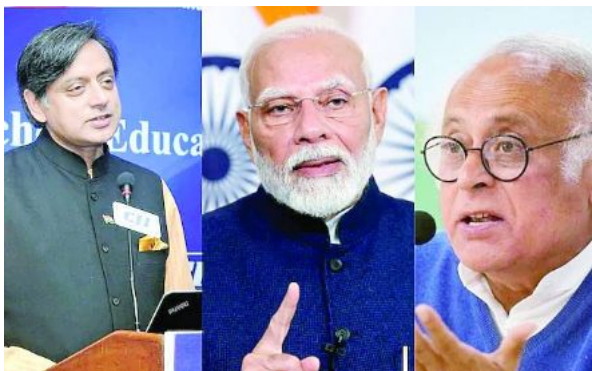


Difference between 'Congress mein hona, Congress ka hona': Jairam Ramesh in dig at Tharoor

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New Delhi, May 17:

There is a difference between "being in the Congress and of the Congress", Jairam Ramesh said in an apparent swipe at party colleague Shashi Tharoor after a controversy over the government nominating him to lead a multi-party delegation abroad to put across India's stand against Pakistan on terrorism." The Congress is like the mighty Ganga, which has many tributaries... Some of them dry up and some get polluted," Ramesh, the Congress general secretary in-charge communications said but ducked questions on if there would be any action against Tharoor. The government named Tharo

or as a leader of one of the seven multi-party delegations to project India's national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism in all forms and manifestations and carry to the world the country's message of zero tolerance against terrorism. Accepting the nomination to lead one of the delegations, Tharoor said in a post on X, "I am honoured by the invitation of the government of India to lead an all-party delegation to five key capitals, to present our nation's point of view on recent events." "When national interest is involved, and my services are required, I will not be found wanting. Jai Hind!" he added. Asked about Tharoor's



inclusion as a representative of the Congress in the government's list of leaders to lead the delegations abroad, Ramesh told reporters, "'Congress mein hona aur Congress ka hona mein zameen-aasmaan ka anta hai (There is a difference between being in the Congress and of the Congress).'" In a democratic system, when individual MPs are sent as part of an

official delegation, MPs must seek the concurrence of the party. If the government wants to send him as part of a delegation, the MP should be asking the party, he said. "You (government) cannot include names of MPs (in delegations) without consulting the party," he said. "All of us belong to the party but they (government) need to consult the LoPs." Acc-

ording to normal practice and a good democratic system, when MPs are sent on official delegations, they should seek the concurrence of the party concerned, he further said. Asked if there would be any further action on the matter, Ramesh said the government had asked for four names from the Congress and it had sent those four names. There will be no change of names from the Congress' side, he added. "The ball is in the government's court now," he said, adding that no names were discussed during Union minister Kiren Rijiju's conversation with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief

Rahul Gandhi. The BJP, on the other hand, questioned the Congress' choice of leaders for the delegations, wondering if it did not nominate Tharoor because he outshone the party high command. In a post on X on Saturday, Rijiju shared a government communication of names of leaders to head seven delegations to different countries that included Tharoor's name. "In moments that matter most, Bharat stands united. Seven all-party delegations will soon visit key partner nations, carrying our shared message of zero-tolerance to terrorism. A powerful reflection of national unity above politics, beyond differences," Rijiju said in his post.



J-K LG reviews security situation alon LoC in Kupwara

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Srinagar, May 17:

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday reviewed security situation along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district. In a post on X, Sinha said, "Reviewed security situation on the ground with Army and Police officials. Interacted with our brave Jawans in Tangdhar. They are standing tall, full of confidence and with determination to safeguard the territorial

integrity of the nation."Sinha visited the border area in Tangdhar Sector and assessed the damage due to unprovoked heavy shelling by Pakistan.He said the country is grateful to the armed forces for protecting the lives and ensuring the sanctity of our borders with alertness, dedication, bravery and supreme sacrifice."I am confident that our jawans will firmly deal with any misadventure by the enemy," he added.

TN govt throws weight behind state officials in ED's Rs 1,000 cr TASMAC scam probe

The Capital News
Chennai, May 17:

Tamil Nadu Excise Minister S Muthusamy on Saturday alleged the Enforcement Directorate harassed state government officials in the probe over its allegation of a scam in state-run TASMAC and violated procedures mandated by the Supreme Court. The minister accused the central agency of "political vendetta" and strongly condemned it and assured all legal measures against it. Also, Muthusamy said the government would firmly back the state officials at all times. In a statement, Muthusamy, who holds the portfolios of Housing, Prohibition and Excise said ED's searches in the headquarters of govern-



ment-run liquor chain TASMAC (Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation) had ulterior political motives. It was an attempt to portray as if irregularities happened in the TASMAC during the DMK regime. However, the ED's action was based on cases registered during the AIADMK regime by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-corruption. During the searches, no proof was found to substantiate alleged irregularities in the func-

tioning of TASMAC. When this was the case, ED released a press note based on "imagination," claiming Rs 1,000 crore scam in TASMAC." In order to justify this wrong statement, the ED is continuously causing agony for the officials. In continuation of this, yesterday (May 16, 2025) ED held searches in the houses of TASMAC Managing Director (S Visakan) and others. In these searches too, no evidence was found, and the ED continues to

cause distress for state government officials."The TASMACH headquarters here was searched in March this year and on May 16, several other locations were searched. The Minister also alleged that the ED was coercing officials. However, he did not elaborate. Further, he said: "I convey my strong condemnation on Tamil Nadu government's behalf for the political vendetta based action of the ED by violating guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court in several enforcement directorate cases."The minister assured that the state government would always stand behind the officials by taking all legal steps against such 'vendetta' action of the ED.

Two brothers held for extortion bid in Delhi's Punjabi Bagh

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Two brothers in west Delhi's Punjabi Bagh area allegedly attempted to extort money from their friend by sending him a threatening letter with two empty cartridges, police said on Saturday. Rohit Nagpal (35) and his brother Sagar (30) have been arrested in connection with the case, they said. According to the police, the brothers hatched the extortion plan to repay mounting debts after suffering heavy financial losses in their business. The main accused, Rohit, had reportedly taken a loan of Rs 80 lakh which he was unable to repay, they added. "On May 13, Rohit Chauhan received a suspicious courier at his residence



e. Inside were photographs of his wife and child, two empty gun cartridges, and a letter demanding a hefty sum in US dollars. The letter warned that his family would be harmed if the money was not paid," Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Vichitra Veer said. Scared by the threat, the family approached the police and a case was immediately registered. During the investigation, the tea-

m meticulously tracked the origins of the courier and examined the materials used in the threat, the officer said. Investigators began questioning the complainant's close circle, including Rohit Nagpal, a long-time friend of the victim." On sustained questioning, Rohit confessed to being behind the extortion attempt," Veer added. Rohit revealed that he and his younger brother orche-

strated the plan to create the illusion of a gang-linked threat, the officer said. They sourced the empty cartridges from a gun house and gathered personal information about the victim's family to add credibility to the threat, he said.

The brothers then used a scooter to deliver the materials and communicated using their mobile phones and laptop, all of which have been recovered, the police said. Rohit is a graduate and Sagar has studied Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), he said, adding that both have been arrested and further investigations are underway to ascertain if they were involved in any similar past incidents.

India willing to cut 100% tariffs.
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highest tariff nations in the world." "They make it almost impossible to do business. Do you know that they're willing to cut 100 per cent of their tariffs for the United States?" Trump said. When asked if the deal with India is coming soon, Trump said, "that'll come soon. I'm in no rush. Look, everybody wants to make a deal with us." Then he went on to add: "South Korea wants to make a deal but I'm not going to make deals with everybody. I'm just going to set the limit. I'll make another some deals. Because I can't, you can't meet with that many people. I've got 150 countries that want to make deals." India and the US are holding talks to firm up a trade deal. On Thursday, Jaishankar said trade talks have been going on between India and the US. "These are complicated negotiations. Nothing is decided till everything is. Any trade deal has to be mutually beneficial; it has to work for both countries," he said. "That would be our expectation from the trade deal." Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal is currently in Washington to assess the progress of negotiations for the proposed trade agreement. He is expected to hold talks with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer. To boost bilateral trade, India is seeking duty concessions for labour-intensive sectors like textiles, gems and jewellery, leather goods, garments, plastics, chemicals, shrimp, oil seeds, chemicals, grapes, and bananas in the proposed pact with America. On the other hand, the US wants duty concessions in sectors like certain industrial goods, automobiles (electric vehicles in particular), wines, petrochemical products, dairy, agriculture items such as apples, and tree nuts.

Countdown for the.... (From Page 1)

space port on May 18, which is also the 101st mission for the Bengaluru-headquartered space agency."The countdown started by 7.59 am on Saturday. Total 22 hours countdown," sources told PTI. The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) in its 63rd mission, would carry the Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-09) which would be capable of capturing high-resolution images of the Earth's surface under all weather conditions. The round-the-clock imaging by the satellite is vital for applications like agriculture, forestry monitoring, disaster management, urban planning and national security. Weighing around 1,696.24 kg, the EOS-09 satellite would join the constellation of Earth Observation satellites, aimed at addressing the need for expanded real-time coverage across the country's vast territory. The EOS-09 (RISAT-1B) is a follow-on to the RISAT-1 satellite which is equipped with similar configuration. It complements and supplements data from the Resourcesat, Cartosat and RISAT-2B Series satellites. The Earth Observation Satellite-09 is a repeat satellite of EOS-04 launched in 2022. It has been designed with the mission objective to ensure remote sensing data for the user community engaged in operational applications and to improve the frequency of observation. The PSLV-C61 rocket, after a 17 minute journey, is expected to place the EOS-09 satellite into the Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit (SSPO). Scientists, after the satellite gets separated in the desired orbit, would use the Orbit Change Thrusters (OCT) on the vehicle to reduce the altitude of the orbit, later. The mission life of EOS-09 is 5 years, ISRO said. According to scientists, a sufficient amount of the fuel has been reserved for de-orbiting the satellite after its effective mission life by lowering it to an orbit that ensures its decay within two years, towards ensuring a debris-free mission.

Pakistan has...

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the all-party delegations the government is sending to world capitals. In an interview to PTI Videos, the Hyderabad MP said the world will have to be told about the slaughtering of innocent citizens by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists for a long spell of time. He said, "India has been a big victim of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. We all have seen the tamasha, slaughtering of people since the time of Zia-ul-Haq." Owaisi, however, added that he is yet to be briefed by the government about the details of the diplomatic drive. The firebrand parliamentarian said it is necessary to call out Pakistan over its projection of itself as an Islamic country in its confrontation with India. "This is nonsense. Nearly 20 crore Muslims live in India. This too must be conveyed." Asserting that destabilising India, fomenting communal divide and stalling the country's economic rise is part of Pakistan's unwritten ideology, Owaisi said this has always been the objective of the Pakistani deep state and its military. India should have understood Pakistan's design long back when it had sent tribal invaders into Jammu and Kashmir after its independence in 1947, he said. "They are doing this tamasha since then. They will continue to do it tomorrow and are not going to stop. However, India's patience ran out with the Pahalgam terror attack," he said. Pakistan has become a threat to humanity by arming, training and financing terrorists, he said.

PM Modi to hold....(From Page 1)

Chhattisgarh. This marks the first time PM Modi will directly review the progress of the Polavaram project, which has been accorded national project status by the Centre. The agenda will focus on construction progress, public issues in submerged areas, and inter-state concerns over water retention and submergence caused by the project. As part of the review, the Prime Minister is expected to instruct the chief secretaries of the respective States to conduct public hearings in the flood-prone areas impacted by the reservoir. Land acquisition, rehabilitation of displaced populations, and overall project execution will be key focus areas. The Central government has set a deadline to complete the project by 2027. However, Telangana has raised objections regarding submergence in its territory due to backwater effects. Similar concerns have been voiced by Odisha and Chhattisgarh. These states had earlier approached the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Central Water Commission to seek redress. The Polavaram project also includes the diversion of 80 TMC feet of Godavari water to the Krishna river, with portions shared among Maharashtra and Karnataka, as per the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal. Odisha and Chhattisgarh are expected to receive 5 TMC feet and 1.5 TMC feet of water, respectively. The review meeting falls under the PM PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) initiative, aimed at fast-tracking priority infrastructure projects by resolving inter-governmental issues and ensuring timely execution. Chief Ministers N Chandrababu Naidu (Andhra Pradesh), A. Revanth Reddy (Telangana), and their counterparts from Odisha and Chhattisgarh will participate in the virtual meeting to finalise steps needed to meet the completion target.

India is elated and proud....(From P1)

breached the elusive 90m frontier with a 90.23m throw but the trail-blazing Indian had to settle for the second place behind Germany's Julian Weber in a dramatic men's javelin contest at the Doha leg of the prestigious Diamond League Meeting series here on Friday. The 27-year-old double Olympic medallist sent his spear 90.23m in his third attempt to join a list of javelin throwers, led by his current coach Jan Zelezny of Czechia, who have recorded 90m-plus efforts. He became the third Asian and 25th overall to achieve the feat. Modi said, "A spectacular feat! Congratulations to Neeraj Chopra for breaching the 90m mark at Doha Diamond League 2025 and achieving his personal best throw. This is the outcome of his relentless dedication, discipline and passion. India is elated and proud."



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu participating in Swarnandhra-Swachhandhra programme at Panyam constituency in Kurnool district on Saturday and also inspecting C-Camp Rythu Bazar along with officials



AP Governor Abdul Nazeer participating in JNTU convocation and presenting degrees to students at the venue in Anantapur on Saturday along with the university officials



The contestants of Miss World doing Yoga at Gachibowli stadium on Saturday where roller skating competition conducting in the presence of several government heads

A bigger success than I'll ever be given credit for:
Trump on bringing India, Pakistan back from brink

New York, May 17 (The Capital News) US President Donald Trump has said his talking to India and Pakistan and bringing them back from the brink is a "bigger success" than he'll ever be given credit for, saying there was "great hatred" among the two nations and tensions got to a point where the next phase was probably "nuclear". "A bigger success than I'll ever be given credit for. Those are major nuclear powers. Those are not like a little bit, and they were angry," Trump said in an interview to Fox News on Friday. Trump was asked about the "couple of foreign policy successes" before his trip to the Middle East, when he picked up the

phone and called India and Pakistan. Trump replied, "I did, ya". The interviewer said that was a success. "And the next phase was probably, did you see where it was getting? It was tit for tat. It was getting deeper and more, I mean, more missiles, everyone was 'stronger, stronger', so to a point where the next one's going to be, you know what? The N word. You know the N word is, right?" Trump asked the interviewer, to which he replied "nuclear". "It's the N word. That's a very nasty word, right? In a lot of ways. The N word used in a nuclear sense, that's the worst thing that can happen. And I think they were very close. The hatred



was great. And I said, 'We're going to talk about trade. We're going to do a lot of trade'," Trump said.

Trump went on to say that “I’m using trade to settle scores and to make peace. “India... they’re one of the high-

est tariff nations in the world, they make it almost impossible to do business. Do you know that they're will-

ing to cut 100% of their tariffs for the United States?" Trump said. There has been no announcement from

India over the issue. When asked if the deal with India is coming soon, Trump said, “Yeah, that’ll come soon. I’m in no rush. Look, everybody wants to make a deal with us.” “South Korea wants to make a deal...but I’m not going to make deals with everybody. I’m just going to set the limit. I’ll make another some deals... because I can’t, you can’t meet with that many people. I’ve got 150 countries that want to make deals,” Trump said. This was the seventh time in as many days that Trump repeated his claim that he “helped settle” the tensions between India and Pakistan. India carried out precision strikes under

'Operation Sindoor' on terror infrastructure early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. Following the Indian action, Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10. The Indian forces launched a fierce counter-attack on several Pakistani military installations. India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the military confrontation after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes. On May 10, Trump had announced that India and Pakistan agreed to a "full and immediate" ceasefire after a "long night" of talks mediated by Washington.

Indian tourist jailed for molesting child in Singapore

Singapore, May 17 (The Capital News) An Indian tourist has been jailed for three months in Singapore for molesting a 12-year-old girl at a swimming complex and sending her inappropriate messages on Instagram. Pramender, 25, who goes by only one name and was a tourist here, pleaded guilty on Friday to one charge of attempting to procure the commission of an indecent act by a child and one charge of molesting a child under 14, according to a Channel News Asia (CNA) report. A third charge of trespassing was taken into account for his sentencing. Pramender was accused



of following the victim to the toilet at Jalan Besar swimming complex, where she was with her family on Mar 31, the CNA report said on Friday. Pramender also took the girl's phone and accessed her Instagram account and used it to follow his account. He later sent 13 inappropriate messages to her on Instagram. The victim

got scared seeing the messages and reported the incident to the life-guard on duty. The victim's mother later complained to police, following which Pramen der was arrested on April 2. During the court hearing on Friday, Deputy Public Prosecutor Ashley Chin noted that the victim was young and vulnerable at 12 years old, and

that there was "some degree of exploitation". While pronouncing his verdict, District Judge Chay Yuen Fatt noted that the situation could have been worse if the victim's cousins were not there to protect her from Pramender. As per Singaporean law, the punishment for attempting to procure the commission of an indecent act by a child below 16 years old is a jail term of up to seven years, a fine of up to S\$10,000, or both. For molesting a child under 14 years old, Pramender could have faced a jail term of up to five years, a fine, caning, or any combination of the three.

Flights resume at rebel-held airport in Yemen's capital, more than a week after Israeli strikes

Cairo, May 17 (The Capital News) Flights resumed on Saturday to Yemen's capital of Sanaa, held by the country's Iran-backed Houthi rebels, more than a week after massive Israeli airstrikes disabled the airport. The Israeli strikes on May 6 — a rare daytime attack — destroyed the airport's terminal and left craters on its runway, according to Khaled al-Shaif, the head of the airport. At least six passenger planes were hit, including three belonging to the national carrier, Yemen Airway or Yemenia, he said. On Saturday, a flight operated by Yemenia landed at the Sanaa International Airport with 136 passengers on board, according to the



Houthis' al-Masira satellite news channel.

The flight had departed from Jordan's capital, Amman, earlier in the day, the airline said. Three more flights were scheduled on Saturday between Sanaa and Amman. The Israeli offensive was in response to a Houthi ballistic missile that hit the grounds of Ben Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv, which briefly halted flights and commuter traffic. The Houthis have targeted Israel

throughout Israel's war with the militant Hamas group in Gaza, in solidarity with Palestinians there while also targeting commercial and naval vessels on the Red Sea. The attacks have raised the Houthis' profile at home and internationally as the last member of Iran's self-described "Axis of Resistance" capable of launching regular attacks on Israel. Since mid-March, the US military under President Donald Trump launched an

intensified campaign of daily airstrikes targeting the Houthis. The two sides reached a deal to halt the US campaign in return for the Houthis halting their attacks on shipping. However, the US-Houthis deal did not stop the rebels' missile and drone attacks on Israel, which in turn responded with attacks on Yemen's Red Sea ports held by the Houthis. On Friday, the Israeli military said it struck the Hodeida and Salif ports, claiming that the Houthis were using the two facilities to transfer weapons. The Houthi-run health ministry said at least one person was killed and 11 others were wounded in Friday's airstrikes.

Fun and frolic mark...(From Page 1)

Sports Day, a unique combination of sports and Miss World, sends out a message of fitness, inspiring the younger generation to remain fit and healthy, he said. Shukla, who hailed the mega event which saw participation of representatives from 109 countries and still more expected to join, appreciated the Telangana government for its endeavour in organising the pageant on such a grand scale. The visits of Miss World contestants to various tourist destinations in different districts would motivate rural people, he said. The Sports Minister, who declared the 72nd Miss World Sports Day open, hoped that the participants would become ambassadors of peace, love and prosperity for all humanity. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy would be introducing a new sports policy which prioritises sports development with a special focus on increasing women's participation, he said. As part of this vision, the state government is setting up the Young India Physical Education and Sports University to nurture hidden talent, particularly among the rural population, he said. This initiative would lead to greater women's empowerment and encourage more children to take up sports as a career, Krishna Rao said. He said the primary purpose of hosting the 72nd Miss World pageant in Telangana is to introduce the state to the global stage. Observing that tourism is one of the key industries that significantly contributes to job creation, he said exploring new places is also an act of social service as it paves the way for the generation of employment and livelihoods.

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education, healthcare, employment opportunities, and a dignified life. To achieve this vision, several programmes like digital economy, renewable energy, start-ups, education, health, and skill development have been initiated with a participatory approach, encouraging citizens, students, youth, and all institutions to actively contribute towards this dream. He further said that the Swarna Andhra 2047, the state's own vision aligns with the national mission of Viksit Bharat and the roadmap drawn up by the State government aims to achieve economic prosperity, technological advancement, social equality, and environmental sustainability by 2047. Governor Abdul Nazeer congratulated the students who received gold medals, merit certificates and degrees in the Convocation. Prof. M.R. Madhav, Emeritus Professor (Retd.), IIT Kanpur, has participated as Chief Guest-cum-Orator and Dr. Satyanarayana Chava, founder & CEO of Laurus Labs Ltd, was conferred the Degree of Honoris Causa by the University. Prof. H. Sudarsana Rao, Vice-Chancellor, read out the annual report of the University. Dr.M. Hari Jawaharlar, Secretary to Governor and other dignitaries attended the Convocation.

Dhanunjay Reddy, Krishnamohan...(From Page 1)

(A1), Vasudeva Reddy (A2), Satya Prasad (A3), Mithun Reddy (A4), and Vijaya Sai Reddy (A5). These individuals were reported to have frequently visited A1's office to monitor the bribery operations. The SIT also found that the accused established a systematic mechanism for bribe collection and distribution. Both Dhanunjay and Krishnamohan reportedly have detailed knowledge of where and how the bribe money was invested, including the purchase of luxury properties and vehicles. Given the extent of their involvement and the need to uncover further financial links, the SIT has requested the court to remand both accused in custody for seven days for detailed interrogation.

Chandrababu ...(From Page 1)

State government will deposit funds into farmers' accounts in three instalments, matching the Centre's Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. The Chief Minister made these announcements while participating in the 'Swarnandhra - Swa chhandhra' program held in the Panyam constituency of Kurnool district. On this occasion, he administered a cleanliness oath to attendees, urging people to keep their homes and surroundings clean. He declared that the third Saturday of every month will be observed as a state-wide cleanliness day, and called on both citizens and government employees to take part in these efforts. Chandrababu emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility and cleanliness. He directed officials to ensure that no garbage remains in the state by October 2, adding that electricity is now being generated from gar bage. Projects are underway in Vijayawada, Kadapa, Nellore, and Rajahmundry for this purpose. He said that recycling centres are also being set up in villages to convert garbage into organic fertilizer. During his visit, the Chief Minister inspected the Sea Camp Rythu Bazaar, spoke with sanitation workers and farmers, and observed the process of making compost from vegetable waste. He later laid the foundation stone for horticulture development works in Dhanalakshmi Nagar and announced ₹6 crore for the modernization of Kurnool Rythu Bazaar. Chandrababu said the state has 125 Rythu Bazaars and plans to upgrade all of them. He announced that 175 model Rythu Bazaars will be established, one in each Assembly constituency, to provide fair prices for both farmers and consumers. He added that no office work will be done on the third Saturday of each month, with the day instead focused on cleaning and relaxation under green cover. Chandrababu announced that International Yoga Day will be celebrated in Visakhapatnam under the auspices of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and highlighted yoga's role in improving health amid increasing screen time. He said that 16,500 teacher posts will be filled before schools reopen, and every child will be encouraged to salute their mother before entering school. The Chief Minister strongly pushed for waste management and sanitation improvements, stating that nothing in the world is waste and everything has value. He said the previous government left 84 lakh metric tonnes of garbage on the roads, of which 54 lakh tonnes have been cleared so far. He has tasked Minister Narayana with ensuring that the remaining garbage is removed by October 2. Dwakra groups will be involved in producing and supplying compost fertilizer from household waste. He also praised the efforts of a woman named Sudharani for promoting rooftop gardens globally, and said Andhra Pradesh will showcase the power of women through such initiatives. Chandrababu reiterated his commitment to the development of Rayalaseema, calling it his homeland. He recalled eliminating the region's factionalism and laying the groundwork for growth. All four Rayalaseema districts now have airports, and lakes in the region remain full even in peak summer, he said. The Polavaram-Banakacharla link project will help provide irrigation to every acre of land in the region. "I will endure any hardship but will not let the people suffer," Chandrababu said, pledging to deliver on his promises to farmers, women, and the state at large.

