

QUOTE OF THE DAY
 The pioneer

The BRS is more relevant than both these parties. It is their delusion. They think that the BRS is not in the race. The BJP will win either a seat or no seat in Telangana. But we are going to win more than a dozen seats. It's neither INDIA nor NDA. There is nothing like INDIA. Mamata Banerjee and everybody is out. It is the regional parties which are fighting the BJP. They will emerge as a strong force

- K. Chandrasekhar Rao, BRS chief P4

There will be 'jungle raj' in country if INDIA bloc comes to power:
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AROUSHIKHA DEY 'HUMBLED' AS THE SHAMLESS PREMIERES AT CANNES 10

Kartikya's Bhaje Vaayu Vegam musical journey begins
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DON'T MISS...
Naidu continues drama over Land...

TDP leader Nara Chandrababu Naidu, addressing a gathering on Monday, underscored the challenges faced by a senior IAS officer under the Land Titling Act, painting a stark picture of the common man's plight. He referred to the difficulties encountered by retired IAS officer PV Ramesh earlier in the day regarding the registration of his land. Naidu revealed that he faced legal repercussions for bringing attention to the flaws in the Land Titling Act, daring the State government to take any possible action against...

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Genetic defects cause cerebral...

Genetic defects underlie about a fourth of Chinese children affected by cerebral palsy, and not a lack of oxygen at birth as previously thought, new research has found. Cerebral palsy is a disorder affecting one's ability to move. It is the most common motor disability in children, with symptoms emerging in infancy and early childhood. The disability is sometimes also associated with autism and intellectual deficiencies. Birth asphyxia, or receiving insufficient oxygen at the time of being born, can...

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Sharmila refutes claims of seeking...

APCC president Y S Sharmila vehemently denied accusations levelled against her, asserting that she never sought Rs 1,000 crore worth of contract works from the government. Dismissing the allegations as part of a smear campaign orchestrated against her, Sharmila declared, "A malicious campaign has been launched against me, claiming that I demanded the government allocate Rs 1000 crore worth of contract work. Those making such baseless allegations are merely puppets manipulated by..."

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Must win game for DC...

Delhi Capitals would require Rishabh Pant's killer instinct and Jake Fraser McGurk's unbelievable flair in their bid to stay alive in the IPL playoff race when they square off against a rampaging Rajasthan Royals in a must-win game here on Tuesday. The Capitals have been inconsistent so far, winning five and losing six of their last 11 games. While winning the remaining three games is a must for Pant's men, even that will only take them to 16 points which might not be enough to qualify for the last four stage...

-SPORTS

PM Modi vows to return 'looted' money to people

SAYS THIS IS THE FIRST POLL BEING FOUGHT ON THE TRUST OF 'VIKSIT AP AND VIKSIT BHARAT'

PNS ■ RAJAHMUNDRY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he was taking legal advice on how to return the money of poor people 'looted' in corruption. Referring to the seizure of 'mounds of cash' by the Enforcement Directorate from the domestic help allegedly linked to the secretary of a Jharkhand minister, Modi wondered why such persons were "close to the Congress's first family." "They have made the worker's house a godown of corruption. This is not the first time as a bigger seizure was made from an MP (in Jharkhand) earlier also and it was such a big cache that even machines were tired of counting." The PM was addressing a rally at Vemagiri here, which was attended by TDP leader Nara Lokesh and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan. "Why is that those, from whom mounds of cash is recovered, are close to the Congress' first family? Was the seized cash meant for supply somewhere, is it that Congress' first family has created warehouses of black money? The country wants to know from Congress Shehzad," he said in an apparent jibe at Rahul Gandhi. Modi alleged the Congress and INDI alliance people 'abuse' him whenever he 'catches' their black money. However, he was worried not about the abuses, but about the poor, "whose money these corrupt have looted." **Continued on Page 2**

- Modi accuses Cong and ruling YSRCP in AP of corruption and mafia rule.
- He is confident of NDA's victory in both LS and AP Assembly polls.
- Modi criticises YSRCP govt's failure in delivering on promises and handling key projects like Polavaram.
- He promises a crackdown on those responsible for attacks on temples and vows to promote development and trust.
- The PM highlights developmental works undertaken by the NDA govt, including infrastructure and housing projects.
- Modi criticises YSRCP govt for lack of progress on initiatives like the Visakhapatnam railway zone.



ED raids J'khand minister's staff; recovers Rs 25-cr cash

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Monday claimed to have recovered an estimated Rs 25 crore 'unaccounted' cash and several official documents during searches on the premises of a domestic help of a secretary of Jharkhand minister Alamgir Alam, official sources said. A cache of more than Rs 3 crore cash was separately seized by the central



agency from some other premises being searched in the state as part of a money laundering investigation linked

to the state rural development department, the sources said. The ED has been probing this case since last year and has arrested a former chief engineer of the state rural development department. Videos and photos shared by the sources showed officials of the agency emptying wads of currency notes from large bags in a 2BHK flat located at Gadikhana Chowk here. **Continued on Page 2**

Amarnath questions Modi's silence on VSP privatisation

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

State Industries Minister and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) candidate for Gajuwaka Assembly constituency, Gudivada Amarnath, has criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his prolonged silence on the issue of privatising the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP). Addressing the media on Monday evening, Amarnath expressed disappointment over the Prime Minister's lack of attention towards the workers' struggle, spanning 1,180 days, against the privatization. Amarnath highlighted the absence of any acknowledgement from the Prime Minister regarding the demands to halt the privatisation process, stating that even a single word from Narendra Modi on the matter would have been significant. He emphasised that despite his ultimatum to withdraw from the competition if Modi assured against privatization, the Prime Minister remained steadfast in his decision. Furthermore, Amarnath criticized Modi's apparent U-turn on his previous statements regarding developmental projects in Andhra



Pradesh. He condemned Modi's political manoeuvres, accusing him of disregarding promises made during elections and questioning the delay in approving funds for crucial projects like the Polavaram project. In addition to criticizing Modi, Amarnath aimed Chandrababu Naidu, alleging that the opposition leader's criticisms of the ruling party were driven by desperation due to his impending electoral defeat. He urged the public not to be swayed by Chandrababu Naidu's rhetoric and emphasized the importance of voting for the future of the State.

EC brake to release of input subsidy funds

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

In a recent directive, the Election Commission of India has instructed the suspension of the release of input subsidy funds totalling Rs 847 crore until the culmination of the general elections in the State. The proposal put forth by the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture to compensate 6,95,897 farmers affected by the 2023 Kharif season drought remains on hold. This proposal was thoroughly deliberated upon by the screening committee, under the chairmanship of CS Dr KS Jawahar Reddy, which subsequently forwarded the report for the Election Commission's approval regarding the disbursement of input subsidy. In line with electoral protocols, the EC has mandated the postponement of input subsidy disbursement until the electoral process concludes. Furthermore, a decision was reached in the screening committee concerning the release of Rs 640 crore for the 'Vidya Deevena' scheme for the fiscal year 2023-24. However, the EC has recommended deferring the release of these funds until the electoral proceedings are completed.

Is EC going soft on MCC violations? Delayed responses by poll panel impact YSRCP's interests

C PRADEEP KUMAR ■ VIJAYAWADA

As the countdown to the general elections in the State ticks away, political parties continue to flout the Model Code of Conduct with impunity. Despite repeated complaints filed by various parties regarding MCC violations, the Election Commission's response has been surprisingly lenient. Critics argue that the EC's approach in Andhra Pradesh contrasts sharply with its actions in other states, where stricter measures are taken against similar violations. With the election fervour escalating, the verbal sparring between the ruling YSRCP and the opposition coalition comprising TDP/BJP/JP has intensified. Initially confined to issue-based criticisms, the discourse has devolved into personal attacks and dragging unresolved legal matters into the political arena. The recent escalation includes baseless accusations and assaults on the integrity of the system, which have garnered widespread attention. A complaint was lodged against TDP chief Naidu and other leaders



Manohar Reddy, president of the YSRCP Legal Cell, has accused the Election Commission of bias towards the opposition. While complaints against certain IAS/IPS officers by TDP and BJP have resulted in disciplinary action, more than 300 complaints against Chandrababu Naidu, Sharmila, and Pawan Kalyan have gone unanswered.

for disseminating misinformation regarding the Land Titling Act through public meetings, IVRS, and social media platforms. However, before the EC could intervene, irreparable damage had been inflicted upon the ruling party, with countless people exposed to false narratives via IVRS messages, Naidu's speeches, and social media. Despite the EC's directive to the CID to initiate legal action and investigate the matter, the dissemination of false information by the opposition alliance persists, leaving the public in a State of uncertainty. On the other hand, the politicisation of the Vivekananda Reddy

murder case by the opposition coalition and Congress has drawn scrutiny. Despite court orders prohibiting the discussion of the case during political gatherings, these directives have been ignored, further tarnishing the ruling party's reputation. In contrast to Andhra Pradesh's tepid response, the Election Commission in other states has demonstrated a more stringent approach to MCC violations. Recently, the Telangana EC barred former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao from conducting election meetings for 48 hours following complaints of MCC violations. **Continued on Page 2**

'KHALISTANI POLITICAL FUNDING'
Delhi LG recommends NIA probe against Kejriwal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has recommended an NIA probe against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on a complaint that his Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) allegedly received political funding from the banned terrorist organisation 'Sikhs for Justice', Raj Niwas sources said on Monday. The AAP rejected the charge and alleged that the recommendation is "yet another conspiracy" against Kejriwal at the behest of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). It called the LG "an agent" of the (BJP). The LG's move came against the backdrop of indications by the



Supreme Court last week that it may consider granting Kejriwal interim bail on Tuesday given the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. The AAP chief, who is in Tihar jail, was arrested on March 21 by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with an excise policy-linked money laundering case. **Continued on Page 2**

Sunita Williams' third space odyssey today

PNS ■ WASHINGTON

Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams is ready to fly into space for the third time on Tuesday as the pilot aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft in its first crewed test flight. Boeing's Starliner will blast off for the International Space Station from Cape Canaveral in Florida. Starliner will carry Williams, 58, and Butch Wilmore to the International Space Station, marking what could be a momentous and long-awaited victory for the beleaguered Boeing programme. The scheduled lift-off is set for 22:34 local time on Monday (8:04 ?am IST on Tuesday) "We are all here because we are all ready. Our friends and family have heard about it and we've talked about it and they are happy and proud that we are part of the process to fix it all," the BBC quoted Williams as saying



The mission has been delayed for several years because of setbacks in the spacecraft's development. If it is successful, it will become the second private firm able to provide crew transport to and from the ISS, alongside Elon Musk's SpaceX. Such a scenario — with both SpaceX's Crew Dragon and Starliner flying regularly — is one for which

the US space agency NASA has long waited. "Design and development is hard — particularly with a human space vehicle," said Mark Nappi, vice president and Starliner programme manager at Boeing, during a Thursday news briefing. "There's a number of things that were surprises along the way that we had to overcome. ... It certainly

Harish Kumar Gupta assumes charge as AP DGP

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Senior IPS officer Harish Kumar Gupta assumed office as the Director General of Police (DGP) of Andhra Pradesh on Monday. Gupta, a seasoned officer from the 1992 IPS batch, previously held the position of Secretary of the Home Department. Following the transfer of KV Rajendranath Reddy, the former DGP, Gupta has been entrusted with the responsibility of leading the State's law enforcement agency. The decision to appoint Gupta as the new police chief was made by the Election Commission, which formally conveyed the directive to Dr KS Jawahar Reddy, the state's Chief Secretary.





Botsa confident of YSRCP's victory

JAVVADI LAKSHMANA RAO
■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Education Minister and a senior politician from North Andhra, Botsa Satyanarayana, has expressed confidence in the YSRCP's prospects under Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership. He emphasised the positive changes brought about during their tenure, expecting strong support from the public.



Regarding the feasibility of the YSRCP manifesto, Satyanarayana assured financial strategies were in place to fulfil promises without resorting to excessive borrowing, focusing on sustainable development plans. On prohibition, he reiterated the party's commitment to phased implementation over 15 years, aiming to reduce consumption gradually.

about the State's debt, Satyanarayana clarified that borrowing was within legal limits, contrasting it with alleged past excessive borrowing. He dismissed accusations of reckless spending, highlighting the party's commitment to responsible governance outlined in their manifesto. Regarding the feasibility of the YSRCP manifesto, Satyanarayana assured financial strategies were in place to fulfil promises without resorting

to excessive borrowing, focusing on sustainable development plans. On prohibition, he reiterated the party's commitment to phased implementation over 15 years, aiming to reduce consumption gradually. Addressing concerns about dues clearance for employees and their voting preferences, Satyanarayana expressed confidence in garnering support from various sections of society. Regarding decisions like making Visakhapatnam the executive capital and the privatization of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, Satyanarayana emphasized strategic benefits and opposition to privatization efforts. He highlighted various initiatives for job creation, infrastructure development, and healthcare, emphasizing significant reforms undertaken by the government. Satyanarayana also pointed out transformations in education, health, and rural development sectors, including upgrades in schools, digital classrooms, and improved governance. He asserted that 99% of their manifesto promises from 2019 had been fulfilled and encouraged people to evaluate their performance themselves. Ultimately, Satyanarayana expressed confidence in the party's governance model and believed in a favourable outcome in the upcoming elections.

Gajuwaka candidates clash over VSP privatisation stand

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

In the heat of the electoral battle for the Gajuwaka Assembly constituency, candidates Gudivada Amarnath of the YSRCP and Palla Srinivasa Rao of the TDP find themselves embroiled in a heated exchange over the BJP's stance on the privatization of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. The confrontation reached its peak when both contenders demanded clarity from the BJP regarding the privatisation proposal of the RINL-Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during a recent event. This issue has garnered significant attention since the Union government announced its decision to disinvest in RINL-VSP back in February 2021.



The battle lines have been drawn, with local leaders and workers' unions from across party lines rallying to safeguard the plant from privatization. Given its significance to the Gajuwaka Assembly segment, both the YSRCP and TDP nominees have made it a central issue in their election campaigns. Gudivada Amarnath, addressing a campaign rally alongside steel plant representatives, went as far as to offer withdrawal from the contest if Prime Minister Narendra Modi unequivocally commits to not privatizing the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during his upcoming election meetings in Andhra Pradesh. However, Palla Srinivasa Rao swiftly countered this, insisting that any commitment should first come from Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. Rao cited the example of the successful defence of the Salem Steel Plant in Tamil Nadu, attributing it to the resolute stance taken by the state government against privatization. Rao also criticised the YSRCP government for its alleged inaction during a recent strike by Adani Gangavaram port workers, which disrupted the supply of coking coal to the steel plant. He accused the government of failing to address even minor issues, let alone safeguarding the plant from privatization. In response, Amarnath's demands were dismissed as baseless by Rao, who expressed confidence in the electorate's decision to oust the YSRCP in the upcoming polls, tipping the NDA coalition for victory. As the electoral showdown intensifies, the fate of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant hangs in the balance, with candidates and parties engaging in fierce rhetoric over its privatization. With Prime Minister Modi's impending visit, all eyes are on whether clarity will be provided on the BJP's stance, potentially swaying the electorate in this critical constituency.

Battle for Nellimarla seat intensifies

PNS ■ VIZIANAGARAM

The political landscape in Nellimarla Assembly constituency of Andhra Pradesh is heating up, with the ruling YSRCP and the Jana Sena Party locking horns over the coveted seat. The incumbent MLA, Baddukonda Appalanaidu, backed by YSRCP, is aiming for another victory, while the Jana Sena has pinned its hopes on Lokam Madhavi, an entrepreneur-turned-politician, to secure the constituency.

who initially opposed the allocation of the seat to the Jana Sena. Despite internal discord, the party is striving to unify its ranks to bolster Madhavi's chances. In a bid to sway voters, Madhavi has presented a 'Vision 2030' document outlining her development agenda for Nellimarla. She aims to capitalise on discontent regarding unfulfilled promises made by Appalanaidu in 2019, emphasising infrastructural projects stalled under his tenure. Conversely, Appalanaidu remains confident in his prospects, banking on the welfare schemes implemented by the YSRCP government rather than focusing solely on developmental initiatives for the constituency. As the election draws nearer, stalled infrastructure projects and unmet promises take center stage. Projects like Tarakarama Teertha Sagar and the Bhogapuram Greenfield Airport face delays, eliciting frustration and protests from local communities. Moreover, the failure to address issues such as the vandalism of the Ramatheertham temple and the pending retirement benefits of Nellimarla Jute Mills Company Limited employees further adds to the electoral discourse.



Incumbent MLA Baddukonda Appalanaidu of YSRCP faces Lokam Madhavi of Jana Sena, an entrepreneur-turned-politician

BJP candidate faces backlash over threats amid fear of defeat

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

The Bharatiya Janata Party's candidate for the Visakhapatnam North Assembly Constituency, P Vishnukumar Raju, is facing controversy as the spectre of defeat casts a shadow over his campaign. Recent revelations have shed light on his use of threats and coercion, triggering widespread discussion and condemnation. Raju's desperation seems apparent in his bid to garner support from unexpected quarters, including entrepreneurs in private companies. Reports indicate that Raju has resorted to issuing veiled threats to business owners, pressuring them to ensure their employees campaign exclusively for his victory. Instances of intimidating phone calls to proprietors, warning against any support for Raju's opponents, have emerged, painting a concerning picture of undue influence and coercion. However, amidst Raju's tactics, there are instances of defiance. Notably, a private hospital owner



stood firm in asserting the autonomy of their employees' political activities outside working hours, refusing to succumb to Raju's pressure. Moreover, Raju's growing impatience and intolerance are becoming more noticeable, as shown by his brief dismissal of those who disagree with him. Leaders from BJP, Jana Sena, and TDP, who were once staunch supporters of his campaign, now find themselves uneasy with Raju's aggressive tactics and disparaging remarks, reflecting a growing dissatisfaction within his own support base. The discontent among constituents is palpable, with many expressing concern over

Raju's departure from the norms of electoral campaigning. Instead of winning votes through persuasion and policy, Raju's reliance on threats has only succeeded in alienating voters and raising concerns about his suitability for public office. Raju's electoral track record also raises doubts about his prospects. Despite winning the North assembly constituency in 2014 under the BJP banner, his subsequent loss in 2019, where he secured a mere 18,790 votes, points to a diminishing influence. The emergence of other contenders, such as YSRCP candidate KK Raju and Jana Sena candidate Kuraleti Ushakiran, further underscores Raju's declining electoral appeal. Furthermore, Raju's penchant for controversy and his strained relations within the BJP hierarchy have not gone unnoticed. Past admonishments from Prime Minister Modi himself, coupled with internal disciplinary actions, indicate a troubled history that now threatens to overshadow his electoral bid.

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Is EC going soft on MCC ...

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The absence of similar action in Andhra Pradesh represents a significant setback. Manohar Reddy, president of the YSRCP Legal Cell, has accused the Election Commission of bias towards the opposition. While complaints against certain IAS/IPS officers by TDP and BJP have resulted in disciplinary action, more than 300 complaints against Chandrababu Naidu, Sharmila, and Pawan Kalyan have gone unanswered. Reddy highlighted the YSRCP's request for a gag order preventing Naidu, Sharmila, Pawan Kalyan, and Sunitha from discussing the Vivekananda Reddy murder case. Despite filing a complaint with the EC, no action has been taken, underscoring a lack of responsiveness to MCC violations. Reddy pointed out that former

mer Telangana CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao faced sanctions for using derogatory language, whereas similar actions have not been taken in Andhra Pradesh. Senior political analyst KS Prasad expressed scepticism regarding the EC's impartiality, suggesting that the YSRCP may not receive adequate support. He criticised the NDA alliance for prioritising personal agendas over addressing blatant MCC violations. He cited instances such as the lack of action on the gag order related to the Vivekananda Reddy murder case, the attack on CM Jagan Mohan Reddy, and the ongoing misinformation campaign surrounding the Land Titling Act. Prasad suggested a possible conspiracy, noting the BJP's silence on the issue despite the Act being formulated by the central government.

EDraids...

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As many as eight note-counting machines were deployed by the agency apart from bank staff to ascertain the exact amount of currency that was majorly in the Rs 500 denomination. Personnel of central paramilitary forces stood guard at the building where the flat is located. It is claimed Jahangir Alam, a domestic help of Congress leader and Jharkhand Rural Development Minister Alamgir Alam's personal secretary Sanjiv Lal, is residing at this location along with Lal, the sources said. The keys to the premises where the cash was found were seized from Lal's flat, they said. An official document written by the ED to the state chief secretary and recommendation transfer and posting letters were also found during the searches at the premises, the source said. Minister Alamgir Alam told PTI that he had "no official information regarding this so far". "I have been watching TV and it says the premises are linked to the official PS (private secretary) provided to me by the government," he added.

Jagan worried about...

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CM Jagan provided updates on the progress of the Machilipatnam Port project, valuing it at Rs 5100 crore. Additionally, he assured the public that long-standing disputes over Rs 7200 crore worth of land in 14 coastal villages near Machilipatnam, pending for several decades, would be resolved and the lands distributed following his swearing-in ceremony. Earlier, addressing election rallies in Repalle and Macherla, Jagan Moha Reddy criticised Chandrababu Naidu for his contradictory stance on the Land Titling Act. "TDP's Payyavula Keshav praised the Act in the Assembly, and I urge Chandrababu Naidu to reconsider his stance. Despite ETV's history of misinformation, it previously aired programmes highlighting the Act's benefits for farmers. However, this content has been removed from YouTube, and falsehoods continue to be spread." Jagan elaborated on the progress of the ongoing resurvey of over 17,000 revenue villages, involving 15,000 surveyors and GPS technology to position boundary stones. The implementation cost amounts to Rs. 2000 crore, with 6,000 villages completed in the last 2 years and the remaining villages to be completed soon. Addressing concerns about land disputes, CM Jagan challenged vested interest regional media to investigate if any complaints had been lodged in the 6,000 villages already resurveyed. He also addressed false accusations regarding a drug smuggling incident at Vizag port, clarifying that the container belonged to relatives of Chandrababu Naidu's sister-in-law (BJP Chief Purandeswari). He urged voters to respond to such misleading propaganda from opposition parties. Jagan criticised Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan for spreading rumours about widespread ganja sales at Kirana stores, urging voters to reject such claims. Regarding the opposition's actions against ongoing schemes distributed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), CM Jagan accused Chandrababu Naidu of manipulating officials and undermining the state's progress. Highlighting the achievements of his government, CM Jagan emphasized the transformation in welfare schemes, including direct financial assistance, doorstep services, farmer support, and free electricity for 9 hours during the day. He further outlined healthcare initiatives aimed at preventing medical debt, such as free Aarogya Sri health insurance, Arogya Asara for post-surgery care, village clinics, and the family doctor concept. In his address at Macherla, CM Jagan asserted YSRCP's commitment to fulfilling promises, contrasting it with Chandrababu Naidu's TDP, which he accused of making impractical pledges. Overall, CM Jagan portrayed his government's record as one of integrity and service to the people, contrasting it with what he described as the opportunism and deceit of the opposition.

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He further said, "Modi is taking legal advice". So far, the ED alone has attached property worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore and "if others" (central agencies) are included it may be more. "I am taking legal advice on how the money can be returned to those from whom it has been looted," he noted. He said Rs 17,000 crore has already been returned to the rightful owners. "No poor person's right will be affected, this is Modi's guarantee," he added. Recalling the legendary actor-politician from the state, N T Rama Rao, Modi said the former had taken Lord Ram to every household. However, the Congress, due to appeasement, boycotted the Ayodhya Shri Ram temple consecration and was sacking those party leaders from the organisation, who visited the shrine. Lashing out at the Congress and the ruling YSR Congress in the state, he said while the former has accepted defeat ahead of the polls, the latter has been

rejected by people totally. Corruption and land and liquor mafia reign supreme in the YSRCP rule, he alleged. NDA will not only create a record in Lok Sabha polls, but will also form government in Andhra Pradesh. He said the NDA will come to power in all states where Assembly elections are happening. Stressing the need for a "double engine" government in Andhra Pradesh, Modi said the YSRCP dispensation promised to set up three capitals in the state, but couldn't even establish one. Mocking the YSRCP regime, he said, "They can only do corruption management, it's not up to YSRCP to do financial management." Describing the Polavaram project as the "lifeline" of Andhra Pradesh, he said the union government has allotted Rs 15,000 crore for the project, but the State government failed to take it forward, leaving farmers in the lurch. In the name of development, zero work has happened in the state, while corruption stood at 100 per cent, he alleged. Referring to YSRCP's promise

of phased prohibition of liquor in the state, Modi said, "Today the state government itself is involved in liquor dealings and corruption." In a rally at Anakapalli, Modi said this is the first poll being fought on the trust of "Viksit AP and Viksit Bharat" and today India became the fifth largest economy in the world and the first to land on the moon's southern pole. Taking on the Congress and YSRCP, Modi said in neighbouring Karnataka, "tanker mafia and land mafia" are running the government while in AP sand mafia, land mafia, and liquor mafia are reigning supreme. Citing the alleged acts of vandalism reported at temples across Andhra Pradesh three years ago, Modi assured that the NDA, if voted to power in the state, will crack down on those behind the attacks on the state's culture. Seeking votes for NDA candidates, the PM said this is the first poll being fought on the trust of "Viksit AP and Viksit Bharat" and today India is the fifth largest economy in the world and first to land

on the moon's south pole. Listing out the development works taken up by the NDA government at the Centre, Modi said there was only 4,000 kms of national highway network in the state till 2014 and now it stands at 9,000 km. Noting that the Centre has sanctioned 24 lakh houses for the poor of the state, Modi said Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's government could not complete even half of them. On the proposed railway zone with headquarters at Visakhapatnam, the PM claimed that though the union government approved a separate railway zone for the city, the state government is yet to allocate the land required for it. "Their only agenda is where there is no scope for corruption, no work to be taken up." He highlighted various proposals for different sections, mentioned in the BJP's manifesto. Notably, Modi did not utter a word on the Muslim Reservations in both the meetings. Elections to 25 LS seats and 175 Assembly segments in AP will be held on May 13.

Delhi LG recommends NIA...

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A letter to the Union Home Secretary by the Principal Secretary to the LG said Saxena had received a complaint that the Kejrival-led AAP allegedly received USD 16 million in funding from extremist Khalistani groups "for facilitating the release of Devendra Pal Bhullar." Bhullar is currently lodged in Amritsar Central Jail. The complaint dated April 1 was sent to Saxena by one Ashoo Mongia, National General Secretary of World Hindu Federation India. "Keeping in view, the sensitivity and seriousness of the allegations levelled in the complaint, Hon'ble Lt Governor has desired that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India, may consider referring the matter to the National Investigation Agency for conducting a comprehensive investigation into the matter. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi," read the Principal Secretary's letter to the Union Home Secretary.

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Ex-IAS man PV Ramesh making false allegations: Perni Nani

Ramesh accused of connecting personal land issue with Land Titling Act

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Former Minister and Machilipatnam MLA Perni Venkatramaiah, also known as Nani, has criticised former IAS officer Dr PV Ramesh for connecting his personal land issue with the Land Titling Act.

In response to PV Ramesh's comments, Nani addressed the media at the YSRCP Central Office in Tadepalli on Monday. He accused Dr PV Ramesh of acting under the direction of former chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu. Nani stated that Ramesh was intentionally leveling allegations against Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Dr PV Ramesh, a former IAS officer, belongs to Vinnakota village in Gudlavalleru mandal of Krishna district. His father, Subba Rao, owned agricultural land in the same village. Ramesh



has accused the State government of not transferring the land title from his father's name to his after his father's demise.

Nani flayed Dr Ramesh's comments that his agriculture land mutation was not happening because of the Land Titling Act. He said Dr Ramesh had held senior positions in the government, yet he made such comments against Chief



Minister Jagan.

Nani stated that 25 people had purchased about 70 acres of land in Vinnakota village, dug a tank, and later leased it to others. However, a dispute between Dr PV Ramesh and another person, Galanki Nagendra, resulted in several court cases.

The Joint Collector and the RDO conducted a joint inquiry in January, and as per the

authorities' directions, both Ramesh and Nagendra were required to be present with the original documents.

However, Dr PV Ramesh sent his assignee with Xerox copies, which was not acceptable. The officials asserted that they should come with originals, but Ramesh failed to do so.

Nani clarified that the district administration had been trying to resolve this dispute for the past three months. The authorities dried up the tank by pumping water out of it to conduct a survey. They informed Dr Ramesh that they would survey after the election was over.

However, Ramesh made false allegations against the government and Chief Minister Jagan, which Nani criticised. He is making these comments with the support of Chandrababu Naidu, he alleged.

Women's panel asks Krishna SP to probe harassment complaint

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Women's Commission Chairperson Gajjala Venkata Lakshmi has directed Krishna District Superintendent of Police (SP) Adnan Nayeem Asmi to conduct a probe on an issue of harassment against a woman at Kankipadu in Penamaluru Assembly constituency. In the incident, a TDP leader allegedly harassed a woman.

On Monday, she directed SP Nayeem that stringent action should be taken against the TDP leader. Also, he asked the officials not to disclose the victim's identity and provide protection for her.



YSRCP'S DIGITAL BLITZ 5 key issues challenged during Modi's AP visit

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Amid Prime Minister Modi's visit to the State, the YSRCP launched a robust digital campaign, pressing for answers on five key issues concerning the State. More than 120 YSRCP leaders, including Visakhapatnam MP candidate Botsa Jhansi and MLA Avanthi Srinivasa Rao, took to social media platforms to challenge Modi to address these pressing concerns.

In a synchronised effort on Twitter, YSRCP leaders emphasised the party's stance, posting, "#MosagaduBabu aka @ncbn, there are 5 contentious points that you repeatedly assert to the public. If indeed factual, the People of AP demand clarity from your ally Mr. Modi on these issues, as part of the joint agenda of the BJP-TDP-JSP alliance. Failure to address these concerns would confirm accusations of duplicity and inconsistency, rendering your promises as unreliable and politically expedient."

The highlighted contentious points in their tweets include:

Assurances that the NDA alliance in AP will uphold the 4% reservation for Muslims under the OBC quota.

Commitments that the NDA alliance will not pursue privatization of the Vizag Steel Plant.

Clarifications regarding the implementation of CAA NRC in its current form, ensuring inclusion of Muslims and addressing concerns.



Promises of Andhra Pradesh receiving special status under PM Modi's leadership due to the alliance with BJP.

Commitments to repeal the Land Titling Act as pledged in their manifesto, disregarding Central Government guidelines that led to its formation.

POLAVARAM PROJECT

Centre failed to reimburse funds on time: Kannababu

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

"PM Modi, in his speech, accused Jagan Mohan Reddy of neglecting the Polavaram Project. It was delayed due to Chandrababu Naidu's greed. He ignored the engineers' advice and proceeded with building the dam. Without proper design, the dam washed away. Are these not the facts?", asked Kannababu.

"The State government utilised its own funds, which the Centre did not reimburse on time. Is this not a fact? The Centre failed to provide the R&R share, another undeniable fact. New designs were submitted to the Centre to rebuild the dam, and numerous meetings were held with them. The matter was brought to the attention of the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Prime Minister," he added.

When the Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and the Chief Minister inspected the Polavaram site, the minister assured a report and the designs would be provided.

"So why the delay in the Polavaram Project? It was Prime Minister Modi who asserted during the 2019 elections that Chandrababu Naidu treated the Polavaram project as an ATM.

Naidu continues drama over Land Titling Act

PNS ■ PANYAM

TDP leader Nara Chandrababu Naidu, addressing a gathering on Monday, underscored the challenges faced by a senior IAS officer under the Land Titling Act, painting a stark picture of the common man's plight. He referred to the difficulties encountered by retired IAS officer PV Ramesh earlier in the day regarding the registration of his land.

Naidu revealed that he faced legal repercussions for bringing attention to the flaws in the Land Titling Act, daring the State government to take any possible action against him. He said that Chief Minister Jagan's cancellation of 198 projects in Rayalaseema must be rectified, with the embezzled funds rightfully benefiting the people.



In a symbolic act, Naidu set fire to copies of the Land Titling Act and Pattadar passbooks featuring CM Jagan's image, expressing confidence in the National Democratic Alliance

(NDA) securing victory in all 52 Assembly segments in Rayalaseema. He noted the opposition even within Jagan's constituency, Pulivendula, suggesting the CM's growing frustration.

Union Minister Amit Shah clarified that the alliance was formed with the sole purpose of ousting corrupt governance, combating thuggery, and ensuring the completion of the Polavaram project for Rayalaseema's water supply, along with Amaravati's development to generate employment for the youth.

Naidu compared Jagan to infamous historical figures such as Hitler, Bin Laden, Kim Jong-un, and the Taliban, known for their similar behaviours.

Touching upon the mistreatment of a Member of Parliament (MP) in police custody, Naidu condemned CM Jagan's apparent delight in the MP's ordeal. Recalling his own experiences of being arrested at midnight without assurances of safety, he questioned the fairness of such a system under Jagan's administration.

Fishermen JAC flays political parties for lack of representation

PNS ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Representatives of the A.P. Fishermen Joint Action Committee (JAC) have expressed dismay over the perceived neglect of fishermen in the elections by major political parties. During a media conference held at the VJF Press Club on Monday, the committee highlighted what they perceive as a significant shortfall in the allocation of tickets to fishermen.

According to their statement, all political parties combined have allocated a mere seven tickets to fishermen across the State, with three of them being

provided by YSRCP. The committee has thrown its support behind Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar, contesting from the Visakhapatnam South Assembly constituency, and Sidiri Appalaraju, contesting from Palasa in Srikakulam district, both representing YSRCP. JAC leader Teddu Sankar emphasised their extensive efforts in rallying support for fishermen candidates throughout the State. Sankar argued that the community deserves a more proportionate representation in the electoral process, advocating for at least 40 seats to be allocated to fishermen in accordance with their population.

APICET passes off peacefully

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Prof K Hussain Reddy, Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of APICET-2024, has said that 22,287 out of the 24,415 registered candidates appeared for the exam in the morning shift. The attendance is 91 per cent. In the afternoon shift, out of 24,413 registered candidates, 22,159 attended the exam with an attendance of 90.76 per cent. A total of 44,446 candidates appeared for the examination out of 48,828 registered candidates. The overall average attendance is 91.02 per cent.

Hussain Reddy, in a release issued on Monday, said that

the examination was conducted for admission into MBA and MCA courses offered by the universities across the State for the academic year 2024-25. The examination was conducted by Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur, on behalf of the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education across 113 centres in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Prof Panatula Murali Krishna, convener, APICET-2024, said that the examination passed off peacefully in all centres.

The preliminary answer key for both the shifts will be released soon.

Employees can apply for postal ballots on May 7, 8

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

The District Collector of Krishna, DK Balaji, has announced that employees who have not yet applied for postal ballots can do so on May 7 and 8 at the Returning Officer's office in their respective Assembly constituencies. Once they have obtained their postal ballots from ROs, they could be used in casting their vote in the constituency where they are registered.

Collector Balaji visited the Postal Ballot Facilitation Centre at the Pandu Ranga Municipal High School at Chilakalapudi in Machilipatnam on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, he

said that the Presiding Officers (PO), Assistant Presiding Officers (APO) and Micro Observers used their postal ballots on May 4, and the Other Polling Officials (OPO), on May 5. On May 6, the polling staff, drivers, videographers, essential services staff and police staff used their postal ballots, he said.

Meanwhile, he said that employees who are working in Krishna district and have votes in other districts can use their postal ballots at the Pandu Ranga Municipal High School. Their goal is to ensure that no voter is left behind and for that, as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India (ECI),

they would provide another chance for the employees, he said.

Soon after applying for the postal ballot, they can cast their votes at the same constituency facilitation centre. Also, the ECI has provided casual leave for employees to cast their votes, he added.

He announced that a help desk is being arranged at all facilitation centres to assist the employees.

DRO K Chandrasekhar Rao, Postal Ballot Nodal Officer Shahid Babu, Collectorate Superintendent Teja Srinivas, Municipal Commissioner Bapi Raju, Tahsildar Thota Satish and others accompanied Collector Balaji.



Krishna District Collector DK Balaji talking to officials at the Postal Ballot Facilitation Centre at Pandu Ranga Municipal High School, Chilakalapudi, in Machilipatnam on Monday

Sharmila's 6th letter on land mafia

Alleges land mafia is grabbing both govt and public lands

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) chief YS Sharmila Reddy has been writing letters to Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy under the name 'Nyaya Nava Sandehalu'. On Monday, she posted her sixth letter, in which she raised concerns about the land mafia. According to her, the land mafia is grabbing

both government and public lands, and people's rights are being compromised.

Sharmila accused the Jagan government of supporting the land grabbers instead of protecting the rights of the victims. Her party questioned the government on behalf of the victims of the land mafia in the State. She asked if the government was aware of the fact that the land mafia was violating

people's rights and if it had taken any action against them. She also raised concerns about the Land Titling Act, which, according to her, is being used to grab private lands.

Sharmila demanded that Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy answer to the people for putting his photo on the Pattadar Pass Books. She claimed that around one lakh acres of endowment lands are

under threat from encroachers, of which the details of around 40,000 acres are not available on the website.

She also raised doubts about the DKT land transactions, land acquisition for the Jagananna Colonies, amounts being paid by the government, sand mafia, Dasapallah, Simhachalam temple land grabbing, and the destruction of Rishi Konda Hill.

'Will strive for development'

BJP candidate Sujana Chowdary should clarify his attitude on Muslim reservations

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

G Koteswara Rao, the Communist Party of India (CPI) candidate for the Vijayawada West Assembly constituency, has stated that those elected to public office should not be defaulters in terms of loans to banks, nor should they loot money from those who are constructing houses. He has assured voters that if elected, he will strive for the overall development of the Vijayawada West constituency.

G Koteswara Rao is contesting for the Vijayawada West segment with the support of the INDIA bloc parties CPM and the Congress. Attending the 'Meet the Press', organised by the APUWJ Krishna Urban



Vijayawada West CPI candidate Koteswara Rao speaking at the Meet-the-Press organised by the Press Club in Vijayawada on Monday (Photo: Ch. Vijaya Bhaskar)

and Vijayawada Press Club on Monday, he pointed out that his rivals are Yalamanchili Satyanarayana Chowdary alias Sujana Chowdary from the ruling BJP at the Centre and Sk Asif from the ruling YSRCP in the State.

He also alleged that the State bifurcation assurances, such as Special Category Status,

Backward Districts Development Fund, Railway Zone, and Rs.15 lakh credit to the people's bank accounts, have not been fulfilled.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have announced that they would not implement four per cent reservations for Muslims. BJP candidate Sujana Chowdary

should clarify his attitude on Muslim reservations," he said.

Koteswara Rao added that TDP, JSP and YSRCP are making allegations against one another in the State, but all these parties are slaves to the BJP at the Centre. He added that there is a need to protect secular, democratic, and constitutional values in the country.

He alleged that the previous TDP government and the present YSRCP government hiked prices of all essential goods, including petrol and diesel. During the past 58 months, the YSRCP government imposed additional burdens on the people by collecting True Up charges and increased taxes in the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation.

Format C-1 (for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)				
Declaration about criminal cases (As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)				
Name and address of candidate: YEDUGURI SANDINTI AVINASH REDDY, S/o YS. Bhaskar Reddy, R/o D.No.3/9/76, Pulivendula Polymers, Near Venkatappa School Main Branch, Bakarapuram, Pulivendula, YSR Kadapa District - 516390.				
Name of political party: YUVAJANA SRAMIKA RYTHU CONGRESS PARTY				
Name of Election 21 KADAPA PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024 (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:				
(A) Pending criminal cases				
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and date	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1	Principle Special Sessions Judge for CBI Cases Nampally, Hyderabad, Telangana State	RC-(S)/2020/CBI/SC-III/NEW DELHI, (crime No.84/2019) dated 15.03.2019, Pulivendula Police Station U/G, YSR District) SC.No.1/2023	For the compliance of U/Sec 207 Cr.P.C	Sec 120-B, IPC, Punishment for Criminal Conspiracy, Sec 302 IPC Punishment for Murder, Sec.201 IPC punishment for Disappearance of evidence of offence, or Giving false information to screen offender
2	Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate of 1st Class Mydukur. YSR District AP	Crime No.418 of 2018 dated 08.08.2018	Charge sheet is not filed	U/Sec 341 IPC Punishment for wrongful restrain, U/sec 188 of IPC disobedience to orders duly promulgated by public servants, and U/sec 34 of IPC acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention.
(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences : NO				
Sl. No.	Name of the Court and dates of orders	Description of offence & punishment imposed	Maximum punishment imposed	
	NIL	NIL	NIL	
House of people 21 Kadapa Parliamentary constituency				Sd/- Yeduguri Sandinti Avinash Reddy

Format C-2 (For political party to publish in website, newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgement dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of Political Party: **Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party**

Name of Election: **General Election 2024 / House of Parliament**

Name of the State: **ANDHRA PRADESH**

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			(A) Pending criminal cases		(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Name of Candidate	Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed.
1	Ananthapur	Shankar Narayan Malagundla	1) Judicial first class magistrate court, penukonda - CC 295(2019) 2) Executive magestrate, Dharmavaram, - CC No. 19 (2017) 3) Judicial first class magistrate court, Ananthapuram, - CR No. 90 (2017) 4) First Special Magistrate, Ananthapuram - CC No. 1580 (2015) 5) Judicial first class magistrate, Ananthapuram, - CR No. 343 (2013)	1) U/S 341,143,118 r/w 34 IPC 2) U/S 151 CRPC 3) U/S 188 IPC 4) U/S 143,341,427,506 & 353 r/w 149 IPC & Sec of PDPP act & Sec 7(1) & 8 of public security act 5) U/S 188,341,290 r/w 34 IPC	NA	NA	NA
2	Guntur	Venkata Rosiah Kilari	F.I.R.128/2024, Pedakakani P.S.	Secs.No.188, 171-E, 171-F of I.P.C	NA	NA	NA
3	Kadapa	Yeduguri Sandinti Avinash Reddy	RC- (S)/20220/CBI/SC-III/New Delhi, 84 (2019) - Principle Special Sessions Judge for CBI Cases Nampally, Hyderabad, Telangana State, Cr. No. 418/2018, 84 (2019)	1. Sec.120-B, 302, 201, 2. 341, 188, r/w34 IPC	NA	NA	NA
4	Kurnool	Boya Yella Ramaiah	Adoni Court, Cr. No. 68/2024	u/s 188 r/w 34 IPC of Aspari, PS.	NA	NA	NA
5	Narsaraopet	Anil Kumar Polubolina	In the court of Hon'ble Spl. Judge for trail of cases relating to elected MPs and MLAs, Vijayawada, C.C. No. 69/2018	Secs.143, 341, 188 r/w 149 Of IPC	NA	NA	NA
6	Vijayawada	Srinivas Kesineni (Nani)	II Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Vijayawada. -	1) Secs : 353,188,143,341, r/w 149 of IPC	NA	NA	NA

Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Name of Candidate	(A) Pending criminal cases		(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed.
7	Vizianagaram	Bellana Chandra Sekhar	1) The Hon'ble VIII th Addl. District Judge cum Special Court for trial of cases relating to M.Ps and M.L.As at Vijayawada. - CC No. 29/2018 2) The Honourable Judicial First Class Magistrate (Special mobile) Court at Vizianagaram - CC No. 2639/2022 3) The Honourable Judicial First Class Magistrate (Special mobile) Court at Vizianagaram - CC No. 2638/2022 4) The Honourable Judicial First Class Magistrate (Special mobile) Court at Vizianagaram - CC No. 2640/2022 5) N.A. - Cr.No.78/2024 of R.A.Valasa PS	1.Secs.188 & 286 of I.P.C. 2. Secs.143,145,341, r/w 149 and Sec.3(x) of A.P.Town Nuisance Act -1889. 3. Secs.447, 448, 354, 352, 506(2) r/w34 and 120(b) of I.P.C. 4. Secs. 147, 448, 427, 323, 149 IPC, r/w 109 of IPC. 5. Secs.448, 451, 452, 379, 382, 392, 427, 506 r/w 34 of IPC. ..	NA	NA	NA
8	Nellore	Shri. Venumbaka Vijaya Sai Reddy	(1)Case No not allotted , Judicial magistrate of First Class, Kandukur, SPSR Nellore District - FIR NO.44/2024, Kandukur rural police station, SPSR Nellore District. (2) Case No not allotted , Judicial magistrate of First Class, Kandukur, SPSR Nellore District - FIR NO.47/2024, Kandukur rural police station, SPSR Nellore District. (3) Case No Not Allotted , Judicial Magistrate Of First Class, Visakhapatnam - FIR NO.83/2023, II Town PS, East Sub division Visakhapatnam City & District. (Received the information regarding the case today i.e 25.04.2024) 4) S.C.No.03 Of 2021 In The Court Of Principal Spl.Judge For Cbi Cases - Cum- Spl.Court For Trial Under Prevention Of Money Laundering Act, 2002: Hyderabad - E.C.I.R.No.09/HZO/2011, DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT, 3rd Floor, Shakar Bhawan, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad - 500004 5) S.C.No.02 OF 2021 IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SPL.JUDGE FOR CBI CASES - CUM- SPL.COURT FOR TRIAL UNDER PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING - E.C.I.R.No.09/HZO/2011, DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT, 3rd Floor, Shakar Bhawan, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad - 500004 6) S.C.No.01 OF 2020 IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SPL.JUDGE FOR CBI CASES - CUM- SPL.COURT FOR TRIAL UNDER PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING - E.C.I.R.No.09/HZO/2011, DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT, 3rd Floor, Shakar Bhawan, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad - 500004 (7) S.C.No.02 Of 2018 In The Court Of Principal Spl.Judge For Cbi Cases - Cum- Spl.Court For Trial Under Prevention Of Money Laundering Act, 2002: Hyderabad - E.C.I.R.No.09/HZO/2011, DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT, 3rd Floor, Shakar Bhawan, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad - 500004 (8) S.C.No.01 Of 2018 In The Court Of Principal Spl.Judge For Cbi Cases - Cum- Spl.Court For Trial Under Prevention Of Money Laundering Act, 2002: Hyderabad -	1) Section 171 -E of IPC, 125,123 (3) r/w 136(2)(b) RPA 1951. 2) Section 171 -E of IPC, 125,123 (3) r/w 136(2)(b) RPA 1951. 3) Section : 354, 323, 509, 341, 326(A), 326(B), 506 r/w, 147, 120b, r/w, 34 IPC, 156(3) CrPC. 4) Section 4 r/w 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. 5) Section 4 r/w 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. 6) Section 3 & 4 & 8 (5) of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. 7) Section 4 r/w 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. 8) Section 4 r/w 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. 9) Section 4 r/w 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. 10) Section 4 r/w 3 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. 11) Section 3 & 4 & 8 (5) of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. 12) Section 120-B, 420 & 468 IPC. 13) Section 120-B r/w 420, 468, 471, 477-A IPC & Sec.9 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. 14) Section 120-B, 420 IPC & Sec.9 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. 15) Section 120-B r/w 420 IPC & Sec.9 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. 16) Section 120-B, 420 IPC & Section 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) Prevention of Corruption Act. 17) Section 120-B r/w 420, 420 IPC & Sec.9 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. 18) Section 120-B r/w 420, 420 IPC & Sec.9 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. 19) Section 120-B, 420 & 468 IPC. 20) Section 120-B r/w 409, 420 & 468 IPC. 21) Section 120-B r/w 420, 420, 468 & 471 IPC and Sec.9 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Supplementary Charge sheet: Section 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) Prevention of Corruption Act. 22) Section 120-B r/w 420, 420 & 468 Supplementary Charge sheet I: Section 120-B r/w 420, 420 & 468 Supplementary Charge sheet II: Section 120-B r/w 420, 420 & 468	NA	NA	NA

Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Name of Candidate	(A) Pending criminal cases		(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed.
			E.C.I.R.No.09/HZO/2011, DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT, 3rd Floor, Shakar Bhawan, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad - 500004 9) S.C.No.02 Of 2017 In The Court Of Principal Spl.Judge For Cbi Cases – Cum- Spl.Court For Trial Under Prevention Of Money Laundering Act, 2002: Hyderabad - E.C.I.R.No.09/HZO/2011, DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT, 3rd Floor, Shakar Bhawan, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad - 500004 (10) S.C.No.02 OF 2016 IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SPL.JUDGE FOR CBI CASES – CUM- SPL.COURT FOR TRIAL UNDER PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING ACT, 2002: HYDERABAD - E.C.I.R.No.09/HZO/2011, DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT, 3rd Floor, Shakar Bhawan, Fateh Maidan Road, Hyderabad - 500004 11)S.C.No.01 OF 2016 IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SPL.JUDGE FOR CBI CASES – CUM- SPL COURT FOR TRIAL			NA	NA
9	Ongole	Dr. Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy	1) Judicial Magistrate of 1st class Court, Markapur, - FIR No. 99/2024, Markapur, Town, P.S. Ongole District, A.P. 2)III rd AJFCM, Tirupati - FIR No. 68/2019, M.R.Palli P.S. Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 3) IIIrd AJFCM, Tirupati - FIR No. 66/2019, M.R.Palli P.S. Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 4) IVth AJMFC, Chittoor - FIR No. 16/2019, II town P.S, Chittoor, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh 5)IIIrd AJMFC, Tirupati - FIR No. 434/2018, M.R.Palli P.S. Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 6) 1st AJMFC, Tirupati - FIR No. 20/2014, (CC No. 1814/2023), Gajulamandyam P.S. Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 7) Special Judicial 2nd class Magistrate, Tirupati. FIR No. 261/2012, M.R.Palli P.S., Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 8) Special Judicial Megistrate, Tirupati - FIR No. 109/2012, Chandragiri P.S. Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 9) IVth ADJ Court, Tirupati - FIR No. 259/2010 (Criminal appeal No. 405/2016), East P.S., Tirupati, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh 10) IV th ADJ cum S.C.,S.T. Court, Tirupati - S.C. No. 2/2018 (FIR No. 27/2009), M.R.Palli,	1) Section 171F, 171H IPC, 155 (2) CRPC 2) Section 341 R/w 34 IPC 3) Section 153, 341 R/w 34 IPC 4) U/s. 143, 341, 353, 188 R/w 149 IPC 5) U/s. 353, 448, 506 R/w 34 IPC 6) U/s. 143, 283, 341, 506 R/w 149 IPC 7) U/s. 283 IPC 8) U/s. 341, 283 IPC 9) FIR 147, 353, 341 R/w 149 IPC 10) Section 3(5) of S.C.&S.T.(Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989) 11) U/s. 143, 341, 353, 188, 149 IPC 12) Section 147, 353, 341, R/w. 149 IPC 13) Special S.C. No. 10/2020	NA	NA	NA
10	Amalapuram	Rapaka Varaprasad Rao	1) Judicial First class magistrate Razole, Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema, AP - Cr.No. 183/2019 2) Judicial First class magistrate Razole, Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema, AP - Cr.No. 206/2018	1) U.Sec 143,147,148,431,353,427 r/w 143 of IPC. 2) U.Sec 323 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
11	Bapatla	Nandigam Suresh Babu @ Suresh Nandigam	1) Thulluru PS - Cr.No. 390/2020 2) Amaravathi PS - Cr.No. 34/2020 3) FIR No. Rc.0362020s0015/2020.	1) U/s 147,148,302,324,109 r/w 149 of IPC 2) U/s 323,354,506,509 r/w 34 IPC 3) U/s 153-A,504,505 (2),506 of IPC. U/s 67 of information technology Act 2000.	NA	NA	NA
12	Narsapuram	Uma Bala Guduri	First Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court Judge, Visakhapatnam - 1) CC No.1227/2021 2) DVC No. 86/2022	1) Ss.498-A, 354-(a), 506 IPC 2) Domestic Violence Act.	NA	NA	NA

Sd/-
LellaAppi Reddy
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Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party

TERROR ATTACK ON IAF CONVOY

Breakthrough eludes security forces, search ops intensified

PNS ■ JAMMU

A breakthrough eluded the security forces in the Poonch terrorist attack on a convoy of Indian Air Force even as a massive search operation in a vast area of the Jammu and Kashmir district entered the third day on Monday, officials said.



More than 20 persons were detained for questioning as the security forces are gathering clues to neutralise the terrorists who fled into nearby dense forests after carrying out the ambush near Shahsitar in Surankote area on Saturday evening.

Kathu in Dalhori area of adjoining Rajouri district following information about the presence of three suspected terrorists.

Multiple checkpoints have been set up on main roads and vehicle checking has been intensified in both Poonch and Rajouri districts which are part of Anantnag parliamentary constituency going to polls on May 25. The twin districts have witnessed some of the major terrorist attacks over the past two years, signalling return of terror activities to the region, which was once cleared of terrorism and remained peaceful between 2003 and 2021.

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one of them later succumbed to injuries at a military hospital. The officials said a massive joint search operation by army and police is in progress in several areas including Shahsitar, Gursai, Sanai, Lasana and Sheendara top for the third day but there was no trace of the terrorists so far. The security agencies are

collecting clues which will ultimately help flush out the terrorists, they said. The officials said all schools in the area opened as per routine this morning after a day-long break on account of Sunday.

Meanwhile, the security forces also launched a cordon and search operation at village

ISRO developing semi-cryogenic engine working on liquid oxygen kerosene

PNS ■ BENGALURU

ISRO on Monday said it is developing a 2,000 kN (kilonewton) thrust semi-cryogenic engine working on a Liquid Oxygen (LOX) Kerosene propellant combination for enhancing the payload capability of Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3) and for future launch vehicles.



with the support of other launch vehicle centres of ISRO.

The successful ignition of a semi-cryo pre-burner is a major accomplishment of ISRO in the

development of semi-cryogenic propulsion systems, the space agency said. The assembly and testing of the propulsion modules were done at the ISRO propulsion complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri.

As part of the engine development, a pre-burner ignition test article, which is a full complement of the engine power head system excluding the turbopumps, is realised, it said, adding, the first ignition trial was conducted successfully on May 2, at semi cryo integrated engine test facility

(SIET) at IPRC, Mahendragiri. Smooth and sustained ignition of the pre-burner is demonstrated, which is vital for the starting of the semi-cryogenic engine, it added.

According to ISRO, semi-cryogenic engine ignition is achieved using a start fuel ampule which uses a combination of Triethyle Aluminate and Triethyle Boron developed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and used for the first time in ISRO in the 2000 kN semi-cryogenic engine.



PNS ■ SAMASTIPUR (BIHAR)

There will be 'jungle raj' in country if INDIA bloc comes to power: Shah

There will be 'jungle raj' in the country if INDIA bloc partners - Congress and RJD - are voted to power, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Monday. He also claimed that cash recovery in Jharkhand proves INDIA bloc leaders are corrupt.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai, in Bihar's Samastipur district, Shah said, "The latest recovery of Rs 30 crore and more from the house of a minister in Jharkhand proves INDIA bloc leaders are corrupt." He also said, "If they come to power, there will be a complete 'jungle raj' in the country as well as in Bihar."

Notably, the Enforcement Directorate on Monday claimed to have recovered a huge amount of "unaccounted" cash during searches at the premises of a domestic help allegedly linked to the secretary of Jharkhand minister Alamgir Alam. "Who will be the PM of the INDIA bloc? Will Sharad Pawar be the prime minister? Will Mamata Banerjee become (the PM) or MK Stalin or Uddhav Thackeray? I will take another name. Please don't laugh. Can Rahul baba

become the PM?" Shah said. He also alleged that leaders of the RJD and the Congress did not attend the consecration ceremony of the Ayodhya Ram temple because of vote bank politics. RJD's Lalu Prasad and Congress always opposed the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya, he claimed. Shah also said Congress has always opposed reservation to backward classes. Sarairanjan bloc comes under the Ujjairpur Lok Sabha constituency where Rai is seeking reelection. Rai, who is the NDA nominee, is pitted against RJD's Alok Mehta, who is the candidate of Mahagathbandhan, the prototype of the INDIA bloc in Bihar.

Genetic defects cause cerebral palsy in children: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Genetic defects underlie about a fourth of Chinese children affected by cerebral palsy, and not a lack of oxygen at birth as previously thought, new research has found.

Cerebral palsy is a disorder affecting one's ability to move. It is the most common motor disability in children, with symptoms emerging in infancy and early childhood. The disability is sometimes also associated with autism and intellectual deficiencies. Birth asphyxia, or receiving insufficient oxygen at the time of being born, can cause physical harm, especially to the brain, and is considered one of the main causes of cerebral palsy.

The world's largest study of cerebral palsy genetics, involving more than 1,500 affected Chinese children, found that mutations were significantly higher in a fourth of these children receiving insufficient oxygen at birth. Researchers said this indicated that birth asphyxia could be secondary to the underlying genetic defects.

The results, published in the journal



Nature Medicine, are consistent with smaller studies globally, they said.

According to human geneticist Josef Geetz from the University of Adelaide, who co-led the Australian team, 24.5 per cent of Chinese children in the study had rare genetic variations linked to cerebral palsy.

"This revelation mirrors our earlier findings in our Australian cerebral palsy cohort, where up to one-third of cases have genetic causes. "Our research shows at least some babies who experience birth asphyxia and are diagnosed with CP may have improper brain development as a result of the under-

lying genetic variants rather than a lack of oxygen," said Geetz. The researchers identified 81 mutated or altered genes that caused cerebral palsy in the children. These genes are known to be important to brain and embryo development, and may also affect molecular processes responsible for respiration, they said.

"A lack of oxygen at birth is often claimed to be the cause of CP in medical litigation following a diagnosis and this has led to the presumption that the condition is preventable with better obstetrics or midwifery. This is simply not the case," said co-lead author Alastair MacLennan, an obstetrician and a professor, the University of Adelaide. "Crucially, clinically actionable treatments were found in 8.5 per cent of cases with a genetic cause. It is exciting to see how genetic pathways to cerebral palsy inform tailored treatments for these individuals," said Geetz. The results highlighted the need for early genetic testing in children having cerebral palsy, especially those with risk factors like birth asphyxia, to ensure medical care and treatment, said MacLennan.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Holding up the mirror

The roots of Khalistani extremism in Canada run deep; S Jaishankar just made it public

In a recent critique of the Trudeau administration, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar accused Canada of granting visas to individuals linked to organised crime, despite warnings from New Delhi, while also legitimising extremism, separatism, and advocates of violence under the guise of free speech. Regarding the escalation of pro-Khalistani activities in Canada and the recent arrest of three individuals in connection with the killing of India-designated terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Jaishankar remarked that certain individuals have organized politically, influencing politicians to believe they hold sway over community support, thus carving out a space for themselves in the politics of democratic nations. This has been the Indian answer to Canadian charges of killing a Canadian Sikh on its soil. S Jaishankar has effectively retorted to the Canadian charges by saying that the Canada government gives visas to dubious people from India despite the Indian government's warnings. The roots of Khalistani separatism gained significant traction in the 1980s culminating in violence and the tragic events of Operation Blue Star and the anti-Sikh riots of 1984. The wounds inflicted during this period continue to fester, providing fertile ground for extremist ideologies to thrive, particularly among Sikh diaspora communities. Canada, with its sizable Sikh population, became a hub for Khalistani activists and sympathisers, offering refuge to those fleeing persecution in India while inadvertently providing a platform for the propagation of separatist ideologies. The liberal immigration policies and multicultural ethos of Canada provided a conducive environment for the Khalistani movement to gain momentum, with several prominent figures finding sanctuary and support within its borders. However, the issue transcends mere ideological sympathies and delves into the realm of organised crime and terrorism. Over the years, there have been numerous instances of Khalistani elements in Canada being implicated in activities ranging from fundraising for militant outfits to carrying out targeted attacks against perceived enemies of the movement. India has repeatedly raised concerns about Canada's perceived leniency towards individuals with ties to Khalistani extremism. Minister for External Affairs, S Jaishankar's criticism reflects India's growing unease over the role of certain segments within the Canadian establishment in enabling and even legitimizing Khalistani activities. He has done the right thing in showing the mirror to the Canadian government which had accused India of a Sikh Canadian on its soil. Canada, on its part, has taken some steps to address these concerns but the fact is Canada's Govt has been largely sympathetic to such elements. Only a couple of days back Khalistani slogans were raised in the presence of Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau. Canada must strike a delicate balance between upholding its commitment to freedom of speech and association while preventing its territory from being used as a staging ground for violence and terrorism.



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PICTALK



Polling officials travel via a boat to reach their respective polling booths, a day before the voting, in Kamrup. PTI

Dynamic contours of electoral politics



VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

In a nation where election season seems perennial, the traditional distinction between campaign fervour and governance blurs into a continuous political landscape

The election season is here. The reaction to the statement could well be that election season is now almost there around the year. There are some elections in some parts of the country going on constantly. In short, almost every season has become an election season. It would be tempting to ask oneself if this is a good thing or a bad thing. It's normal to be judgmental in matters which appear to be significant. However, it would not matter which way the judgment goes because the judgment would not affect the actual run of the situation.

That may be another matter. However, the present election fever is unique in its type because it affects every part of the country and is not confined to a small region or another. The concern of the day is national rather than regional, as it often is. This makes the issues of national significance to figure out a choice in the fray. National issues could come up in many areas, such as defence, taxation, education and interstate movements. The special entry provisions that govern certain regions of the country, or indeed the kind of inter-regional transportation structure, including waterways, as it affects human movement, trade, or commerce. The list enumerated itself is loud and can be added to. However, it makes a basic point. The issues in this election are issues that cut across states, have pan-India bearings, or affect the identity of citizens in the country. All this adds to the exclusivity of the election. Conceptually, what has been set in the preceding few lines is correct.

But operationally, there are many other shades and colours. A dominant theme affecting these elections seems to be religion, whereas worship is always a private thing. In India, methods of worship have often served as a method of aggregation of identity. This is a particularly unique gift of the way independence was achieved in this country. No country in the world in the post-colonial era was ever partitioned based on religion, as India was, as a prerequisite for independence. How this helped anyone or any



cause is not quite clear. If the basis of partition was religion, there was something strange about one country proclaiming its identity to be one religion and another country emphatically proposing that it would not have any religious identity. That, however, was the choice of August, 14 and 15, 1947, by the two countries that brought into existence freedom, or more technically, the withdrawal of colonial rule. The British were particular in pointing out that they were giving back power from where they had taken it when they started the rule of then-united India. The rest has to say is history. But post August 15, 1947, saw an experience throughout the subcontinent that was unique and has been termed by some historians as the 'unification of India'. There was a British India and a princely India. The British India territories would have elected government, yet the princely India would have their choice of secession to India or Pakistan. The rest, as they say, is history. Barring Multan, North West Frontier territory, Jammu and Kashmir, Junagarh and Hyderabad, the merger issues were largely smooth and without too much contention. Even the territories named above had a choice exercised sooner than what seemed most like-



THE DISCONNECT BETWEEN ELECTORAL PROMISES, THE ISSUES THAT WIN VOTES AND HOW THE ELECTED PARTY ACTUALLY GOVERNS AND IMPLEMENTS THEIR AGENDA ONCE IN POWER LEADS TO MANY UNEXPECTED AND PERPLEXING OUTCOMES

ly possible. The result was the emergence of a unified India and a unified Pakistan. Jammu and Kashmir remained the only state in which a deliberate contention was kept alive. Indeed, there was no contentious issue if the terms of the Freedom Act were followed, but in one way or another, the matter continues to evoke emotions, in a unique way, in several people. It is not just religion at play, there are several factors, including geopolitical ones. It is also possible not to recognize how the matter has been made increasingly complex by an unnecessary play of force, some of whom have no locus standee at all in the case. One would have thought that elections held at a national level, so often, so regularly and so fairly across the length and breadth of the country, would have rendered the whole issue of controversy in Jammu and Kashmir needless. Alas, that is not the case. Elections have a certain pattern in this country: give and take a few arguments here and there. However, choices have to be exercised and the numerical outcome of those choices determines how the country is governed. So the question arises as to what the net findings of the propositions thrown up as electoral issues are. In many states, local

issues seem to be inclined to determine the balloting that would take place for national representation. This appears to be the case, especially in Karnataka, Bihar, Manipur and some other states. The essence of the matter is that choices have to be exercised and the arguments of the choices need only to be communicable in terms of the strength that the community appears to endorse in the legislature. It is worth remembering that, at the end of the day, once the election results are announced, there is no accountability for the correlation between how choices made on issues during elections will be exercised when the party concerned, which wins the election, administers the issue. It may well be said that elections as a process still await better mellowing and maturing to make them an internally consistent one. At the moment, it is satisfying to note that by and large, the process of exercising choices, its panning out in the legislature and its administrative implementation are increasingly becoming worthwhile efforts and, a coherent method of administering, sensibly, a large country, such as India. (The writer is a well-known management consultant of international repute. The views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SAFFRON: A BLOSSOMING OPPORTUNITY

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Saffron cultivation: Replicate Poonch's success story," published on May 4, this is my response. The story of saffron cultivation in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir, is not just about agriculture; it's a narrative of resilience and transformation. Ajaz Ahmad's journey exemplifies a shift from traditional farming to embracing the potential of saffron. His vision of Poonch becoming a saffron hub reflects the region's evolving agricultural landscape.

However, challenges loom large. Environmental shifts, like erratic rainfall and untimely snowfall, threaten saffron production in Kashmir. Such concerns emphasise the need for sustainable farming practices and governmental support, not just in terms of subsidies but also in ensuring security and mitigating wildlife threats. Yet, amidst these challenges, saffron's allure persists. Its medicinal properties and premium market value make it a lucrative venture for farmers. With initiatives like the National Saffron Mission, there's hope for revitalising saffron cultivation and uplifting Kashmir's socio-economic fabric. As saffron blooms in Poonch, it signifies not just a crop but a promise of prosperity for the region.

Virat Chatterjee | Pune

PROGRESS, CHALLENGES AND HOPE

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Narendra Modi introduces India to its Ashtalakshmis," published on May 4, this is my response. Reading about the political landscape and developmental challenges across India, especially in the neglected North East, evokes a mix of emotions. From the perpetual promises of politicians during election seasons to the persistent issues of floods, droughts and insurgencies, it's a reminder of the complex tapestry of our nation's journey. The failure to address fundamental issues like water scarcity and regional development highlights systemic shortcomings that transcend party lines. However, amidst these challenges, there's

Call for transparency



Apropos the news article, "Covidshield's Shield in Question," published on May 5, this is my response. The unfolding saga surrounding the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine underscores a pressing need for transparency and accountability in vaccine distribution and oversight. Alex Mitchell's harrowing experience, alongside numerous others, sheds light on the gravity of poten-

tial side effects and the imperative of informed consent. As legal battles loom against pharmaceutical giants, questions mount regarding regulatory diligence and corporate responsibility. The admission of rare but severe side effects prompts reflection on the balance between vaccine benefits and risks.

The petition, led by advocate Vishal Tiwari, encapsulates the public's demand for rigorous scrutiny and redress mechanisms. Calls for expert medical panels and a vaccine damage payment system underscore a quest for justice and safeguarding public health. Amidst the cacophony of voices, from grieving parents to sceptical netizens, one message resonates: transparency breeds trust. As the global vaccination campaign continues, robust surveillance, thorough investigation and proactive communication remain indispensable in navigating the complexities of vaccine safety. Arnab Reddy | Hyderabad

a glimmer of hope. The efforts made by the current government, particularly in the North East, show a commitment to inclusive growth and infrastructure development. Modi's North East Story sheds light on the transformative changes underway, offering a narrative of progress and resilience. It's heartening to see dynamic leaders and policymakers taking proactive steps to uplift these regions while preserving their unique cultural heritage. The book's portrayal of the North East's beauty and potential serves as an invitation for all Indians to engage with and support the holistic development of these often-overlooked states.

Ishika Verma | Jaipur

BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS

Madam — Apropos the news article, "Leveraging NCERT textbooks for CUET," published on May 4, this is my response. The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) stands as a significant milestone for students aspiring to secure undergraduate admissions in India. Amidst the rigorous preparation for CUET 2024, lever-

aging NCERT textbooks emerges as a strategic move. These textbooks, integral to classrooms nationwide, offer more than just academic aid. They serve as a robust foundation, aligning seamlessly with CUET syllabi and offering structured content presentations. From basic principles to advanced concepts, NCERT textbooks provide a roadmap.

Their clarity, supplemented by visuals and practice exercises, enhances comprehension and problem-solving skills. Moreover, their standardised content ensures equitable access to quality education, levelling the playing field for CUET aspirants. To optimise CUET preparation, students should adopt a subject-wise study approach, leverage visual aids, prioritise practice and revision and supplement with additional resources. By harnessing the potential of NCERT textbooks, students can bolster their confidence and maximise success in the CUET 2024 Exam.

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Climate startups: Innovative climate crisis warriors

Startups, pivotal in the shift to a net-zero future, can revitalise economies and communities while providing innovative solutions

Deus ex machina is a technique often deployed by writers to solve a seemingly hopeless situation by external, magical and often unimaginable intervention. It is debatable if Deus ex machina exists in real life, nonetheless, Startups being creatures with innovation, disruption and problem-solving in their DNA can offer faster, creative and localised solutions, for the increasingly hopeless real-world crisis of Climate Change.

Be it a startup supplying an animal feed supplement that can cut down bovine emissions significantly, another one using Biotech and robotics technologies for developing GMO seeds and seaweeds that act as powerful carbon sinks, a climate tech company developing agro-forestry at a global scale or simpler everyday solutions that aim to greenify consumer finance or track individual efforts to reduce emissions, they can consolidate as a powerful force against climate change. World Economic Forum estimates that startups create value, nearly on par with the GDP of a G7 economy and the



OECD suggests that young firms create almost half of the new jobs, suggesting their burgeoning economic power and potential to create impact at scale. The race to net zero is propelled by energy and technology transition which on one hand is an opportunity for startups and a threat to local economies and livelihoods on the other. Take the case of coal being phased out; this might result in the currently bustling mining centres turning into silent junkyards. The modern world's triumphs in Silicon Valley or a Shanghai SEZ may guide the establishment of new climate innovation hubs. Brain port Eindhoven in the Netherlands is one such example showcasing the transition from conventional industries to futur-

istic setups. The questions on the proliferation of such a model 'Can' be addressed by a few suggestions of 'How': Blended Finance for Climate Innovation Hubs Practical experience suggests that 'Impact Capital' often expects social impact plus commercial returns. For startups social impact then becomes an additional responsibility and not an opportunity to improve margins or a business avenue to seriously pursue climate-positive opportunities over the long term. Blended finance can incentivise climate startups to agglomerate within the Climate Innovation Hubs. Monetising Sustainability — Startups should have opportunities to monetise their efforts on reducing emissions, either in the form of reduced taxes and lower cost of capital or claim premiums for climate-positive brand value. Reputation Capital — Unless climate-positive efforts are rewarded by markets in the form of valuations or additional capital or brand value, climate-positive behaviour will continue to be talk and no walk. Research &

Development (R&D) Support — While large corporations have reserves that can be deployed for R & D, startups have only access to highly demanding capital that usually funds sales for growth and rarely for investments for innovations (unless the startup is incubated in a technical university). While the existing carbon economy still grapples with the issues of just transition, the political economy of climate change signals shifts in geo-political equilibrium and technological leapfrogging in climate solutions is yet to emerge, startups as business organisations are only going to achieve greater proportions of power, prosperity and influence in the world. With focused support from policymakers, development finance institutions and international researchers, the global startup ecosystem can be geared up to take on threats of climate change head-on. Who knows we may have a Deus ex machina in the real world of climate change. The writer is a Chevening Scholar and an International Development expert; views are personal



SAIRAM SUBRAMANIAN



FIRST COLUMN RETHINKING ECONOMIC GROWTH

Excessive consumerism contradicts our spiritual values ingrained in our heritage



RAJYOGI BRAHMAKUMAR NIKUNJJI

The US economy is very often seen as the engine of the world economy, and that is why any sign of slowdown in the US raises serious concerns about harmful spillovers to the other economies. Any keen student of current economics would know well that the economic policies of America, especially during the last few years, have not worked well. In fact, the defeat of the most powerful leaders in the presidential elections that were held in the past few decades is attributed mainly to the failure of their economic policies which created many problems for the country. However, most people do not realise that the economic problems faced there, emanate not merely from wrong policies, adopted recently.

Their roots are hidden in some wrong economic, political and cultural concepts and the models built on them over a period of time. For example, the mounting unemployment and the huge foreign debts are not the phenomena that have sprung up overnight and the phenomenon of estimated 11.5% Americans, living in poverty, also has not arisen in the short period of only one or two years. The roots of their sad economic state go at least to as far a period as the end of the World War-II when they adopted a very lavish life-style and an utterly consumeristic attitude and built their economy on militarism, giant industries, transactional and multi-national business corporations, import of raw materials at cheaper rates from the undeveloped countries and export of their goods to such nations and economic capture of foreign markets through their multinational corporations. In short, they thrived on the basis of this economic system as long as other industrial nations did not come up strongly to stand up to them or the weaker nations did not stand up against



their economic exploitation or injustice. Nevertheless, their economic system was not, based on some morally sound and enduring economic principles. As mentioned earlier, it was based on commercialism, competition, consumerism and exploitation of weaker nations and on hot or cold war with an adversary nation, or on considering their nation as the strong military-man of the world, ready for hot or cold war. Now, when some other industrial nations have grown stronger, they cannot compete with them and have, therefore, to close down or to retrench workers as was done recently by many industrial giants. Also, now when there is no war—hot or cold—they are forced by economic reasons to sell their military hardware as they recently sold fighter jets to many Asian countries in order to keep the workers in employment. Their country has had either the ills of recession, or inflation, or heavy taxation, or it had to resort to deficit budgets, foreign debts, protectionist policies, etc. to keep the economy going. It would have, therefore, been appropriate if developing nations like India had learnt some lessons from the failures of the so-called developed models of economy and had, instead, kept in mind their own national ethos and ancient heritage which suggests that a right system of economy is one which is based on social justice, and on economising rather than borrowing and deficit-financing. We should also keep in mind our own national situation which necessitates national and regional self-sufficiency and affords opportunities of full employment to its citizens and promotes balance between rural and urban economy, equitable distribution of income and wealth and prevention of the growth of very wide disparities in income and wealth. We must remember that unbridled consumerism and commercialism and also large-scale borrowing are against the value-system which is embedded in our spiritual heritage and will, sooner or later, lead us to grave economic crisis. So, let us all learn to lead a life of simplicity and frugality and be honest and just to all.

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Reimagining Tagore's educational philosophy



RAJDEEP PATHAK

Rabindranath Tagore, the polymathic Nobel Laureate from Bengal, is celebrated not only for his literary brilliance but also for his visionary ideas on education

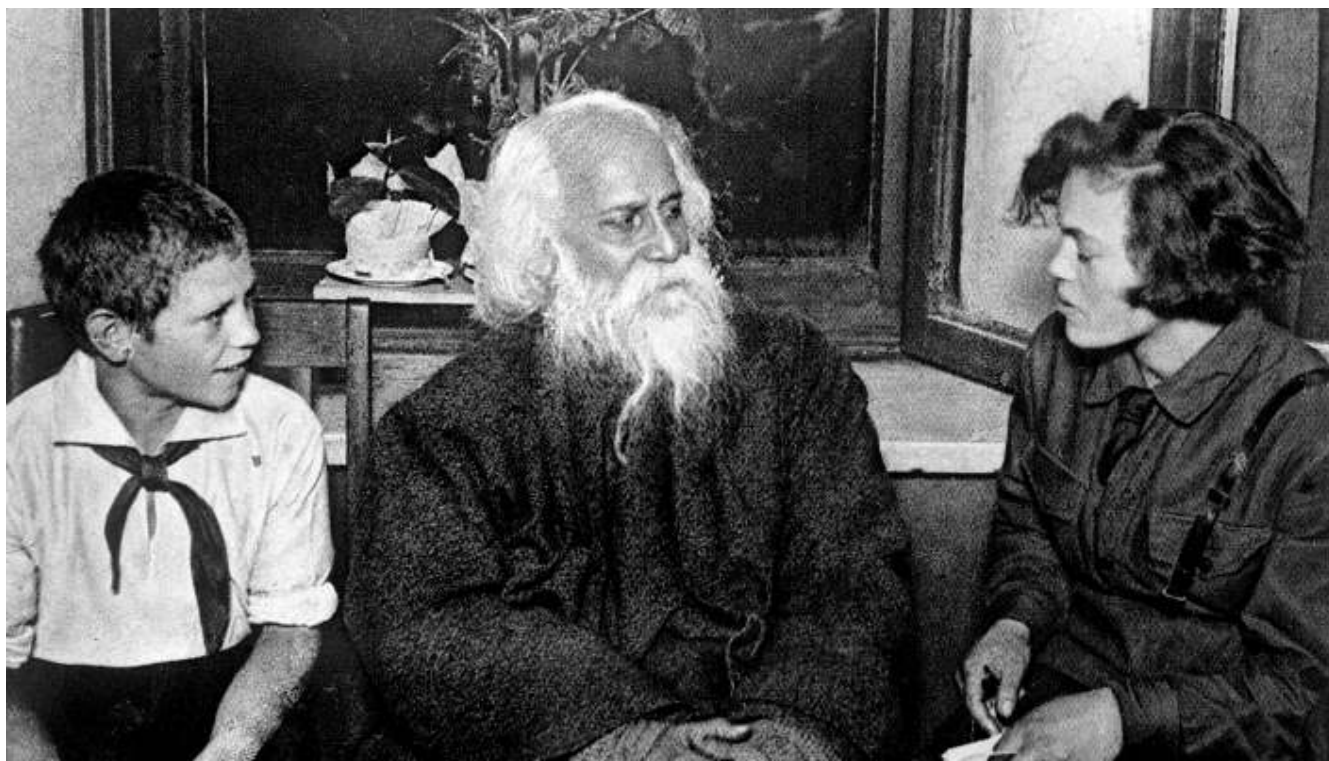
Rabindranath Tagore (May 7, 1861 to August 7, 1941), the polymathic Nobel Laureate from Bengal, is renowned not only for his literary brilliance but also for his progressive ideas on education. His philosophy of education, rooted in the principles of creativity, freedom, and humanism, continues to resonate with contemporary educational discourse. In today's rapidly changing world, where traditional educational paradigms are being challenged and redefined, Tagore's insights offer valuable perspectives for reimagining education in a manner that fosters holistic development and meaningful engagement with the world.

At the heart of Tagore's educational philosophy is the belief in the innate creativity and potential of every individual. He envisioned education as a process of nurturing this inherent creativity rather than imposing predetermined knowledge. In his seminal work, "Siksha: Herok Ek Jibon" (Education: A Continuum of Life), Tagore emphasized the importance of cultivating curiosity, imagination, and critical thinking skills in learners. He advocated for an education system that encourages students to explore, question, and construct their understanding of the world, rather than passively receiving information.

Further, central to Tagore's philosophy of education is the concept of "Shantiniketan," or the abode of peace - and later Sriniketan - which he established as an experimental educational institution in rural Bengal. Shantiniketan epitomized Tagore's holistic educational philosophy, integrating intellectual, artistic, and spiritual facets of human life. Education transcended traditional confines, embracing nature, arts, and community involvement. Tagore emphasized fostering reverence for nature, aesthetic sensibility, and interconnectedness with all life. He advocated for intellectual development through imagination, free thought, and perpetual curiosity. This personalized approach prioritized holistic growth, including physical development through exercises, yoga, and sports, echoing Tagore's belief: "The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence."

According to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, "A teacher can never truly teach, unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp, unless it continues to burn its own flame." In his essay 'Ashram Shiksha' (Ashram's Teaching), Tagore extolled the virtues of patience in teaching, advocating that only those imbued with affection for their students deserve the mantle of a teacher. He rejected authoritarian teaching methods, viewing them as indicative of governance inadequacy. K M O'Connell (University of Toronto, Canada) had written that Rabindranath Tagore stands with the pioneering educators, like, Rousseau, Pestalozzi, Froebel, Montessori, and Dewey Malcolm Knowles, who have striven to create non-authoritarian learning systems appropriate to the surroundings.

Furthermore, Tagore's educational philosophy emphasizes fostering a love for humanity and advancing universal brotherhood through recognizing the interconnectedness of all beings and promoting empathy across cultures. Central to his approach is establishing harmony



HIS NOTION OF FREEDOM IN EDUCATION EMPHASISES LINKING NATURE, SOCIETY, AND LEARNERS EXPERIENCES. HE ADVOCATES FOR LEARNING IN NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS TO NOURISH BODY AND SOUL, PRIORITISE CREATIVITY, AND ENGAGE CRITICALLY WITH TRADITIONAL VALUES AND BELIEFS

between individuals, nature, and the divine. Tagore advocates for freedom in education to unlock individuals' inherent potential and stresses the significance of moral and spiritual development alongside academic learning. His vision aims at cultivating well-rounded individuals capable of selfless service and social integration, ultimately contributing to a conscientious and harmonious society.

In today's context, characterized by rapid technological advancements, globalization, and environmental challenges, Tagore's emphasis on holistic education is more relevant than ever. The prevailing thought on standardized testing and rote memorization (read learning) often stifles creativity and critical thinking, leaving students ill-prepared for the complexities of the modern world. Tagore's philosophy, instead, calls for a shift towards a more student-centered, inquiry-based approach to learning that empowers learners to navigate uncertainty, think critically, and adapt to change. Tagore's educational philosophy, as elucidated in his essay "The Centre of Indian Culture," emphasizes the imperative for education to reflect and engage with the socio-cultural milieu in which it operates, asserting that genuine education must be attuned to its contextual realities to foster healthy growth.

This sentiment resonates in Sunil Banga's (Lancaster University Management School) analysis - in his paper "The global relevance of Tagore's cosmopolitan educational philosophy for social justice in a post-Westphalian world" published in Journal of Philosophy of Education (August 2023, Oxford) - which underscores Tagore's cosmopolitan approach to education as a potent instrument for social justice and equity in today's

world. Banga highlights Tagore's commitment to societal transformation through education, evident in his advocacy for women's empowerment, condemnation of oppression, and advocacy for India's independence (read freedom). Despite emerging from the colonial era, Tagore's philosophy remains pertinent, particularly his emphasis on education as a catalyst for moral and social development, aiming towards societal harmony and integration to address contemporary global challenges.

Moreover, Tagore's emphasis on the integration of arts, music, and literature into the curriculum offers a counterbalance to the narrow focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education prevalent in many educational systems today. Arts play a crucial role in fostering creativity, empathy, and emotional intelligence, which are essential for navigating the complexities of human relationships and societal challenges.

Sunil Banga underscores Tagore's educational paradigm as an early advocate of global interconnectedness. Tagore posited that education's primary objective was the attainment of self-realization, which he termed 'Atma Shakti,' wherein individuals harmonize with nature and society. Drawing from Hindu literature, Tagore envisions a 'universal man' embodying faith in universalism and humanity. He further advocates for personality development through arts and music, leading to a transcendent understanding of human nature. He contends that humans, upon achieving self-realization, unite with 'God' or 'Manav Brahma,' thereby becoming the 'complete man' and 'soul.'

Rabindranath Tagore's educational philosophy underscores the integral role of education in fos-

tering connections between individuals and humanity while promoting holistic development.

In essence, at the heart of Tagore's vision of cosmopolitan education is the idea of freedom - freedom to engage critically with traditional values and beliefs; and freedom to imagine citizenship in a globalized world, that enables an exploration and negotiation of multiple allegiances in sympathy with others. His notion of freedom in education emphasizes linking nature, society, and learners' experiences. He advocates for learning in natural environments to nourish body and soul, prioritize creativity, and engage critically with traditional values and beliefs.

Rabindranath Tagore's philosophy of education provides a compelling framework for reimagining education in the 21st century. His emphasis on creativity, freedom, holistic development, and social engagement offers valuable insights for addressing the multifaceted challenges of today's world.

By embracing Tagore's vision, educators can create learning environments that empower students to become compassionate, critical thinkers capable of shaping a more just, sustainable, and humane society and boosting students' morale.

On the occasion of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's 163rd Birth Anniversary, we may well reflect on his philosophy advocating for an education that transcends mere impartation of knowledge, rather instills a profound harmony with all existence. Revisiting Tagore's principles may serve as a guiding light for Indian educational institutions in this globalised age.

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Vision for India: A State-led roadmap for effective governance

Amid India's socio-economic shift, Karthik Muralidharan's new book shines as a guide for the nation's trajectory

It was during the mid-1960s that I had a first-hand experience with Kochi, popularly known as the Queen of the Arabian Sea. Other than Kochi Port, the small aerodrome and the star hotel of yore years Sea Lord and Malabar, there was nothing attractive about the city. Scavengers carrying night soil collected from homes and hotels on their heads were the first sight that welcomed people during the daybreak. Some discernible changes are there in Kochi and other cities in the State. Scavengers are gone and their places have been taken over by cycle rickshaws with the hoarding "For cleaning septic tanks, please contact us..." In the hinterland, farmers wearing loin cloths plough their farmland with bullocks



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despite India being one of the largest manufacturers of tractors of all kinds. The mention of the word farmer brings to mind the images of loin-clothed men beating their bullocks to force them to plough the fields. You go to Madurai in Tamil Nadu, which the DMK touts as a role model of Dravidian development. What welcomes you to the small towns and villages are thoroughfares and

ring roads being used as public comfort stations by the residents. Dravidian leaders do not like the idea of Swachh Bharat and insist that their followers use roads, rivers and beaches as public toilets. It is in these contexts that a book for the economic and social development of India has hit the shelves. Karthik Muralidharan, renowned economist and Tata Chancellor's Professor of Economics at the University of California, San Diego, has authored a book "Accelerating India's Development - A State-led Roadmap for Effective Governance", a blueprint for the Comprehensive Development of India.

Productivity, competitiveness, the number of jobs created and the skill of the labour force are

some of the most important ingredients of the economic growth of a country. It is for the Central and State Governments to generate enabling conditions for speedy economic and social development, according to Muralidharan. The author says that land, labour, capital, policies on taxation, bankruptcy, environmental regulation and promoting competition are the enabling services that ensure speedy economic and social development. Muralidharan, who has no love lost for the Modi Government at the Centre, says the present Central Government is always ahead in resolving issues that retard economic progress. "India's public discourse on growth

mainly focusses on Central Government actions to promote it, though many of the key issues above are in the domain of State Governments. It is critical to analyze and improve the effectiveness of State level actions for boosting productivity and job quality. State-led initiative and innovations followed by rapid replication of successful ones can play a key role in accelerating both growth and development in India," writes Muralidharan in the chapter "Jobs, Productivity and Economic Growth". What makes the book interesting is Muralidharan's call for improving job quality rather than job quantity. It is not the number of jobs created but the quality of jobs that determines the welfare of the people, says

Muralidharan. "A job is not just a source of income. It also provides identity, dignity and social engagement. With over 95 per cent of India's population relying primarily on labour income for sustenance, improving job quality will directly improve the welfare of hundreds of millions of Indians," says the economist. This is an open call to finish once-and-forever jobs like scavenging, ploughing the land with bullocks and other mean works. The earlier we introduce Artificial Intelligence and robots for such jobs, the better. Instead of using this technology to deceive the public with deep fake videos and political rivals, it would be better if we use this technology to uplift the status of jobs. Millions of Indians are reliant

on casual wage labour for sustenance. An average income earner supports 2.7 dependents. "This is why improving living standards in India depends critically on improving worker productivity and creating more high-quality jobs to generate higher, more reliable incomes," Muralidharan writes. The skill development programme initiated by the present government should be invigorated and made compulsory for students and school dropouts. The Agniveer scheme is an innovation that inspires the mind. One need not go to engineering colleges or medical colleges to emerge as a skilled professional in high-quality jobs. There is a severe shortage of electricians,

plumbers and mechanics with expertise in household jobs. Even as the central and State governments can increase the number of medical colleges, no stone should be left unturned in increasing the number of ITIs and technical schools. Equal priority should be given to increasing the agricultural productivity in which India lags behind China Vietnam etc. The situation is favourable to India. Skill development, Agniveer and increase in agriculture productivity should be implemented with full vigour. There is hope for India to become the world leader by 2047.

(The writer is special correspondent with The Pioneer; views are personal)

Modi, Shah expose true colours of Jagan's five-year rule

It has become evident that the rule of Jagan will come to an end in AP after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah exposed his true colours.

Modi, addressing election rallies in Rajamahendravaram and Anakapalle, compared Union government, which fully devoted to development, with that of the graft-ridden AP Government of Jagan, who as per Modi, would not do anything corruption-free. Modi's criticism at the rallies made the people to ponder.

Modi spoke on liquor and sand mafia giving the impression that he is aware of what is happening in AP.

Modi and Amit Shah spoke on emptying the State's coffers on the pretext of three capitals, not building at least one State capital and YSRCP not completing the Polavaram project in spite of Centre giving AP Rs 15,000 crore for the purpose.

Addressing an election rally in Dharmavaram two days ago, Amit Shah predicted that the 26-party alliance INDIA is not going to get at least 26 seats. Jagan is going to face the same situation in AP too. Amit Shah analysed making false promises, indulging in unprecedented corruption and encouraging land mafia to grab lands from people are three major faults of Jagan. Because of this, people of AP are seeking change. Therefore, defeat is staring in Jagan's face. The BJP alliance partners decided to end land mafia and make Amaravati as State capital again. Polavaram project would be completed in two years as soon as Chandrababu takes over as the CM in AP and Modi as PM at the Centre. Modi-Chandrababu alliance is a superhit combination, he said, predicting that rapid development is on the anvil because of double engine sarkar.

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As CM, the hurdles created by Jagan on the path of development were clearly seen. Cancelling the power purchase agreements, causing hurdles

to execution of Polavaram project, Jagan is an antagonist to State's development. Many industries moved to other states. Modi alleged that Jagan failed to allot land to the special railway zone allotted to AP. Out of the 21 lakh houses allotted under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna, Jagan government did not build at least half of them. He did not pay attention to many irrigation projects set up by his father during the latter's regime as the CM. Modi has been observing how the coffers of the AP government



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BJP National Secretary

are being emptied because of Jagan's reckless borrowing.

The BJP decided to have truck with TDP and Janasena only after learning about the anarchic rule of Jagan. Five years ago, AP ranked number one in all development indices. During the past five years, the development achieved was zero, which everyone knows. There was no answer from Jagan and his followers to the

questions posed by Modi and Amit Shah on why the State, which ranked number one, steeped in debts.

There were no signs of Jagan keeping up his promises made to people. On the floor of State Legislative Assembly, Jagan welcomed to locate the State capital at Amaravati and offered his full support to it. But on coming to power, he declared to have three capitals at Visakhapatnam, Amaravati and Kurnool. Today, AP has no single State capital. Modi remarked that the government looted AP on the pretext of three State capitals with Amit Shah quipping that the entire capital concentrated in the hands of Jagan.

Jagan promised total prohibition in AP. But on coming to power, he started selling liquor on behalf of Andhra Pradesh State Beverages

Corporation Limited. In fact, the organisation is selling liquor made in distilleries of YSRCP leaders. Introduction of cheap brands and their sale is putting the lives of many under risk. The followers of Jagan have been running liquor syndicates and amassing crores of rupees.

Jagan, who belonged to Rayalaseema did not benefit the region, and completely ignored its development in the last five years. The BJP played a crucial role to give national project status to Polavaram project, described as lifeline of AP. However, the corrupt and anarchic regime of Jagan stalled the progress of the project in the last five years. Modi government has allocated Rs 15,000 crore to the project, yet the project remained stagnant. Unless The NDA in AP has been fac-

ing opposition from Congress as well as the YSRCP, Jagan's sister is trying hard to split the anti-Jagan votes. Outwardly, Jagan and Sharmila trade charges, but they support each other on the flip side.

The Congress which ruined the nation for over six decades is also steeped in corruption. In the latest development, the enforcement officials seized bundles of wads from Congress leaders in Jharkhand. Who will be able to answer Modi's question why large bundles of money is being recovered from houses of Congress leaders, who criticise the Centre on use of ED against opposition parties. Upon Modi, who is contemplating to distribute the money recovered from the corrupt leaders, coming to power for the third time in a row, the corruption will disappear from the soil of the country.

YSRC lodges fresh complaints against Chandrababu

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YSRCP has filed complaints against Telugu Desam chief Nara Chandrababu Naidu for his comments against Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy in Thamballapalle and Dharmavaram election campaign public meetings.

On Monday, YSRCP MLA Malladi Vishnu, Party Grievance Cell State President A Narayana Murthy and Legal Cell leader Srinivasa Reddy submitted the relevant evidence to the Election Commission.

MLA Malladi Vishnu stated that during the election campaign, Chandrababu made personally inappropriate comments on Jagan in Thamballapalle and Dharmavaram public meetings on May 5. They further said that TDP promoted news articles in vernacular dailies and web news channels in their favour, which should be treated as paid articles.

Postal voting peaceful on Day 1: Dist Collector

PNS ■ BHIMAVARAM

West Godavari District Collector Sumit Kumar has said that the first-day postal ballot was conducted successfully and exhorted the officials to conduct the same on the second day with the same spirit.

The Collector held a video conference with the Returning Officers of seven constituencies here on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the postal ballot has been successful in the district and advised the election officers to ensure that the postal ballot would be held successfully on the second day also in the same spirit. Every officer and staff on election duty must use the postal ballot one hundred per cent, he directed them.

Training programmes for POs and APOs should be successfully conducted on May 8 and 9 in all the constituencies in



the district. Distribution of polling materials, mock polling and full awareness about polling should be created to everyone, Collector Sumit Kumar told them.

As part of the training, the District Collector suggested that the officials should be divided into teams and imparted training to each staff member in separate rooms, adding that all the polling stations in the district should be provided with complete infrastructure. Steps should be taken to ensure that there would be no power failures, he told them.

The Collector instructed the

election officials to download the Poll Day Management System App (PDMS) so that they could know the polling percentage every two hours on the polling day. As more police officers and police personnel are likely to come for the postal ballot on the second day, steps should be taken to conduct the postal ballot vote as soon as possible.

District Collector and District Election Officer Sumit Kumar said that while conducting the mock polling, the contesting candidates and the representatives of various political parties should clear their doubts and everyone should pay special attention and work efficiently so that the election process is peaceful.

DRO J Uday Bhaskar Rao, CPO M Mohan Rao and district industries officer U Mangapathi Rao were among those who attended the meeting.

Use social media responsibly, ECI tells parties

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Taking cognizance of certain violations of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), Anuj Chandak, Joint Director, ECI, on Monday, issued directions to political parties for responsible and ethical use of social media in election campaigning to ensure level playing field among all stakeholders.

Anuj Chandak has also warned the parties against misuse of AI-based tools to create deep fakes that distort information or propagate misinformation, emphasising the need to uphold the integrity of the electoral process.

The ECI has brought to the notice of political parties the existing legal provisions that govern the regulatory framework against the use of misinformation and impersonation using deep fakes.

Bharat Ram denies bribery charge by Purandeswari

PNS ■ RAJAHMUNDRY

YSRCP Rajahmundry city MLA candidate Margani Bharat Ram dared BJP state president Daggubati Purandeswari to prove her allegations against him or withdraw them.

BJP State president Daggubati Purandeswari while addressing a meeting a couple of days ago alleged that Bharat Ram had taken 25% commissions in development works. Dismissing her allegations, the YSRCP MLA candidate dared her to prove her allegation or withdraw her remarks. He challenged them to quit politics if she proved her allegations.

"Purandeswari has read the script written by an unscrupulous fellow. Without verifying the veracity of the allegations, she made accusations against me. I demand her to take back her baseless allegations," Bharat Ram criticized.



He pointed out that Purandeswari said that there was no development but at the same time she alleged commissions in development. She should crosscheck the facts before making remarks, he observed. "Kickbacks and commissions culture existed in the TDP regime. The Adireddy family entered politics only for kickbacks and commissioners," he charged.

Bharat Ram has claimed that he is working dedicated-

ly for the development of Rajahmundry city and it is not proper to make baseless allegations against him, he asserted. The YSRCP MLA candidate challenged to quit politics, if the 25% commission allegation is proved by the BJP leader. He also dared to leave Rajahmundry, if the 25% commission allegations were proved.

Margani Bharat Ram predicted the defeat of Purandeswari in the elections as she is an outsider to the Rajahmundry constituency. He has highlighted the construction of the Morampudi flyover bridge, Kambala Cheruvu Park, modernization of railway stations, ESI hospital and establishment of medical college, which have taken place during his tenure as MP. He dared Purandeswari for an open debate on the development of the Rajahmundry Parliamentary constituency.

Commissioning of EVMs should be held carefully: DC

PNS ■ ELURU

District Collector V Prasanna Venkatesh has directed the officials to hold the process commissioning of Electronic Voting Machines very carefully.

The Collector inspected the process of commissioning of EVMs on the campus of government junior college at Kotadibba on Monday. The commission process was conducted to EVMs of 213 polling stations.

"The process of setting up the serial numbers, names of the candidates and the symbols allotted to them to prepare the ballot sheet on the ballot unit should be carried out with utmost care. After the completion of the commissioning process of EVMs, a mock poll should be conducted under the observation of political representatives of various political parties to examine their performance," the Collector told the election officials.

The Sector Officers should



work in the most responsible manner without making any mistakes in the performance of their duties, the Collector directed them asking to strictly follow the instructions given to them in the training program.

"If there is any doubt, they

should ask the Bell Engineers concerned for clarification," he advised them. Eluru Assembly Constituency Returning Officer Muktanti, JDP CEO K. Subba Rao, Tehsildar Murarji and others were present.

'BJP disowned TDP-JSP joint manifesto: Buggana

PNS ■ NANDYALA

Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy has claimed that the BJP has disowned the TDP-JSP's joint manifesto and questioned whether it is possible to implement the promises. The Finance Minister carried out an election campaign in Dhone town on Monday.

Addressing an interaction session held in a functioning hall in Dhone, he pointed out

that the manifesto did not have the image of Narendra Modi. BJP AP election in-charge Siddharthan Singh did not even touch the manifesto documents raising doubts about the joint manifesto, he stated.

Their manifesto is only useful for reading in the meetings but not fit for implementation, the Finance Minister opined. "Naidu wants to come to power by luring people with attractive promises. He has

no intention of fulfilling them," Buggana criticized.

Later the Finance Minister inspected the postal ballot polling station on the campus of ZP girls' high school. He inquired with the MROs about the postal ballot polling. Meanwhile, 300 families quit the TDP and joined the YSRCP in the presence of Buggana Rajendranath Reddy. He admitted them into the YSRCP by wrapping party scarves.



Sharmila refutes claims of seeking Rs 1,000-cr contract

PNS ■ KADAPA

APCC president Y S Sharmila vehemently denied accusations levelled against her, asserting that she never sought Rs 1,000 crore worth of contract works from the government.

Dismissing the allegations as part of a smear campaign orchestrated against her, Sharmila declared, "A malicious campaign has been launched against me, claiming that I demanded the govern-

ment allocate Rs 1000 crore worth of contract work. Those making such baseless allegations are merely puppets manipulated by Jagan Reddy." She further challenged her detractors, stating she would exit politics if any evidence substantiated the allegations against her. "I have not made any such demands to the government," she emphasized.

Taking aim at the leadership style within the YSRCP, Sharmila criticized what she



referred to as a "use and throw" policy, alleging that leaders are exploited for political gains and then discarded. She highlighted her own experience,

mentioning her previous involvement when Jagan Reddy was in prison, only to be sidelined later. Additionally, she lamented the mistreatment of her mother, YS Vijaya Lakshmi.

Expressing scepticism regarding Jagan Mohan Reddy's credibility, Sharmila referenced his previous statements implicating Reliance in the death of YSR, juxtaposing them with subsequent actions, such as appointing a Reliance representative to the Rajya

Sabha. She also criticized Jagan's stance on the CBI probe into the Vivekananda Reddy murder case, highlighting the appointment of Advocate Ponnavolu Sudhakar Reddy to the position of AAG.

Accusations and counter-accusations continue to fly amid the political landscape, with Sharmila vehemently denying the allegations while also questioning the actions and decisions of her political opponents.

ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED AS CAR RAMS LORRY

PNS ■ NELLORE

One person was killed and two others were injured when the car in which they were travelling ramed a stationary lorry at Sangam on Monday.

Police said that the deceased G Farooq was working as PA to MLA Mekapati Vikram Reddy. The car in which he

was travelling ramed a stationary lorry at the rear end in which he was killed instantaneously.

Two others who suffered injuries in the mishap were admitted to a private hospital. CI Ravi Naik and SI Nagarajuna Reddy visited the scene of the accident, registered a case and shifted the body to the GGH in Nellore for postmortem.



Everything BJP & Cong say is trash: KCR

KCR said that if Modi crosses 210 LS seats that would be a big deal. A coalition government would come to power at the Centre.

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BRS chief K. Chandrasekar Rao said that everything the BJP and the Congress says is trash and that people shouldn't believe it.

"Prime Minister Modi has 150 slogans and not a single one has been implemented. Acche Din did not come but Sachche Din did. It is not Sabka Vikas but Sabka Satya Nash. The BJP won in Nizamabad but what has it achieved," he said.

KCR said that if Modi crosses 210 LS seats that would be a big deal. A coalition government would come to power at the Centre, he said.

Speaking during his Bus Yatra at Nizamabad on Monday, KCR



said, "Companies are moving out. Why did it happen in just five months? Rythu Bandhu funds started coming after KCR came out for that. Everything will be implemented only if the BRS is there. We can achieve everything if we elect the BRS. Bajireddy should win if you want farm loans up to Rs 2 lakh waived," KCR said. "Telangana is a secular state. Our government spent Rs

12,000 crore for Muslims. We worked hard for the education of students. Revanth is saying Gujarat model. Does it mean Godhra model where you burn people alive? The BJP should be defeated here," he said.

"I am also a Hindu but KCR is the soul of the people of Telangana. Dividing people in the name of religion is not good. They are troubling me that I am against Modi. My daughter has been arrested. But I will not bow down. So far the BRS has defeated the BJP in TG," KCR said. "The Congress and the BJP will meet at dawn. If we want to get our rights, if we want to get the guarantees implemented, the BRS must win in Nizamabad,"

Over 41L people become YSRCP's Star Campaigners

Jagan Kosam Siddham enters Day 4

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

On the fourth day of the Jagan Kosam Siddham campaign, the YSRCP ignited a massive movement across the State, rallying over 41 lakh people to become YSRCP's Star Campaigners. This monumental milestone signifies the commitment of these 41 lakh commoners to carry CM Jagan's transformative 'Navaratnalu Plus' vision to every corner, ensuring its reach to every household.

Since the early hours, particularly women who have reaped the benefits of CM Jagan's schemes have emerged in large numbers, braving the scorching heat to reinstate people's governance in Andhra Pradesh. Leading the charge in spreading the Chief Minister's message, Amalapuram, Rajahmundry, and Hindupur have set a remarkable example with



their extensive household visits on Monday. As YSRCP leaders continue their tireless ground campaign, a remarkable transformation is unfolding as everyday citizens, now star campaigners, have also joined the fray. They are motivated by a deep-seated belief in Chief Minister Jagan's vision and a determination to combat the NDA coalition's empty promises.



Sajid Nadiadwala brings back Abhishek Bachchan in *Housefull 5!*



Sajid Nadiadwala is bringing another exciting announcement of Abhishek Bachchan joining back the star-studded cast for *Housefull 5*. Scheduled to start filming in the UK in August 2024, this installment promises to be an uproarious adventure. With Abhishek Bachchan's stellar comedic timing adding to the mix, fans can anticipate even more laughter and entertainment.

Sajid Nadiadwala expresses his delight, stating, "I am thrilled to bring back Abhishek to the *Housefull* franchise. His dedication, comic timing, and sincerity will only elevate our film."

Abhishek shares, "*Housefull* is one of my favourite comedy franchises, and coming back feels like returning home. It's always been a great pleasure to work with Sajid Nadiadwala. I am looking forward to having mad fun on the sets with my fellow actors, Akshay and Ritesh. I'm also so excited to collaborate again with Tarun Mansukhani. I'm really looking forward to working with him again after *Dostana*. This is going to be a lot of fun."

Housefull 5, directed by Tarun Mansukhani, is touted to be one of the most challenging films from a logistics perspective, as it will be completely shot on a cruise with a star-studded lineup, including Akshay Kumar, Ritesh Deshmukh, and now Abhishek Bachchan.

Set to be the first Hindi cinema franchise with a fifth installment, the franchise aims to raise the bar with its trademark hilarity and camaraderie between the stars. The movie is slated to release on June 6, 2025.

Pavail Gulati to reunite with Saiyami Kher with a second season of *Faadu*

Following the resounding success of the first season of the gripping series *Faadu*, rumours are swirling around the potential involvement of acclaimed actor Pavail Gulati in its highly anticipated sequel. With fans eagerly awaiting news of a follow-up to the groundbreaking show, speculation has intensified regarding his return to the screen alongside co-stars Saiyami Kher and director Ashwini Iyer Tiwari.

Faadu marked a pivotal moment in Pavail Gulati's career, earning him widespread acclaim for his portrayal of 'Abhay'. As discussions of a second season gain momentum, industry insiders suggest that Pavail's reunion with Saiyami Kher and Ashwini Iyer Tiwari could be on the horizon, promising audiences another thrilling chapter in the series.

In response to inquiries about his potential involvement in the sequel, Pavail remained tight-lipped, stating, "I am humbled by the love and support we received for *Faadu*. While I cannot confirm anything at this time, I am excited about the prospect of collaborating with Saiyami and Ashwini once again. I'm sure we can bring the magic of *Season 1* to the story to take it forward from where it was left off earlier."

A source closer to the series expressed enthusiasm about the possibility of reuniting with the talented cast, adding, "The chemistry between Pavail and Saiyami was a highlight of the first season, and we would love to explore their dynamic further in a potential sequel. We are exploring various ideas, and I am optimistic about what the future holds for *Faadu*."

As anticipation continues to build, fans are eagerly awaiting official confirmation regarding Pavail Gulati's involvement in the *Faadu* sequel and the potential reunion of the stellar cast and crew.

The *Family Man* kicks off shoot for season 3

Prime Video announced the commencement of filming for the third season of its much-loved and highly-anticipated original series, *The Family Man*. Created by the maverick duo Raj and DK under their banner D2R Films, the critically acclaimed action thriller has riveted audiences across the world since the season 2 finale, garnering a massive fan following. *Season 3* is currently in production. Manoj Bajpayee will once again portray the iconic character of Srikant Tiwari. Created and directed by Raj & DK, written by Suman Kumar and Raj & DK, the eagerly awaited third season will bring back many of the original cast members, including Priyamani (Suchitra Tiwari), Sharib Hashmi (JK Talpade), Ashlesha Thakur (Dhriti Tiwari), and Vedant Sinha (Atharv Tiwari), amongst others. Fans can also expect an additional star cast to join the show, promising intriguing surprises. Stay tuned for further updates!



Tom Brady's Netflix roast features lots of humour

Three months before Tom Brady gets roasted by critics as Fox Sports' top NFL analyst, he took his share of barbs from comedians, former teammates, and his longtime coach during a made-for-streaming comedy live event on Netflix.

And it is safe to say that after the one-liners and jokes Brady heard during the three hours of *The Greatest Roast of All Time* at The Forum, he will do just fine.

"It's like a football game. You run with a game plan, and then you get to see kind of how the strategy goes, and then you adjust on the fly," Brady said before the event. "This is what a locker room has been like for me for all these years. So it's not like I'm used to people not making fun of me." Comedian Nikki Glaser, whose monologue was among the funniest of the night, termed the roast *The Comedians Super*

Bowl and how the competition level was ramped up because everyone wanted to one-up each other. Brady sustained more blitzes and pressure than he did during an average NFL game as an impressive lineup of comedians, former teammates, and opponents took the stage. Host Kevin Hart said before the event that no topic was off limits, and Hart went on the offensive early with jokes about Brady's ex-wife, Gisele Bündchen.

The only time Brady objected to a joke was when Jeff Ross made a reference to *Patriots* owner Robert Kraft and massages. Rob Gronkowski got Belichick and Brady to do a shot together after his monologue. Gronkowski celebrated by spiking his shot glass!

Belichick appeared at the beginning of the roast during a pre-taped segment when he told Brady that he was "starting the roast" instead of Drew Bledsoe. Brady replaced Bledsoe in 2001 when Bledsoe was injured in a *Week 2* game against the Jets and led the *Patriots* to their first *Super Bowl* title that season.

"For all of you out there who think about who's responsible for the *Patriots* success during the time Tom and I were together—the truth of the matter was that it was both of us because of me," Belichick said.



'Over ₹150 crore worth of business has been done by us,' says Kareena Kapoor Khan, with pride

Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor recently talked about the positive reception she received for her most recent film, *Crew*. Any notion of gender prejudice in film has been dispelled by the film's ticket counter earnings, which have exceeded Rs 150 crore. Kareena expressed her happiness that the movie has dismantled stereotypes and demonstrated that "women can also break box office rules." Kareena discussed, saying, "Films are a form of entertainment, and if you have a powerful message in the form of entertainment, it had three women leading (a film) coming into theaters. Over Rs 150 crore worth of business has been done by us. That proves beyond a doubt that gender bias does not exist in modern society. We're attempting to defy those conventions."

"Whether a hero or a heroine is starring in the movie doesn't matter. The movie and its message are carried forward by a single individual and their performance. We will not give up on doing it. It'll always select parts that are entertaining but still interesting. I'm glad *Crew* has dismantled obstacles! The actor claimed that it "started the conversation that women can break box office rules."

Kareena is currently waiting for the release of *Singham Again* by Rohit Shetty and *Buckingham Murders* by Hansal Mehta. In other events, Kareena was announced as the brand ambassador for UNICEF India.



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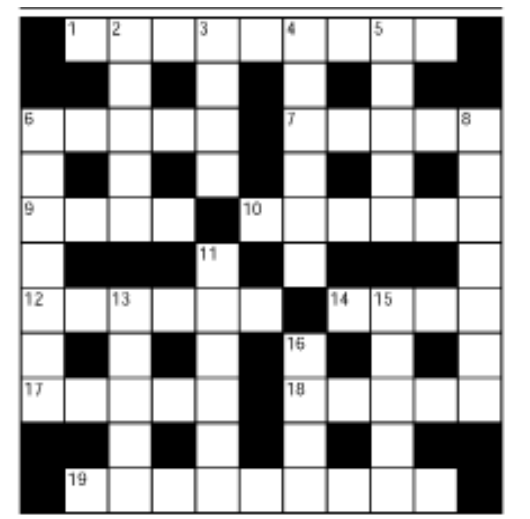
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GINGER MEGGS



Bollywood music producer, composer, and content creator Mayur Jumani, who has been creating waves with his one-of-a-kind musical videos, gets candid with *The Pioneer* over an exclusive chat, discussing one of his most viral videos, his journey, creating music with maestros, and a lot more.

BOLLYWOOD TO CONTENT CREATION

Turning moments with musical makeovers



TEJAL SINHA

Ekdam Krishna Lage Che, remember the video of Radhika Merchant that went viral, and then there was a version that certainly didn't fail to bring a smile to your face? Well, it was Mayur Jumani who created the version from his 'Jannagar Universe'. That's what he captioned the video as: wink.

This video was his personal favourite too. "The hook and the flute melody go so well together. Secretly, I've been playing the video from my own account so many times." A versatile music producer and composer, Mayur Jumani is renowned for his eclectic creations and meme mixes that resonate with audiences worldwide! With hits like *Jalebi Baby 90's version*, *Babu Babu*, *Kesariya Tony Kakkar Version*, and *Chori Patata Hai*, Mayur has carved a niche for himself in the music industry. A former engineer and UX designer he has been playing the piano since he was five. Today, as he looks back on his journey in this exclusive chat with *The Pioneer*, he recalls, "It's almost been like a roller coaster ride. When I started with music, I had no idea this would become my career. Little did I know that an introverted person like me could do so much on social media."

He graduated from Berklee College of Music and is now known for making innovative and interesting audio-based content for social media. He has collaborated with the major music production houses in India and has released several commercial and Bollywood songs. Pursuing music production as his career came pretty late in his life. "I graduated as a computer engineer and then worked for 2 years at an IT company, all while considering music as my hobby," gleefully enthuses the music artist. "One day I reached my workplace early and started browsing some new music on YouTube."

That's when he stumbled upon the *Jiya Jale* cover by the Berklee Indian Ensemble. It suddenly hit him, and "I would rather be out there with them doing what I love. This job had its perks, but there was no feeling of fulfillment. I knew there was so much more I could do with my musical skill set. So I decided to apply at Berklee. Since music and technology were my two core strengths, this master's degree was best suited for me."

Berklee—more than academics—was the experience that he really counted upon—the collaborations, the time spent with the faculty, and the exposure to a different culture as well. Looking back at the opportunities that Valencia brought in for him, he recalls, "Honestly, I do feel that people out there are much more open to

innovation; at least that's what I felt 7 years ago. I had created a very unique live set where I mixed electronic music with live instruments, which I performed and was loved both in Valencia and L.A. I remember performing at one of the biggest clubs in L.A. called Avalon Hollywood, where the crowd went crazy."

In 2017, when he came back to India, he played the same set at a small bar near Carter Road, where he recalled, "A few people came up to me and said, 'Bhai Rashke Qamar baja na. Of course, a lot has changed now, but I credit my time abroad for giving me the confidence to think outside the box.'"

Having always had this thing where any sound he heard, his brain started putting it in rhythm, ironically, these mashups on social media were never part of his plan. In 2019, "I bagged my first ever Bollywood movie as a composer. I thought, finally, people would start to know me, and I'd get more opportunities when suddenly the lockdown happens. The whole world goes into a gloomy state, and I, being the fun, happy-go-lucky person I am, took it upon myself to entertain the audience. I was only doing this for the few thousand followers I had back then. Surprisingly, the first ever mashup I created crossed a million views, and that's when I knew I was on to something."

With all of this, his only aim was to entertain people during the lockdown. Little did he know that his career would take the opposite route, where he started with Bollywood and then ended up being a content creator.

His crossovers have in fact made memes go more viral, and to this end, he expresses, "Honestly, I just make whatever I feel will bring a smile to people's faces. I'm very grateful to everyone for sharing my videos. It feels great when someone comments or DMs me, saying my video has made their day or has changed their mood. I never pick up any dialogue or memes because they have the potential to go viral. I pick the ones that I know will sound good with some music and will bring a smile to people's faces."

Not only this, but he has also collaborated with the *Shark Tank India* and the *Master Chef India* too. Recalling the 'Sharks' video that had been all over the platforms, he shares, "The video with *Shark Tank* was honestly one of my most creatively satisfying videos yet. I actually had only 2 days to create the track, and somehow the composition, lyrics, recording, and production were done within those 2 days. I have always admired the show, the sharks, and the time we were on set; everything went so smoothly. They were all very sporting and open to spending time and effort to make this video come to life."

A lesser-known fact: "People might not know this, but my first ever viral video happened all the way back in 2015. It was a live remix I made with a GoPro on my head, like I've been doing during the lockdown. But I made the mistake of not following up with more content and lost that opportunity. This time, I made sure to grab that opportunity and make the most of it. The main problem with people making mashups like this is people's interest in you as a person. They're usually following you for your content, not you. It took me a while to showcase my personality, but now that I see so many followers converting into loyal fans, it feels great."

Recently, he has also made a one-minute song, *Whistle*, with his friend Nick; you know him as Beyounick. "I had just started working on original music and came up with this catchy tune. When I played it to my friends, they all said this should be the first song that I release since it perfectly suits my personality. Finishing the song, the music video, and the release all happened within 2-3 weeks, and the response was amazing."

He has also collaborated with multiple musical maestros, including Kailash Kher, Vishal Dadlani, and Anu Malik. An overwhelmed Mayur shares, "My first interactions with Vishal and Kailash Sir happened long back when I did a few projects for them. I love to go overboard with my videos, especially when there are some celebrities involved. One of my favourite videos is the one I did with Kailash Sir, where I mashed up his song with the Wes Anderson trend. With Anu Malik, we made a new version of his song *Garam Chai*, and to everyone's surprise, we shot at a local *chai tapri*. My collaboration with Sunil Shetty has to be the most fun I've had since initially he was not sure about rapping, but once he heard the final version, he said, 'Badshah shouldn't feel bad listening to this.'"

Bollywood, OTT, or even independent release, Mayur looks forward and aims to create good music and share it with the world.

Aroushikha Dey 'humbled' as *The Shameless* premieres at Cannes

K. RAMYA SREE

In the ever-evolving landscape of cinema, few talents possess the remarkable ability to transcend boundaries, captivating audiences with their unparalleled performances and unwavering dedication. Aroushikha Dey, celebrated for her standout roles in *The Warrior Queen of Jhansi* and *Lomad*, undoubtedly belongs to this rare breed of artists.

Now, she stands poised to leave an indelible mark on the global stage with the premiere of *The Shameless*, under the visionary direction of Konstantin Bojanov, at the Cannes Film Festival.

She portrays Durva, a character embroiled in moral complexities and societal norms. In an exclusive interview, *The Warrior Queen of Jhansi* actress offers a glimpse into the making of *The Shameless* and shares her insights into her journey as an actor.

"I was profoundly delighted to contribute to this exceptional project," Aroushikha reveals, adding, "As an actor, I actively seek out roles that are unconventional and pose significant challenges. That's precisely what captivated me about my character in the film. Portraying a person vastly different from myself and bringing that character to life was both demanding and immensely gratifying."

When asked about her feelings regarding the film's premiere at Cannes, she expresses her overwhelming joy as she says, "When I first heard the news from my director and my producer, I was numb for a fraction of a second and was trying to search for the perfect expression. This is a dream come true. I feel ecstatic. It's an honour to represent the film on such a prestigious platform and present it to a global audience. I am both happy and humbled by this opportunity."

Delving into her character Durva, described as confrontational and focused on securing her daily livelihood above all, the *Chatrapathi* fame shares her approach to portraying such complexity. "My director, meticulously outlined the character sketch for 'Durva', my assigned role, providing invaluable clarity for my preparation. The character, with its nuanced shades of grey, demanded a delicate balance. I dedicated substantial effort to understanding and embodying this complexity," she explains.

Reflecting on the challenges faced during filming, she emphasises the importance of preparation, elaborating, "Given the nuanced shades of grey inherent to my character, it was of paramount importance that I prepare for it with utmost perfection. Konstantin not only wrote a brilliant script but also breathed life into each character."

Drawing from her past experiences in films like *The Warrior Queen of Jhansi* and *Lomad*, she stresses the

significance of each role in shaping her craft. "For me, both the story and the role are integral parts of the film. Each film represents a new chapter, and every character needs to be nurtured," asserts the actress.

In closing, the *Lomad* actress expresses her eagerness to explore opportunities in the South Indian film industry. She enthuses, "I am already part of the South Indian industry, having worked in Malayalam and Telugu feature films. That said, I am eagerly looking forward to taking on more projects within the South Indian film industry."

As she embarks on this remarkable journey, she continues to redefine roles and break boundaries, leaving an indelible legacy in the world of cinema.



Actress Aroushikha Dey, who is ecstatic with her film *The Shameless* being premiered at the Cannes Film Festival, shares her excitement with *The Pioneer* and also talks about her character in this exclusive chat.



UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF DIET IN PHYSICAL WELLNESS

Nourish to flourish

In this increasingly competitive world, we are constantly striving to be ahead of our contemporaries. Our lives are inarguably characterised by unceasing hustle and in the quest for 'survival of the fittest' we often ironically overlook prioritising our health. As a result, maintaining a healthy lifestyle takes a backseat. The timeless saying "you are what you eat" holds a profound truth that transcends generations. Nourishing our bodies with the right nutrients is not just confined to looking good on the outside; it's about fostering overall physical wellness and ensuring we flourish in every aspect of our lives.

The cornerstone of physical wellness

A well-balanced diet constitutes the foundation of physical wellness. The food we consume acts as fuel for our bodies, influencing our energy levels, immune system, and overall vitality. A diet rich in essential nutrients provides the necessary building blocks for cellular repair, muscle development, and organ function. It is not just about keeping a close tab of caloric intake but ensuring that the calories we consume are packed with the right combination of vitamins, minerals, proteins, carbohydrates, and fats required by our body.

Nutrient-rich diet for optimal health

To enhance the nourishment of our bodies, we need to assimilate a diverse and nutrient-rich diet. Fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and



healthy fats ought to be an indispensable part of our meals. These foods deliver myriads of vitamins and minerals crucial for various bodily functions.

Consider incorporating colorful vegetables like spinach, carrots, and bell peppers into your daily meals. These foods are rich in antioxidants, which help combat oxidative stress and reduce the risk of

chronic diseases. Whole grains such as quinoa, brown rice, and oats provide a steady source of energy, while lean proteins like chicken and fish contribute to muscle repair and maintenance.

Significance of hydration

In the pursuit of physical wellness,

hydration often goes overlooked. Water is an integral component of our bodies, making up a considerable percentage of our tissues and organs. Staying sufficiently hydrated facilitates digestion, nutrient absorption, and toxin elimination. It also helps regulate body temperature and keeps our skin looking vibrant.

We should aim to drink at least eight

glasses of water a day, and more if we engage in intense physical activities. We can even take things up a notch by experimenting with infused water by adding slices of fruits like cucumber, lemon, or berries to make hydration a refreshing and enjoyable experience.

The gut-body connection

The gut plays a crucial role in our overall health, influencing everything from digestion to immune function. A diet rich in fiber, found in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, promotes a healthy gut microbiome. Probiotics, found in yogurt, kefir, and fermented foods, further support gut health by introducing beneficial bacteria.

Maintaining a healthy gut contributes not only to improved digestion but also to enhanced nutrient absorption and a strengthened immune system.

Essential supplementation

Supplementation can play an essential role in maintaining optimal health and fitness, conducive to a balanced diet and active lifestyle. In today's fast-paced world, relying solely on food for all essen-

tial nutrients can be challenging. Supplements bridge nutritional gaps, ensuring the body receives crucial vitamins, minerals, and amino acids.

They help elevate energy levels, support muscle recovery, and contribute to overall well-being. Having said that, it is important to approach supplementation cautiously. It is advisable to consult health professionals for personalised guidance. Ultimately, integrating supplements may significantly contribute to sustained health and peak physical performance.

Moderation and mindful eating

While the importance of nutrient-rich foods is undeniable, balance and moderation are equally crucial. Treating ourselves to comfort foods is acceptable if it doesn't become a habit. Mindful eating, which involves paying attention to the flavors and textures of our food, helps prevent overeating and enables a healthier relationship with food.

In the journey towards physical wellness, our diet serves as the compass, helping us tread the path to optimal health. Nourishing our bodies with the right nutrients is an investment in our well-being, impacting our energy levels, immune system, and overall vigor. Remember, the choices we make at the dinner table today shape the well-being we enjoy tomorrow.

(The author, Dr. Sachin Pawar, is the Head of Medical Affairs in P&G Health.)

MUST WIN GAME FOR DC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Capitals would require Rishabh Pant's killer instinct and Jake Fraser-McGurk's unbelievable flair in their bid to stay alive in the IPL playoff race when they square off against a rampaging Rajasthan Royals in a must-win game here on Tuesday.

All eyes on Fraser-McGurk and Pant against rampaging Royals



The Capitals have been inconsistent so far, winning five and losing six of their last 11 games. While winning the remaining three games is a must for Pant's men, even that will only take them to 16 points which might not be enough to qualify for the last four stage of the tournament.

Apart from KKR (16 from 11 games) and RR (16 from 10 games), there are at least three teams, namely Chennai Super Kings (12 from 11), Sunrisers Hyderabad (12 from 10 games) and Lucknow Super Giants (12 from 11 games), who can go beyond the 16-point mark. Given the situation, DC's best might not be enough for qualification, but Pant would look to only "control the controllables," a policy advocated by his mentor Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

On a flat Feroz Shah Kotla deck, the challenge will be two-fold for the DC skipper. At one end, he would want the Khaleel Ahmeds, Ishant Sharmas and Kuldeep Yadavs to restrict the Yashasvi Jaiswals, Sanju Samsons, and Riyan Parags to a manageable level but then with barely 60-metre boundary on one side, it will be

a challenge to stop a team, whose jersey's colour (Pink) resembles their overall health. With 380 runs to his credit and three impactful half-centuries in his kitty, Pant would like to

Williams (ER 12 in 2 games) and Anrich Nortje (ER 13.36) have simply not looked the part. The last time the two teams met was in Jaipur in March and DC then had lost control during the second half of their bowling innings with Riyan playing a superb innings.

The Royals batters would be licking their lips after having a look at the surface which can't get flatter than what it is right now. Riyan, skipper Sanju Samson, the dashing Yashasvi, along with finishers Rovman Powell, Shimron Hetmyer and Dhruv Jurel give Royal a very scary look and DC bowlers can only pray that it doesn't turn out to be 'Nightmare 2.0' for the hosts.

TEAMS:

Delhi Capitals: Rishabh Pant (c), David Warner, Abishek Porel, Ricky Bhui, Yash Dhull, Shai Hope, Prithvi Shaw, Tristan Stubbs, Kumar Kushagra, Swastik Chikara, Ishant Sharma, Jhye Richardson, Rasikh Dar Salam, Vicky Ostwal, Anrich Nortje, Mukesh Kumar, Kuldeep Yadav, Praveen Dube, Khaleel Ahmed, Sumit Kumar, Axar Patel, Mitchell Marsh, Lalit Yadav, Jake Fraser-McGurk.

Rajasthan Royals: Sanju Samson (c), Jos Buttler, Shimron Hetmyer, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Dhruv Jurel, Riyan Parag, Donovan Ferreira, Kunal Rathore, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Sen, Navdeep Saini, Keshav Maharaj, Sandeep Sharma, Trent Boult, Yuzvendra Chahal, Avesh Khan, Rovman Powell, Shubham Dube, Tom Kohler-Cadmore, Abid Mushtaq, Nandre Burger.

once again perform, especially when his team has been pushed to the wall. He will have new Aussie sensation Fraser-McGurk, who has gone off the boil in the last couple of games. These two batters can individually change the complexion of a game, but DC will be wary of the Royals' bowling attack, which will pose a very different challenge at the Kotla compared to Sai Man Singh.

Facing spinners of Yuzvendra Chahal and Ravichandran Ashwin's calibre isn't easy, and in veteran Sandeep Sharma, RR has a bowler, who can take pace off the deliveries. The Rajasthan bowling attack has been able to maintain a decent economy rate but for DC, only Axar Patel (ER of 7.24) and Kuldeep (ER 8.45) have shown the wherewithal to stop opposition batters on their tracks.

It is time that Khaleel (ER 9.47) and Mukesh Kumar (ER 11.05) also show more consistency. South African pacers Lizaad

We are focussed on following template set by Gambhir: Harshit Rana



PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Young pacer Harshit Rana feels Kolkata Knight Riders are reaping the rewards by following the winning template set by two-time IPL winner and current mentor Gautam Gambhir as they continued their sensational run to grab the top position in the IPL points table.

Gambhir had led KKR to the IPL crown twice with the team also qualifying for the playoffs five times during his stint from 2011 to 2017. He had also guided KKR to the finals of the now-defunct Champions League T20 in 2014. However, in the last seven years, KKR could reach the playoffs only twice.

Gambhir's return to the KKR camp as a mentor this year turned things around as the Kolkata-based franchise moved to the top of the table with 16 points following a dominating 98-run over Lucknow Super Giants — 8th win in 11 games — on Sunday night. "Not only this match, this entire season we have been focussing a lot on the style of cricket that Gautam Gambhir wants us to play. He has a lot of knowledge on how to turn games in our favour and it helps us a lot in the middle," Rana said during the press conference.

"Like today he gave the bowlers a free hand, to find the length to bowl depending on the wicket, and not to try too many things," he added. Rana (3/24 in 3.1 overs) played a crucial role in the win by taking three wickets while defending a target of 235.

"KKR read the wicket very well. The areas we had to bowl, we targeted the right places," Rana said. IPL's biggest buy Mitchell Starc has proved

expensive this season but Rana said the team management is not at all bothered about his economy rate and has faith on the Australian speedster.

"We have not cared even for a bit on how expensive Mitchell Starc has been in IPL 2024. He has full faith in him and he won us the last game and we have no doubts on him whatsoever.

"He has such a great influence on the younger players, he has such a huge wealth of knowledge," Rana said. Rana said his dream is to play for India and is focussing on his performance.

"My aim is to play for India but whatever franchise I play for I try to give my best on the day of the match. I will be selected based on my performance and performance alone," Rana said.

We'd our plans but everything went Narine's way: Naveen: It was yet another sparkling fifty by Sunil Narine (81 off 39) which helped KKR post a massive 235 for six and LSG fast bowler Naveen UI Haq conceded that all their plans failed against the star West Indian allrounder. "I think he played quite well. We had a plan of bowling bouncers and yorkers and mixing it up and not being predictable against him. We did that but he played quite a brilliant innings to be honest," he said. "It wasn't like he was slogging and everything was going top edge or anything like slicing the ball. He was properly minding it and that's the case like from the beginning of the season.

"He's been minding it. Everything going his way. So yeah, it was a great knock by him." The Afghan seamer said LSG could have produced a better show with the bat but they can't dwell on defeat too much as they need to focus on the next game.

"The amount of games that we have played in Lucknow, I think this was the best wicket to bat on. We did not do the things in the chase that we did - say in the game at Chepauk, where the target was very high. It was not like bad or anything, there was nothing for the bowlers," Naveen said. "Pressure is always there on whatever score you are chasing. Every team has a bad day, and we cannot keep focusing on that, we have to move on."

Versatility of Jadeja makes him class act, says Finch

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former Australia skipper Aaron Finch has termed India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja a "class player" because of his versatility which brings in a lot of balance in all the teams that he represents. Jadeja scored 40-odd runs and took three wickets in Chennai Super Kings' victory over Punjab Kings on Sunday.

"Ravindra Jadeja is such a versatile player, which makes him so effective. With the ball, he would have loved more

wickets," Finch told Star Sports. "He's been economical, going at under eight per over throughout the tournament. Leading with three wickets today (Sunday), he showed he is an absolute class player." Finch was impressed that Jadeja returned with fine figures of 3/20 in his full quota of four overs while defending a not-so-big total of 169. "Three wickets for just 20 runs when the Punjab Kings were chasing a total of 170 odd runs is just superb. It just shows why he's one of the best players in

the world," the Australian said. Finch also spoke highly about Kolkata Knight Riders' Sunil Narine. The 2021 World T20-winning Australian skipper feels that it is extremely difficult to contain Narine for a long period of time.

"It's truly remarkable, isn't it? I mean, seeing Sunil Narine stride out to open the batting. "Before this season, you're thinking, if we can just keep him quiet for a couple of balls, he'll try and do something and play a big shot. But this season, he's not only getting off to explosive starts but also batting smartly and seizing control of the innings," Finch said.

The 35-year-old Narine smashed 81 off just 39 balls to power KKR to a comfortable 98-run win over Lucknow Super Giants on Sunday night. In the process, Narine also became the fourth player to score more than 450 runs and take 10 plus wickets in a single IPL edition.



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11	FIR filed with: Kakinada III TOWN POLICE STATION (No Cognizance taken yet)	FIR No.: 122/2017	Investigation Pending	Sections 153A & 506 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (I) Section 153A of IPC, 1860: Promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony. (II) Section 506 of IPC, 1860: Punishment for Criminal Intimidation
12	FIR filed with: Police Station Ramagiri (No Cognizance taken yet)	FIR No.: 23/2016	Investigation Pending	Sections 116, 153A, 500 OF Indian Penal Code, 1860. Section 116 of IPC, 1860: Abetment of offence punishable with imprisonment-if offence be not committed. Section 153A of IPC, 1860: Promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony. Section 500 of IPC, 1860: Punishment for Defamation.
13	FIR filed with: POLICE STATION: MANGALAGIRI (R), GUNTUR URBAN	FIR No. 59/2016	Investigation Pending	Sections 425, 427, 505(II) R/W 24 OF Indian Penal Code, 1860 (I) Section 425 of IPC: Mischief. (II) Section 427 of IPC: Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees. (III) Section 505(ii) of IPC: Statements conducing to public mischief by creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes (IV) Section 24: Dishonestly
14	FIR filed with: Police Station, Ponnur Rural, Guntur (No Cognizance taken yet)	FIR No.: 45/2016	Investigation Pending	Sections 500 and 501 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (I) Section 500 of IPC: Punishment for Defamation. (II) Section 501 of IPC: Printing or engraving matter known to be defamatory
15	The Court Of Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	SC No. 2 of 2016	Consideration of Charges	Section 4 r/w section 3 of prevention of money laundering act, 2002. (I) Section 4: Punishment for money-laundering. (II) Section 3: the act of money laundering.
16	The Court of Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad Previous Court: The Court of The Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Nampally, Hyderabad	New Case No. SC No. 1 of 2016 Old Case No. SC No. 105 of 2016	Consideration of Charges	Section 3, 4 & 8(5) Of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (I) Section 3: Offence of money-laundering. (II) Section 4: Punishment for money-laundering. (III) Section 8 (5): Where on conclusion of a trial for any scheduled offence, the person concerned is acquitted, the attachment of the property or retention of the seized property or record under sub-section (3) and net income, if any, shall cease to have effect.
17	The Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C no. 26 of 2014	Consideration of Charges	Section 120-b, 420, 409 of IPC and u/Sec 11, 13(2) r/w 13 (1) (c) & (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. (I) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. (II) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (III) Section 409: Criminal breach of trust by public servant, or by banker, merchant or agent. (IV) Section 11, 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (c) & (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act: a) Section 11 of PC Act: Public servant obtaining valuable thing. (b) Section 13 (2): Punishment for Criminal misconduct by a Public Servant. (c) Section 13 (1) (c) & (d): Criminal misconduct by a Public Servant.

20 YEARS OF SUKUMAR

In a nod to Telugu cinema's evolutionary timeline, May 7, 2004, marked the dawn of a new era with the arrival of director Sukumar. With his groundbreaking romantic comedy *Arya*, he not only redefined storytelling conventions but also introduced a visual style that left an indelible mark on the industry.

The film propelled the charismatic Allu Arjun into stardom, cementing his status as a symbol of style. Following the resounding success of *Arya*, Sukumar showcased his versatility with *Jagadam*, an action-packed venture that displayed a rare blend of sensibilities. Featuring the dynamic Ram Potheneni as a mass hero, the film underscored Sukumar's knack for crafting exhilarating mass moments without resorting to clichéd tropes.

Arya 2 further solidified his reputation as a master of character-driven narratives. With his trademark Midas touch, he infused the film with captivating emotions and unforgettable music, elevating it to cult status. Meanwhile, *100% Love*, starring the talented Naga Chaitanya, showcased Sukumar's ability to weave compelling character arcs around flawed protagonists.

The enigmatic allure of *I: Nenokkadine*, headlined by superstar Mahesh Babu, exemplified Sukumar's fearless approach to storytelling. Blending slick action with a unique emotional

depth, the film defied conventions and set new benchmarks in Telugu cinema. Similarly, *Nannaku Prematho*, featuring the charismatic Young Tiger NTR, underscored Sukumar's penchant for crafting intelligent and engaging screenplays.

Sukumar's magnum opus, *Rangasthalam*, starring the illustrious Ram Charan, stands tall as one of Telugu cinema's timeless classics. Renowned for its universal appeal and impeccable craftsmanship, the film continues to captivate audiences with its enduring charm.

With the monumental success of the *Pushpa* series, Sukumar has solidified his stature as one of India's foremost directors. *Pushpa: The Rise*, hailed by audiences nationwide, showcased his ability to resonate with

Hindi-speaking viewers as well. The eagerly awaited *Pushpa 2: The Rule*, slated for release on August 15 this year, promises to further elevate his legacy. Renowned for his astute exploration of protagonists' psyches and their struggles, his films consistently push the boundaries of technical excellence. As a vanguard of intellectual storytelling and filmmaking prowess, Sukumar continues to command widespread respect and admiration, firmly establishing himself as one of the nation's preeminent filmmakers.



Hollywood expertise infuses excitement into KANGUVA

Excitement is building in the film industry as the teaser for the highly anticipated *Kanguva* drops. What sets this upcoming magnum opus apart? Well, apart from the stellar cast and the gripping storyline, it's also the infusion of Hollywood expertise in technical departments like action and cinematography that's grabbing headlines.

The teaser for *Kanguva* has sent shockwaves through the industry with its blend of expertise, creativity, originality, and captivating background score reminiscent of Hollywood productions. It's no surprise that audiences are left in awe and clamouring for more. With promises of a cinematic experience unlike any other, the film is

set to redefine the boundaries of Tamil cinema. According to an industry insider, the makers spared no expense in ensuring *Kanguva* reached its full potential. They enlisted the expertise of Hollywood professionals in key technical departments, guaranteeing audiences a next-level action extravaganza.

Studio Green, in collaboration with top distribution houses, is gearing up for a worldwide release of *Kanguva* on an unprecedented scale. Anticipation is mounting as fans eagerly await the film's release in the second half of 2024. With Hollywood expertise in tow, *Kanguva* is poised to set a new benchmark for Tamil cinema and deliver an unforgettable cinematic experience.



Kartikeya's Bhaje Vaayu Vegam musical journey begins soon

Excitement is in the air for fans of actor Kartikeya as the much-anticipated first single from his upcoming film *Bhaje Vaayu Vegam* is all set to drop on May 9 at 9:09 AM. Titled *SetAyyindhe*, the song promises to be a celebratory love number that will have listeners grooving to its catchy beats.

Crafted by music composer Radhan, known for his melodious tunes, this foot-tapping musical

promises to be a treat for music lovers. Adding to the anticipation is the tagline 'Saraswathi Putra', hinting at a blend of traditional and contemporary elements in the composition.

Directed by Prashant, *Bhaje Vaayu Vegam* features Ishwarya Menon as the female lead, bringing her charm to the screen alongside Kartikeya. Rahul Tyson, best known for his role in the hit film *Happy Days*, will also play a pivotal role in the movie, adding depth to the ensemble cast.

Bankrolled by UV Concepts, the film is poised to offer audiences a unique cinematic experience, blending elements of romance, celebration, and musical extravaganza. With Kartikeya leading the pack and a talented team of filmmakers and musicians behind the scenes, *Bhaje Vaayu Vegam* promises to captivate audiences and leave a lasting impression.



Marco Hindi dubbing rights sold for ₹5 crore

Actor Unni Mukundan is now doing a massive film called *Marco*, which will be released in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi, along with Malayalam. The film has already set high expectations. Billed to be an action entertainer, directed by Haneef Adeni, he will be seen in a different avatar in this film. Expectations are high as he was introduced as Jr Marco in the 2019 film *Mikhael*, where he was the villain. Directed by Haneef Adeni, *Marco* is creating a buzz for its intriguing storyline and the promise of Unni

Mukundan portraying a character unlike any he has done before. Fans are eagerly awaiting to witness his transformation as Marco, a character with a compelling backstory delving into the depths of the crime world. With high expectations set by his previous stint as Jr Marco in the 2019 film *Mikhael*, audiences are gearing up for an immersive cinematic experience. Adding to the excitement, it was revealed that the Hindi dubbing rights for *Marco* have been sold for a staggering amount of Rs 5 crore, indicating the film's

potential to resonate with audiences beyond language barriers. Produced by Shareef Muhammed, the film boasts music by the talented Ravi Basrur, further elevating the anticipation surrounding its release. Speaking about his role in *Marco*, Unni Mukundan expressed his enthusiasm, describing it as the most intense character he has portrayed on screen in Malayalam cinema. He teased audiences with promises of witnessing his heroic intensity unfold on the big screen, leaving fans eagerly awaiting his performance.

Sl. No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum punishment imposed
18	FIR filed at Saroor Nagar Police Station, Cyberabad, Hyderabad (No Cognizance taken yet)	FIR No.: 861/2013 Pending Investigation	Section 3 Of Prevention Of Insults To Honour Act, 1971 Section 3 of Prevention of Insults to Honour Act, 1971: Prevention of singing of Indian National Anthem
19	Court Of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 28 of 2013 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B R/W 420, 468, 471 Indian Penal Code, 1860 & Sec. 9 Of Prevention Of Corruption Act, 1988 (I) Section 120-B r/w 420 of IPC: a) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. b) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (II) Section 468: Forgery for purpose of cheating. (III) Section 471: Using as genuine a forged (document or electronic record) (IV) Section 9 of Prevention of Corruption Act: Taking gratification, for exercise of personal influence with public servant.
20	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 27 of 2013 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B, 420 of Indian Penal Code & Sec.9 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. (I) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. (II) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (III) Section 9 of Prevention of Corruption Act: Taking gratification, for exercise of personal influence with public servant.
21	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 26 of 2013 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B r/w 420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 & Sec.9 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. (I) Section 120-B r/w 420 of IPC: a) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. b) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (II) Section of Prevention of Corruption Act: Taking gratification, for exercise of personal influence with public servant.
22	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 25 of 2013 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B, 420 Indian Penal Code, 1860 And 107 Of IPC r/w 13(2) r/w 13(1) (D) Prevention of Corruption Act. (I) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. (II) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (III) Section 107 of IPC r/w 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) Prevention of Corruption of Act: (a) Section 107 of IPC: Abetment of a thing. (b) Section 13 (2) of P.C.Act: Punishment for Criminal misconduct by a Public Servant. (c) Section 13 (1) (d): Criminal misconduct by Public Servant
23	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 24 of 2013 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B r/w 420, 420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 And Sec.9 & 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 I) Section 120-B r/w 420 of IPC: a) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. b) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (II) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (III) Section 9 & 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act: a) Section 9: Taking gratification, for exercise of personal influence with public servant. b) Section 12: Punishment for abetment of offences defined in Section 7 or 11 of PC Act.
24	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 12 of 2013 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B, 420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 And Section 9 of Prevention of Corruption Act (I) Section 120-B r/w 420 of IPC: a) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. b) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (II) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (III) Section 9 of Prevention of Corruption Act: Taking gratification, for exercise of personal influence with public servant.
25	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 14 of 2012 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B, 420, 409 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 And Section 9 And 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act (I) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. (II) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (III) Section 409: Criminal breach of trust by public servant, or by banker, merchant or agent. (IV) Section 9 & 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act: a) Section 9: Taking gratification, for exercise of personal influence with public servant. b) Section 12: Punishment for abetment of offences defined in Section 7 or 11 of PC Act.
26	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 10 of 2012 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B, 420 & 471 of Indian Penal Code And Section 9 & 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act (I) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. (II) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (III) Section 471: Using as genuine a forged (document or electronic record) (IV) Section 9 & 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act: a) Section 9: Taking gratification, for exercise of personal influence with public servant. b) Section 12: Punishment for abetment of offences defined in Section 7 or 11 of PC Act.
27	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 9 of 2012 Consideration of Charges	Section 120-B r/w 420, 420 & 471 Of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (I) Section 120-B r/w 420 of IPC: a) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. b) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. (II) Section 420 & 471 of IPC: a) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. b) Section 471: Using as genuine a forged (document or electronic record)
28	Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad	C.C NO. 8 of 2012 Consideration of Charges	Section 12 r/w 11 of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120-B r/w 420 Of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (I) Section 12 r/w 11 of Prevention of Corruption Act: (a) Section 11: Public servant obtaining valuable thing, without consideration from person concerned in proceeding or business transacted by such public servant. (b) Section 12: Punishment for abetment of offences defined in Section 7 or 11 of P.C. Act. (II) Section 120 B R/w 420 of I.P.C: a) Section 120 B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. b) Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property.
29	FIR Filed With Police Station, Vempalle Police Station Andhra Pradesh No Cognizance taken yet	F.I.R No. 114/2008 Investigation Pending	Section 177 Of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 & Section 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860. (I) Section 177 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988: General provision for punishment of offences (II) Section 34 of Indian Penal Code: Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

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