event and two college coordinators, remain absconding, police said. The investigation is continuing, with police awaiting technical reports from the Roads and Buildings and Fire departments to establish the circumstances that led to the collapse and determine responsibility for the tragedy. The incident has raised serious concerns over safety arrangements at college events, particularly the installation of temporary structures and the precautions required to protect students attending large gatherings.

Dasara Celebrations Turn Violent Congress vs BRS

Medak, Oct20 (Way to News): Dasara festivities turned tense in Shivampet of Medak district on Vijayadashami after clashes broke out between workers of the ruling Congress and opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), triggering panic among local residents and devotees. According to reports, differences between supporters of the two political parties escalated into a physical confrontation during the Dasara celebrations. Workers and leaders from both sides allegedly attacked each other, disrupting the festive atmosphere and creating tension in the area. The incident caused concern among people who had gathered to participate in the Vijayad ashami celebrations. The sudden escalation of the confrontation reportedly left residents and devotees frightened as the situation deteriorated. Police personnel rushed to the spot after receiving information about the clashes and attempted to bring the situation under control. However, as the two groups allegedly continued their confrontation and tensions intensified, police resorted to a lathi-charge to disperse the protesters and restore order. The police action led to the dispersal of workers from both parties, helping authorities bring the immediate situation under control. Following the incident, additional police personnel were deployed in and around Shivampet as a precautionary measure. Security arrangements were strengthened to prevent further confrontations and ensure that no additional untoward incidents occurred. Police continued to monitor the situation and maintain a presence in the area to prevent any fresh escalation of tensions between the rival



political groups. The incident has raised concerns over political confrontations during public and religious celebrations, when large numbers of people gather to participate in traditional festivities. Further details regarding the cause of the initial disagreement and whether any formal complaints were filed by either party were not immediately available. Authorities are maintaining vigilance in the area to ensure peace and prevent further disturbances following the clash.

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national interests, affordability and the need to ensure reliable supplies for its large domestic market. The two countries are also expected to discuss regional and international developments, including security challenges and conflicts affecting global stability. Cooperation in critical technologies, defence and investment remains important to their broader strategic engagement. Rubio's visit comes against the backdrop of continuing efforts by New Delhi and Washington to maintain momentum in their relationship despite differences on specific issues. His public recognition of India's influence signals the importance the US attaches to its engagement with the country. The discussions in Mumbai and the planned visit to Jamnagar are expected to provide opportunities for both sides to explore areas of common interest and address outstanding concerns. Whether the renewed diplomatic engagement translates into concrete progress on trade and energy will be closely watched by businesses and strategic observers. India and the United States have significant economic and geopolitical interests in common, making sustained dialogue essential to managing differences and strengthening cooperation in the years ahead.

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injustice. Revanth Reddy expressed hope that Vijayadashami would bring joy to every household and bless families with happiness, prosperity, good health and success. Referring to the mythological significance of the festival, he recalled Goddess Durga's victory over the demon Mahishasura and Lord Rama's triumph over Ravana as enduring symbols of the victory of good over evil. Highlighting Telangana's distinctive traditions, the Chief Minister also referred to the worship of the Jammi tree on Vijayadashami. Exchanging its leaves, regarded as gold, with elders and seeking their blessings is a customary practice in the state, reflecting respect for elders and reverence for nature. Both leaders expressed their hope that the festival would strengthen positive values and contribute to peace, prosperity and collective progress across Telangana.

KCR Celebrates Dasara with Family

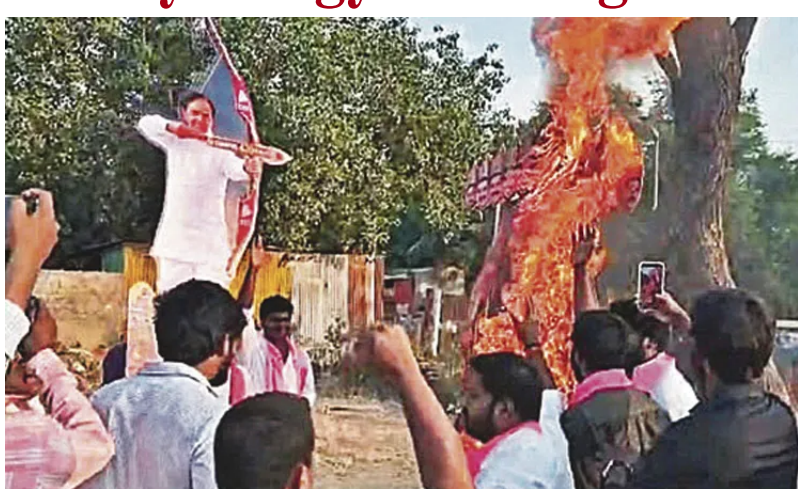
the programme. The residence witnessed a festive atmosphere as family members and party leaders joined the traditional worship and exchanged Vijayadashami greetings. The worship of the Jammi tree holds special significance in Telangana's cultural traditions during Dasara. People offer prayers to the tree and exchange its leaves as a symbol of goodwill, prosperity and mutual respect. Ayudha Puja and vehicle worship are also customary observances associated with the festival. KCR extended Dasara greetings and blessings to those who attended the celebrations, wishing them happiness, prosperity and success. Vijayadashami, celebrated as a symbol of the triumph of good over evil, is one of the major festivals observed across Telangana. The occasion is marked by religious ceremonies, family gatherings and the observance of traditional customs. The celebrations at Erravelli reflected the importance of family traditions and cultural practices during the festival, with senior BRS leaders joining the former Chief Minister in the festivities.

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former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao's vision for the transformation of Telan gana's power sector. He highlighted the expansion of the state's installed power generation capacity from 7,778 MW in 2014 to nearly 20,000 MW over the following decade under the BRS government. In a parallel development, Coal India has agreed in principle to supply the required coal to Yadadri from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Odisha. The move follows an intimation from Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to Telangana GENCO that the required G-9 grade coal was not being produced at its mines. Telangana GENCO chairman and managing director Harish and Coal India director Nagya are scheduled to visit New Delhi on Wednesday for final discussions on the proposed supply agreement. The specific source mines and the date on which regular supplies will begin are yet to be finalised. At present, limited quantities of coal are being supplied from Singareni's Naini mine in Odisha. However, the existing arrangement cannot be sustained over the long term without a formal agreement between the concerned agencies. The plant currently has coal stocks sufficient for approximately five days, underscoring the urgency of finalising the supply arrangement. The successful synchronisation of Unit 5 and the proposed long-term coal supply agreement are important developments for Telangana's power sector. The timely conclusion of negotiations will be crucial to ensuring uninterrupted fuel supplies and supporting the plant's operations.

Clash Erupts Over Revanth Reddy Effigy Burning



Hyderabad, Oct20 (Way to News): Tension prevailed at Sitarambagh in Hyderabad on Monday after BRSV activists attempted to burn a Ravana effigy bearing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's image during a protest. The effigy depicted former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao as Lord Rama. The protest triggered a confrontation after Telangana Fisheries Corporation chairman Mettu Sai Kumar and his supporters arrived at the venue and clashed with BRSV activists. Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Following a complaint from BRS leaders, Mangalhat police took BRSV leader Naveen and around 10 others into custody. Inspector Raghavendra confirmed that cases had been registered and an investigation was underway. The incident intensified political tensions between the ruling Congress and opposition BRS in Telangana.

Dasara Festive Rush Pushes Meat and Sweet Prices Higher



Hyderabad, Oct20 (Way to News): Demand for country chicken, mutton and sweets surged during the Dasara festival in Telangana, pushing prices higher in several markets and increasing the burden on consumers.Country chicken emerged as a major attraction among non-vegetarian consumers, with its price reportedly reaching levels comparable to mutton. In some markets, country chicken was selling for around ₹1,000 per kilogram, while mutton prices touched ₹1,200 per kilogram in Hyderabad and other cities. Broiler chicken remained relatively cheaper, with prices ranging from ₹300 to ₹350 per kilogram, according to media reports. TV9 Telugu+1The festival brought a rush of customers to meat shops as families prepared traditional dishes and made offerings during the celebrations. High demand for livestock and limited availability of country chicken contributed to the increase in prices.Sweet shops also witnessed increased customer footfall, with households purchasing traditional sweets for family gatherings and festive exchanges.Traders expected brisk business during the festive period, while consumers had to spend more to maintain their customary Dasara celebrations. Prices varied across locations depending on demand, supply and local market conditions.

Telangana Plans Subsidised Essentials Through Ration Shops

Hyderabad, Oct21 (Way to News): The Telangana government is considering distributing essential commodities, including wheat flour, red gram dal, palm oil, sugar, tamarind and chilli powder, through ration shops at subsidised prices to ease the burden of rising prices on poor families. Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy reviewed the proposals with senior officials at the Secretariat on Monday. He directed the department to assess procurement requirements, quantities to be supplied to beneficiaries, distribution methods and the financial burden on the government before taking a final decision. The government is also preparing a food security plan to ensure uninterrupted supplies for 3.42 crore beneficiaries under the public distribution system, particularly amid concerns over possible crop losses and rising food prices. Officials said Telangana requires around 2.38 lakh metric tonnes of rice every month for ration distribution and other welfare schemes. Existing stocks and pending supplies are estimated to meet requirements for approximately 11.7 months. The minister instructed officials to ensure that pending rice supplies reach government godowns on time and strengthen buffer stocks to protect beneficiaries against potential disruptions.



Telangana Rakshana Sena Names Srikanth Goud for MLC Polls



Warangal, Oct20 (Way to News): The Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) has announced Dr Nalamasa Srikanth Goud as its candidate for the Warangal –Kha mmam–Nalgonda Graduates' Legisl ative Council constituency. Party chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha announced his candidature on the occasion of Dasara on October 20. The announcement marks a significant step in the party's preparations for the upcoming graduates' MLC elections. With the constituency covering the erstwhile districts of Warangal, Khammam and Nalgonda, the party is preparing to reach out to graduate voters across the region. Along with announcing the candidate, Kavitha appointed senior party leader Syed Ismail as the state observer and election coordinator. He will oversee election-related activities, coordinate the party cadre and supervise campaign preparations across the constituency. Dr Srikanth Goud hails from Kausalyadevipalli village in Narsimhulapet mandal of present-day Mahabubabad district. He holds a PhD from Kakatiya University and has been associated with the Telangana statehood movement. He was actively involved in student-led activities during the movement for a separate Telangana state and has maintained an association with Telangana Jagruthi since its early days. He has also participated in various social and cultural initiatives alongside Kavitha. The Telangana Rakshana Sena's announcement is its first publicly declared candidature for a direct election since the party's formation, according to reports. With the candidate and election coordinator now announced, the party is expected to focus on organisational coordination and outreach to graduates in the three districts. The coming weeks are likely to see further planning regarding campaign activities and engagement with eligible voters. The Warangal–Khammam–Nalgonda graduates' constituency is among the key Legislative Council seats for which political parties are preparing ahead of the next election cycle.

EAGLE Force Busts Interstate Drug Manufacturing Racket



Hyderabad, Oct20 (Way to News): Telangana's EAGLE Force has uncovered an alleged interstate synthetic drug manufacturing network operating thro ugh pharmaceutical laboratories in Kondamadugu and Moula Ali on the outskirts of Hyderabad. Investigators suspect that the network, with links to Nagpur and other locations, was invo lved in manufacturing and supplying narcotic substances using leased laboratory facilities. According to investigators, the alleged kingpin, Chetan Meshram, shifted his operations to Hyderabad after police surveillance intensified in Maharashtra. With the assistance of an associate from Assam, he allegedly leased a chemical reactor at a laboratory in Kondamadugu and began manufacturing drugs with the help of individuals familiar with the facility. The substances allegedly produced included mephedrone, alprazolam and ephedrine. Investigators also traced the procurement of propionyl chloride, a chemical used in mephedrone production, to Valsad in Gujarat. To evade detection, the chemical containers were allegedly labelled as hydrochloric acid before being transported through Nag pur to Hyderabad. Investigators believe that chemicals were moved on multiple occasions between August 2025 and July 2026 to support the illegal manufacturing operations. A separate laboratory in Moula Ali was also allegedly used to manufacture alprazolam and ephedrine. The Narcotics Control Bur eau had previously raided the facility and arrested several individuals in connection with the case. As part of the ongoing investigation, EAGLE Force arrested a chemical supplier from Vasai in Maharashtra on October 17. He was allegedly involved in supplying chemicals required for drug production and was brought to Hyderabad on a transit warrant. Investigators are also examining allegations that migrant workers were recruited to work at the manufacturing units and trained in the production process by a chemist identified as Mujammil. Authorities are now working to establish the roles of the individuals involved, trace the wider supply chain and identify possible international smuggling links. The investigation remains underway, with officials seeking to dismantle the network's manufacturing and distribution operations.

Roja Alleges Irregularities in Nagari Municipal Polls



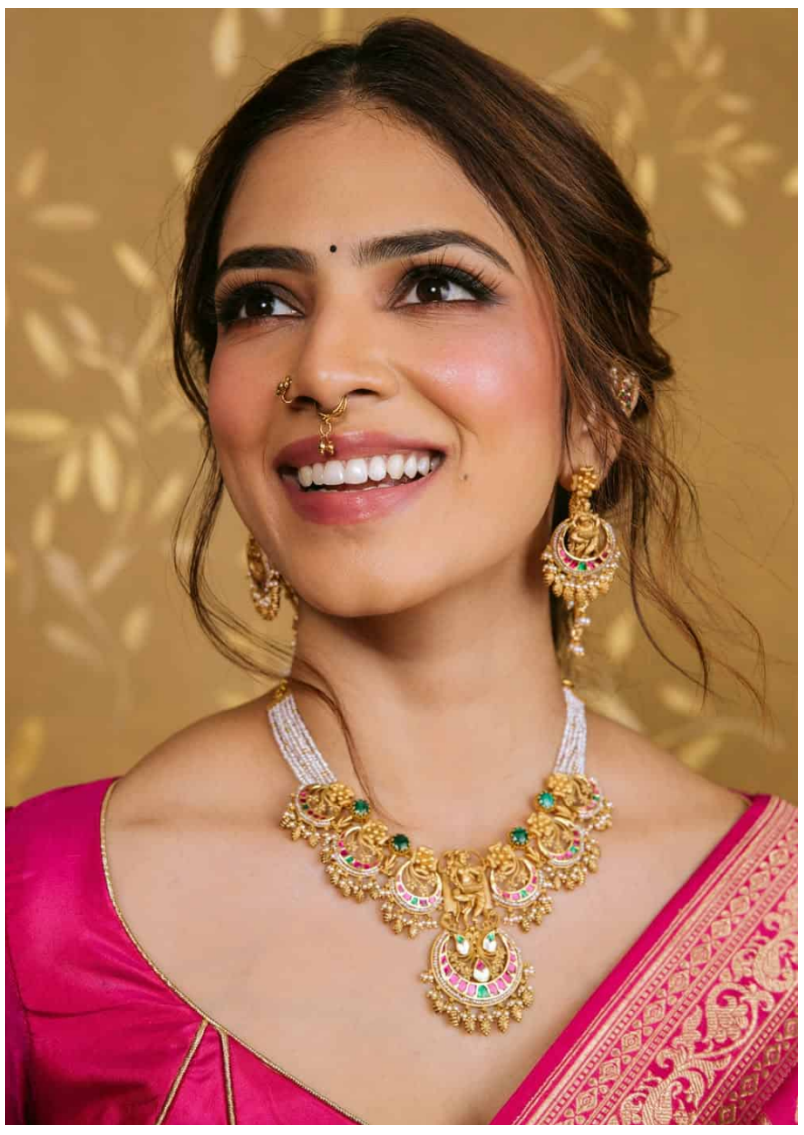
Chithoor, Oct20 (Way to News): YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader and former Andhra Pradesh minister R.K. Roja has alleged irregularities in the municipal election process in Nagari, accusing the ruling coalition of attempting to influence the polls by obstructing opposition candidates. Roja claimed that nominations submitted by candidates had initially been accepted but were subsequently rejected, raising questions about the transparency of the scrutiny process. She alleged that candidates were prevented from filing nominations in certain wards and that nomination papers were torn up in the presence of police personnel. She also questioned the declaration of candidates as elected unopposed despite objections over the nomination process. According to Roja, a YSRCP candidate's nomination was initially accepted, and a Form-7 slip was issued, but a Telugu Desam Party (TDP) candidate was subsequently declared elected unopposed. The former minister alleged that opposition candidates were being threatened and pressured to withdraw from the contest. She urged the Election Commission and the courts to intervene and ensure that municipal elections were conducted freely and fairly. Roja said her party had initiated legal proceedings over the alleged irregularities in Nagari and expressed hope that the matter would receive a fair hearing in court. She also said the party was collecting details of officials allegedly involved in violations of election procedures. Separately, Roja expressed displeasure over the Chittoor District Collector's alleged failure to grant her an appointment despite repeated requests to discuss the issue. She called for accountability and questioned the ruling coalition's approach to local body elections. Challenging the coalition leadership to ensure transparent elections, Roja maintained that electoral irregularities would undermine democratic principles. Her allegations come amid wider political tensions in Andhra Pradesh over the conduct of municipal elections. The allegations could not be independently established from the available report. The matter is expected to be addressed through the relevant legal and electoral processes.

Chandrababu Launches Mega Carnival at Vijayawada Utsav



Vijayawada, Oct20 (Way to News): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated a mega carnival as part of Vijayawada Utsav 2.0, marking the grand finale of the city's cultural celebrations.The carnival turned Eluru Road into a vibrant cultural arena, featuring colourful processions, decorated floats, traditional folk-art performances, horses, camels, drum and sannai ensembles, and acrobatic displays. A specially decorated festival chariot adorned with flowers emerged as a major attraction, drawing large crowds of residents and visitors.The event showcased Andhra Pradesh's rich cultural heritage and provided a platform for traditional artists to display their talents. Spectators enthusiastically watched the performances, with many capturing the colourful celebrations on their mobile phones.Addressing the gathering, Chand rababu Naidu emphasised the importance of preserving cultural traditions and passing them on to future generations. He said Vijayawada Utsav was intended to promote tourism, encourage local artists and strengthen the city's cultural identity.The Chief Minister also highlighted the importance of cultural festivals in bringing communities together and providing people with an opportunity to reconnect with their traditions. He thanked Vijayawada residents for their cooperation in making the celebrations successful.The festival, organised to promote culture, tourism and community participation, further highlighted Vijayawada's potential as a major cultural destination in Andhra Pradesh. The celebrations also offered opportunities for local businesses and artists to benefit from increased public participation.

Malavika Mohanan
Desi Festive Look



Malavika Mohanan has Kerala roots and a Mumbai upbringing, and her work now moves between Malayalam, Tamil, Hindi and Telugu cinema. Daughter of cinematographer K U Mohanan, she has grown into a pan India name, and her festive posts are always loved by fans. For Navaratri, she wore a bright pink silk saree with gold zari elephant motifs in a checked pattern and a wide woven border. The matching blouse had a V neckline and gold striped sleeves, and its keyhole back showed off her long braid with a gold hair clip. A gold temple necklace with green stones, jhumkas and stacked bangles added festive shine. She posed in front of a glowing temple set with a lotus pond and lamps. Next, she is next filming Malayalam film Pocket Novel, starring Vijay Sethupathi.

Venkatesh's 'AK 47' Set for Four-Way Box Office Clash



Hyderabad, Oct21 (Way to News):
Telugu cinema is gearing up for an interesting box-office battle on October 30, with Venkatesh and director Trivikram Srinivas' much-awaited entertainer *Aadarsha Kutumbam: House No. 47 (AK 47)* scheduled to compete with three other films. The film is set to share its release date with *Itlu Arjuna*, *Cult* and *Summer Holidays*, creating a four-way theatrical clash. The simultaneous releases are expected to intensify competition for screens, audience attention and box-office collections. The clash also highlights the changing dynamics of the Telugu film industry, where smaller productions increasingly find it difficult to postpone theatrical releases when major-star films enter the race. In the past, smaller films often shifted their release dates to avoid direct competition with big-ticket entertainers. However, commitments linked to over-the-top (OTT) platforms and their contractual conditions can make postponements difficult. As a result, films with comparatively modest budgets may have to compete directly with larger productions, making effective publicity, audience word of mouth and content quality crucial to their theatrical performance. *AK 47* has generated considerable interest as it brings Venkatesh and Trivikram together again after nearly two decades. The collaboration has raised expectations among Telugu moviegoers, given the actor's popularity and the director's reputation for combining family emotions, humour and engaging dialogues. Venkatesh has expressed enthusiasm about reuniting with Trivikram and described the project as a wholesome entertainer featuring fun, action and emotional elements. Despite the attention surrounding the film, its commercial prospects will ultimately depend on audience reception and the strength of its content. The three competing releases will also be looking to attract viewers through their promotional campaigns and positive word of mouth. With four films arriving on the same day, October 30 is shaping up to be a significant date for Telugu cinema. The box-office outcome will reveal how effectively smaller films can hold their ground against a major release in an increasingly competitive theatrical market.

Rajamouli Reveals Love Story at Heart of 'Varanasi'

Hyderabad, Oct20 (Way to News):
Acclaimed filmmaker S. S. Rajamouli has revealed that his upcoming magnum opus *Varanasi*, starring Mahesh Babu, Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Prithviraj Sukumaran, combines an emotional father-son relationship with a beautiful love story, adding another intriguing dimension to the highly anticipated project. Speaking about the film at the 50th São Paulo International Film Festival in Brazil, Rajamouli explained that *Varanasi* is not merely a science-fiction spectacle but a fantasy adventure featuring mythological elements and a wide range of emotions. The director said the film brings together the scale and content of six or seven different films within a single narrative. According to him, combining multiple genres, settings and emotional strands into one cohesive cinematic experience has been the biggest challenge during production. At its core, *Varanasi* revolves around the emotional journey of a father and son whose relationship is initially broken before they eventually reunite. Rajamouli also highlighted the romantic dimension of the story, describing the love between a young man and a young woman as a beautiful element that creates magic within the larger narrative. The filmmaker's latest comments have increased curiosity about how the different storylines, fantasy elements and mythological references will come together on screen. The film features Mahesh Babu in the lead role, with Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Prithviraj Sukumaran playing pivotal characters. The ambitious project has involved extensive filming across multiple locations, including India and overseas destinations. Rajamouli revealed that approximately 10 days of shooting remained before filming could be completed. The team is expected to shift its focus towards post-production and promotional activities thereafter. Produced by Sri Durga Arts, *Varanasi* is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on April 7, 2027. With its combination of action, mythology, fantasy, family emotions and romance, the film is among the most eagerly awaited Indian cinematic projects.



Kiran Abbavaram's 'Reality' Spreads Festive Cheer



Hyderabad, Oct21 (Way to News):
Telugu actor Kiran Abbavaram has extended Dasara greetings to audiences with a special festive poster from his upcoming film *Reality*, generating fresh interest ahead of its scheduled theatrical release on December 25. The makers unveiled a colourful poster featuring Kiran in a bright yellow shirt, surrounded by family members and friends. Their cheerful expressions and playful poses create a lively festive atmosphere, reflecting the film's family-oriented theme and the spirit of togetherness associated with Dasara. *Reality* marks a significant venture for Kiran Abbavaram, who takes on writing and directing responsibilities alongside playing the lead role. The project has attracted attention following the release of its title glimpse, which offered audiences an initial look at the film's premise and the character portrayed by the actor. Devika Bhat plays the female lead, while Sudhakar Chaganti is producing the movie under the Joy Films banner. The film is scheduled to hit theatres on December 25, targeting audiences during the Christmas holiday season. The festive release window is expected to bring increased competition at the box office, with several films vying for audience attention. With its emphasis on family relationships, relatable emotions and festive warmth, *Reality* aims to offer a wholesome theatrical experience. The latest poster adds momentum to the promotional campaign as anticipation builds among Telugu cinema audiences. Kiran's involvement as both director and lead actor makes the project an important addition to his evolving career.

Teja Sajja Reportedly Set for December Wedding



Hyderabad, Oct20 (Way to News):
Telugu actor Teja Sajja, who has gained popularity with successful films such as *Hanu-Man* and *Mirai*, is reportedly preparing to enter a new phase of his personal life, with reports suggesting that he will get married in December 2026. According to reports, the actor's engagement is likely to take place in November, followed by the wedding in December. The ceremony is reportedly being planned in Udaipur and is expected to be an intimate affair attended by close family members and friends. The reports suggest that the proposed marriage is an arranged match and that the bride-to-be is a software engineer with no connection to the film industry. However, details about her identity have not been officially disclosed. Teja Sajja has not confirmed the wedding reports, and no official announcement has been made by the actor or his family. The news has nevertheless generated considerable curiosity among fans and Telugu film industry observers. The actor has established a strong presence in Telugu cinema through his choice of distinctive scripts and fantasy-oriented projects. His performance in *Hanu-Man* brought him wider recognition beyond Telugu-speaking audiences, while *Mirai* further strengthened his profile as a leading young actor. His growing popularity has also increased public interest in his personal life. Teja is currently hosting the Telugu version of the reality show *The Traitors* and continues to attract attention following his recent cinematic successes. His upcoming projects include *Jai Hanuman*, directed by Prasanth Varma, which is among the films generating interest among his fans. If the reported wedding plans materialise, the occasion is expected to attract considerable attention from fans and the Telugu film industry. However, further details regarding the wedding arrangements, guest list and the identity of his prospective partner remain unavailable. While speculation surrounding his wedding continues to circulate, an official confirmation from the actor is awaited.

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