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EC Resolves Notice Issue Affecting 92.65 Lakh Telangana Voters

Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame): The Election Commission has found over 30,000 voters, including 12,718 with 'logical discrepancies' and over 17,679 voters with 'no mapping', as "ineligible" for inclusion in the final list of voters. According to sources in the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Telangana, as on October 18, the Commission found as many as 30,407 voters out of the 92.65 lakh issued notices to be ineligible for inclusion in the final voter's list. The Election Commission will be releasing the final list of voters on November 9. According to sources, the highest number of notices issued was in Medchal Malkajgiri District with 14,07,876 voters and the least number in Jayashankar Bhupalpalle district with 32,636 voters getting notices. As per the data, the ECI generated 92,88,188 notices and delivered 92,65,731 notices. The Commission could not deliver notices to 22,457 voters. The Commission took up hearing with regard to 89,75,562 voters. A senior official said that 1,66,81,849 voters have been parked for final publication of list and among these 56,86,890 voters were having



'logical discrepancies' and there was 'no mapping' with regard to 27,16,465 voters. Official sources said that 12,718 voters with logical discrepancies and 17,689 voters with no mapping were found ineligible for inclusion in the final list. As per the data of the CEO's office, there were 3,38,26,448 voters

in the state when the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) started. Enumeration Forms from 2,64,87,213 voters were received and their names included in the draft rolls. Enumeration Forms from 73,39,235 (Absent, Shifted, Dead, Double entries) voters were not received within the stipulated

Three Men Open Fire at Tiger Shroff's Juhu Residence



Mumbai, Oct18 (Open Frame): Actor Tiger Shroff escaped without injury while his car driver was injured in gunfire by three bike-borne men in Mumbai's Juhu on Sunday evening. He was reportedly leaving a football ground when the attack took place. A video soon emerged in which a man identifying himself as Anil Pandit, claiming to be from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, said Tiger Shroff was on their hit list as "he was not heeding our directions" and "was working with Salman Khan". Bishnoi, who is in jail in Gujarat, has repeatedly threatened to kill Salman Khan.

TGSRTC Rules Out Fare Hike, Bus Cuts During Dasara



Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame): The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has denied allegations made by former minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T Harish Rao regarding an alleged increase in bus fares during festivals and the cancellation of special bus services. The corporation clarified that its operations, including the implementation of the Mahala kshmi free bus travel scheme, were proceeding smoothly and in accordance with established rules. On Sunday, TGSRTC management said the allegations made by Harish Rao on social media regarding festival-time fare revisions and the cancellation of special buses were not true. The corporation stated that decisions concerning ticket fares during festival periods were being taken in accordance with the prescribed regulations and Government Order (GO) issued in 2003, taking passenger demand into account. It maintained that all decisions were being made within the existing regulatory framework without imposing

Army Officer's Wife Booked in Telangana Espionage Case

New Delhi/Jammu, Oct18 (Open Frame): An Army officer's wife, who allegedly used artificial intelligence tools including ChatGPT and Claude to write analytical papers on sensitive national security issues for Chinese intelligence operatives, has been booked in Jammu for alleged espionage-related activities, officials said on Sunday. The accused, a well-qualified resident of Telangana who undertook an IT internship with the United Nations in 2023, is currently working as a freelance researcher. Although she has not been arrested, she has been questioned following the registration of the FIR and is cooperating with investigating agencies, the officials said. The woman was allegedly tasked to write analytical papers on sensitive security, defence, and geopolitical issues, specifically covering Line of Control (LoC) dynamics in Jammu and Kashmir, critical infrastructure projects in Arunachal Pradesh, and drone deployment, they said. According to the officials, the case was registered at Gandhi Nagar police station in Jammu on Friday under relevant provisions of the Official Secrets Act, concerning espionage and the unauthorised handling of protected official information, alongside provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) relating to



criminal conspiracy and offences against national sovereignty. A Deputy Superintendent of Police has been assigned to lead the probe. Acting on a tip-off, a joint team comprising personnel from the central intelligence agency and police intercepted the woman at Jammu Tawi railway station on October 14 when she was reportedly preparing to board a train to Pathankot. She was stopped and taken to a nearby military station for questioning, the officials said. Her mobile phone was seized and sent for a detailed forensic analysis. The accused married a serving Army officer holding the rank of Major in October 2023 after completing Master of Advanced Studies in European and International Governance in Geneva in 2022. She also earned a Master's degree in International

15 Devotees Killed as Truck Rams Crowd in Gwalior



Gwalior, Oct18 (Open Frame): In a horrific accident in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior on Sunday, 15 people were killed and 26 others were injured after a truck rammed into devotees and shops when they were waiting near a temple. The incident happened at around 1:30 am on the Sheetla mata Mandir road when the truck driver lost control and the vehicle hit devotees before coming to a halt by smashing into the temple wall, which led to a collapse. An investigator said the truck's brakes may have failed, forcing the driver to swerve left in a desperate attempt to control the vehicle.

Hyderabad ED Tops Nationwide with ₹4,000 Crore Property Restitution

Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame): The Hyderabad wing of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), by effectively implementing restitution methods, has topped in making auctions of attached properties and restoring to victims approximately Rs 4,000 crore swindled from them in various sensational cases such as Ponzi scams, including those of Agri Gold and Heera Group of companies, following court directions. The ED had obtained court directions in cases relating to



DEO Intensifies Booth Inspections Ahead of Graduates' MLC Polls

Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame): Hyderabad District Election Officer (DEO) RV Karnan has directed election officials to conduct a 100 per cent physical verification of polling stations ahead of the upcoming Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad Graduates' Constituency MLC elections. The DEO instructed Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) and other officials to inspect every existing polling station to identify those located in demolished buildings or structures that have since been converted into residential premises. As per the election authorities' instructions, the consti-

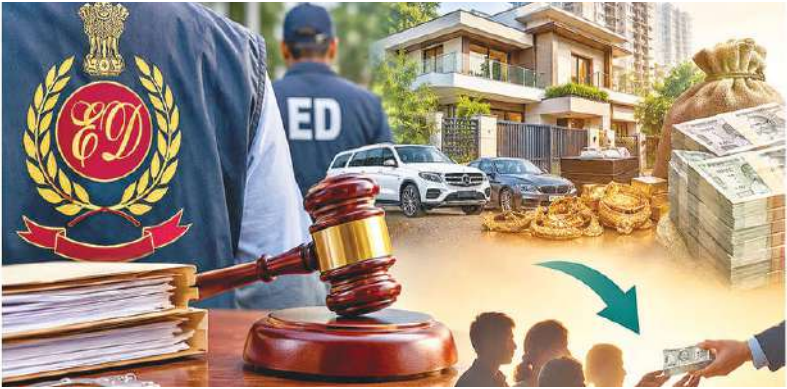


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Agri Gold, Heera Group of Companies, Sheetal Refineries, Musaddilal Jewellers, and GS Oils. The agency officials also restituted Rs 2,565 crore of Mehul Choksi's properties in Gitanjali Gems in PNB fraud linked to Hyderabad. According to sources, the agency had attached more than Rs 7,000 crore in properties in different cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, following FIRs filed by different law enforcement agencies. After establishing crime proceedings, the ED attached properties and filed a petition before the apex court seeking directions for auction of the attached properties. For Instance, the ED officials auctioned at least 10 of the attached properties of Nowhera Shaik in the Heera Group of companies case in Hyderabad and netted about Rs 103 crore. These funds are to be returned to victims who were cheated by the accused by collecting money in a Ponzi case.

ED's major cases in Telangana and AP.

- Nowhera Shaik and Heera Group, which indulged in approximately Rs 5000-crore Ponzi scheme by collecting funds from people and cheating them. The ED auctioned properties valued at Rs 300 crore to settle investors' claims.
- Musaddilal Jewellers Pvt. Ltd., which indulged in depositing crores of rupees in the form of cash into bank accounts during the demonetisation period
- Agri Gold Group, which collected Rs 6,000 crore funds from customers under a Multi-Level Marketing (MLM) scheme and cheated its customers.



Timeline of restitution of attached properties.

October 16, 2026: Karvy Center, Naina Towers located at the posh Banjara Hills and other properties related to Nowhera Shaik of Heera Group were auctioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) netting Rs 88.23 crore. October 14, 2026: Seven immovable properties of Nowhera Shaik were auctioned for a total consideration of Rs. 15.03 crore such as the properties comprising six flats at HS Royal, Shaikpet Village, Hyderabad, and one house at MLA Colony, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills. June 20, 2026: ED conducted auction of 23 attached immovable properties of accused Nowhera Shaik, Heera Group of Companies, and related entities valuing Rs. 159 crore. July 3, 2026: ED auctioned a seized Hawker 800A jet plane for Rs 3 crore in Falcon case linked to an alleged Rs 792-crore ponzi scam. November 21, 2025: ED auctioned one attached immovable property of Nowhera Shaik (Heera Group of companies) at Rs. 19.64 crore.

Dasara joy turns tragic for Wanaparthi Twins

Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame):

A father's plans to celebrate Dasara at home with his twin daughters were shattered after one daughter died on the spot and the other was critically injured when a light pole fell on students during Dandiya celebrations at Maturi Venkata Subba Rao (MVSR) Engineering College in Nadergul, within Adibatla police limits. The father, Narayana Dasu, a resident of Wanaparthi, had spoken to his twin daughters over the phone last Friday. He told them that he would receive them at Wanaparthi and asked them to call him before leaving Hyderabad for the Dasara holidays. "I came to Hyderabad to receive my daughter Sona's body, while my other daughter, Meena, is still unconscious in the hospital. The incident was purely due to the college management's failure to make proper arrangements for the Dandiya celebrations held on the college premises," Narayana Dasu alleged. Sona was pursuing first-year BTech in Computer Science, while Meena was a first-year BTech student in Electrical Engineering. Their father works as a daily-wage labourer at a shop in Wanaparthi. Narayana Dasu received a



call from the college management at 7.30 pm on Saturday, informing him that his daughter had suffered minor injuries and asking him to come to Hyderabad. "I immediately asked my friend Ashok, who lives in LB Nagar, to go to a private hospital. Ashok rushed there and learnt that Sona had died on the spot. He then conveyed the news to me over the phone," Narayana Dasu said. Ashok, who accompanied Narayana Dasu to a corporate hospital in Dilsukhnagar on Sunday, said they were not allowed to see Sona's body. He added that doctors at the hospital also did not allow them to see Meena, who is undergoing treatment. Meena remains critical and unconscious, he said. Meanwhile, Adibatla police registered a case against the MVSR Engineering College management in connection with the incident,



in which a light pole fell on students during the Dandiya event. Student unions staged a protest at the college's main gate on Sunday, demanding compensation of Rs 1 crore for the deceased student's family. Student Federation of India (SFI) leaders alleged that the incident occurred due to the negligence of the college management. Police personnel were deployed to prevent untoward incidents on the campus.

543 unauthorised structures razed across Cyberabad

Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame):

TheCyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has demolished 543 unauthorised structures across its three zones as part of a drive against building violations. Quthbullapur recorded the highest number of demolitions at 216, followed by Serilingampally with 198 and Kukatpally with 129, according to figures available as of Wednesday, October 14. The figures highlight the scale of the civic body's efforts to curb unauthorised constructions and enforce building regulations across Cyberabad. The corporation has directed officials to intensify inspections and take action against structures found violating the prescribed rules. Quthbullapur topped the list with 216 demolitions, followed by Serilingampally and Kukatpally. The three zones together accounted for 543 demolitions, reflecting the extent of enforcement activity across the corporation's jurisdiction. The drive has brought town planning regulations and the monitoring of construction activity into focus.

Unauthorised buildings, particularly multi-storeyed structures erected without the necessary permissions, remain a concern for civic authorities because of the potential risks they pose to occupants and neighbouring properties. The corporation has stressed the need for regular inspections and timely intervention wherever violations are identified. Enforcement measures include action against unauthorised structures, with demolitions to be carried out wherever warranted under the applicable rules. The issue of unauthorised construction came under renewed scrutiny following the collapse of a seven-storeyed building at Anjaiah Nagar in Gachibowli on August 22. The incident claimed the lives of two migrant workers and damaged an adjoining building. According to a Town Planning report, the collapsed structure comprised a ground floor, six upper floors and a penthouse. It was constructed by Farheen Siddiq and Md. Sajid without the required building permission and prescribed setbacks. The



report stated that the Town Planning Section had issued notices regarding the unauthorised construction on June 17, 2026. The subsequent collapse raised questions about the effectiveness of enforcement measures and the action taken after the violations were identified. A day after the incident, CMC Commissioner G Srijana suspended U Santosh Kumar, Town Planning Building Officer (TPBO) of Circle-50, Madhapur, with immediate effect.

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time of August 10, 2026 and their names were not included in the draft rolls. As per the ECI data, about 45,18,961 voters permanently shifted, 6,70,203 enrolled elsewhere, 9,22,230 were dead, 11,25,546 absent /untraceable. During the period January 1, 2026 to October 16, 2026 (includes pre SIR and SIR period), the ECI received 5,12,960 applications under Form 6 (for registering as new voter) and the ECI rejected applications of 2,23,416 voters and finally as many as 3,09,143 were registered as voters. After the period of claims and objections from October 8 to 16, the ECI received 36,772 Form 6 applications. During the two-day special drive on October 15 and 16, there were 3,18,042 new applications under Form 6, the Commission accepted applications of 1,50,165 and applications of 26,627 voters were rejected.

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al Relations from a university in Bengaluru in 2021. She had also undertaken an online internship with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) in New Delhi and authored several research articles, the officials said. Interrogation indicated that she had interacted with several foreign nationals during her UN internship, including a Chinese national with whom she allegedly maintained contact through WhatsApp. The officials claimed that in 2024, she was in contact via social media with a Malaysian national running a consultancy who was allegedly working for Chinese intelligence agencies. Investigators suspect the woman unknowingly fell into an elaborate "intellectual trap," believing she was contributing legitimate academic articles on regional and defense subjects. The accused maintained during questioning that her material was based entirely on open-source research supplemented by AI platforms OpenAI's ChatGPT and Anthropic's Claude. Preliminary extraction of data from her seized mobile phone showed documents authored on sensitive subjects including the India-Italy defence meeting at the Manekshaw Centre, the Indian Army Chief's visit to the United States, the India-Russia defence pact, the Kalai-II Hydroelectric and Kamala projects in Arunachal Pradesh, the Cold Start doctrine, India-Seychelles relations, projects in Assam, and India-China relations, the officials said. Investigators are examining whether the accused engaged in systematic research and information-sharing with suspected foreign contacts under the guise of freelance research, they said, adding that a comprehensive forensic examination of her digital devices and financial transactions is underway to establish the exact nature of the shared material.

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any additional burden on the corporation. TGSRTC management said the state government's flagship Mahalakshmi scheme, which provides free bus travel for women, was being implemented successfully across Telangana. The corporation added that necessary measures were being taken to ensure that women beneficiaries did not face any inconvenience while availing themselves of the scheme. Responding to allegations that bus services had been reduced during the Dasara festival, TGSRTC clarified that services had not been curtailed. Instead, the corporation had arranged 7,000 additional buses this year to accommodate the increased passenger rush during the festive season and facilitate travel to native places. According to the TGSRTC, 97 per cent of the additional bus services scheduled since October 10 had been operated successfully, helping passengers reach their destinations safely. The corporation further stated that senior officials were continuously reviewing the situation to monitor operations and address passenger concerns wherever necessary.

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cy has 656 polling stations spread across nine districts. The proposed verification will help officials assess the existing arrangements and identify the need for changes based on the condition of polling station buildings and the number of voters assigned to each station. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has notified the Sub-Collector and 18 Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs) across the nine districts as AEROs. Tahsildars, Deputy Commissioners of the GHMC, the Chief Executive Officer of the Secunderabad Cantonment Board and the GHMC Secretary have also been appointed as Designated Officers. DEO Karnan said that as per guidelines, applicants must be Indian citizens ordinarily residing within the nine districts falling under the Mahbubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad Graduates' constituency. They must also have graduated from a university or educational institution notified by the Telangana government at least three years before November 1, 2026, the qualifying date. Accordingly, applicants must have graduated by October 31, 2023. All Form-18 applications received physically must be entered in registers and digitised using the software provided by the Chief Electoral Officer's office.

Tank Bund comes alive with grand Saddula Bathukamma



Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame): The Bathukamma Carnival organised by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) on Tank Bund as part of the Telangana government's Bathukamma Celebrations-2026 received an enthusiastic response from the public on Sunday, marking Saddula Bathukamma, the final day of the festival. Tank Bund came alive with vibrant decorations and cultural activities reflecting Telangana's rich traditions and festive spirit. A spectacular floating Bathukamma, theme-based art installations and photo booths emerged as major attractions, drawing visitors, who captured memorable moments. Decorative lighting around Tank Bund added to the festive ambience. HMDA

made elaborate arrangements at Bathukamma ghats to ensure that people could participate in the celebrations safely and comfortably. The beautifully decorated ghats reflected the spirit of the festival, which celebrates collective participation, cultural heritage and community unity. Cultural programmes showcased Telangana's traditional art forms, while stalls featuring handloom products, handicrafts, food items and traditional goods attracted visitors. The carnival also provided a platform for local artisans, vendors and entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services. Information on various Telangana government schemes and initiatives was displayed on LED screens. The enthusiastic participation of the public and the



vibrant celebrations contributed to the success of the carnival, bringing together Telangana's cultural heritage, community spirit and local businesses on a common platform, HMDA said.



TGSRTC fleecing the poor with Dasara fare hike, fumes Harish

Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame): BRSRP Deputy Leader T Harish Rao on Sunday demanded that the government roll back the exorbitant fare hikes imposed in the name of the festive season and ensure that regular bus services operated as usual, so that no additional financial burden was placed on the poor and middle-class sections. The BRSRP Deputy Leader expressed his displeasure with the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy-led government. He alleged that the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) was overcharging passengers by effectively collecting double the fare under the guise of operating 'special buses' for the Dasara Festival. Rao explained that the number of regular bus services was reduced, and the same buses were then rebranded as 'festival specials' to charge double the fare, placing an undue financial burden on passengers. He pointed out that a ticket from Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) to Karimnagar typically costs Rs 230, but for the Dasara Festival, the fare has been hiked to Rs 400 under the 'festival special' label. Similarly, the fare from Mahabubnagar to Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS), which is usually Rs 220, has been increased to Rs 290 on these 'festival special' buses. Harish Rao described this as blatant exploitation, noting that instead of increasing the total number of buses, the authorities are reducing the number of regular services. He demanded that the government maintain regular bus services while operating additional special buses, ensuring that passengers are not burdened with excessive costs.



Telugu culture and community service shine in Michigan

Hyderabad, Oct18 (Open Frame): CharlotteTelugu Sambaralu 2026 was celebrated with enthusiasm, featuring cultural performances by children, youth and adults, including classical music, classical dance and freestyle dance. The Science Fest was a major attraction, introducing children to nine scientific concepts through interactive experiments and demonstrations featuring dry ice, a plasma ball and other innovative activities. Telugu organisations, including TANA, GTA and APTA, participated in the event, which recorded 800 new registrations. NATS President Raj Allada attended the celebrations. Organisers thanked the artists, volunteers, sponsors, parents and participants for making the event a success. Meanwhile, the North American Telugu Society (NATS) inaugurated its Michigan chapter in Farmington Hills to promote community service, preserve Telugu culture and encourage youth participation. Sridevi Manepalli was appointed



chapter coordinator, with Mahi Bollavaram as joint coordinator. Ravi Chalanti will oversee events and logistics, Hema Suraparaju will serve as treasurer, Jyothi Javvadi will handle membership, and Anupama Divakarla will manage public relations and media. NATS Chairman Kishore Kancherla highlighted the organisation's helpline and support for Telugu people in need, while Raj Allada reaffirmed its commitment

to community service. The event honoured community contributors, including Manorama Gandhi, Sandhya Sri Atmakuri, Manabadi, Sunny Reddy and Dr Harinath Policherla. Local students presented Kuchipudi performances. The chapter plans quarterly initiatives focusing on women's empowerment, youth leadership, sports, family activities and Telugu traditions.

Sara Arjun shines in embroidered blue gown



Sara Arjun, the actress who starred opposite Ranveer Singh in the successful Dhurandhar and Dhurandhar The Revenge is generating attention for her latest elegant fashion show after stardom. The actress flaunted a powder-blue strapless gown, complete with exquisite ivory thread work and intricate bead-work, as she stepped out. The garment featured a scalloped neckline, a fitted bodice and a peplum waist, with a belt panel of beads and pearls to offset. Gold earrings and a statement ring, delicate makeup and gently tousled waves of hair, and a beaming smile were among the things she wore. Arjun was a child star, and she received critical acclaim for her performances in Tamil and Hindi movies before taking on leading roles. The actress has been gaining more popularity with the release of the Dhurandhar series. She also made her Telugu debut with Euphoria. Additionally, she has not been seen in any other films since Dhurandhar The Revenge, so fans are waiting for an update regarding her upcoming projects.

Chandrabhas Kotla’s New film launched under Kurra Productions



The upcoming Telugu movie of actor Chandrabhas Kotla directed by Chendu Muddu was launched with a traditional pooja ceremony at Sai Baba Temple in Film Nagar Hyderabad. The yet to be titled film is the third production venture of Kurra Productions. Presented by K. Raghavendra Reddy the film is produced by Dinesh Kurra. The launch function saw the presence of a few prominent guests as former Telangana RERA Chairman Dr. N. Satyanarayana sounded the clap board for the muhurtham shot while the Deepa Arts chief Srinivas Goud switched on the camera. Gangaraju Kakarla, Rangarao Vemulapalli, Siraj SM and Madhusudhan formally handed over the script. The technical team comprises cinematographer Shiva Reddy SV, music director Maruthi Raja and editor D. Venkata Prabhu. With Chandrabhas Kotla playing the lead the makers are all set to take off. The title of the film, besides the other cast members and story details will be out in the near future.

Cameos In Films

How star power can create magic or be a missed opportunity.!

Cameo appearances have proved to be an effective tool in Indian cinema - for big budget commercial films. A surprise entry by a star could make people whistle, lift a pivotal sequence and create social media frenzy. But as the reaction to guest appearances in Jailer 2 shows, star power cannot ensure an impactful cameo. Nelson Dilipkumar’s Jailer used the star power of actors from different film industries to expand the film’s reach. Kannada actor Shiva Rajkumar and Malayalam superstar Mohanlal joined Rajinikanth in the film, apart from Jackie Shroff. The appearances created a pan-Indian feel to the film’s narrative and gave the audience unexpected treats to cheer about. In Jailer 2, however, it seems that the treatment of appearances has been uneven. Shiva Rajkumar’s longish role reportedly provides the necessary intervention at the right time, giving his character more significance in the narrative. Mohanlal’s minimal role has sparked discussion about how a star’s appearance can feel wasted if the character has little to do. Hrithik Roshan’s reported cameo has also generated much talk, as some believe that parts of his appearance were cut out during editing. Jackie Shroff’s brief appearance also poses the same question: Is the presence of a star enough, or should big names have more substantial roles to justify their inclusion? Other films have shown how guest



appearances can be used effectively: in Vikram, for instance, Suriya’s appearance as the Rolex provides the necessary climax to the film, creating a formidable foe for the protagonist and planting seeds for future sequels. Despite being brief, the appearance stays in the viewer’s mind long after the credits have rolled, as it changed the film’s very nature. Similarly, Vijay Deverakonda’s appearance as Arjuna in Kalki 2898 AD adds to the film’s mythological quotient, as well as its star power. Shah Rukh Khan’s cameo in Brahmāstra: Part One - Shiva also gives the fictional realm an added dimension. A cameo appearance by a star must have time, characterisa-

tion and narrative value for it to stay with the viewer long after the film is over. It must either advance the plot or provide the necessary emotional quotient or plant seeds for the narrative to come. Simply adding a star’s name to the marquee can generate buzz, but it cannot replace good writing. For filmmakers, cameo appearances are an effective promotional tool, as it helps draw in fans from different industries and creates memorable moments for theatregoers. But when the guest appearances are short, poorly utilised or badly edited, they can leave a bad taste in the mouths of moviegoers.

‘Ramayana’ to have historic premiere at LA

The much-awaited pan-India spectacle Ramayana featuring Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi and Yash in the roles of Rama, Sita and Ravana is all set for its international unveiling at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles on 27th October 2026. The world premiere will bring Indian epic to a global audience through an exclusive screening. The event will be held at the David Geffen Theatre which has a capacity of 945 guests where Hollywood heavyweights, filmmakers and international press are expected to attend the invite only premiere. The guests too will celebrate Indian ethos as they are expected to deck themselves up in traditional attire for the special function. Directors Nitesh Tiwari’s Ramayana is a two-part cinematic saga that he envisions as a film. Namit Malhotra’s Prime Focus Studios is bankrolling the film, in addition to DNEG and Yash’s Monster Mind Creations. Hans Zimmer and AR



Rahman are composing the music for the film. The music in the promotional content released is already getting huge applause. The epic will be unveiled in English, Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil and Malayalam, and will be available in premium theatrical formats such as

IMAX as the makers prepare for a major international debut. Sony Pictures will handle the film’s global distribution, excluding India. The first part is set to have a worldwide release on 5th November 2026 while the second part is slated for Diwali 2027.

RASH, VIJAY ON KOFFEE COUCH

After Salman Khan set the tone for the A final season Lof the popular chat show, 'Koffee With Karan', beloved couple Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna were seen on the couch together for the second episode. This marks Rashmika's debut on the show, whereas VD has already appeared on 'Koffee With Karan' with his 'Liger' co-star Ananya Panday. The episode was full of candid revelations by the couple. During the Rapid Fire section of the show, Rashmika was asked by host and filmmaker Karan Johar to choose between her 'An-imal' co-star Ranbir Kapoor and 'Pushpa' co-star Allu Arjun. "The actor picked the latter. Later, when Karan asked Vijay who he believes he shares the best on-screen chemistry with, apart from Rashmika, she interjected, saying 'nobody'. To this, Vijay revealed that his mantra for a happy marriage is simple, 'Always agree with your wife. Making exciting disclosures about their personal lives, Vijay and Rashmika shared how she had to ask him 100 times before they tied the knot earlier this year. In the promo, KJo asked Rashmika and VD, "Was there a proposal?" As Rashmika shook her head, Vijay revealed, "She was like, 'Let's get married. I was like, 'Okay, you have asked me a 100 times." As Karan confirmed with Rashmika if she really asked the Vijay 100 times for marriage, she shared, "I asked him for an entire year." Vijay then clarified, "I am not an a**hole." As they approached the gaming segment of the episode, Vijay called Allu Arjun and asked him to deliver the now-iconic line, "Karan, it's me".



Alia turns cheerleader



Alia Bhatt confessed that she is obsessed with sister Shaheen's social media content. Alia took to the comments and wrote, "Obsessed with your content".