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Congress Delivered 65% of Promises: CM Revanth

Hyderabad, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said the Congress government had fulfilled around 65 per cent of its poll promises during its first three years in office and would implement the remaining 35 per cent during the next two years.



Speaking at an event in the city, Revanth Reddy criticised the BRS and the BJP, and observed that the BJP was not a political force in Telangana and was not a competitor to the Congress. "The BRS is our primary adversary," he said.

He alleged that the BJP was involved in "vote theft" in states where it had a political presence and pointed out that the party had forfeited its deposit in the recent Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election. The Chief Minister said he considered former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao his main political rival in Telangana, while he did not regard BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao was a strong political leader. "KTR is a product of the 'management quota'. He became a leader by leaning on his father," he remarked.

Taking a dig at the BRS leadership, he said its leaders were "living in a fool's paradise". "I don't take the BRS all that seriously. KCR is Ravanasura in my story," he said. The Chief Minister also took a swipe at Chandrashekar Rao over the defections witnessed during the BRS regime. "We would have wiped out the BRS long ago, but we want to keep the BRS around because there needs to be an opposition," he said.

Speaking about football, he said the government was making efforts to bring Portuguese football star Cristiano Ronaldo to the state soon, recalling that it had already brought Argentine football icon Lionel Messi to Hyderabad last year as part of the footballer's GOAT India Tour. Revanth Reddy had played a friendly football match with Messi at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium on December 13, 2025. "Messi is my favourite athlete. Maradona was also once my favourite football player," he said.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's possible participation in the upcoming Global Summit and Khelo India Games to be hosted by Telangana, Revanth Reddy said it was his responsibility to invite the Prime Minister for major events. "Modi should take a call on whether to attend the event. There is nothing wrong in inviting Modi," he said. Revanth Reddy also challenged Union home Minister Amit Shah to contest the Hyderabad Lok Sabha seat if he had the courage and defeat AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi. He alleged that Modi and Shah were seeking to consolidate Hindu votes while Owaisi was seeking Muslim support for political purposes.

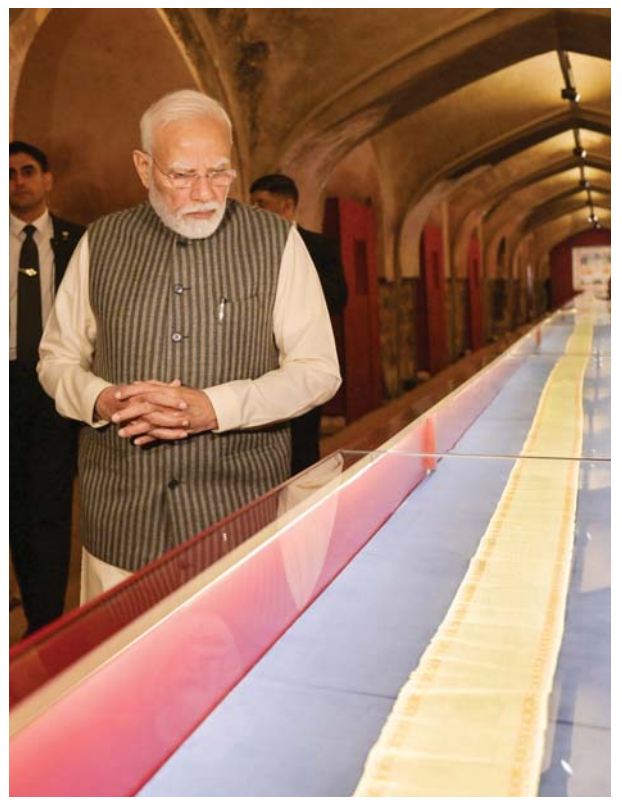
PM Modi Calls for Stronger SCO Cultural Cooperation to Promote Global Peace

New Delhi, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday pitched civilisational connections as a foundation for global peace at a time when the world was preoccupied with wars and unrest, calling on Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) members to deepen cultural cooperation through technology, joint research and people-to-people exchanges. Inaugurating the first SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum at Delhi's historic Purana Qila, PM Modi said cultural connections were the "strongest guarantee for global peace" and argued that civilisational dialogue could help shape global thinking beyond geopolitical boundaries.

"The SCO Civilisational Summit is not merely a ceremonial platform, it has the potential to become a forum that provides direction to the world," he said, underlining the need to build on centuries of exchanges among India, China, Central Asia and Eurasia.

PM Modi proposed collaboration among SCO countries to digitise and translate ancient manuscripts, rare texts and historical documents, saying artificial intelligence could significantly accelerate the translation of literary and scholarly works that remained accessible in only a limited number of languages. He also called for joint exhibitions by museums, exchange programmes for scholars and researchers, cultural festivals and artist exchanges. The countries could explore heritage circuits linking historical sites associated with the Silk Roads and their shared Buddhist heritage, he suggested. The Prime Minister said 21st-century technology had opened up unprecedented opportunities for cultural connectivity, allowing people in countries once linked by journeys lasting months to connect within seconds.

He urged SCO members to use digital platforms to expand knowledge-sharing and cultural exchange, and to involve young artists, writers, filmmakers and local artisans in taking their shared heritage to new generations. Tracing the history of cultural exchanges across the region, the PM cited trade links between the Indus Valley Civilisation and Mesopotamia around 5000 years ago, followed by networks connecting India, China, Central Asia and Eurasia. He recalled how Buddhist teachings travelled through Gandhara and Central Asia to China, with places such as Kucha and Dunhuang emerging as important centres.



Murmu Says India-EU FTA to Boost India-Bulgaria Ties

New Delhi, Nov 20 (Open Frame): President Droupadi Murmu on Friday said that the implementation of the India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) presents significant new opportunities for India and Bulgaria to further strengthen their trade, investment and technological partnerships. President Murmu emphasised on the growing India-EU partnership during her meeting with Bulgaria's visiting Foreign Minister Velislava Petrova-Chamova at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"H.E. Mrs Velislava Petrova-Chamova, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan," Rashtrapati Bhavan posted on X. Highlighting the opportunities offered by the trade pact, the President's office said, "The President noted that the implementation of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement presents significant new opportunities for India and Bulgaria to further strengthen their trade, investment and technological partnerships." The Bulgarian Foreign Minister arrived in New Delhi on Friday on a three-day official visit.

Extending a warm welcome to Petrova-Chamova, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that the visit will provide an opportunity to further strengthen the longstanding and friendly India-Bulgaria relations and deepen bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors.

During her visit, Petrova-Chamova is scheduled to hold a meeting with External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Saturday. Last month, Secretary (West) at the MEA, Sibi George, and Bulgaria's



Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Christo Polendakov, co-chaired the India-Bulgaria Foreign Office Consultations, with both sides emphasising the early implementation of the India-EU FTA. "They reviewed all aspects of bilateral cooperation, including political engagements, trade and investment, science and technology, AI, space, defence and people-to-people ties," the MEA had said. The two sides pitched for an early rollout of the trade pact between India and the 27-nation bloc.

"Both sides emphasised the early implementation of the India-EU FTA, which would contribute to further strengthening of economic ties. They also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest," the MEA had added.

VP Calls Constitution India's Moral Compass

New Delhi, Nov 20 (Open Frame):Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan said on Friday that the Constitution is much more than a legal document and represents the moral compass of the Republic. Inaugurating the 5th Edition of Constitution Week Celebrations 2026, organised by the School of Law of a private university at the Constitution Club of India in Delhi, the Vice President said that constitutional values must not remain confined to institutions and legal texts but must become an integral part of everyday public life.

He observed that democracy flourishes when institutions remain accountable, dissent is respected, and citizens exercise their rights and duties responsibly. Radhakrishnan stressed that duties deserve as much importance as rights, observing that responsible discharge of duties is essential to safeguarding the rights of all citizens. He said that India's achievements over the last decade reflect the realisation of constitutional aspirations through tangible improvements in people's lives.

Citing the lifting of around 50 crore people out of poverty, the construction of 4 crore pucca houses for the poor, and rural tap water coverage crossing 82 per cent under the Jal Jeevan Mission, he said that even border villages, once at the lowest rung of development, are now emerging as vibrant villages.



Pakistan Minister Welcomes India-Hosted SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum

New Delhi, Nov 20 (Open Frame):Pakistan's Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Musadik Masood Malik, on Friday welcomed the first Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Civilisational Dialogue Forum being hosted by India in New Delhi, emphasising that the event creates an opportunity for all the countries in the region to come together and speak about ideas that transcend boundaries.



Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of the forum, Malik said, "I think it's wonderful that we're speaking across, we are having a dialogue across civilizations, across cultures. I think we need more and more of these things. I think the entire region is in flux, the geopolitics is in flux, and I think the easiest thing to do is to speak about things that affect us all." Stating that it was important to talk about cultures and how civilisations have affected all, the Pakistani Minister said, "It's a very welcome sign. I'm very grateful that SCO is holding these forums and they create an opportunity for all of the countries in the region to come together and speak about ideas that transcend boundaries." Referring to the historical links shared between countries in the region, he said, "I think between India and Pakistan, between India, Pakistan, Russia, China and the Central Asian states… If you go to the excavations, you would find that dialogue taking place just in the core."

Malik's visit is the first by a Pakistani minister to India since the SCO Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Goa in 2023, which was attended by Pakistan's then Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto.

On November 14, Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the Government of Pakistan has nominated Malik to represent Pakistan at the SCO Civilisational Dialogue in New Delhi.

The first SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum is being held at Purana Qila in Delhi from November 20 to 22.

Supreme Court Rejects Tamil Nadu Plea for Additional Cauvery Water

New Delhi, Nov 20 (Open Frame): The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed applications filed by the Tamil Nadu government seeking directions to Karnataka to release additional Cauvery river water to meet the state's requirements. A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Aparesh Kumar Singh passed the order, declining to direct Karnataka to make further releases of Cauvery water.



"We have dismissed (the application)," the Justice Nath-led Bench said while pronouncing the order.

Tamil Nadu had approached the apex court seeking directions for the immediate release of its due share of Cauvery water, claiming that the shortfall in water supply was adversely affecting farmers and crops in the state.

The applications were filed amid a continuing dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the sharing of Cauvery River water, particularly in view of concerns over rainfall and water availability in the river basin. Karnataka had opposed Tamil Nadu's demand, maintaining that it was complying with the directions issued by the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA). The neighbourng state had also highlighted drought-like conditions in several districts, reduced inflows into its reservoirs and the need to prioritise drinking water requirements.

Karnataka had further contended that the CWMA and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) were already monitoring the release and distribution of water between the two states. Earlier, the Supreme Court had permitted Tamil Nadu to approach the CWMA with its grievance that Karnataka was not releasing the state's proportionate share of Cauvery water and posted the matter for further hearing on August 31. Tamil Nadu had sought directions for Karnataka to release 26.954 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) of waterclaiming that the quantity being released was inadequate despite the availability of water in the neighbouring state's reservoirs.

Congress Secures Majority in Four Jaipur Panchayat Samitis, BJP Leaders Lose Polls

Jaipur, Nov 20 (Open Frame): The Congress has secured a majority in four Panchayat Samitis in Jaipur district Amer, Andhi, Jhotwara and Shahpura as counting for the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections continues at the Bhawani Niketan campus. In a major setback for the BJP, both Jaipur Zila Pramukh Rama Chopra and Up-Zila Pramukh Mohan Dagar have lost their respective elections. Rama Chopra was defeated by Congress candidate Sunil Kumawat from Ward No. 18.



In the Jaipur Zila Parishad elections, the Congress is leading in 18 seats, while the BJP is ahead in four, indicating an advantage for the Congress in the district.

The Congress has secured a majority in four of the district's Panchayat Samitis. In Amer, the Congress has won 11 of the 21 wards. In Andhi, it has won all 12 seats for which results have been declared out of 19 wards. In Jhotwara, the party has secured eight of the 15 seats, while in Shahpura, it has won 10 of the 15 wards. The Congress is also set to form the Board in Jamwa Ramgarh, having won 11 of the 23 wards, with results for only seven seats pending.

Meanwhile, the Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) has secured a majority in the Sanganer Panchayat Samiti.

The BJP has failed to open its account in the Phagi and Andhi Panchayat Samitis. District Election Officer Sandesh Nayak said that five rooms have been designated for counting votes for Zila Parishad members. A total of 98 counting tables have been arranged for all 57 wards. Meanwhile, among the declared results, Congress candidates have won several wards, including Ward Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 27, 28, 29, 38, 39, 40, 42, 51, 53 and 54.

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Revanth Reddy Reviews Rs 20,000 Crore Urban Development Plans for Telangana



Hyderabad, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Chief Minister Mr. A. Revanth Reddy reviewed proposals prepared by the Municipal Administration Department for the development of urban infrastructure in the state. Discussions focused on plans to develop cities in a manner that is resilient to climate change and contributes to environmental conservation.

The Municipal Administration Department has prepared proposals for projects worth approximately Rs. 20,000 crore, to be undertaken with the support of international financial institutions—including the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and Germany's KfW—alongside domestic financial institutions. The meeting included discussions on several proposals: the underground drainage and stormwater drainage systems for Warangal city, the restoration of the moat surrounding the Warangal Fort, and the development of a Central Business District in Hanamkonda.

A dedicated policy is being formulated for the treatment and reuse of wastewater across the state. By supplying treated water to industries—particularly textile parks—the pressure on fresh water resources can be significantly reduced. The Chief Minister provided directives to officials regarding urban drinking water supply, treatment, and distribution systems, emphasizing the need to reduce electricity consumption and integrate renewable energy sources.A proposal to establish a waste-to-energy plant—capable of generating 10 to 12 megawatts of electricity—within the Warangal Mega City Economic Region was reviewed. Discussions were also held regarding the setup of units for bio-CNG production and plastic recycling. These projects aim to reduce carbon emissions in urban areas, conserve water resources, mitigate flood risks, and lower the operational costs for municipal corporations. During the review, the Chief Minister stressed that urban development plans should address the growing needs of expanding cities while ensuring long-term environmental sustainability.

He directed officials to prioritise modern infrastructure, scientific urban planning and climate-resilient facilities to improve the quality of life for residents.

Revanth Reddy also emphasised the importance of strengthening stormwater drainage networks to prevent urban flooding during heavy rainfall. He instructed officials to prepare comprehensive plans for effective rainwater management, particularly in areas vulnerable to waterlogging, and ensure that drainage projects were implemented with future population growth in mind.

The Chief Minister called for coordination among various departments and financial institutions to ensure the timely execution of the proposed projects.

He asked officials to explore innovative financing mechanisms and adopt advanced technologies to improve the efficiency of municipal services and reduce the financial burden on urban local bodies.

Ponnam Launches Family Insurance Scheme



Hyderabad, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Hyderabad District In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Friday launched the registration process for the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme at Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium in Public Gardens, Hyderabad.

The programme was attended by Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLAs Naveen Yadav and Sri Ganesh, MLC Balamuri Venkat, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Hyderabad District Collector Dr. Priyanka Ala and constituency in-charges. Speaking on the occasion, Ponnam Prabhakar said the government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was committed to public welfare, financial security, women's empowerment, education and healthcare.

He described the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme as a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, providing life insurance coverage of Rs. 5 lakh to eligible families. The scheme aims to protect families from financial difficulties in the event of the death of their primary breadwinner. The scheme covers eligible earning members aged between 18 and 54 years, irrespective of caste, religion or income. The entire insurance premium will be borne by the state government, and beneficiaries will not have to pay anything. Families with multiple earning members can choose the individual to be covered and nominate one or more beneficiaries for the insurance amount. The Minister said registration would continue from November 19 to December 18, 2026. Applicants will need an Aadhaar card, ration card, if available, mobile number, family members' details and nominee information.

Highlighting the scale of the registration drive, he said Hyderabad district had 8,43,607 Food Security Cards covering 32,29,131 family members. He directed officials to conduct an extensive awareness campaign and ensure that every eligible family was covered. Special registration camps will be organised at urban ward offices across all nine circles of the district.

Ponnam Prabhakar also highlighted various welfare initiatives being implemented by the state government, including free bus travel for women, free electricity up to 200 units, distribution of fine-quality rice through ration shops and issuance of new ration cards to eligible families. He said houses were being constructed for poor families under the Indiramma Housing Scheme, with 5,000 houses planned per constituency in rural areas for eligible beneficiaries who own land. In Hyderabad, where land is expensive, the government is exploring double-bedroom and high-rise housing models.

He further stated that the government had extended interest-free loans amounting to Rs. 79,000 crore to women's self-help groups, with the state bearing the interest burden. Buses were also being provided to women's groups through their federations, enabling them to generate income by leasing them to the RTC.

The Minister said the Aarogyasri health coverage limit had been increased from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh. He urged people to undergo regular health screenings at government hospitals and Basti Dawakhanas for early detection of diabetes, hypertension and other health conditions.

He also announced plans to increase the number of buses in Hyderabad and introduce electric buses. New bus routes would be considered based on requests from residents, he added.

Sridhar Babu Highlights TG's Technology Vision at UN Global Impact Summit



Hyderabad, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Hon'ble IT & Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu addressed the Global Impact Summit at the United Nations, organised by 1M1B, on Friday, highlighting Telangana's growing presence in the global technology landscape and its vision of using innovation and emerging technologies to drive inclusive development. Addressing the summit, the Minister said Telangana has established itself as an important destination for information technology, life sciences and pharmaceuticals, and is now expanding its focus on artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing and other emerging technologies.

He emphasised that technological advancement should go beyond economic growth and help address real-world challenges. Highlighting the State Government's focus on Artificial Intelligence and digital innovation, he said these technologies offer significant opportunities to improve healthcare, education, sustainability and employment. The Minister stressed the need for stronger collaboration among governments, industry, academic institutions, startups and global organisations to build an innovation ecosystem capable of developing solutions with wider social and economic impact.

He highlighted Telangana's strengths in IT, Global Capability Centres (GCCs), pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, and outlined Hyderabad's ambition to emerge as a global centre for Artificial Intelligence, research, talent development and technology-led entrepreneurship.

Sridhar Babu also emphasised the importance of equipping young people with industry-relevant skills and providing aspiring innovators and entrepreneurs with the opportunities and platforms to take their ideas to the global stage. Inviting global technology companies, investors, innovators and institutions to explore opportunities in Telangana, the Minister called for greater international partnerships in developing and adopting emerging technologies. Reaffirming the State's commitment to global cooperation, he said Telangana is keen to contribute to a future in which technological progress goes hand in hand with human development and delivers tangible benefits to society. The Minister's participation at the summit provided an opportunity to showcase Telangana's policy priorities and investment potential before an international audience. He underscored that sustained investment in research, innovation and skill development would be essential to preparing the next generation for emerging technology-driven opportunities and strengthening the State's position in the global digital economy.

Bahadurpura Police Arrest Man in Woman's Murder Case

Hyderabad, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Bahadurpura Police have arrested a 26-year-old man in connection with the murder of a 31-year-old woman, identified as Asma Begum, following his apprehension near Aramghar X Road on November 19.

The accused has been identified as Dhamendra Kumar alias Farooq alias Dhamendra Paswan, a native of Samastipur district in Bihar, who was working as a labourer at a scrap unit in the Aramghar area of Hyderabad. According to police, the case was registered at Bahadurpura Police Station under Crime No. 373/2026 under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), based on a complaint lodged by Mohammed Osman Ali, father of the deceased. Police said the accused had come to Hyderabad in search of employment and was earning around Rs. 1,000 per day as a labourer. He reportedly came into contact with the woman in 2024 at Danama Huts Compound, following which they developed a relationship and began living together. According to the investigation, frequent disputes arose between the two over money and the accused's suspicions about the woman's alleged relationships with other persons.

Chevella Collector Urges Eligible Families to Register for Indiramma Insurance Scheme



Hyderabad, Nov 20 (Open Frame): District Collector C. Narayana Reddy, accompanied by local MLA Kale Yadaiah, attended the launch event of the 'Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme' held on Friday at KGR Garden Function Hall in Chevella. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by the playing of the state anthem.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector stated that the primary objective of the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme is to provide life insurance coverage to every family in the state. He explained that the scheme was introduced to ensure that, in the event of the sudden or natural death of the primary breadwinner, the family does not face financial hardship; the government aims to stand by them during such difficult times. He noted that while various insurance schemes already exist for specific groups—such as farmers, toddy tappers, weavers, and construction workers—this new initiative is designed to extend insurance protection to families not covered under those existing programs. He urged all eligible families, including those of government employees, to take advantage of this scheme.

He further explained that under this scheme, life insurance can be registered in the name of the primary breadwinner of a family, provided they are between 18 and 59 years of age. In the unfortunate event of the insured individual's death, a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh will be provided to the designated nominee. It was stated that one or more nominees can be registered; if multiple nominees are chosen, the share of the insurance amount allocated to each must be specified as a percentage. Furthermore, if a minor is named as a nominee, the details of their guardian must also be provided.

Put an End to Political Bias in the Police Department!

LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy Lodges Complaint with Telangana DGP C.V. Anand

Take Strict Action Against Officials Who Violated Protocol! * DGP Assures Action Against Those Found Guilty!



Hyderabad, Nov 20 (Open Frame): LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy expressed serious displeasure over the conduct of certain police officials who allegedly violated protocol during official government programmes, disregarded the respect due to him as the local elected representative, and acted with political bias. In this regard, he met Telangana State Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand and submitted a formal complaint, urging him to take strict action against the concerned police officials.

During the meeting, the MLA brought to the DGP's attention several instances of protocol violations, alleged misconduct by police personnel, and discriminatory behaviour during government programmes held in the LB Nagar constituency over the past three years.

Police Remained Silent Even When Microphone Was Snatched from MLA's Hand!

The MLA stated that a serious protocol violation occurred on September 19, 2026, during the distribution of house site allotment certificates under G.O. 118 at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium. He alleged that individuals without any official designation were accommodated in the front row on the dais. While he was addressing the gathering as the local MLA, an individual forcibly snatched the microphone from his hand. However, the police personnel present at the venue failed to intervene or take any action.

He questioned how such behaviour towards an elected public representative could be justified.

Pressure Exerted on MLA to Leave the Dais!

Devireddy Sudheer Reddy also brought to the DGP's attention a similar incident that allegedly took place on November 18, 2026, during the Cheyutha pension distribution programme at Champapet Model Market.

He explained that the programme, originally scheduled for 10:30 AM, was postponed to 4:30 PM, as communicated by the officials. To ensure that beneficiaries did not face any inconvenience, he reached the venue well in advance and personally supervised the arrangements for nearly two hours.

However, the programme commenced only at approximately 6:15 PM, instead of the announced time.

By then, the hall and the stage had reportedly been occupied by Congress party leaders and workers. Subsequently, following an invitation from the officials, the MLA went onto the stage.

When he questioned LB Nagar Zonal Commissioner Vikas Mahato regarding the protocol that should be followed during official government programmes, Congress leaders and party workers allegedly behaved aggressively towards him and attempted to provoke a confrontation.

The MLA expressed his displeasure, alleging that instead of controlling the situation and maintaining law and order, the police acted in a biased manner against him and his party workers. He further alleged that police personnel ordered him to leave the stage, made insulting remarks, and attempted to forcibly remove him from the venue. He brought these incidents to the DGP's attention through his formal complaint.

Action Sought Against Officials Allegedly Involved in Biased Conduct!

The MLA specifically lodged a complaint regarding the conduct of four police officials associated with the LB Nagar area.

The officials named in the complaint are: K. Saidulu, Circle Inspector, Chaitanyapuri Police Station, Srisailam, Circle Inspector, Saroornagar Police Station, Ravinder Reddy, ACP, LB Nagar Division, Venkateshwarlu, Detective Inspector, Chaitanyapuri.

He alleged that all four officials behaved in a highly disrespectful manner towards him and his party workers.

He requested the DGP to order a comprehensive inquiry into their conduct and initiate strict disciplinary action if they are found guilty of protocol violations and politically biased behaviour.

DGP Assures Strict Action Against Those Violating the Law! Devireddy Sudheer Reddy urged the DGP to issue clear instructions to ensure that the schedules of all future official government programmes in the LB Nagar constituency are communicated to the local MLA well in advance.

He also requested that appropriate protocol and due respect be extended to the elected public representative and that police officials discharge their duties impartially, without yielding to political pressure.

Responding to the complaint, DGP C.V. Anand assured MLA Sudheer Reddy that appropriate and stringent action would certainly be taken against those found violating the law. He also stated that necessary measures would be taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the future.

No Special Privileges Needed for Public Representatives!

On this occasion, Sudheer Reddy made it clear that he was not seeking any special privileges. As a constitutionally elected MLA, he was only expecting the respect and official protocol to which he is legally entitled. He stated that government programmes do not belong to any particular political party but are meant for the entire public. Officials have the responsibility to conduct such programmes impartially without turning them into political platforms, he added.

Nicholls' Century, Phillips' 94 Lift New Zealand to 243/5 Against India



Wellington, Nov 20 (Open Frame): A blazing 85 off 89 balls from Yashasvi Jaiswal and an unbeaten 52 off 116 deliveries from KL Rahul lifted India to 159/1 in 39 overs at stumps on day two of the first Test against New Zealand at the Basin Reserve here on Friday.

Replying to the hosts first-innings score of 368, with Henry Nicholls unbeaten on 175, India trail by 209 runs with nine wickets in hand. Rahul is unbeaten on 52 off 116 balls, with Devdutt Padikkal not out on 16 off 35 balls. With batting expected to become easier, India will look to overhaul New Zealand's 368 and get into taking a lead.

India resumed after tea break from 16/0, especially after Jaiswal and Rahul survived a tricky examination in the second session. Jaiswal soon began to dominate by driving Matt Henry twice past mid-off in the 13th over. Rahul raised the team's fifty in the 14th over with two boundaries off Jacob Duffy, including off a no-ball.

Duffy struggled for rhythm and conceded 30 runs in his first four overs, as Jaiswal ramped him over the slips, and the pair took 81 runs off the first 15 overs of the session. Jaiswal reached his first Test fifty in New Zealand off 66 balls in the 23rd over with a crisp drive off a Duffy half-volley, and slogged the next ball over the slips for four.

A second ramp from Jaiswal off Nathan Smith brought up the century of the opening stand. It was India's first for the opening wicket in 17 Tests, since the same pair added 201 runs in the win in Perth in November 2024.

Henry finally had a breakthrough for New Zealand in the 28th over after wicket-keeper Tom Blundell came up to the stumps, as Jaiswal feathered behind a delivery that took a faint edge behind. Neither the umpire nor Blundell was convinced, but Henry insisted on a review and it ended Jaiswal's innings of 85 off 89 balls, laced with 16 fours.

The 130-run opening stand is India's second-highest partnership for the first wicket in New Zealand, behind the 149-run association Manoj Prabhakar and WV Raman had in Auckland in 1990. After that, New Zealand regained some control – Padikkal got off the mark with an inside edge that narrowly missed his off-stump, and Rahul survived a mix-up for a single when Glenn Phillips fumbled on collecting the ball.

Hardik Pandya Strengthens Punjab Kings' IPL Squad



New Delhi, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Punjab Kings head coach Ricky Ponting believes Hardik Pandya's arrival has given the franchise a very well-rounded squad for IPL 2027, adding that the side's depth of all-rounders, in both pace and spin, would hold them in good stead.

PBKS brought in Hardik in one of the two biggest trades ahead of the auction happening on December 16, while sending left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh the other way. The all-rounder joins a group that already includes Marco Jansen, Suryansh Shedge, Marcus Stoinis and Cooper Connolly. "I have been really happy with the squad that we put together a couple of years ago. I've been really conscious of trying to keep the majority of our players together through this three-year cycle, leading into another mega auction next year. So we've decided just to release the six players going into the IPL for this season and have retained 19.

"We've obviously brought in, through trade, Hardik Pandya, and traded out Arshdeep Singh. So yeah, we've got a very well-rounded squad. Obviously, there's been a lot of talk about how many all-rounders we've got in our group. "With Hardik coming in and Marco Jansen, Marcus Stoinis, Azmatullah, Shedge, Shashank, Cooper Connolly, there are a lot of all-rounders there, which I think will hold us in really good stead. We've got a lot of bases covered there as far as spin bowling all-rounders and fast bowling all-rounders are concerned," Ponting said to JioStar. With the squad largely settled, Ponting said the first aim of PBKS at the auction, to be held in Goa on December 16, would be to strengthen their playing eleven, before looking at young Indian players they could retain in future.

Satwik-Chirag Storm Into Hong Kong Open Semifinals



Hong Kong, Nov 20 (Open Frame): India's top men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty stormed into the semifinals of the Hong Kong Open 2026 with a hard-fought three-game victory over China's Hu Ke Yuan and Lin Xiang Yi on Friday. In their quarterfinal match, the Indian pair registered a 21-12, 13-21, 21-16 win. They lost the second game but bounced back to win the third to book their spot in the semis. Satwik and Chirag quickly found their ground, as they led 6-3 and then 9-6 and raced to 11-7 at the first interval. After the change of ends, the pair sprinted ahead to 15-10 and took just 13 minutes to win the opening game 21-12.

The second game was a lot more competitive, and there was nothing between the teams at 4-4 before the Indians were a little ahead at 9-9. Hu and Lin took the game at 13-11 and moved out to 15-11 before winning it 21-13.

The Indians made a strong comeback in the third game and led 11-7 at the interval. They kept the winning momentum going to surge ahead 15-9 and 17-10, and though the Chinese duo pulled some way back towards the close, Satwik and Chirag kept their composure to win the game 21-16 and enter the last four.

On the other hand, India's Rakshitha Ramraj was ousted in the women's singles quarterfinals following her 19-21, 16-21 defeat by Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong in 53 minutes.

The 19-year-old Indian fought hard in the first game which saw the scores remain level at 13-13. Chochuwong edged ahead at 17-15 but Rakshitha fought her way back to even at 17-17. Thai shuttler, however, kept her cool to clinch it 21-19. In the second game, Chochuwong again carried a narrow lead and then scored four in a row to go 14-10 up. She continued to hold the Indian at arm's length and claimed victory in the 21-16 semi-final.

Mahela Jayawardene Appointed Delhi Capitals' Director of Cricket for WPL Team



Colombo, Nov 20 (Open Frame): The franchise, one of the five founding WPL teams in 2023, has reached the final in all four editions of the tournament so far but finished runners-up each time. "Delhi Capitals has a strong identity and an exciting vision for the future of women's cricket. I am delighted to take on the role of Director of Cricket for the WPL team. "The competition has enormous potential to shape the future of the women's game, and I look forward to working with an established group of talented players and an experienced support team.

"My focus will be on building on the team's existing strengths, bringing greater consistency to performances and ensuring we continue to evolve and compete for the title. I am excited about what we can achieve together," Jayawardene said in a statement on Saturday. Jayawardene recently left his role as head coach of Mumbai Indians, whom he coached to three IPL titles. From 2022–2024, Jayawardene was also MI's Global Head of Performance, where he oversaw cricketing operations across franchise teams in different leagues. DC was the last team Jayawardene represented as a player in the IPL in 2012 and 2013 seasons and even captained them.

Across the GMR Sports cricket teams portfolio, Jayawardene will give strategic direction on cricketing operations, talent identification, player development and performance management and work closely with the leadership, head coaches and cricket management teams at each franchise. He will also work with Giles White, Hampshire's Director of Cricket, to share knowledge, expertise and best practices across the group's teams. One of the finest batters of his generation, Jayawardene played 149 Tests and 448 ODIs for Sri Lanka, scoring 11,814 and 12,650 runs respectively.

He captained his country and was part of the side that won the 2014 Men's T20 World Cup. He takes over from former India cricketer Venugopal Rao, who left the organisation after a stint of over four years. Under Rao, Dubai Capitals won the ILT20 title in 2025. "I am delighted to be joining GMR Sports at an exciting stage in its journey. The organisation has built an interesting and diverse portfolio of cricket properties across different markets, each with its own identity, opportunities and ambitions.

Piyush Goyal Unveils Five-Point 'TRUST' Agenda to Strengthen India-US Partnership



New Delhi, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has outlined five-point 'TRUST' agenda for a stronger India-US partnership. Under the first 'T', the minister called for transforming supply chains into resilient and trusted supply chains. Under 'R', he called for raising talent together with friendly and partner countries. Goyal reiterated his strong support for dual-degree programmes and stronger educational partnerships.

The minister said that India and the United States had built considerable talent partnerships through their universities over the years and that these relationships should be further strengthened. He said that he was working with some US universities to explore bringing them to India and invited American universities and students to consider India as part of their academic programmes. Under 'U', Goyal called for unlocking Bharat beyond the metropolitan cities, stressing that development should not remain confined to certain regions or urban centres.

He recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, upon assuming office in 2014, had emphasised equitable development across all parts of India, particularly eastern and northern India, which had not received their due share of development over the decades. The minister said that the Government had focused on the development of the Northeastern states, resulting in significant progress in infrastructure, electricity, water supply, incubation centres and quality education, alongside efforts to bring industry to the region. Similarly, the eastern belt, including Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh, had witnessed substantial transformation and development in recent years. Under 'S', the minister called for stakeholders to speak candidly with each other and flag the hurdles and difficulties they faced.

He said that different arms of the government were available to support businesses, address their concerns, and help them expand their operations and reach global markets. He was addressing the 23rd 'Indo-US Economic Summit' organised by the IACC in New Delhi. Under the final 'T', Goyal called for tracking the outcomes of all initiatives and ensuring accountability for performance. He urged the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) to hold the Government accountable, monitor its work and ensure that the Government and industry continued to work together towards a better future and a stronger India-US partnership.

RBI Clarifies Forex Reporting Rules for Service Exports and Imports



Mumbai, Nov 20 (Open Frame): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) clarified on Friday issued a clarification on the of foreign exchange reporting rules for services imports and exports that came into effect on October 1. The list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) issued by the RBI clarifies that service exporters other than resident individuals need to file an Export Declaration Form (EDF) only when the value of an inward remittance exceeds Rs 10 lakh, or its equivalent in foreign currency. Resident individuals are exempt from separate EDF filing irrespective of the value of the inward remittance.

The central bank said exporters of services other than resident individuals need to file an EDF only when the value of an individual inward remittance exceeds 10 lakh or its foreign currency equivalent. The declaration must be submitted before the proceeds are credited to the exporter's account.

The RBI also clarified that services export invoices raised before October 1 will not require an EDF even if payment is received after that date. Resident individuals exporting services are exempt from filing a separate EDF; it will be deemed submitted once they provide the necessary information to their authorised dealer (AD) bank for crediting the inward remittance. Authorised dealer (AD) banks cannot insist on an EDF before crediting inward remittances of up to 10 lakh for non-individual service exporters or any amount received by resident individuals.

However, non-individual exporters receiving individual remittances exceeding the threshold must submit the declaration before the proceeds are credited. The RBI also clarified that the SOFTEX form, earlier required for software exports, has been discontinued from October 1. Software exporters operating in the Domestic Tariff Area can now submit the EDF to any AD bank or the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), while those operating from Special Economic Zones can submit it to the respective development commissioner.

For service exports, the EDF must generally be submitted within 30 days from the end of the month in which the invoice is raised. For services other than software, exporters can also submit the form on or before receipt of payment. AD banks may extend the deadline after examining the reasons provided by exporters, according to the RBI statement.

On imports of services, the RBI said resident individuals and non-individual importers with invoice or contract values of up to 10 lakh need not furnish a separate import declaration. The information already provided to banks for processing outward remittances will suffice.

However, banks must continue reporting the relevant transactions in the Export Data Processing and Monitoring System (EDPMS) and Import Data Processing and Monitoring System (IDPMS).

Anthropic Shares Fall 9% After Record-Breaking Market Debut



New Delhi, Nov 20 (Open Frame): Shares of artificial intelligence startup Anthropic fell more than 9 per cent on Friday, a day after making a record-setting stock market debut, as a broad sell-off in AI-related stocks overshadowed enthusiasm surrounding the company's public listing. The Claude chatbot maker had delivered a strong debut on Thursday, with its shares surging as much as 39 per cent above the IPO price before giving up a significant portion of those gains. The stock eventually ended its first trading session 17 per cent higher at $97.17, briefly making Anthropic the world's seventh-largest publicly traded company by market capitalisation.

Friday's decline came as the IPO's underwriters exercised their over-allotment, or greenshoe, option, allowing them to sell additional shares following the listing. With the move, the total proceeds raised by Anthropic and its co-founders reached $119.5 billion, including $93.5 billion from the initial public offering and another $26 billion through a concurrent private placement.

Despite the strong market debut, Anthropic's listing has so far failed to reignite investor confidence in the broader artificial intelligence sector. The weakness came after Wall Street's major indexes closed sharply lower on Thursday, while stock futures pointed to further losses at the start of Friday's session. Several leading AI-linked technology stocks also came under pressure in premarket trade. Nvidia and Meta Platforms declined more than 2 per cent, while Amazon and Microsoft lost over 1 per cent each. Chipmakers Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) and SanDisk dropped around 7 per cent, and Intel fell more than 5 per cent.

Market participants are now closely watching the prospect of a potential OpenAI public offering next year, which is expected to serve as another key test of investor appetite for artificial intelligence stocks.

While Anthropic's IPO had been viewed as a possible catalyst for a broader revival in AI-related equities, analysts said near-term volatility may persist as investors reassess the stock's sharp valuation. The company is currently valued at roughly 40 times its trailing 12-month sales, a level that some investors consider difficult to justify without sustained high-growth performance. However, the stock could find support later this year.

GAO Flags Waste in US Immigration Detention Spending

Washington, Nov 19 (Open Frame): US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) paid an estimated $13 million a month for unused detention beds at four facilities, according to a federal audit release that questioned the planning and cost-effectiveness of its detention expansion. An average of 9,733 beds covered by those commitments remained empty each day during the period examined, Government Accountability Office said.

The four facilities in the monthly cost estimate were California City Correctional Facility, North Lake Correctional Facility, Folkston D. Ray Processing Center and Diamondback Correctional Center. Diamondback accounted for about $5.84 million a month and California City for about $5.02 million. GAO's calculation included facility-wide charges as well as applicable daily bed rates.

Guaranteed payments can help ICE secure space urgently and protect operators from financial losses. But they also leave the government paying for capacity it does not use. The audit's concerns extended to the agency's purchases of detention properties after Congress provided $45 billion for immigration detention in July 2025. ICE bought 11 warehouses for approximately $1.07 billion before substantially reducing its conversion programme. It now plans to sell seven of those properties. The agency also purchased four existing detention facilities for approximately $2.2 billion in July and August 2026.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Raj Nidimoru Welcome Baby Boy Dev

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu has embraced motherhood and welcomed her first child with filmmaker Raj Nidimoru.

The actress shared the happy news on her social media account, revealing that the couple has been blessed with a baby boy, whom they have named Dev Nidimoru. Samantha shared a tender glimpse of her newborn son, with the picture capturing the baby's tiny fingers gently wrapped around her finger. Sharing the pivotal, Samantha wrote, "Our beautiful baby boy DEV NIDIMORU 19.11.2026 The happiest our hearts have ever been. Samantha & Raj" The arrival of their son comes days after Samantha and Raj held an intimate traditional puja at their home ahead of welcoming their first child. On November 17, Samantha and Raj gathered with members of their families for the ceremony, which featured prayers, chanting and traditional rituals seeking blessings for the mother and baby and a smooth delivery.

Pictures from the ceremony showed Samantha dressed in a red traditional outfit, while Raj was seen in a cream-coloured kurta paired with white pyjamas. The couple was also seen seeking blessings from elders and participating in the rituals. Samantha's sister-in-law shared a detailed account of the ceremony, along with behind-the-scenes pictures. She described the gathering as a coming together of family members who had helped raise them. She wrote, "When can we do this, Babu?" I'd been asking my annayya for so long. And finally, it was time. Our



pinnammas and peddamma who helped raise us came from near and far for Matru Shishu Mangala Ashirvadam, to bless Sam and the precious little one already reigning over our hearts and soon, our Samrajyam." She added, "In our family, gathering at the home altar to chant and sing was part of everyday life. We grew up doing it with our grandparents, and aunties. Amma and Nanna made sure we continued. Whatever had happened that day, we sat together in prayer. It reset the home, and us. I'm grateful they gave us that." She further added, "I saw it all come alive in our aunties. They had travelled without their families and were together again, chanting, singing, laughing like girlfriends, and doting on my brother and me. This time, Sam and the baby to be born were receiving all that affection too. We offered the Sri Suktam and Gayatri Devi homam, chanted Gayatri 21 times, and shared our familiar family prayers." She further added, "Then came a song just for them :). Padma Shri Shobha Raju pinnamma composed it with love and a little mischief. I sang, Padma Shri Vidushi Sumitra Guha peddamma added her beautiful ragas.

, Neeru aunty joined my lines, and Amma and Usha aunty became our chorus. We had our own little family production :)! I'm grateful to everyone who helped bring us together. Seeing so many mothers blessing Sam was everything I had hoped for."

"Little one, look at all the love you've already brought together- even before you arrived. We seek your blessings for Sam's smooth delivery and well-being, and for the baby's long, healthy life, filled with kindness, character, and purpose." For the unin tiated, Samantha and Raj tied the knot on December 1, 2025, in an intimate ceremony at the Linga Bhairavi Temple inside the Isha Yoga Centre in Coimbatore. The wedding was attended by a select group of family members and close friends. The couple first worked together on The Family Man 2, where Samantha played the character of Raji. They later collaborated on Citadel: Honey Bunny and Maa Inti Bangaaram. Their relationship eventually became public before they married in December 2025.

'Haindava' Release Postponed, New Date to Be Announced Soon



The makers of director Ludheer Byreddy's upcoming pan Indian film 'Haindava', featuring Telugu star Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas and Samyuktha in the lead, on Friday announced that they had chosen to postpone their film's release. The film was to originally hit the screens on November 27 this year. Moonshine Pictures, the production house producing the film, took to its social media timelines to share the announcement.

It wrote, "#HAINDAVA has been postponed from its scheduled date to give you all the best experience with high technical standards. A new release date will be announced soon. Stay tuned." The makers also shared a poster through which they made it clear that they remained committed to delivering the film to the highest standards of quality. Thanking audiences for their patience and continued support, the makers said that they would announce a new release date soon. A teaser tha the makers had released last month had triggered great excitement among fans and film buffs. The teaser showed that the story was set in the village of Rangapuram. The story takes a mysterious turn when all the idols from an ancient temple go missing and a villager is found murdered.

The temple priest however believes that all the idols will return within a stipulated timeframe. An atheist police officer is assigned the task of investigating the unusual case, setting the stage for a compelling clash between faith, reason, and the unexplained. Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas plays an atheist police officer who places his faith in humanity rather than God. Samyuktha plays the female lead, while Mahesh Manjrekar appears in a pivotal role as the temple priest. Saurabh Sachdeva, JD Chakravarthy, Shivaji Raja, and Getup Srinu feature in other significant roles. Producedby Mahesh Chandu, the film boasts of a fine technical team. Production design for the film has been handled by Siva Kamesh D while cinematography for the film is by Harish Kannan. Music director Sam CS has scored the music for this occult thriller while Karthika Srinivas has handled its editing.

Vijay Sethupathi Unveils Teaser of Sathish-Aadi Saikumar's 'Paththu Naal Raja'



Well known Tamil film actor and producer Vijay Sethupathi on Friday released a gripping teaser of director Guru Saravanan's upcoming financial crime drama 'Paththu Naal Raja', featuring Tamil actor Sathish and Telugu actor Aadi Saikumar in the lead.

Taking to his social media timelines to release the teaser, Vijay Sethupathi wrote, "Elated and happy to release the teaser of #PathunaalRaja! My heartfelt wishes to the entire team for a grand success! A @GhibranVaibodha Musical." The teaser released begins with an introduction to not the protagonists of the film, but its antagonists.

The teaser shows that while the world runs after money, its antagonist (played by Garuda Ram), who is known as the Digital Devil, is not one among them. The teaser gives away the fact that the Digital Devil has a loan app and his mission is to make anybody who owns a smartphone to take a loan from him through his app. The teaser also shows that his target base is the average middle class person who draws a monthly salary or in other words, the common man. Sathish, we realise, is one such common man, who draws a monthly salary.

The Digital Devil is seen searching for a rowdy sheeter to scare, threaten and control the common men he cheats. Aadi Saikumar plays the role of the local rowdy sheeter picked by the Digital Devil. The teaser gives the impression that the story revolves around actor Sathish, whose character is seen visiting a police station. The cops are seen chiding Sathish's character for first borrowing money from unknown people and then turning up at a police station to lodge a complaint against the lender for sending collection agents who behave in an unruly manner. The film, apart from Sathish and Aadi Saikumar, will also feature Sharanya Ramachandran, Aadukalam Naren, Paruthiveeran Saravanan and others. On the technical front, the film will have music by Ghibran Vaibodha and cinematography by ace cameraman Manoj Paramahamsa.

Kayadu Lohar Scales First Summit at 3,700-Metre Dayara Bugyal Peak



Actress Kayadu Lohar on Friday announced that she had scaled her first summit, adding that there were "many more to come." The actress, who has shot to fame in Tamil cinema in a relatively short period of time, took to her Instagram page to post pictures of her atop the Dayara bugyal Bakaira, a small summit. She wrote, "The first of many summits. Dayara bugyal Bakaira Top 3,700 metres - a small summit to begin with, but many more to come." The actress went on to say that she had always been a mountain girl and that she would continue to be so. "Always been a mountain girl, always will be! There's just no place I'd rather be," she wrote.

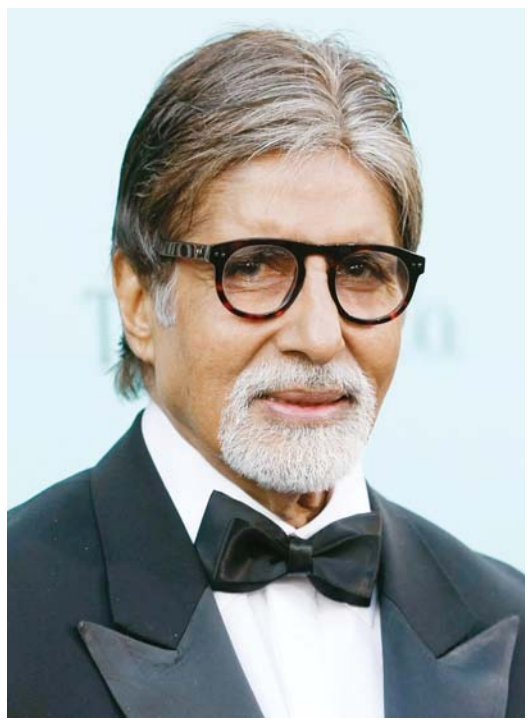
On the work front, Kayadu Lohar will be seen in a number of eagerly awaited upcoming films including ace director Mari Selvaraj's 'Manjanathi', in which she plays a pivotal character. Last month, the actress had disclosed that the unit of the film ad wrapped up its ongoing schedule.

Taking to her Instagram page to drop the update, the actress had said, "A different world. A different school. A different me. And a storyteller who made me see things a little differently. Schedule wrap for Manjanathi. @mariselvaraj84 @navvi_studios."

The film has music by Ilaiyaraaja and features actor Kathir in the lead. Apart from Kayadu Lohar and Kathir, the film will also feature actors Priyanka Mohan, Poornima Ravi, Vidhu, Kaaka Muttai Vignesh and Rahul (of 'Vaazhai' fame) in pivotal roles.

The film, which has triggered huge expectations among fans and film buffs, has a gifted technical team. Cinematography for the film is by Ezhil Arasu while editing is by Selva R K. Art direction for the film is by Ramu Thangaraj. Stunts in the film have been choreographed by Dhilip Subbarayan while dances in the film have been choreographed by Sandy Mast The Dayara Bugyal region in Uttarakhand is known for its scenic alpine meadows and breathtaking mountain views, making it a popular destination among trekking enthusiasts. Kayadu's achievement reflects her interest in exploring nature and taking on outdoor challenges beyond her busy film schedule. Her social media post received attention from fans, who congratulated her on completing her first summit and wished her success in future adventures.

Amitabh Bachchan Credits Writers as the Real Heroes Behind Film Acting



Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan recently shared insights into the craft of acting, and the relationship between an actor and a writer. In an latest episode of the quiz based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' season 18, the actor engaged in a masterclass on acting with contestant Kedarnath Sahu from Raigarh.

During the episode, the show host asked Kedarnath what he pursues beyond his UPSC preparations. Kedarnath spoke about his passion for acting and shared that he studies books on the craft, particularly Constantin Stanislavski, the pioneer of method acting. He then asked the senior actor if he follows a specific method or when he first felt he had truly mastered his craft. Big B credited writers over performers, as he said, "Bhaisahab sach mein kahe toh main yeh vishwas rakhta hoon ki kalakar koi nahi hota hain, jo hero hota hai film ka wo asal mein lekhak hota hain kyunki wo kahani likhta hain aur wo sochta hain characters ke baare mein aur kahani ke baare mein, toh ek tarah se method acting toh lekhak kar raha hai (Honestly, I truly believe that there are no artistes; the hero in a film is actually the writer because he writes the story and thinks about the characters and the narrative. In a way, the writer is doing method acting)". "Toh humne toh keval aake sirf joh likha hota hain script mein usse hum keh dete hain bass aur kuch nahi karte, shuruvat ke dino mein kasta hota tha ki kahi baar joh likha hota tha voh hume samaj mein nahi aata tha lekin samay laga aur fir dheere-dheere hum jaise acting kar rahe the voh logo ko acha lagne laga aur kaam milne laga. Lekin humne aisa koi method acting nahi sikha hain (So we just come and say what is written in the script, that's it, and we don't do anything else. In the beginning, it was difficult because sometimes what was written didn't make sense to us, but with time, gradually, the way we were acting started to please people, and we began to get work. But we haven't learned any method acting like that)", he added. Big B's remarks validate the long-running industry conversation around his rise to superstardom, and the role of legendary screenwriters Salim-Javed who crafted the iconic template of the Angry Young Man, in shaping up his career. 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' season 18 is available on Sony Entertainment Television and Sony LIV.

Namrata Shirodkar Shares Heartfelt Birthday Wishes for Sister Shilpa Shirodkar

Actress Namrata Shirodkar turned nostalgic as she wished her sister and actress Shilpa Shirodkar on her 53rd birthday on Friday. She shared a collage featuring a series of pictures capturing their bond, including moments featuring Namrata's daughter Sitara Ghattamaneni. The birthday post offered a glimpse into the sisters' close relationship. In one picture, Namrata, Shilpa and Sitara can be seen posing together at a restaurant. Shilpa also reshared a picture from Namrata, thankimg her 'chintukli' for her wishes. Shilpa Shirodkar, who turned 53 on November 20, is one of the familiar faces of Hindi cinema's 1990s era. She made her Bollywood debut with Ramesh Sippy's Bhrashtachar in 1989, sharing screen space with Mithun Chakraborty and Rekha.

She then went on to appear in films including Kishen Kanhaiya, Trinetra, Hum, Khuda Gawah, Aankhen, Pehchaan, Gopi Kishan, Bewafa Sanam and Mrityudand. At the peak of her career, Shilpa stepped away from acting after marrying UK-based banker Aparesh Ranjit in 2000 and moved abroad with her family and stayed away from the entertainment industry for more than a decade. She returned to acting with television. In 2013, she made her comeback with the television show, Ek Mutthi Aasmaan, followed by shows including Silsila Pyaar Ka and Savitri Devi College & Hospital. She later participated in Bigg Boss 18, which brought her back into the spotlight. Shilpa then returned to films with Guns of Banaras and was seen in the 2025 Telugu-Hindi bilingual supernatural thriller Jatadhara. Namrata, meanwhile, carved out her own place in the Hindi film industry after being crowned Miss India in 1993. She appeared in films including Kachche



Dhaage, Vaastav: The Reality, Pukar, Astitva, Dil Vil Pyar Vyar, LOC Kargil and the British film Bride & Prejudice. She married Telugu superstar Mahesh Babu in 2005 and stepped away from acting, choosing to focus on family life. The couple have two children, son Gautam and daughter Sitara. Namrata's birthday tribute highlighted the strong bond shared by the Shirodkar sisters, with fans and well-wishers joining in to extend their greetings to Shilpa. The post also brought back memories of their journey in the entertainment industry, while offering a glimpse of their family moments.

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