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Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy accused his political rival and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu of indulging in political theatrics regarding Muslim reservation while maintaining an alliance with BJP, which has announced that it will abolish the 4% reservation for Muslims.

In a fiery speech during an election rally in Kurnool on Thursday, the Chief Minister likened Naidu's political manoeuvring to that of a chameleon, highlighting the contradiction between Naidu's purported concern for minority votes and his allegiance with a party seeking to revoke minority reservations.

Asserting the significance of Muslim reservations, CM Jagan said the reservation isn't based on religion but is intended for the backward class within the Muslim community. He denounced any attempt to view minorities through a dis-

Asks voters to be wary of TDP chief's pre-poll promises Jagan raises Assuring



criminatory lens, affirming his party's support for the dignity and rights of minorities.

commitment to minority welfare, citing various initiatives undertak-The Chief Minister reaffirmed his en by the YSR Congress Party, including schemes such as 'Shadi

concern over

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alliance's 2014

manifesto.

CM enquires

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Thofa', recognition of Urdu as a second language, and political reservations for minorities.

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Affirming inclusivity,

Jagan reaffirms the

State's commitment

to maintaining 4%

reservation for

Muslims.

was disbursed under the 'YSR Cheyutha' scheme on March 7, and ontinued on Page 2



Rs 629.37 crore under the 'YSR has expressed serious concerns regarding the planned allocation of EBC Nestham' scheme on March Rs 14,165.66 crore to beneficiaries 14.

The dates provided indicate that these funds were announced and allocated during public events preceding the imposition of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) on March 16, 2024, Kumar highlighted. He emphasized that under the DBT scheme, funds are ideally transferred to beneficiaries with-

in 24 to 48 hours. Furthermore, the ECI has instructed the government to ensure that the delayed transfers to banks, meant for onward distribution to beneficiaries, remain suspended until the conclusion of the election process on June 6, 2024. To uphold impartiality, any proposed transfers should only pro-ceed after May 13, 2024.

Re-election of Jagan as CM vital for continuity in State's progress

welfare schemes.

months.

According to a communication from ECI official Sanjay Kumar

addressed to Chief Secretary KS

Jawahar Reddy, the Commission

of different Direct Benefit Transfer

(DBT) schemes on May 10 and 11.

This move is although the Chief

Minister had sanctioned these

amounts over the past four

For instance, Jagan had announced the release of Rs 6,394

crore under the 'YSR Aasara

scheme on January 23; Rs 78.53

crore was allocated for the 'YSR

Kalyanamasthu and Shadi Tohfa'

schemes on February 28; Rs 708.68

crore was released under the

'Jagananna Vidya Deevena' scheme

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experts, Jhansi praised the

reforms spearheaded by the Jagan

Mohan Reddy-led government,

particularly in education and

healthcare. She highlighted that

these initiatives have gained

nationwide recognition, serving

as exemplary models for several

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Nearly 12 per cent of children in

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lowest at 4.6 per cent. Researchers

study has found. The findings

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states. Jhansi...

With inflation soaring, Argentina...

dramatically in recent months that the government has multiplied the size of its biggest bank note in circulation by five - to 10,000 pesos, worth about \$10. The central bank announcement Tuesday promised to lighten the load for many Argentines who must carry around giant bags occasionally, suitcases - stuffed with cash for simple transactions. Argentina's annual inflation rate reached 287% in March, among the highest in the world. The new denomination note — five times the value of the previous biggest hill — is expected to hit the streets next month in a bid to "facilitate transactions between users." the central bank said. The 10,000 peso note is worth \$11..



CSK aim to continue ascent...

Despite being hit by the absence of key bowlers due to injuries as well as international commitments, Chennai Super Kings will still like to display their on-field ruthlessness while taking on wooden spooners Gujarat Titans in a 12th round IPL encounter here on Friday. Caught in a mid-table logjam with 12 points from 11 games, the away match against Gujarat will be very important for Ruturaj Gaikwad's men as they are still not assured of a play-off berth and a defeat could really dent their chances. With Deepak Chahar and Matheesha Pathirana out of the tournament due to injuries and Mustafizur Rahman back on national duty, CSK's bowling attack sans Ravindra Jadeja and Tushar Deshpande can at best be termed second string. -SPORTS

Prices in Argentina have surged so

PNS NEW DELHI

Megastar Chiranjeevi was bestowed with the Padma Vibhushan, India's

second-highest civilian honour, by President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday at the Padma I am overwhelmed Award ceremony held in the illustrious Darbar Hall. unconditional love of Accompanied by his wife Surekha, son and actor Ram Charan, and daughter-in-law Upasana I owe this life and Konidela, Chiranjeevi granoment to you. I have ciously accepted the presways tried to express tigious accolade amid my gratitude in the way resounding cheers from I can. But, nothing can the audience. be ever enough. Clad in a dignified dark

bandh gala suit, Chiranjeevi thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi before receiving the commendation scroll from the President. Seated among fellow awardees, he shared a moment beside veteran actor Vyjayanthimala before his recognition. Reflecting on the honour,

Chiranjeevi expressed profound gratitude, stating, "I am overwhelmed, humbled, and grateful. It is only the unconditional love of the audience, my friends, my blood

brothers, and my sisters. I owe this life and moment to you. I have always tried to express my gratitude in the ways I can. But, nothing can be ever enough.

With a prolific career spanning decades and approximately 160 films to his credit, Chiranjeevi had previously been conferred with the Padma Bhushan in 2006, marking this as his second Padma Award.

Two CMs vs two ex-CMs in **Telugu states**



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State general secretary of YSRCP, Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, has underscored the need for the reelection of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy as Chief Minister for the continued development of the State.

Speaking at a press conference held at the State central office Thursday, on Sajjala highlighted the transformative impact

witnessed under Chief Minister YS village secretariat system. Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership. He

commended the administration for bringing governance to the doorsteps of the people and implementing welfare schemes seamlessly.

Sajjala noted that significant funds ranging from Rs 20 to 30 crore were effectively disbursed to villages across pattas to 31 lakh individuals state the through the

Addressing the collapse of Dwcra groups before the YSRCP government's tenure, Sajjala underscored the remarkable increase in their membership to 1.15 crore, setting an All India record. He attributed this growth to YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's proactive governance. Furthermore, he lauded the establishment of village secretariats, Rythu Bharosa centres, and health clinics, along with the distribution of house site

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Rs 8.36 cr seized at inter-state checkpost

PNS GARIKAPADU

Andhra Pradesh police on Thursday hidden in a cabin behind the driseized Rs 8.36 crore from a truck carrying PVC pipes at an inter-state check-post in NTR district. Police seized the money, which is one of the largest single cash seizures in the run-up to 2024 polls, at Andhra Pradesh and Telangana inter-state

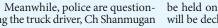
while checking vehicles. "We seized Rs 8.36 crore cash

ver's seat in the truck coming from Hvderabad and bound for Guntur," a police official said. According to police, the truck belonging to Chittoor district is registered under the name of one Shaik Aziz.

check-post at Garikapadu village ing the truck driver, Ch Shanmugan will be declared on June 4.

(40), and cleaner, P Sekhar Reddy (24), for further information. After submitting the cash to the

treasury department, police have registered a case under CrPC Sections 41 and 102, the police official added. Simultaneous elections for the 25 Lok Sabha seats and 175 Assembly constituencies in the southern state will be held on May 13 and the results





Sharmila, Sunitha fined by Kadapa court

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statewide.

The Kadapa District Sessions Court has imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 each on APCC chief YS Sharmila and Dr N Sunitha for contravening a court order. This order explicitly prohibited discussions about the YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case during their election campaign, given that the case is currently under consideration by the CBI court.

The court's decision comes after the dismissal of petitions filed by Sharmila, Sunitha, and Pulivendula TDP candidate B Tech Ravi in the AP High Court, contesting the directives issued by the Kadapa court. Following the High Court's guidance to address the matter directly with the Kadapa court, the sessions court has taken a firm stance by penalizing Sharmila, Sunitha, and Ravi with a fine of Rs 10,000 each.

Furthermore, the court has emphasized that the petition submitted by the aforementioned individuals contained false information, prompting the imposition of the fine. As per the session court's ruling, the penalty is to be remitted to the District Legal Cell.

COVISHIELD SIDE EFFECTS Doctors' group urges govt to review all Covid vaccines

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In the wake of pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca admitting in a UK court that its Covid vaccine can cause blood clots in rare cases, a group of doctors on Thursday expressed deep concern over the safety of the Covishield vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India.

At a press conference, the doctors, under the banner of the Awaken India Movement (AIM), urged the government to review the science behind all Covid vaccines and audit their commercialisation as well as implementation of active surveillance and monitoring mechanism to ensure vaccine adverse events are identified as early as possible.

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"The government has wholly ignored the rising number of cases of tragic deaths post-Covid vaccination all the while and continues to promote Covid vaccines as 'safe and effective', without scientific investigation and invoking epidemiology, Dr Tarun Kothari, a radiologist and an activist, said at the press conference.

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conference. The world is learning about a side effect of the Covid vaccine called Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS), he said.

When the COVID-19 vaccines were being administered, not many people were aware that it was being done without the completion of phase-3 trials. Administration of COVID-19 vaccines was started without the manufacturers having complete information and data on the possible short-term or long-term side effects, or fatalities, said Dr Sujata Mittal, a gynaecologist and oncologist.

There is an already low awareness around vaccine injuries, especially in India, she said.

investigation and invoking epidemi-Thousands of women reported ology," Dr Tarun Kothari, a radiologist and an activist, said at the press abnormalities in their menstrual

cycles, which was confirmed much later as a side effect of the vaccine in a study published in September 2022, she added.

The Awaken India Movement (AIM) has been collecting details of Covid Vaccine deaths covered by media/social media in India and sharing them with various high authorities of the country since 2021, when the vaccination began. The government has failed to respond to our repeated requests to investigate deaths and debilitation from adverse effects of vaccination," Dr Kothari said.

The AIM urged the government of India to compensate all the victims of Covid vaccines, including their family members, through a mechanism that involves vaccine manufacturers as well.



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Two CMs vs two ex-CMs in Telugu states

SNCN ACHARYULU HYDERABAD

Only three days are left for the crucial elections in the Telugu states for the people to give the verdict. In both the Telugu states the elections have become a fight between the Chief Ministers and the former chief ministers rather than between political parties. The elections are going to decide the political future of two former chief ministers in the Telugu states.

In Telangana the Lok Sabha elections have become a political fight between the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao. While Congress



Chandrasekhar Rao is heading the BRS. In Andhra Pradesh, the Assembly elections have become a political fight between Chief Minister YŠ Jagan Mohan Reddy and

former chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu. While Chief Minister Jagan is heading the YSR Congress party, Chandrababu is heading the TDP. Both the Chief Chief Minister Revanth Ministers of the respective Reddy is heading the states are very confident over taken the Lok Sabha elections party, the victory of their parties. as a prestige isue.



But this confidence is not seen in the former chief ministers.

These four leaders are campaigning extensively in their states for the victory of their party candidates. These four leaders are working hard to prove their image in the elections. Huge crowds are seen at the public meetings of these four leaders. In Telangana, Revanth Reddy and KCR have

In Andhra Pradesh, Jagan and Chandrababu have taken the Assembly elections as a prestige issue. For Chandrababu victory in the Assembly elections has become a must. In Telangana for KCR in the Lok Sabha elections, winning of majority seats has become a must. In Andhra Pradesh for Jagan also, victory has become a must than Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

Because, if the Congress will not win majority seats in the Lok Sabha elections there will be no immediate threat to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. But in Andhra Pradesh if the YSR Congress will not win majority seats in the Assembly elections, Jagan will become former a chief minister.

Amarnath stated that

he wants to transform

Assembly constituency

into a thriving centre of

development, with the

Minister's helping hand

to secure the necessary

help of the Chief

funds for this

endeavour.

the Gajuwaka

Coalition govt will create jobs: TDP

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Alliance candidate for the Visakhapatnam Lok Sabha seat M Sribĥarat emphasised the need for forming a coalition government to foster job creation and employment oppor-tunities. Joined by East MLA Velagapudi Ramakrishna Babu, Sribharat engaged with employees from shopping malls, highlighting the challenges faced under the current administration. Sribharat lamented the

adverse effects of what he described as the "anarchic rule" of the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), asserting that businesses across Visakhapatnam have suffered significant damage. He cited the failed attempts of the YSRCP government to provide employment opportunities, including the stalled efforts related to Lulu Mall, which aimed to employ 5,000 local youths.

'Quality healthcare, edu hallmarks of Jagan govt'

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YSRCP candidate for the Visakhapatnam Lok Sabha seat, Botsa Jhansi Lakshmi, has emphasised the vital role of hospitals, likening them to modern temples dedicated to serving humanity. Speaking at a gathering of intellectuals and medical experts, Jhansi praised the reforms spearheaded by the Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government, particularly in education and healthcare. She highlighted that these initiatives have gained nationwide recognition, serving as exemplary models for several states. Jhansi underscored the importance of affordable healthcare, noting that over 50 per cent of people's income is often spent on healthcare expenses. She stressed the need to expand initiatives like the Aarogyasri health scheme initiated by YS Rajasekhar Reddy and contin-

ued by Jaganmohan Reddy. Jhansi paid tribute to healthcare workers who lost their lives during the COVID-19 pan-



the

demic, acknowledging their sacrifice. She commended YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's visionary approach towards enhancing healthcare accessibility, particularly through initiatives like the village ward secretariats. During the event, Jhansi received a petition outlining the challenges faced by the medical sector and doctors. In response,

she assured to prioritize issues such as hospital recognition, easing the workload on doctors, and supporting the healthcare sector as much as possible.

from prominent medical professionals including Dr.

Appealing to the electorate to

Jayachandra Naidu, Dr. Muralikrishna, Dr. Papa Rao, Dr. Shirisha, Dr. Shashi Prabha, and Dr. Sudhakar, among others.

Chiru receives...

endorse YS Jagan Mohan

Reddy's leadership once again,

Jhansi urged the community to

support his re-election bid,

emphasizing his commitment to

Uttarandhra. She expressed her

desire to represent their voices in

The event saw participation

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Notably, the actor tem-

Minister for Industries and IT, Gudivada Amarnath, who is contesting from the Gajuwaka Assembly constituency in the upcoming general elections on May 13, has expressed steadfast confidence in securing the seat, dismissing the TDP-BJP-JSP combine's allegations against him as false propaganda.

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Addressing concerns about being labelled as an outsider, Minister Amarnath reaffirmed his deep connection to the constituency, citing his familial ties and his grandfather's pivotal role in initiating industrialization in the area. "I was born and raised here, with my family's roots deeply embedded in Gaiuwaka. own, laying the foundation for its development," stated Amarnath in an exclusive conversation with The Pioneer. Commenting on the strategic shift of constituencies, the Minister highlighted party chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's astute decisionmaking, emphasizing the importance of Gajuwaka as an industri-



al hub and his suitability for repjects, asserting their commitresenting it. Responding to queries ment to the city's progress. about support from fellow party Regarding the contentious issue My grandfather's contributions to members, Amarnath affirmed a of privatization of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), the industrial growth of this united front, stating, "We are together towards victo-Minister Amarnath reiterated the ry, with the full support of other government's staunch oppositicket aspirants in the segment.' tion and efforts to safeguard its In rebuttal to criticism regardintegrity, emphasizing Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's ing development, the Minister enumerated various initiatives comprehensive proposal to the Union government. undertaken by the YSRCP gov-Expressing his vision for ernment, including the Bhogapuram Greenfield Airport Gajuwaka's future, Amarnath said "For the first time, we have introand beach beautification pro-

duced a vision-oriented manifesto aimed at comprehending Gajuwaka's evolving needs and challenges." This manifesto, with its emphasis on industrial developenvironmental sustaina ity, youth empowerment, and infrastructure enhancement, delineates a forward-looking trajectory for the future of the constituency. At the core of the Gajuwaka 3.0 manifesto lies the commitment to skill development initiatives designed to align local talent with the demands of various industries.

"We are dedicated to establishing vocational, degree, and polytechnic colleges, in addition to coaching centres and digital libraries, to foster educational excellence and entrepreneurship," Amarnath affirmed. Furthermore, Amarnath expressed his intention to fortify the local economy by providing support to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and small businesses through an incubation program, while also advocating for indigenous products. "Our vision encompasses the creation of centres of excellence for digital media studios, clean manufacturing units, e-waste recycling, and biodegradable packaging, aiming to promote a sustainable circular economy," he added.

Amarnath stated that he wants to transform the Gajuwaka Assembly constituency into a thriving centre of deve

Parties target 'migrant' voters amid vote splitting worries

Political parties in The State are redirecting their attention towards mobilising 'migrant' voters for upcoming Assembly and Lok Sabha polls. This change in focus reflects a growing recognition of the significant voting block represented by migrant workers. Candidates from the YSRCP and the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance express apprehension over potential vote splitting due to the presence of Congress candidates. Internal divisions within both camps ed voters, enlisting their further compound these heightening the concerns

porarily delved into politionally. The migration tics after his 2007 film encompasses both skilled 'Shankar Dada Zindabad,' and unskilled workers, founding the Praja Rajyam including marine fishermen. Party in 2008, before returning to cinema in 2017 with "Khaidi No With the May 13 election looming, candidates are making logistical arrange-150.' ments to facilitate the return Chiranjeevi's cinematic of migrated voters. This repertoire extends across includes booking transmultiple languages including Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, portation such as trains, buses, travel vehicles, and mini-buses to ensure two-

and Kannada, with notable works such as "Rudra Veena," "Indra," "Tagore," "Swayam Krushi," "Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy, "Stalin," and "Gang Leader.

Beyond his cinematic

Amarnath confident of his victory PNS VISAKHAPATNAM

> with the help of the Chief Minister's helping hand to secure the necessary funds for this endeavour. With the general elections looming, Minister Amarnath remains steadfast in his resolve to serve the people of Gajuwaka and usher in a new era of prosperity for the constituency.

Re-election of Jagan as CM vital for continuity...

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Highlighting economic indicators, Sajjala stated that the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) rose from 4.47 during the TDP regime to 4.87 under the YSRCP government. He pointed out the expansion of MSMEs across the

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state and clarified misconceptions highlighted the forthcoming construcregarding central support, indicating a reduction in assistance despite claims to the contrary.

Sajjala contrasted the debt figures of both regimes, noting a rise from Rs 2.58 lakh crore to Rs 2.95 lakh crore, emphasising a shift towards development-oriented governance.

Discussing infrastructural progress, Sajjala outlined initiatives such as port development and the establishment of medical colleges, stressing the government's commitment to fostering a conducive environment for industries. He

tion of airports in each district, affirmapproach. ing a dual focus on development and welfare.

Sajjala reiterated the government's dedication to empowering the disadvantaged, citing the Cheyutha scheme's assistance to 16 lakh women with Rs 75,000 each. He emphasised the importance of uplifting one crore families economically, positioning it as a cornerstone of genuine development. Sajjala credited the resilience of YSRCP schemes in sustaining the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic, aligning with YS

Jagan Mohan Reddy's visionary

Sajjala emphasised the correlation between timely scheme implementation and economic activity, attributing the rise in GSDP to effective governance. He countered opposition claims by highlighting the significant increase in MSMEs and capital expenditure under the YSRCP regime.

Despite reduced Central grants, Saijala underscored the State's ability to thrive economically, showcasing a reduced debt ratio as evidence of prudent fiscal management.

'Botsa mortgaged north Andhra to Jagan'

PNS KURUPAM

TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu took aim at Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday, accusing him of betraying the trust of tribal communities who supported him in the previous elections.

Speaking at a public gathering, Naidu criticised CM Jagan's decision to shut down best available schools, established during the TDP's tenure, aimed at benefiting Girijan children, labelling Jagan as an anarchic leader. Highlighting the initiatives undertaken during the TDP regime, such as the cultivation of coffee trees by Girijans, known as Araku Coffee, and the creation of job opportunities for tribal youth under GO No. 3. Naidu questioned Jagan's contributions to the region during his five-year tenure. "I pledge to reinstate GO No. 3 to

CM Jagan to directly confront Prime Minister Narendra Modi instead of delegating criticism to his Cabinet colleague, Botsa Satyanarayana.

"Botsa has mortgaged north Andhra to CM Jagan," Naidu remarked, cautioning against trusting the misinformation propagated by Jagan's camp. He promised to introduce additional welfare schemes aimed at benefiting all sections of the population and to revise the salaries of home guards promptly upon the formation of the TDP-allied National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. Asserting TDP's commitment to North Andhra, Naidu pledged to attract major industries to Cheepurupalli, offering employment opportunities to local youth, and assured the completion of the Thotapalli reservoir to address irrigation needs in the region.

risk of lost votes.

To secure the support of migrated workers, candidates are actively engaging with village and ward leaders, booth conveners, and agents. These efforts include collecting details of migrated voters and organizing a series of meetings to enlist their support. Šrikakulam district serves as a notable hub for migration, with residents seeking livelihood opportunities across various cities and states, both within India and interna-

Naidu uses...

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special category status. He criticised the alliance for He also criticised Naidu's track record, quesresorting to mudslinging instead of addressing crutioning his contributions to the minority community. cial matters and accused them of representing only Jagan flays Naidu's welfare record the interests of the capital-

Continuing his tour, ist class. Chief Minister Jagan Highlighting his governaddressed a gathering in ment's achievements, Jagan Kalyandurg, where he launched a scathing attack on Chandrababu Naidu's underscored the fulfilment of 99% of the party's electoral promises and outtenure, accusing him of lined plans for the region, neglecting the welfare of including the establishthe poor and exploiting ment of a new medical his position for personal college and collaboration with international univergain.

Jagan urged voters not to sities. be swayed by Naidu's pre-He also condemned the election cash distributions, alliance's opposition to emphasising the need to English-medium educaassess which party has tion in government schools, labelling it as truly worked for the betterment of the State. hypocrisy. CM Jagan reiterated his

NDA silent on Special Category Status commitment to inclusive

In Rajampet, CM Jagan governance and equitable expressed disappointment development, contrasting it over the NDA's failure to with the perceived failures address the State's pressing of the previous administraissues, particularly the tion.

ige for major par ties. The task demands substantial effort and financial investment, underscoring the competitive nature of the upcoming elections.

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As parties gear up for the electoral contest, the mobilisation of migrated voters emerges as a crucial strategy. With candidates navigating concerns over vote splitting and internal rifts, the concerted effort to enlist the support of this demographic underscores the evolving dynamics of electoral politics in the region.

long-standing demand for

renowned for his philanthropic endeavours. He established the Chiranjeevi Charitable Trust in 1998, encompassing notable initiatives such as eye and blood banks. Amid the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, he spearheaded initiatives including oxygen banks, ambulances for patients, and a vaccine drive for film workers, alongside garnering donations for those affected by halted film shoots.

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employ tribal youth as soon as the TDP allied NDA assumes power in the State after the upcoming elections," Naidu asserted, suggesting a potential shift in gov-ernment. He noted the nervousness among YSRCP leaders during Prime Minister Modi's recent roadshow in Vijayawada, interpreting it as a sign of their diminishing power. Naidu challenged



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I.N.D.I.A bloc will form govt at Centre: Yechury

PNS VIJAYAWADA

General secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM), Sitaram Yechury, has voiced grave concerns over what he perceives as attempts by the BJP-led NDA government to undermine the integrity of the Indian Constitution, crafted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He emphasised the pivotal nature of the ongoing general elections, asserting that they will determine the fate of democracy in the nation.

Yechury, joined by the Andhra Pradesh state secretary of his party, V. Srinivasa Rao, addressed the media at the Balotsav Bhavan in Vijayawada on Thursday. He predicted a significant shift in the political landscape, suggesting that the I.N.D.I.A bloc is poised to seize power, thereby dealing a substantial blow to the Narendra Modi-led BJP.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the Election Commission of India (ECI), Yechury lamented the lack of responsiveness to complaints lodged by parties within the INDIA bloc regarding alleged hate



speeches by Modi and other BJP leaders. He criticized the ECI's perceived inaction and accused Central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) of being

politicised entities. Yechury acknowledged Modi's admission of the presence of black money in the country but criticised the government for its failure to curb its circulation, despite promises to the contrary. He high-

lighted Modi's accusations against corporate giants Adani and Ambani of funnelling black money to the Congress party as indicative of systemic issues.

Reflecting on recent polling, Yechury anticipated a decline in BJP seats and a concurrent rise in the seat count for the I.N.D.I.A bloc, particularly in Northern states. He dismissed the BJP's prospects of securing significant MLA seats in Andhra Pradesh without

Allu Arjun extends

support to Pawan

Popular Telugu film hero,

Allu Arjun has extended his

on social media 'X', Allu

Arun said: "My heartfelt

wishes to Pawan Kalya garu

on your election journey. I

have always been immense-

ly proud of the path you have

chosen, dedicating your life to service. As a family member,

my love and support will

always be with you. My best

wishes for achieving all that

Naidu desperate

for power: Kodali

more seats than the previous

elections. The people have full faith in CM Jagan, which is our strength," he said.

Kodali pointed out that the TDP has not done anything for

the people in the past, and no one will believe that TDP will do

anything now. TDP leaders sup-

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In a message on Thursday

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alliance support from the TDP, noting diminishing MLA seats in Karnataka and Maharashtra. Yechury further speculated

on the potential electoral repercussions for TDP Chief N. Chandrababu Naidu due to his alliance with the BJP, suggesting that this alliance may cost him electoral support. He criticised Modi for failing to address the issue of granting Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh in his public addresses within the state.

POLL BOYCOTT CALL Voters of Nidamarru SC Colony relent after intervention by DC, SP

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Responding swiftly to the decision of residents in the SC Colony of Nidamarru panchayat under Krithivennu mandal in Krishna district, to boycott the general election, Collector DK Balaji and Superintendent of Police (SP) Adnan Nayeem Asmi visited the colony on Thursday. The decision to relocate Polling Booth No.208 from the SC colony to Gowdapalem prompted the residents to announce their boycott of the ongoing elections.

Upon learning of the colony's stance, Collector Balaji, SP Adnan Nayeem Asmi, and other officials promptly visited the Nidamarru SC Colony on Thursday. They engaged in a dialogue with the villagers, emphasising the significance of voting and its impact. Additionally, they conducted a public hearing to understand the reasons behind the boycott decision.

Following discussions, the SC colony residents expressed their demand for a polling booth within their vicinity. After constructive deliberation, Collector Balaji and SP Nayeem successfully persuaded the res-idents to cast their votes at the



Nidamarru SC Colony residents explaining the issue of shifting the polling booth to rishna District Collector Balaji and SP Nayeem Asmi at a meeting held on Thursday.

officials attributed the relocation

to structural concerns regarding

the Cyclone Shelter, a reasoning

In response, the SC colony

residents urged Collector Balaji

and SP Nayeem to establish a

temporary polling station with-

in their colony, citing past elec-

tions held at the Community

Collector Balaji affirmed the

significance of every vote in a

democracy and acknowledged

the villagers' request for a polling

booth. He clarified that a pro-

posal had been submitted to the

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)

to relocate the booth.

disputed by the residents.

Gowdapalem polling station, assuring them of a fair process. The SC colony had historically hosted Polling Station No.208 for the past five decades. However, recent directives relocated the booth to Gowdapalem, prompting dissatisfaction among the SC colony residents, and leading to their boycott declaration.

Hall. They also demanded accountability for the decision During the meeting between the officials and villagers, representatives from SC organizations voiced their concerns over the polling booth relocation. They advocated for the setup of a booth in the community hall, citing its central location and historical precedent. However,

on February 28, following consultations with the community and political representatives, awaiting confirmation from the Election Commission.

Despite assurances, Collector Balaji clarified the impossibility of relocating the polling booth at present and ruled out the feasibility of setting up a temporary booth. He encouraged residents to utilize the Right to Information Act (RTI) for further details and assured investigation into any improprieties by officials involved in the relocation decision.

Apologizing for the inconve-nience caused, Collector Balaji urged the colony's 400 voters to cast their votes at the Gowdapalem polling booth, with police protection if needed. He pledged to submit proposals to the EC for booth relocation post-election. SP Adnan Nayeem Asmi assured villagers of peaceful elections and received their commitment to vote at Gowdapalem while expressing their desire for reinstatement of the booth in their village.

The meeting was attended by Pedana Assembly Constituency Returning Officer P Venkata Ramana, DSP Ramesh, and other officials.

Rs 9,432-cr DBT schemes halted due to TDP complaints: YSRCP

PNS VIJAYAWADA

The YSRCP has voiced strong objections to the Election Commission of India's (ECI) decision to stall the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes, citing inconvenience caused to beneficiaries.

YSRCP MLA Malladi Vishnu and other party leaders expressed dismay over the withholding of Rs 9,432 crore out of a total allocation of Rs 14,169 crore earmarked for disbursement across six schemes. According to them, Rs 4,737 crore has already been successfully transferred directly into the accounts of intended beneficiaries. Accusing the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) of filing complaints to obstruct the schemes, Vishnu and his colleagues criticized the actions as detrimental to the welfare of the people. They emphasised the importance of schemes such as input subsidy for farmers, 'Vidya

Deevena' for students, and assistance for the underprivileged, farmers, and 'EBC Nestam', questioning the motives behind

their suspension. The YSRCP leaders alleged that the BJP, TDP, and Jana Sena are exerting influence to impede the welfare initiatives. They highlighted that no new schemes were introduced by the YSRCP government ahead of the elections and lamented the disruption of ongoing projects. Notably, they recalled the Election Commission's

approval of the Pasupu-Kumkuma scheme initiated by the previous Naidu government during the 2019 elections. Raising concerns about the

selective halting of ongoing schemes in Andhra Pradesh, YSRCP leaders underscored the annual releases of input subsidies for farmers and education (Vidva Deevena) scheduled for March 1 and March 6, respectively.

Tribal villagers need to ride horses for 60 km to vote

PNS VISAKHAPATNAM

Due to lack of roads and governmental support, 342 tribals from three Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) residing in hilltop villages of Ananthagiri mandal face a daunting 60-kilometer horseback journey to cast their votes in the upcoming general elections on May 13. Expressing their grievances and demands, the tribals from Dyatri, Madrebu, and Tunisibu villages staged a protest on Thursday by placing 'adda' leaves on their heads and going on horses for 4 km, demanding construction of roads to their villages and provision of vehicles for exercising their franchise.

The situation is particularly dire for the villagers of Dayarti, where 222 voters must traverse 30 km to reach the Jeenapadu polling booth. Similarly, residents of Madrebu village, comprising around 70 voters, face a 30-km journey to the Pedakota polling booth, while others must cover an 18-km distance to the Velamamidi polling booth. Tunisibu village, with 50 voters, shares the same challenge, requiring a 30-



kilometer journey to the Jeenapadu polling booth.

Residents lamented the absence of proper road facilities in their villages, citing instances where tribal women have given birth on the roads due to the lack of connectivity. They highlighted their practice of using horses as ambulances to access essential health services, underscoring the critical need for infrastructure development. Furthermore, villagers expressed frustra-

tion over the alleged misappropriation of funds designated for road construction. They claimed that significant amounts allocated between 2017 and 2022 were either misused or diverted, despite complaints lodged with the Vigilance Enforcement Committee. No investigations have been initiated thus far, according to the villagers. Voicing their disillusionment, villagers

criticized politicians for their apparent lack of concern for tribal communities, accusing them of only engaging during elections and disappearing thereafter. Girijan Sangam leaders K. Narasinga Rao, K Dásu, K Govinda Rao allege that contractors were siphoning off funds sanctioned for the construction of roads in the absence of proper monitoring. As the general elections approach, the plight of these tribal villagers sheds light on broader issues of neglect and marginalization faced by vulnerable communities. Their struggle underscores the urgent need for government intervention to address infrastructural deficiencies and ensure equal access to democratic processes for all citizens.

4,200 liquor bottles seized. three arrested

PNS MACHILIPATNAM

The SEB officials seized 4,200 liquor bottles hoarded in a godown in Tiruvuru on Thursday. SRC CI Kishore told the

media that on a tip-off the SEB officials conducted a raid on the godown and found 4,200 liquor bottles hoarded there and seized. The SEB officials arrested three persons in this connection.

Meanwhile, the police also seized 3000 liquor bottles when they were being brought from Telangana state at Nandigama.



COKING COAL SUPPLY ISSUE RINL seeks Union govt intervention

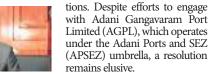
PNS VISAKHAPATNAM

Andhra Pradesh-based steel manufacturer Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, has urgently sought intervention from the State government to resolve a critical supply chain issue. About Rs 700 crore worth of coking coal and limestone, a vital raw material for steel production, has been stuck at Adani Gangavaram Port due to ongo-



ing worker agitation for better wages since April.

Visakhapatnam District Collector, RINL's CMD Atul Bhatt expressed grave concern over the situation, highlighting the detrimental impact on the company's opera-



of the matter, citing the significant operational constraints

In a letter addressed to the faced by RINL. The company, which is a key player in India's steel manufacturing sector, operates three blast furnaces with a capacity of 2.5 million tonnes each. However, the pro-

longed disruption in coking coal supply has forced RINL to throttle its operations, jeopardising both equipment health and financial stability.

Efforts to engage with AGPL workers and facilitate the Bhatt emphasised the urgency smooth transfer of coking coal have been hindered by the ongoing agitation. Despite appeals and interactions involving RINL employees and trade union leaders, the situation persists, exacerbating the challenges faced by the steelmaker.

Rahul to address meet in Kadapa tomorrow

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Congress incharge for Andhra Pradesh and Member of Parliament, Manickam Tagore, has announced that former AICC president Rahul Gandhi will address a public meeting in Kadapa on May 11. Gandhi is slated to bolster support for APCC chief YS Sharmila Reddy, who is running for the Kadapa Lok Sabha seat under the Congress party banner.

Speaking at a press confer-ence held at the Andhra Ratna Bhavan in Vijayawada on



Thursday, Tagore levelled sever-INDIA bloc. al charges against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and that Mallikharjuna Kharge, the Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan chief of his party, along with Sitaram Yechury, general secre-Reddy. Earlier, Tagore unveiled a pamphlet promoting the tary of the Communist Party of upcoming public meeting of the India (Marxist), and D Raja,

general secretary of the Communist Party of India, are set to participate in a public gathering at the Gymkhana grounds on May 10. He said that the INDIA bloc, comprising parties like Congress, CPI, and CPM, is contesting the Vijayawada Lok Sabha seat along with three assembly segments in the city.

APCC Election Observer Manoj Chouhan, vice president K Sivaji, and party leaders NS Raia, Khurshida, Naraharasetti Narasimha Rao, and others were present.

AP women's panel chief complains to CEO against TDP

PNS VIJAYAWADA

Andhra Pradesh Women's Commission Chairperson Gajjala Venkata Lakshmi has said that TDP fears defeat in the general elections. "The leaders of TDP are attacking women across the State. TDP-

JSP-BJP leaders attacked Home Minister Taneti Vanitha. Dalits and women are afraid," she said. Venkata

Lakshmi wrote a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner on

Thursday, complaining against the TDP leaders' attacks.

She alleged in the letter that the TDP leaders are attacking women and Dalits as they are worried over the party's fate in the elections.

The attack against Taneti Vanitha, who is a Dalit, indicates the attitude of former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu towards Dalits, she alleged.

Also, she recalled the incident in which former TDP MLA Bonda Uma Maheswara

Rao's son attacked a woman. She mentioned several incidents of attacks against women in her letter. The TDP leaders even attacked MLAs' wives and their family members, she alleged. Finally, she pointed

out that TDP is playing politics with the daughters of Minister Ambati Rambabu and former MLA Mudragada

Padmanabham. People taught a lesson to TDP in 2019 and the same will repeat in 2024, she warned.

TTD to release online quota for Aug from May 18

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PNS TIRUPATI

YSRCP MLA from Gudivada Kodali Srivenkateswara Rao (Nani) has alleged that TDP Tirumala Devasthanams (TTD) has chief Chandrababu Naidu desdecided to release the online perately wants to come back to quota for 'Srivari Arjitha Seva', power for which he will stoop darshan tickets and others for too low. Nani said that the 2024 August from May 18. elections will be the last and The quota booking process final elections for Chandrababu will open in phases from May and the chances of his son Nara 18 to 27 through the official Lokesh winning from Mangalagiri are bleak.

TTD ttdevasthanams.ap.gov.in. For Speaking to the media at the online lucky dip sevas, Nandigama during the elecincluding Suprabhatam, tion campaigning on Thursday, Kodali Nani said Tomala, Archana and Ashtadala that Chief Minister YS Jagan Padmaradhana sevas for Mohan Reddy has the support August, devotees can book of SCs, STs, BCs, minorities and poor people among the upper castes. "We will win

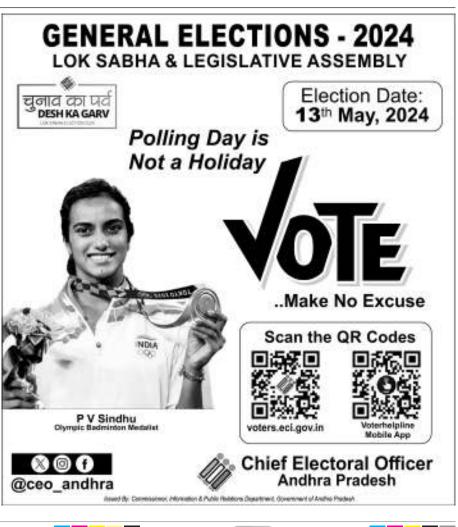


from 10 am on May 18 until 10 am on May 20.

Srivari Arjitha Seva Tickets Tirupati including Kalyanam, Unjal Seva, Arjitha Brahmotsavam and SD Seva along with Annual Pavithrotsavam tickets (August 15-17) will be available from 10 AM of May 21 while Virtual Seva tickets on the same day at 3 pm. Tirumala Angapradakshinam website Tokens will be available from May 23 at 10 a.m. Darshan and accommoda-

tion quota to the SRIVANI Trust donors will be available on May 23 at 11 am. Senior Citizens/Physically Challenged quota will be available from 3 pm on May 23. The Special Entry Darshan (Rs 300) tickets will be available on May 24 at 10 a.m. Tirumala & Tirupati

accommodation quota will be available from 3 pm on May 24. The Srivari Seva voluntary service general quota for Tirumala and Tirupati will be released at 11 am while Navaneeta Seva at noon and Parakamani Seva at 1 pm on May 27.



Additionally, Tagore revealed





Ensure peaceful polls: CEO

PNS VIJAYAWADA

State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Mukesh Kumar Meena has issued orders to all District Electoral Officers (DEOs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs) to ensure that the elections scheduled for May 13 are conducted in a manner that is peaceful, fair, and transparent. During a review session held on Thursday, CEO Meena, alongside DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, assessed the preparations to be completed within the 72 hours leading up to the election, including security arrangements and logistical planning. CEO Meena emphasised the

critical nature of the upcoming three days, urging vigilance among election officials to prevent any untoward incidents or activities that could influence voters. Stressing the importance of the final video conference before polling day, he

Chief Electoral Officer Mukesh Kumar Meena and Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta on Thursday reviewed the arrangements for the elections to be held in the State on May 13.

ments to be overseen by DEOs

encouraged prompt resolution of any outstanding issues. Meena reiterated the need to facilitate every eligible voter's right to cast their ballot, including those from neighbouring states, without obstruction. He outlined specific arrange-

and SPs, emphasising the importance of proper management of election staff and ensuring their attendance. Measures such as webcasting of problematic polling centres and enhanced transportation

facilities, particularly in tribal areas, were highlighted. Helicopters were arranged for select areas to improve voter turnout while ensuring timely delivery of voter slips and monitoring EVM transportation via GPS tracking.

Anticipating challenges such as the dry day on May 11 and logistical issues with EVM maintenance, Meena underscored the importance of proactive measures. On polling day, amenities such as shelter, drinking water, first aid, and seating arrangements were to be provided at polling stations DGP Harish Kumar Gupta

emphasised the firm implementation of law and order measures and infrastructure expansion. He emphasized the responsibility of police officers in maintaining law and order, stressing the need for timely responses to issues. Specific attention was directed towards areas with a history of incidents, with micro-plans tailored to local conditions. Vigilance along the Telangana border and prevention of latehour polling were also highlighted as priorities to ensure a smooth electoral process.

Complete arrangements for polling on war-footing: DC

PNS BHIMAVARAM

West Godavari District Collector Sumit Kumar inspected the EVM strong rooms, counting centres and reception centre on Thursday and instructed the officials concerned to complete the arrangements for voting at the polling stations on war footing.

The Collector, accompanied by other officials, inspected the strong rooms, counting centres and the reception centre located on the campus of B Seetha Polytechnic College.

The District Collector enquired about the route of the polling agents through which they come to the polling stations, the security measures being taken on the campus, bus routes, vehicle parking, polling material collection stalls, ballot boxes, strong rooms for securing EVMs and the micro

observers waiting rooms. He also observed the installation of CCTV cameras in the counting hall, postal ballots counting hall and the setting up of the result board. The Collector ordered the officials concerned to complete the arrangements on

war footing. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that after the end of the polling, all the EVMs of all Assembly constituencies should be taken to the strong rooms following the rules and

regulations of the Election Commission and with full secu rity as per the protocol. He directed the officials to prepare a route map before moving the EVMs to the strong rooms of the respective constituencies

Collector Sumit Kumar said that as soon as the electronic voting machines reach the strong room, they should first be handed over to the reception centre and as per the instructions of the ROs, they would be stored in the strong room as per the map of storing EVMs.

Country needs NDA for development: Purandeswari

PNS RAJAHMUNDRY

BJP State president Daggubati Purandeswari has underlined the need for the BJP to return to power stating that the development of the country is possible only with the BJP-led government

Daggubati Purandeswari carried out her election campaign at the Housing Board colony, Diwan Cheruvu, Rajanagaram, Palla Kadiyam, Kanavaram, Kottatungapadu and Kondagunturi areas on Thursday.

She was flanked by Rajanagaram MLA candidate Battula Balaramakrishna and TDP in-charge Boddu Venkataramana Chowdary. She received overwhelming support from the people. Ă group of women welcomed her by offering her traditional 'harati' at their colonies.

Addressing the crowd, Purandeswari has claimed that India has achieved tremendous development during the 10



ernment and elect the TDPyears of the BJP-led regime. The NDA's flagship scheme 'PM BJP-JSP alliance. Taking a dig at the Congress Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana' has come as a boon for the poor as party, she slammed that the

they have provided food grains Congress has lost its credibilfor the last few years. ity and people would not trust Purandesari said that Prime the party. The Congress com-Minister Narendra Modi is promised with the interests of leading the country in such a the country during its 10-year way that all should feel proud. regime, she lashed out. Though the BJP cooperated with the Jagan Mohan Reddy-Rajanagaram BJP in-charge Neerukonda

headed State government, the state government failed to utilize funds extended by the Centre. She called upon people to defeat the YSRCP gov-

Pitroda's remarks 'racist': Naidu

PNS VIJAYAWADA

TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday referred to Congress leader Sam Pitroda's recent remarks and said reducing people's identities to their appearances is 'shameful, regressive and racist."

The Andhra Pradesh opposition leader said there is no place for such "divisive" and "racist" comments in a civilised society.

"It is shameful, regressive and racist to reduce people's identities to their appearances. There is no place for such divisive and racist comments in a civilized society," said Naidu in a post on X.

According to the former CM and NDA alliance partner in the southern state, people with political influence must uphold India's spirit of unity in diversity. Referring to South Indians, who according to Pitroda 'look like Africans', Naidu said they have their own identity.

NRIs meet Mudragada at Kirlampudi

PNS KAKINADA

A group of NRIs called on former minister and YSRCP leader Mudragada Padmanabham in his residence in Kirlampudi on Thursday.

The NRIs have come to India from various countries including from America, Europe and Kuwait to participate in the YSRCP election campaign. They met Mudragada Padmanabham

and congratulated and appreciated him for joining the YSRCP. They discussed with him about the current political affairs and how the election campaign is being carried out. Mudragada thanked the NRIs for meeting him and conveyed his wishes. The NRIs later called on Mudragada's son M Giribabu also.

Speaking on the occasion, the NRIs lauded Mudragada Padmanabham stating that he is an honest leader and experienced politician.



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Trainee IPS officers call on Eluru Collector

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Trainee IPS officers here on

Thursday called on District Collector V Prasanna Venkatesh in the Collectorate here on Thursday.

As many as nine trainee IPS officers met the Collector in his chambers. They are under training at the National Police Academy (NPA).

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that by visiting various places and meeting the officials during the elections, the trainee officers could



learn many things which could help them in the future. tackling.

The Collector explained to the trainee IPS officers about the election process being carried out in North AP, Coastal AP and Rayalaseema regions

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onds if we come out." Rana

Prime Minister Modi's state-

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Chowdary, former MLA Chitturi Ravindra and

Nandamuri Ramakrishna were

among those who accompa-

nied Purandeswari.

explained to them The Collector also told them how political parties entice the voters and the steps to be taken to check them. The IPS trainees were also briefed on the performance of FST and SST teams, monitoring the performance of permits for

taken to implement the

Election Code of Conduct,

Election Commission were

election campaigns and measures being taken in the district to conduct elections in a peaceful environment.

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Sd/- YALLA REDDY GARI VENKATARAMA REDDY

OWAISI ON NAVNEET'S POSER 'Why 15 seconds take an hour, what will you do'

PNS HYDERABAD

"Take one hour instead of 15 seconds. We want to see if there is humanity left in you," AIMIM President MP Asaduddin Owaisi said on Thursday while responding to BJP MP Navneet Rana's statement threatening him and his younger brother Akbaruddin Owaisi.

On May 8 Navneet issued a veiled warning to Owaisi the brothers in Hyderabad while responding to Akbaruddin's 2013 statement that it would take them just '15

minutes' to balance out the 'Hindu-Muslim ratio' in the country.

Navneet, seeking a fresh term in the Lok Sabha from Amravati on a BJP ticket this time, attacked the Owaisi brothers. "It would take us only 15 seconds if the police were removed or made to stand down," she said.

'The younger brother said 'Remove the police for 15 minutes so that we can show them what we can do. I want to tell him (Akbaruddin) that



The people of Hyderabad are not cattle. We are citizens, not the property of political parties. For 40 years, Hyderabad has defeat-

ed the 'evil' ideology of Hindutva and has elected the AIMIM. Hindutva will be defeated again. Modi is bonded to those who gave his party Rs 6,000 crore through electoral bonds. In return, he has 'sold' India's 'assets' to his 'sponsors.' Modi appeased them so much that today 21 people have more wealth than 70 crore Indians. Those 21 are his real 'parivar."

power to eliminate Viveka: Sharmila

PNS PILIVENDULA was heard saying in a video clip she posted on her X han-

APCC president YS Sharmila has criticised MP YS Avinash Reddy, alleging that he wielded his influence to eliminate Vivekananda Reddy rather than utilising it to set up a steel factory in the Kadapa district.

Commencing her election The Hyderabad campaign in Chief Minister Y MP took to X and S Jagan Mohan Reddy's strongsaid, "Modi came hold, Pulivendula, from where to Telangana and the Chief Minister is contesting to the Assembly, on Thursday, that Hyderabad has she highlighted that despite YS been given on Avinash Reddy serving as MP lease to Owaisi. of Kadapa for a decade, he has not succeeded in establishing a steel factory.

"Instead of leveraging his position as an MP to bring a steel factory to this region, MP Avinash Reddy allegedly misused his power in the unfortu-



questioned YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's decision to nominate Avinash Reddy for the Kadapa Parliamentary constituency.

"When Jagan Reddy was incarcerated, I undertook a 3200-km padayatra for my brother Jagan Reddy. Now, I am fighting for justice. The entire world is watching Kadapa to see whether justice or crime prevails. I urge the people of Kadapa to stand for righteousness," Sharmila reiterated.

YS Vivekananda Reddy's daughter, Dr Sunita, warned nate demise of YS Vivekananda that if voters elect YS Avinash Reddy," she criticized. "We did not initially allege YS Reddy as their MP, they will need to visit him in jail to Avinash Reddy's involvement in address their grievances. On the contrary, if they elect YS Vivekananda's murder. However, following the CBI's Sharmila, she will always be accessible to the people of investigation into the matter, we began raising questions. The Kadapa. Slain leader YS Chief Minister shielded Vivekananda Reddy's wife, Avinash Reddy from CBI Sowbagyamma, also particiarrest," Sharmila claimed. She pated in the election campaign.



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Manipur govt will compensate farmers affected by hailstorm: CM

anipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Thursday said his government will compensate Manual farmers who suffered losses in the hailstorm that struck the state on May 5. Singh made the statement during his visit to the Bishnupur district where he med families affected by the disaster. "I want to assure you that the government through the deputy commissioners will definitely try to compensate the losses incurred by farmers in the recent hailstorm." he said. "I will soon inform

officials to visit the place and discuss what assistance could be given," he added. Singh said a new scheme for agriculture and horticulture will be launched to help farmers. Seeking assistance from local clubs in repairing the damaged houses, he said. "Reconstruction materials including tin sheets will reach within four days." Over 15,000 houses were damaged and hectares of farmland were devastated by the massive hailstorm that struck the state



Man working as spy for Pakistan arrested in Gujarat

man has been arrested in Bharuch district of Gujarat for allegedly spying for a Pakistani intelligence agency, police said on Thursday. Pravin Mishra, the accused, A Pakistani intelligence agency, police sale on minoray. I deve the Indian Armed had allegedly collected highly confidential information about the Indian Armed Forces and defence-related R&D firms, said the Gujarat Criminal Investigation Department (CID). The CID started its probe following a tip-off from the Military

Intelligence, Udhampur. A resident of Ankleshwar in Bharuch district and native of Muzaffarpur in Bihar, Mishra was in contact with a Pakistani intelligence operative through Whatsapp calls and audio chat "to carry out a criminal conspiracy against the country that could have serious security consequences," the CID said in a release. "It was found that the information was being sent to an intelligence agency located in Pakistan," the CID said



Canada yet to share specific evidence, information on Nijjar killing case: India

ays after Canadian police said it has arrested three Indians in connection with the Dividing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, India on Thursday said Ottawa has not provided any "specific" evidence or information regarding the case to it. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said Canada has informed India about the arrests. "Let me first make it clear that no specific or relevant evidence or information has been shared by the

Canadian authorities till date," he said. "You will, therefore, understand our view that the matter is being pre-judged," Jaiswal said at his weekly media briefing. Last week, Canadian authorities charged the three Indian nationals with the murder of Nijjar. It is reported that they entered Canada on student visas. "Obviously, there are political interests at work. We have long maintained that separatists, extremists and those advocating violence have been given a political space in Canada," Jaiswal said.



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Hooda said the "minority" dis-

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from the governor," Hooda said

when asked to comment on the

JJP writing a letter to the gov-

Hooda was campaigning in

Replying to another question,

Bhiwani for party's Lok Sabha

Hooda raised doubts whether

all 10 JJP MLAs were onboard

with their party, in a reference

to some JJP MLAs indicating

their support in recent days to the BJP. "We are 30 MLAs...regarding

JJP, it would have been better

had they paraded 10 MLAs

candidate Rao Dan Singh.

We have also sought time

Establishing open prisons can be solution to decongest jails: SC

PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said establishing open jails can be one of the solutions to overcrowding and also address the issue of rehabilitation of prisoners.

Semi-open or open prisons allow convicts to work outside the premises during the day to help them earn a livelihood and return in the evening. The concept was brought in to assimilate the convicts with the society and reduce their psychological pressure as they faced difficulties in leading normal lives outside.

While hearing a plea on jails and prisoners, a bench of Justices B R Gavai and Sandeep Mehta said it wants to expand the presence of open prisons across the country.

"One of the solutions for overcrowding of the prisons can be establishing open air

prisons/camps. The said sysother petitions.

tem is efficiently working in the state of Rajasthan. Apart from addressing the issue of congestion in prison, it also addresses the issue of rehabilitation of prisoners," the bench said.

The bench made clear that it would not touch upon issues related to jails and prison reforms which are already pending adjudication before its

right to approach the appellate court through the legal services authority.

The bench said if there is a uniform e-prison module across the country, many of these things can be sorted out. It said the issue of e-prison module, a comprehensive jail management system, was being dealt with by a coordinate bench.

"We will also consider the issue of open prisons in this proceeding," the bench said, adding, "We plan to expand it and ensure that this system of open air prisons is adopted across the country".

the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) told the The bench requested advocourt it had sought responses from all states on open prisons cate K Parameshwar to assist it and 24 of them have respondas an amicus along with Hansaria.

It also requested the counsel appearing for NALSA to assist the court in the matter and posted it for hearing on May

Eight killed in firecracker blast in Tamil Nadu's Sivakasi

PNS ■ VIRUDHUNAGAR (TAMIL NADU)

Eight workers, including five women, were killed and three others were injured in a blaze at a fireworks-manufacturing unit in Sivakasi on Thursday, police said. Police and fire service personnel rushed the injured to the government hospital in Sivakasi. The condition of one person among the injured is very critical, a senior police official said and added that the cause of the

fire was being ascertained. About 10 workers were employed at the private firecracker manufacturing unit at Sengamalapatti near Sivakasi in Virudhunagar district when the blast occurred in the afternoon, he said. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin expressed condolences over the incident and directed the district authorities to provide appropriate medical care to the

Cong, JJP approach Haryana Guv, step up efforts to topple BJP govt

PNS CHANDIGARH

The Congress and the JJP have approached Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, stepping up their efforts to topple the Haryana's BJP government after it was reduced to a minority in the state assembly.

The Haryana Congress on Thursday sent a letter to the governor's office seeking time on Friday to meet him and present a memorandum on the present political situation in the state.

In a separate letter on Wednesday, Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) leader Dushyant Chautala wrote to the governor, saying the Saini government no longer commands a majority and there should be an immediate floor test.

Three Independent MLAs on Tuesday withdrew support to the BJP government and announced they would back the Congress. The government which has the support of two other Independents is now two



short of the majority mark in the 90-member state assembly. However, the House at present has an effective strength of 88 with Karnal and Rania assembly seats being vacant. The BJP has 40 MLAs, the Congress 30 and the JJP 10 in the House. INLD and Haryana Lokhit Party has one member each, while the total number of Independent MLAs are six.

In its letter, the Congress said that a party delegation led by Deputy CLP leader Aftab Ahmed and B B Batra, chief

beore the governor. "There is no dispute about our MLAs. Some of their (JJP's) whip CLP, wants to meet the MLAs are supporting someone governor on May 10. else...let them go to the gover-Chief Minister Saini again nor with their 10 MLAs," he

asserted that his government said







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IAF CONVOY ATTACK Search operation in Poonch

The counsel appearing for

continues

PNS JAMMU

The security forces are yet to get a breakthrough even as the search operation to track down the terrorists responsible for attacking an IAF convoy that claimed the life of a rank personnel entered the sixth consecutive day on Thursday. The security forces are trying to identify the attackers through four pictures of terrorists released by them. A fresh search operation was launched in the border areas of Akhnoor belt following suspected movement of some persons last night, they said. The Army, police and CRPF are conducting search operations in Shahsitar, Gursai, Sanai, Lasana and Sheendara top and adjoining areas, they said adding that the entire area has been cordoned off. Terrorists targeted an Indian Air Force (IAF) convoy in the Shaistar area of Poonch district, in which an IAF corporal was killed in the line of duty and four others were

Voting in 3 phases unsettled PM Modi: Sharad Pawar

"He h

Says he's openly mentioning Muslim community in speeches

PNS PUNE

NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Thursday said that voting in the first three phases of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections ttled Prime Minister Narendra Modi and he has openly started mentioning Muslim community in his speeches. Talking to reporters in Satara of western Maharashtra, Pawar elaborated on his merger with the Congress remark, saying that several parties have an ideology that is similar to that of the grand old party.

ister said, "It seems that voting in all these three phases is unsettling for Modi and the the next couple of years, sev-eral regional parties will assoreason (for saying this) is that after these phases, PM Modi has changed his tone."

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it. orating on it, "Take the example of our party

- NCP. From foundation till

today, NCP and Congress have

PIVI'S BADTI IOCK' remarks absolute lie: Priyanka Gandhi

PNS ■ RAEBARELI (UP)

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday termed as an "absolute lie" Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks that her party will put a "Babri lock" on the Ram temple in Ayodhya if it is voted to power, saying court judgements will be honoured.

Prime Minister Modi had recently stated at a rally in Madhya Pradesh that he wants the BJP-led NDA to win 400 seats in the Lok Sabha polls to ensure the Congress does not bring back Article 370 in Kashmir and put a "Babri lock" on the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

This is an absolute lie . The Congress party had said sometimes that it would honour the judgement of the court. We have done this (in the past), and will do so in the future," she told reporters here

On Modi's Adani-Ambani jibe, she said Prime Minister Modi has been forced to take

their names.

Rahul Gandhi, she noted,

mentions the names of Adani and Ambai in his speeches every day.

Modi had on Wednesday accused the Congress of hav-ing a nexus with "Ambani and Adani", and asked if the party has received "tempo loads of black money" from the two businessmen for its leader Rahul Gandhi to stop "abus-

ing" them. Priyanka Gandhi also said that she wants the prime min-ister to read the Congress manifesto before commenting on it.

"Though he is the prime minister and elder to me...my advice is that he should first read the (Congress) manifesto, and then comment on it. He has not read it. Whatever comes to his mind, he says that it is written (in the manifesto). All the things that he

is saying are written in the manifesto are (actually) not written.

injured on Saturday. They are yet to get a breakthrough even after scanning the dense forest in the Surankote belt, they said. Security forces, which made

public four pictures of terrorists with one of them carrying a gun, are seeking their identification.

Asked about his assessment of the Lok Sabha elections after the completion of three phases, the former Union min-

PNS MALKANGIRI

in the eastern state.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta

Biswa Sarma on Thursday said biswa Satilia on Thursen, sta-the BJP will ensure free pilgrim-age of five lakh people from Odisha to Ayodhya's Ram tem-

ple if the party is voted to power

at Kalimela here, the senior BJP

leader also took a swipe at the

ruling BJD for naming villages

Addressing an election rally

mention of Muslim community openly (in his speeches). It seems he thinks that the situation would change by bringing in communal thoughts. It is my observation that some people in his party think that as the phases complete, his position is getting in danger," e said.

Asked about his party's pos-sible merger with the Congress, Pawar said he never made any such remark.

'Free pilgrimage to Ayodhya's Ram temple for

5 lakh people of Odisha if BJP voted to power'

Pawar, in an interview to a

been working together. The ideology of both the parties is rooted in (the ideals of Mahatma) Gandhi and (Jawaharlal) Nehru. So, it will be no surprise to see an increase in sentiments among parties that share (an ideology similar to that of the Congress), coming together and working more closely with each other.

LS poils slipping out of woal's hands: Rahul Gandhi

PNS NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi claimed on Thursday that the Lok Sabha election is gradually slipping out of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hands and he will now try to enact some drama to divert the attention of the

country's youngsters. In a video message, the former Congress chief urged young people not to get dis-tracted by the prime minister's propaganda and assured them that once the INDIA opposition bloc forms its government on June 4, it will start the work to give 30 lakh jobs to them by August 15.

Describing youngsters as the country's strength, Gandhi said the ongoing Lok Sabha polls are slipping out of Modi's hands and he will not be the prime minister any-

more. "The polls are going out of his hands. He is slipping and he will not be India's prime

No victim reached out to register

complaint against Revanna: NCW

minister. He has decided to divert your attention in the next four-five days and do some kind of drama. But your attention should not be diverted," he said.

"The youngsters of the country, the INDIA government is going to be formed on June 4 and we guarantee that by August 15, we will start the recruitment process for 30 lakh vacant government posts. Do not get misled by Narendra Modi's false propaganda, stick to your issues. Listen to INDIA, choose jobs, not hate," Gandhi said in a post in Hindi on X.

He said unemployment is the biggest issue in the coun-try right now and pointed out that Modi had promised that he would give employment to two crore youngsters. "He told a lie and he did

notes ban, implemented a wrong GST (Goods and Services Tax) and worked entirely for people like (indus-trialist Gautam) Adani.

'12% of children received no dose of measles vaccine'

PNS NEW DELHI

Nearly 12 per cent of children in India who are eligible for measles vaccination have received none of the recommended double-dose, signalling a "concerning gap" in immunisation coverage, a new study has found.

The findings showed that zero-dose cases were high in the northeastern states, with Nagaland reporting the great-est share at 26 per cent. Tamil Nadu was found to report the lowest at 4.6 per cent.

Researchers from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi investigated previously overlooked critical aspects of measles vac-

cination, focusing on zerodoses, partially vaccinated, and those fully immunised. They analysed data of over 43,000 children aged 2-3 years, collected through the National Family Health Survey 2019-21 (NFHS-5).

The team found that close to 30 per cent of the eligible children have received only one measles-containing vaccine (MCV1), while about 60 per cent have been fully immunised (MCV2). The findings are published in the journal Vaccine.

In 2017, India adopted the National Strategic Plan for Achieving and Sustaining Measles and Rubella Elimination. The researchers acknowledged that disruptions



the body.

due to the COVID-19 pan-demic heightened the risk of measles in vulnerable populations

While immunisation programmes were eventually resumed in a phased manner, measles zero-dose children pose a significant obstacle to achieving goals of eliminating

huge inter-district variations, according to the researchers. They found that in Uttar Pradesh, while Prayagraj and Banda districts were found to have about 34 per cent and 32 per cent of these cases, respec-tively, Hapur and Etawah have 2.6?per cent and 2.1 per cent of zero-dose cases.

said. Occurring primarily in children, symptoms can include high fever, cough, runny nose and a rash all over

Being vaccinated is the best Valley district had only 2.8 per way to avoid getting sick and spreading the disease, accordcent of such cases

ing to the World Health Organization. The analysis also revealed

The researchers said Arunachal Pradesh was another such example, where the West Siang district had the greatest share with almost 50 per cent of eligible children receiving no dose of the vacci-

was forced to register a fake complaint against the JD(S) leader, the women's panel said on Thursday. The timely submission of the

nation, while the Lower Dibang

Action Taken Report (ATR) by the concerned authorities reveals several significant findings, the National Commission for Women (NCW) added.

It said a Special Investigation



been formed to probe the matter thoroughly. Notably, there is a commendable presence of female officers entrusted with conducting investigations and ensuring sensitivity and empathy in handling such cases, it added.



Team (SIT) committee has

According to the NCW, the ATR indicated the registration of two cases based on the complaints of sexual abuse by the victims, alongside an addition-al complaint filed for abduction by a relative. However, no victim has come forward to register a complaint with the commission in this case, it said. "One woman complainant

came to the commission to register a complaint against three individuals dressed in civil uniform, allegedly introducing themselves as Karnataka Police officials and forcing her to give a false complaint in this case, the NCW claimed.



with numbers in Malkangiri district. "In Assam, I have decided to take one lakh people to Ayodhya, and the state government will bear the cost.

As Odisha is bigger than Assam, 5 lakh people should get this facility. A new BJP chief minister will facilitate this pilgrimage if the party is voted to power in Odisha," Sarma said. Sarma also sought to connect with the large number of

Bengali-speaking population in Malkangiri district, assuring the people that Bengali teachers will be appointed, among other promises.

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No victim has come forward to

register a complaint with the

NCW against Karnataka MP

Prajwal Revanna, and one

woman complainant who

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Air turbulence

Air India Express cabin crew's moody 'sick leave' hits operations, leaves fliers high and dry

n the realm of air travel, few situations are as frustrating as flight cancellations. The anticipation of reaching a destination is replaced by uncertainty and inconvenience. Such was the case recently when Air India Express, the low-cost subsidiary of Air India, found itself in a crisis, leading to a wave of flight cancellations. The flag carrier of India has long been grappling with financial woes and operational challenges. Despite various restructuring efforts, the airline has struggled to stay afloat in a fiercely competitive industry. The latest crisis began when over 300 senior cabin crew members of Express flights reported sick at the last minute, resulting in the cancellation of more than 90 flights since Tuesday night, leaving airports in disarray and passengers seething with frustration. Of course, Air India has now lent a helping hand to its subsidiary, deciding to operate 20 flights against 74 Express cancellations on Thursday, and sacking 30 crew members over "sick leave". The root cause of this crisis stems from longstanding griev-



ances articulated by Air India Express Employees Union (AIXEU). They have voiced concerns about unfair treatment, citing instances where internal job postings were filled with external candidates, bypassing qualified internal staff. The owners, on their part, do not recognise AIXEU. The Regional Labour Commissioner in New Delhi has also criticised the management for alleged violations of labour laws, highlighting a lack of responsible decision-making. Adding to the turbulence is Air India's ongoing financial struggles and operational challenges.

Air India Express, despite its parent company's losses, remained profitable. In 2021, it was sold to the Tata

Group, which merged it with AirAsia India. It aimed to capture the budget aviation market with a focus on non-trunk routes and ancillary services. It is the only profitable airline with the Tatas. In 2023, the airline made a profit of Rs 116.84 crore, while the other airlines in the Tata Group's aviation stable — AirAsia India, Vistara and Air India — incurred a combined loss of Rs 15,530 crores. The fallout from these cancellations has been significant, with passengers expressing their frustration on social media platforms. Long queues, missed connections and inadequate communication have characterised the scenes at airports. In response, Air India Express has issued apologies and promises of improved services, but the damage to passenger trust has been done. The Indian aviation sector has huge potential but the issues of mismanagement are galore. The Govt must proactively ensure that the fliers are not taken for a ride and the airlines also do not incur losses. Besides, the pandemic years were very traumatic for the industry and it is slowly recovering. The Govt must resolve the crisis before it snowballs into a crisis and takes down the whole sector. Looking ahead, the fate of Air India and its subsidiaries remains uncertain. Only time will tell whether Air India Express and its counterparts can rise above the chaos and emerge with flying colours.



An open letter to Shehbaz Sharif



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PRAFULL GORADIA

We tolerated terrorist violence for many years but when we could no longer tolerate it, we went to Parliament to do away with Article 370. But we did not resort to violence

ear Vazir-e-Azam Shehbaz Sharif Sahab, I have taken the privilege of writ-ing to the Prime Minister of our neighbouring country, which, till 76 years ago, was part of us, but separated in acrimonious circumstances. I'm sure that you're aware, as a lot of in India are, that this separation and the aftermath it gave rise to continues to not only cast its shadow over the subcontinent but also torment relations between various communities. This open letter to you is a humble attempt, not to hark back to the events of those decades and apportion blame, but to address the contentiousness of modern-day issues that continue to trail in their wake.

Whenever the issue of Ayodhya, the Gyan Vapi temple (Varanasi) or the Krishna Janmabhoomi (Mathura) comes up, my mind travels to Lahore and the Gurudwara Shaheed Gunj at the Naulakha Bazar locality of your splendid city. The ownership of the place was disputed by the local Muslims who claimed that the place had originally been a mosque. It had been converted into a gurudwara by the local Sikhs during the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh. When opportune in the 19th century, the people of the city, led by some Muslim Leaguers, went to court over this. They did not win their case for the re-conversion of the gurudwara into a mosque.

Legal counsel argued that an appeal could be filed if necessary, right up to the Privy Council. However, the then premier of Punjab Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan advised against any further action as it might open a Pandora's Box across the subcontinent, which was then undivided. Sikandar Havat also advised against any further litigation.

Any use of the argument of adverse possession might cause the return of many of the temples hat had come into Muslim pos

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overlooked was that a Hindu tem-

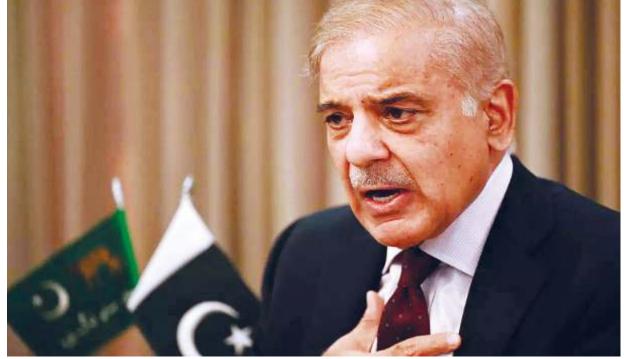
ple is a residence of the divine and

not merely a prayer hall. The pra-

timas (icons) are the first step in

Ultimately, spirituality can be

the quest for spirituality.



active by having a darshan of the avatar of the divine. In Sikhism, they do not have an icon nor the scope of spirituality in the same way as in a Hindu temple. Prophet Moses, the founding prophet of Judaism, the first of the three Semitic religions-also called Religions of the Book-known in Islam as Hazrat Moosa, had expressly forbidden any idol worship by the second of his Ten Commandments; "Thee shall not make any gravel image of thy lord the god". Your faith has rigidly adhered particular to this

Commandment. However, it does pain me no end to state that you have carried this adherence way too far. In your country, over 75 temples have been desecrated or pulled down after independence in 1947, a sordid trend that is continuing. From my Urdu teacher who was a scholar, I have learnt that it is your bounden duty as a momin

(believer) to desecrate buts

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accepting the fact that Islam detests parasti (idol worship) and insists on majahab parasti (adherence to the faith) alone. But we live in a world where adherents of other religions too have equal rights to profess and practice their faith, without hurting others. I appeal to you to care for our sentiments and not target the temples and idols that still survive.

Political leaders of your generation might still find comfort in the notion that Indians are a peaceful, and also dormant, lot and therefore won't react much. That might indeed have been the case till a couple of decades ago but is no longer so. India and Indians are changing. Real change in our civilizational journey was heralded in December 1992, of which I was fortunate to be a humble part.

In India, we have begun a movement to restore the temples that were casualties of the nedieval age. I shall shortly be

writing to Madam Sheikh

Hasina, Prime Minister of

our eastern neighbouring

country. Dozens of temples

continue to be desecrated in

her country every year. You

would agree that good neigh-

bours do not hurt each other. Kindly, remember that there are thousands upon thousands of mosques built upon the ruins of ancient temples. So far, we have preferred to approach the courts of law and minimize unilateral action. I appeal to you to also eschew violence.

In Kashmir too, over 130 temples were attacked and desecrated even as India continued to hold control over the state's territory. I am aware that Pakistan took great umbrage when we abrogated Article 370, but is it any wonder that we had to do so? We tolerated terrorist violence for many years, but when we could tolerate it no longer, we went to Parliament to do away with Article 370. But you would certainly appreciate that we did not resort to violence even on this issue. Our Muslim compatriots are cooperating to a moderate degree state of Kashmir. This is a trend which we hope continues (The writer is a well-known columnist, an author and a former member of the Rajya Sabha; views are personal)

Students perform during the celebration of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary, in Nadia

Enigma of copyright in the digital world



Policymakers face the formidable challenge of revising copyright laws effectively to tackle the complexities presented by AI

People often say that in this digital world, noth-ing remains secret. Even personal details can be accessed through the Internet. The quantum of information on the Internet is so vast that, despite the security measures, it is not cent per cent foolproof. In such a scenario, one must critically examine copyright's relevance in the digital world. Copyright rules and laws traditionally protect every creation or innovation, so the original creator retains credit for their work and is aptly rewarded through monetary benefits.

When an author creates a book, they automatically own the copyright. This gives them the exclusive right to reproduce, distribute, perform, and display the book and create derivative works based on it. In most countries, copyright protection for a book typically lasts for the author's lifetime plus 50-70 years. During this time, others generally cannot reproduce or distribute the book without the author's permission unless their use falls under a specific exception, such as fair use or fair dealing.

Within the realm of music,



this signifies that the individual responsible for creating a song, the writer of the lyrics, the composer, or the performer, possesses the sole entitlement to utilise, disseminate, and capitalise on that song. In India, organisations such as the Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS) and Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL) administer the rights of copyright owners and collect royalties on their behalf for the public performance and broadcast of songs. Copyright also extends to research works, protecting and monetising one's creations through patents.

Unfortunately, journal pub-lishers own the copyright for research publications. The publishers amass massive amounts through subscriptions and advertisements without providing any monetary benefit to the authors. take processing charges from authors, and get subscription fees and advertisements as revenue. What does the poor researcher get? A mental satisfaction of getting published copyrights.

in a high-impact journal? In a way, it's not fair. A few magazines, of course, practice giving honorariums to the authors.

Despite having stringent copyright rules and regulations, its efficacy is questionable in the rapidly evolving digital age landscape. The widespread availability of digital content and the simplicity of sharing information on the Internet have presented unprecedented difficulties and intricacies for existing copyright rules. Today, one can easily copy content from online resources without crediting the original creator. Content available on social media sites, including tural, and economic considphotographs, is widely reproduced. Identifying the original content creator, be it lit-

erary or artistic works, is often difficult. Even stringent protective measures like user authentication mechanisms such as passwords, multi-Most of the reputed journals factor authentication (MFA),

do peer reviews free of cost, and role-based access controls (RBAC) to restrict access to authorised individuals or groups and watermarking techniques often fail to prevent the infringement of

> The advent of AI in digital platforms has complicated the situation. As AI systems become more sophisticated, their ability to create, replicate, and modify content raises intricate legal questions regarding ownership and authorship. Though AI can do any role, it lacks the human touch in its creation that connects human minds. While individuals are accountable for creating and instructing these algorithms, the AI system autonomously produces the outcome, erasing the distinction between human and machine authorship. The current necessity lies in incorporating ethical, culerations while crafting a new policy that effectively balances the rights of creators and AI developers.

(The writer is an adjunct faculty at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru; views are personal)

LETTERS

EVOLUTION OF MONETARY POLICY

Madam - Apropos the news article, "Evolution of Monetary Policymaking in India," published on May 8, this is my response. The journey of India's monetary policy from its inception to the present day is a saga of adaptation and evolution. From the establishment of the Reserve Bank of India to the modern era of inflation targeting, each phase has been marked by its unique challenges and responses. The nationalisation of banks in 1969 marked a pivotal moment, transitioning monetary policy towards a more centralised, planned approach. However, external shocks like the oil crises of the 1970s tested the resilience of this system, necessitating revisions and reforms.

The introduction of the Multiple Indicator Approach in 1998 reflected a shift towards a more holistic understanding of economic dynamics. Yet, the global financial crisis of 2008 exposed vulnerabilities, prompting a recalibration towards inflation targeting. While inflation targeting has its merits, recent disruptions such as demonetization and the pandemic have highlighted its limitations in addressing supply-side pressures. As the landscape of inflation evolves, a nuanced and comprehensive policy framework is imperative, one that combines the principles of inflation targeting with proactive measures to mitigate supply-side disruptions. In essence, the history of India's monetary policy underscores the need for continual adaptation in the face of evolving economic realities. Vihaan Reddy | Bengaluru

REFLECTIONS ON ELECTIONS

Madam - Apropos the news article, "Elected leaders need to rethink," published on May 8, this is my response. Election times unveil a complex tapestry of our democracy, woven with threads of hope, disappointment, and societal reflection. As citizens, we witness the ritual dance of power, where promises collide with reality, and ideals meet the harsh edges of pragmatism. The model code of conduct, osten-

Political manoeuvring



propos the news article, "Modi, Lalu in a tug of war on Muslim quota," published on May 8, this is my response. The recent political discourse surrounding reservations in India has taken a contentious turn, with various parties embroiled in a heated debate over extending reser-

a mere whisper against the cacophony of electoral fervor. Expenditure limits crumble under the weight of unchecked spending, leaving us disillusioned with the

Narendra Modi has vehemently opposed such a

integrity of the process. The impact of elections extends beyond just voting, as they can turn schools into battlegrounds, with political theatre taking centre stage and the future suffering while the eloquence of our founding luminaries seems lost amidst the mudslinging and vitriol of contemporary discourse. Yet, amidst the chaos, there is a glimmer of hope embodied by figures like APJ Abdul Kalam, whose legacy reminds us of the transformative power of leadership rooted in humility and service.

Arya Kapoor | Kolkata

BEGGING IS AN EPIDEMIC

Madam - Apropos the news article, "Benevolent hearts: Dynamics of begging and household donations", published on May 8, this is my response. Begging has been ingrained in the roots of Indian society for ages. This sickening culture has sibly a guardian of fair play, often feels like become a fashion, a compulsion, a profes-

The BJP accuses its rivals of attempting to appease a specific vote bank by advocating for Muslim reservations while disregarding the principles of social and educational backwardness outlined in the Constitution and the Mandal Commission report. Conversely, opposition figures argue that denying reservations to Muslims would be unjust and tantamount to disenfranchisement. Amidst these exchanges, accusations of conspiracy and attempts to manipulate voter sentiments loom large. The charged rhetoric underscores the high stakes of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, where competing visions of governance, identity, and social justice are at play. As citizens, it's imperative to critically engage with these debates and hold our leaders accountable for their vation benefits to Muslims. Prime Minister promises and policies

move, labelling it as a ploy to undermine exist-

ing quotas for SC, ST, and OBC communities.

Kiara Sharma | Mumbai

sion and even a kind of recreation in our country. Beggars in India easily outnumber their ilk in other big countries. To the Westerners, India is a land of mendicants. Beggars are found everywhere—on roads. crossings, footpaths, etc. But their favourite hangouts are bathing ghats, temples, religious fairs, railway stations, trains and bus stands. It is a real nuisance to be confronted by street beggars in all places. Like the Almighty, they seem to be omnipresent. You are waiting for a bus or walking down a road with your friend, and beggars suddenly appear from nowhere and start an endless volley of supplications until you give them a few coins out of sheer disgust and helplessness. The monstrous practice of begging cannot be eradicated from our society because millions are living 'below the poverty line, yearning for a morsel of food. Unfortunately very little has been done by our past and present governments to obliterate the social illness of begging.

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FIRSTCOLUMN EU-CHINA RELATIONS AT A CROSSROADS

Xi embarks on a strategic journey across Europe, a move laden with symbolism



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

eo-political adjustments are getting done, bilaterally and plurilateral, even as the world's largest democracies are busy calming their domestic constituencies, where a key rallying agenda is China. The two largest democracies, India and the US, both of whom have their own set of issues with China, are in the middle of some of the most competitive election processes, ever seen across the globe. Meanwhile, the EU, or at least many of its member countries, not to mention US allies such as Australia are carefully recalibrating the entangled web of engagement with China.

It is by no coincidence that Chinese Premier Xi Jinping, was on a strategic three-nation tour of Europe, earlier this week. This tri-nation tour, during which the Chinese premier, also met the European Union president Ursula Von der Leyen, comes after a gap of almost 5 years and is also a time when many European nations have been blaming China for pushing highly subsidised electric vehicles into their markets, making several European auto factories redundant. The Europeans also wanted to focus on China playing a larger role in stabilising its "friends without limits " Russia, in the war against Ukraine, pushing up fuel-aided inflation across the region. The Europeans in the plain speak, they are known for, outlined clearly in the president's press statement, "the first topic where we exchanged views on was the geopolitical situation. We especially discussed Ukraine and the conflicts in the Middle East. We agree that Europe and China have a shared interest in peace and security. We count on China to use all its influence on Russia to end Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. President Xi has played an important role in de-escalating Russia's irresponsible nuclear threats, and I



am confident that President Xi will continue to do so against the backdrop of the ongoing nuclear threats by Russia. We have also discussed China's commitment not to provide any lethal equipment to Russia. More effort is needed to curtail the delivery of dual-use goods to Russia that find their way to the battlefield. And given the existential nature of the threats stemming from this war for both Ukraine and Europe, this does affect the EU-China relations. " The message from the EU to China was, don't help Russia in its unjust war on European soil, or else the bilateral relation would be in trouble. No surprises, Ukraine and the Middle East didn't feature, till the bottom three paragraphs of the press statement issued by the Chinese team, post the trilateral meeting. Also no surprises with the language which read "On the Ukraine crisis, President Xi pointed out that China, France and the EU all wish to see an early ceasefire and return of peace in Europe, and support political settlement of the crisis. China has been working vigorously to facilitate talks for peace. China's objective and just position and its constructive role have been widely recognized by the international community. China is ready to stay in communication with relevant parties." The other significant element of these conversations was traded, as all parties involved are feeling the constraints of escalating fuel costs, the volatile geo-political environment and, the post-Covid, supply chain mismatch. The EU provided sharp pointers on Chinese subsidised products, free and fair access to each other's markets and supply chain resiliency in their conversations. A defensive China maintained that the two sides have extensive common interests and broad space for cooperation in green and digital transition. It is necessary that they properly address economic and trade frictions through dialogue and consultation, and accommodate each other's legitimate concerns.". China has started making, the right moves to woo back some of its largest market partners, at a time when India and the US, the other key stakeholders in the Indo-Pacific theatre, are busy with their elections. India will get over elections in about a month, and an agile nimble China policy outlook awaits. (The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

Economic progress in India: A reality check



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Despite notable achievements, economic progress falters due to the neglect of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Public Sector Undertakings and agricultural reforms



ndia has come a long way since 2014 in the matter of various indices and parameters of econom-

indices and parameters of econom-ic development. Consider this. India has increased her per capita income through this decade from USD 1560 to USD 2500, a 60 per cent increase. It has purportedly lifted 400 million persons out of poverty during the decade Its forcing orchange kitty has decade. Its foreign exchange kitty has increased from USD 322 billion to USD 640 billion during the same period. These are impressive figures. Large figures are always impressive, but they need to be checked, compared and corrobo-

rated to be sanctified. Consider this now. The per capita income of India increased from USD 600 to USD 1560 for the period from 2004 to 2014 which is a bigger increase of 160 percent. Its foreign exchange reserves increased from USD 107 billion to USD 322 billion between 2004 and 2014. Whereas the surge from 2004 to 2014 was 200 per cent, it was only 100 per cent in the next decade.

to boost indigenous manufacturing. The scheme had its points of deficiency but regrettably, the major driving points of the grandiose scheme remained largely on paper and were never implemented properly. The result--share of manufacturing in the economy continues to stagnate at 14 percent.

Absence of bureaucratic reforms: Our obsolete, corruption-ridden THE GOVERNMENT colonial bureaucratic system had DID WELL TO never delivered earlier and cried for reforms. But the reforms did BLUEPRINT not come. The result was a failure **REFORMS IN THE** of key developmental pro-AGRICULTURAL grammes like the 100 Smart Cities Programme. The government did a remarkable job of establishing

was an impractical approach to handling the Indian economy and failed to tap the big PSUs in which so much of public money had been invested.

Failure to bring about judicial reforms: Justice in this country continues to be delayed, denied and derailed. Despite big talks to the contrary, the government did nothing in the direction of judicial reforms. This was and remains a big dampener to FDI and even domestic investment in

new business. Notwithstanding the above, we must bear in mind that most of GST and promulgating the IBC. This enabled a clean-up of banks

ative and is also expected that the Modi government, if returned to power, will take the undermentioned steps to boost real progress on the economic front. Economic progress is the foundation of the overall progress of a country. Progress on other fronts like defence, foreign affairs, etc. has been significant but sustainable multifaceted development can only be achieved on the foundation of a strong and healthy eco-nomic bottom line.

The country needs drastic institutional and bureaucratic reforms. It needs urgent implethe previous governments had left mentation of the farming sector deep pits in our economy that needed to be filled to prepare the so much drum beating. The education sector calls for a thorough overhaul to replace the colonial Macaulay established system with an indigenous system in tune with the nation's ethos and tradition Sloganeering and political gamesmanship need to be replaced by serious, earnest and committed steps for boosting investment, trade, manufacturing and exports. India has a huge potential for becoming an economic powerhouse in quick time but we need to go about building our economy with due seriousness and dedication, rising above narrow interests of caste, class, political affiliations and last but not least, political expediency. It is very much hoped that Modi 3.0, with a two-thirds majority, will usher in the much-needed administrative, bureaucratic and judicial reforms for the speedy economic progress of the country.

The above comparative figures talk aloud about India's poor economic development in the last decade. This is not an overall performance report on the current NDA government. This government has many unprecedented achievements to its credit. But on the economic front, it doesn't seem to have delivered. Why has the NDA not been able to deliver on the economic front? There are several reasons

Neglect of MSMEs: The micro, small and medium enterprises sector in the country did not receive the attention due to it. This sector is the main source of employment generation. Imports from China continued to swell and many manufacturers closed down their factories to become traders and distributors. Poor implementation of the Make in India programme: The Make in India was a well-conceived ambitious programme

SECTOR—THOSE RELATED TO and a sharp decline in their NPAs. MSP AND However, the failure of the government to increase the ease of PROCUREMENT OF doing business by cutting down AGRICULTURAL on bureaucratic red tape is a big reason behind the continuing PRODUCE. BUT

lack of a suitable ecosphere for business and big investment. THE GOVERNMENT Failure to implement **Agricultural Reforms:** FAILED TO The government did well to blue-**IMPLEMENT IT BY**

print reforms in the agricultural sector-those related to MSP and CAPITULATING IN procurement of agricultural pro-FRONT OF FAKE duce. But the government failed to implement the same by capit-PROTESTERS ulating in front of fake protesters masquerading as farmers. Neglect of PSUs: The government MASQUERADING

AS FARMERS paid very little attention to the state and central PSUs which account for 15 per cent of the total economic activities in the country. It kept on harping on the absence of the need for the government to be in business. This

ground for the rapid holistic development of the country. The UPA government, between 2004 and 2014 did produce better numbers for FE reserves and economic growth rate but the money generating that investment and growth was preponderantly from the huge proportion of parallelblack money economy out of the overall economy. Money was meagrely flowing for the critical sectors of defence and infrastructure and even for some important socialistic schemes. Modi 1.0 and Modi 2.0 changed this by bringing economic discipline and curbing corruption and economic malfeasance. It brought GST and IBC and did the clean-up of

Banks by bringing down drastically the NPAs. It severely dented the black money economy. These were the pits filled by the Modi government that have prepared fertile soil for the fast-track economic progress of the country now. Given the above, it is imper-

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India and Armenia strengthen defence ties amidst regional instability

As the Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pakistan axis looms, the growing Indo-Armenia partnership emerges as a vital defence against destabilising forces

n recent years, the strategic partnership between India and Armenia has undergone a remarkable transformation- fired by their shared commitment to fortify defence capabilities and confront regional security challenges head-on. Against the backdrop of Armenia's enduring struggle with Azerbaijan and Turkey's support for Azerbaijan's advantages, the precipitating connection between Armenia and India stands for recognition. Armenia's proximity to India and both agreeing to diversi-fy their strategic alignment, deserves special attention on the global stage.

Military Cooperation: Armenia's imperative to diver-



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particularly amidst the enduring conflict with Azerbaijan, is evident through heightened defense spending and collaborations with nations such as India and France. India's involvement with Armenia's military not only strengthens its defensive capabilities but also serves to counterbalance external-internal influences like Turkey and Pakistan in the



Joint Exercises: The acquisi-

tion of state-of-the-art weaponry highlights the growing defense cooperation between India and Armenia. Reports indicate ongoing provision of military hardware from India to Armenia, including multiple-launch rocket systems, anti-tank missiles, and radar systems. Additionally, joint military exercises and training programs are underway to sify its security alliances and South Asian region. The enhance preparedness and to preserving regional peace training exercises, and high-bolster its military capabilities, expanding Indo-Armenian interoperability between their and countering aggressive level military dialogues, under-

armed forces. These collaborative efforts facilitate the exchange of expertise and tactics, fostering effective coordination for potential future operations, from joint exercises to intelligence sharing, both nations are committed to showcasing their military capabilities and strengthening their strategic partnership. Geopolitical Determinations: Armenia's pivotal role in the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) offers India diversified trade routes and enhanced access to

Eurasian markets, bolstering strategic interests in economic resilience and geopolitical balancing. Conversely, India's military support for Armenia underscores its commitment

manoeuvres by the Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pakistan axis. Through the realisation of mutual interests, India and Armenia can reshape security dynamics in the South Caucasus region by challenging the dominance of larger geopolitical actors and their support for rogue powers. Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pakistan Axis: The Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pakistan axis poses a substantial threat to respective regional stability, with Turkey's unwavering support for Azerbaijan during the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict then raising concerns about potential escalations. The longstanding military partnership between Turkey and Pakistan, characterised by defence production, joint

scores their concerted efforts to advance mutual geopolitical goals and exert influence in the regions. This axis represents a significant challenge to the security and stability of the South Caucasus and South Asian regions, as that axis seeks to consolidate its power and undermine the influence of other regional stakeholders. Responses and Ongoing Efforts: In response to the burgeoning influence of the Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pakistan axis, India's steadfast support for Armenia signifies a resolute stance against their aggressive manoeuvres in the region. Aimed at preserving a delicate balance of power, India and Armenia are all set to intensify their collaboration to address these threats.

While Turkey's stance on

Kashmir validates the bur- al security and advancing geoning Indo-Armenia defence cooperation, the nexus between Turkey's involvement in the Kashmir issue and Pakistan's alignment with Azerbaijan's agenda cannot be seen as a mere happenstance, rather a meticulously orchestrated strategy with far-reaching intention. In this backdrop, the urgent need for a meticulously planned multilateral defence partnership underscored. This becomes essential to counter the unholy Turkey-Pakistan-Azerbaijan axisthereby ensuring stability in both the Caucasus and South Asian regions. The Promising Prospects:

The emerging strategic cooperation between India and Armenia holds immense promise for enhancing region-

shared interests. Both nations are poised to deepen their partnership and address prevailing challenges through concerted efforts in military collaboration and strategic alignments. India's steadfast support for Armenia underscores its dedication to maintaining peace and stability in the Caucasus region. With far-reaching implications for global geopolitical outcomes, the Indo-Armenia partnership has the potential to redefine the regional balance of power and contribute significantly to the stability and prosperity of both the Caucasus and South Asian regions.

(The writer is working with an Independent Think Tank, *views are personal)*





<u>Money 08</u>

TVS Motor expects 25-30% of 2-wheeler sales from EVs

VS Motor Company expects electric vehicles to account for 25-30 per cent of its total two-wheeler sales in the next two to three years, according to Managing Director Sudarshan Venu. The company, which had earlier this year reiterated its commitment to invest Rs 5,000 crore towards design, development and deployment of future technologies, products, and digital capabilities, is betting big on electric mobility and may even look at electric bicycle and cargo

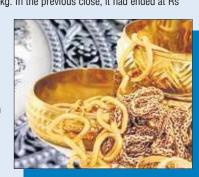
three-wheelers, to have a full range of products. "EV sales will only go up...We believe that 25-30 per cent of TVS' (twowheeler) sales will be EV (electric vehicles) in two to three years' time. We are investing to embrace that future and to launch exciting and aspirational products that will delight customers to buy them," Venu said. In FY24, the company's EV sales grew by 101 per cent at 1.94 lakh units as against 97,000 units during 2022-23. TVS sold 19.9 lakh units of motorcycles and 15.7 lakh scooters in FY24



Gold falls Rs 50; silver nosedives Rs 1,500

xtending the losses for the second straight session, gold and silver prices slumped Lin the national capital on Thursday in line with weak trends in the global markets. According to HDFC Securities, gold prices declined Rs 50 to Rs 72,250 per 10 grams in Delhi. It had settled at Rs 72,300 per 10 grams in the previous session. Silver prices also fell Rs 1,500 to Rs 83,200 per kg. In the previous close, it had ended at Rs 84,700 per kg. "Spot gold prices (24

carats) in the Delhi markets are trading at Rs 72,250 per 10 grams, down by Rs 50 against the previous close." Saumil Gandhi Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the international markets, spot gold at Comex was trading at USD 2,308 per ounce, lower by USD 2 from the previous close. Gold fluctuated in a narrow range, above USD 2,300 an ounce, as investors looked for fresh cues about US inflation and the Federal Reserve's monetary policy interest rate stance Gandhi said



Honda starts new R&D facility to accelerate electrification

onda R&D (India), a unit of Honda Motor Co, on Thursday said it has commissioned a new R&D centre in Bengaluru to accelerate electrification in India. Honda has set a global target of achieving carbon neutrality in all its products and corporate activities by 2050. The company is working to make a wide range of its products carbon neutral in terms of their power sources. In the motorcycle business, Honda is aiming to achieve

carbon neutrality for all its motorcycle products during the 2040s, Honda R&D (India) said in a statement. "Honda believes that in order to continue to be chosen by customers, the company needs not only respond to electrification trends, but also to create new value outside of the established framework and provide more attractive products and services." it added. The Solution R&D Centre, will incorporate advanced mobility technologies into electrified vehicle development more quickly, as well as work on software and connected services.



Production, manufacturing sectors lead 9% growth in hiring

PNS MUMBAI

Hiring in India went up 9 per cent in April compared to the same month in the previous year, indicating a recovery in employment opportunities, a report said on Thursday.

The recovery in hiring is mainly driven in production and manufacturing, healthcare, chemicals and fertilisers, engineering, cement, construction, retail among other sectors, according to foundit's' (formerly Monster APAC and ME)' foundit Insights Tracker (fit).

Meanwhile, retail, automotive, real estate, IT, and oil/gas/power industries showcased moderate growth in hiring during April, while sectors such as agro-based industries, ship-



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According to the report, FMCG. ping/marine, printing/packaging saw a yearly there was a 37 per cent increase downtrend in recruitment. in the number of start-ups since last year. In recent times, start-ups have also played a major role in increasing employment opportunities for the youth, with a 14 per cent increase in the total number of jobs provided by these new companies, it added.

"Start-ups are increasingly leaning towards recruiting fresh talent, with over half of their job postings targeted at newcomers. Additionally, the production and manufacturing sector has witnessed a remarkable 31 per cent year-on-year surge in hiring. "This growth will go a long

way in contributing to realising India's vision to emerge as a global manufacturing powerhouse," foundit CEO Sekhar Garisa said.

The foundit Insights Tracker (fit) is a comprehensive monthly analysis of online job posting activity conducted by foundit. In terms of cities, metro regions of Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR, and Mumbai lead the way as startup hubs.

However, India's startup ecosystem is rapidly expanding beyond these metros, with nonoffice, it said. This shift is high-

metro locations increasingly emerging as entrepreneurial hubs, it stated. The data also revealed that a majority of startups no longer offer remote work options, having transi-tioned back to working from

lighted by a decline in remotework opportunities to 3 per cent in April, from 8 per cent in April 2023, it added.

Investors lose Rs 7.34 lakh cr as Sensex tanks over 1K points PNS 📕 NEW DELHI

Investors' wealth on Thursday eroded by Rs 7.34 lakh crore as markets took a heavy beating, with the BSE Sensex tumbling 1,062.22 points.

Declining for the third day running, the 30-share BSE benchmark dropped 1,062.22 points or 1.45 per cent to settle at 72,404.17. During the day, it tanked 1,132.21 points or 1.54 per cent to 72,334.18.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies eroded by Rs 7,34,513.48 crore to Rs 3,93,34,896.14 crore (USD 4.71 trillion).

On May 2, the mcap of BSElisted firms reached an all-time peak of Rs 4,08,49,767.90 crore.

"Markets buckled under relentless selling pressure as investors turned risk averse in the ongoing poll season and further lightened their equity exposure to avoid being caught off guard. As the election season is heating up, investors are trimming their equity exposure at a faster pace, which can be seen from the drubbing that mid and smallcaps received," said Prashanth

L&T shares

drop 6 pc;

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Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd.

From the Sensex basket, Larsen & Toubro tanked 6 per cent after March quarter earnings.

Asian Paints, JSW Steel, ITC, Bajaj Finance, IndusInd Bank, Tata Steel, NTPC, Bajaj Finserv, HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries and Power Grid were among the laggards.

according to exchange data. In contrast, Tata Motors, "The market is continuously Mahindra & Mahindra, State witnessing pressure ahead of Bank of India, Infosys and HCL the election outcome. We don't Tech were the gainers. have any global reason for this correction, while some uncer-

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge declined 2.41 per cent and midcap index dropped 2.01 per cent.

Sebi mulls direct payout of securities to client's account mandatory

market

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The securities for payout should be credited directly to the respective client's demat account by the clearing

lost 3.41 per cent, capital goods

dropped 3.37 per cent, metal

(3.13 per cent), industrials (2.92 per cent), utilities (2.59 per cent)

and commodities (2.39 per cent).

emerged as the major gainer.

On the other hand, auto

Foreign Institutional Investors

(FIIs) offloaded equities worth

Rs 6,669.10 crore on Wednesday,

tainty ahead of the big event is

causing profit-booking in the

To enhance operational efficiency and reduce the risk to clients' securities, markets regulator Sebi on Thursday pro-

corporations. Moreover, clearing corporations should provide a

AI Express cabin crew call off strike; airline to reinstate 25 terminated crew members

Air India Express cabin crew on Thursday decided to withdraw their strike and the airline agreed to reinstate 25 staff who were terminated from service, according to sources.

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A section of the cabin crew started reporting sick from Tuesday night to protest against the alleged mismanagement at the airline, forcing cancellation of more than 170 flights and impacting thousands of passengers at various airports.

The decision to en



Secretary of the BMS, said the who have been terminated on termination of 25 cabin crew of May 7 and 8, 2024 for report-Air India Express has been ing sick as a concerted action immediately. "The management withdrawn. Both parties will discuss the issues and there will will review the cases of these be a meeting again on May 28, he said. With the strike being crew as per service regulations



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The Reserve Bank has asked NBFC firms not to disburse cash component in excess of Rs 20,000 on loans against gold in line with the Income Tax laws.

loan financiers and microfinance entities earlier this week. the Reserve Bank of India has

In an advisory issued to gold

advised them to follow Section



of gold used as collateral for loans and during auctions upon default.

Shares of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) on Thursday tanked 6

strike and withdraw the termination letters were agreed upon during a conciliation meeting between the representatives of cabin crew and the airline management at the Office of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) in the national capital on Thursday.

The meeting, which went on for nearly five hours, was between representatives of Air India Express Employees Union (AIXEU) and airline management. The union is affiliated to the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), an associate of the RSS.

After the meeting, Girish Chandra Arya, All India

called off, Air India Express said it will help to swiftly restore the flight schedule.

After detailed discussions, persuasion and on appeal of the Conciliation Officer and the Chief Labour Commissioner, the union representatives agreed that "all the cabin crew members who have reported sick will report for duty with fitness certificate immediately, according to a document signed by the representatives of the union and the airline.

"On appeal of the Chief Labour (Central), the management agreed to reinstate 25 cabin crew

As per the document, the representatives of the airline assured that all the issues of cabin crew raised before the management and during con-

ciliation proceedings will be looked into and resolved. "We are pleased with the progress we made at the conciliation meeting and welcome our cabin crew colleagues back at work ... we sincerely apologise to those inconvenienced by these unintended disruptions. İt is not in keeping with our usual ser-

vice standards, and we will Commissioner review it internally to ensure accountability," the airline said in a statement.

269SS of the Income Tax Act.

Section 269SS of the Income Tax Act stipulated that an individual cannot accept a deposit or loan made by another person other than in the specified modes of payment. Under the section, the permissible cash limit is Rs 20,000.

The advisory comes weeks after the Reserve Bank barred IIFL Finance from sanctioning or disbursing gold loans after certain material supervisory concerns were observed in its gold loan portfolio.

During the inspection, the RBI found "serious deviations" in the assaying and certification

average tariff of Rs 2.59 per

kilowatt hour (kWh).

advisory, Manappuram Finance MD and CEO VP Nandakumar said it has reiterated the limit of Rs 20,000 for disbursing cash loans. "Our highly popular prod-uct -- Online Gold Loan that forms 50 per cent of our gold loan book, follows a fully paperless process of application and disbursement," he said.

Even for the loans originating at branches, most customers prefer direct transfers, he added. Indel Money CEO Umesh

Mohanan said the recent RBI directive to ensure seamless transitions to bank transfers aims to enhance compliance in the NBFC sector.

28,737.44 crore from its market valuation, after the company's March quarter earnings failed to cheer investors.

mcap erodes by

Rs 28,737 cr

The stock dropped 6 per cent to settle at Rs 3,276.15 apiece on the BSE. During the day, it lost 6.25 per cent to Rs 3,267.20.

On the NSE, shares of the firm went lower by 6 per cent to Rs 3,275.45 each.

The company's market capitalisation (mcap) slumped Rs 28,737.44 crore to Rs 4,50,362.06 crore. It emerged as the biggest lag-gard on both the BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty firms.

process of direct payout of such securities to the client's account mandatory.

Currently, the clearing cor-

poration credits the pay-out of

securities in the pool account

T r a d i n g Member(TM)/clearing members (CM) to identify the unpaid securities and funded stocks under the margin trading facility.

of the broker, who then cred-In case of any shortages its the same to the respective "arising due to inter se netting client's demat accounts. of positions between clients Further, a facility of direct delivery to investors was introduced in February 2001. "It has been decided that the

process of securities payout directly to the client account shall now be mandatory," the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in its consultation paper.

-- internal shortages -- Sebi suggested TM or CM should handle such shortages through the process of auction. Moreover, in such cases, the brokers should not levy any charges on the client over and above the charges levied by the clearing corporations.

TBO Tek IPO subscribed 4.15 times on Day 2 of the offer

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The initial public offer of travel distribution firm TBO Tek was subscribed 4.15 times on Thursday's second day of subscription. The Rs 1,551-crore IPO

received bids for 3,85,31,952 shares against 92,85,816 shares on offer, as per NSE data.

The quota for Retail Individual Investors (RIIs)

fetched 10 times subscrip-PNS NEW DELHI

tion while the portion for non-institutional investors got subscribed 8.18 times. The category for Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIBs) received 17 per cent subscrip-The Initial Public Offer

(IPO) has a fresh issue of up to Rs 400 crore and an offer for sale of up to 1,25,08,797 equity shares.

GW of clean energy supply (PPAs), totalling 2.2 GW of RE capacity, significantly expand-ing its fully contracted renew-ReNew on Thursday said it has able energy portfolio. ReNew's signed five power purchase overall portfolio now stands at 15.6 GW," it said. Of the five agreements to supply 2.2 gigawatt of clean energy. It has PPAs, ReNew signed three also received a letter of award solar PPAs totalling 800 MW to set up 5.8 gigawatt (GW) of with NTPC Limited, DVC renewable energy (RE) capacity, the clean energy firm said in a statement. "ReNew and Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) at an

ReNew signs 5 PPAs for 2.2

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Maruti Suzuki India on Thursday said it will not give up on small cars and would "reenergise" the segment as it expects the category to revive over the next few years, accord-ing to MD & CEO Hisashi Takeuchi Although the fall of the com-

pany's entry-level small car Alto, from being the largest selling model for a long time to not fea-

turing in the top ten best-selling models in the country anymore, makes him "sad". Takeuchi said. it was inevitable due to the evolution of the car market in India. Speaking at the launch of the new generation of its premium hatchback Swift here, he noted that the company would continue to refresh its small car port-

folio while also filling gaps in its product portfolio as it aims to cater to the diverse needs of customers as it aims to sell 40 lakh



units by 2030-31.

Takeuchi noted that the entrylevel segment continues to be a high volume vertical even as the

tain a leadership position, it is important to cater to diverse customer segments. The hatchback segment in India continues to be high-volume segment, accounting for approximately 28 per cent of total passenger vehicle sales," Takeuchi said. Interestingly, the premium

demand for SUVs continues to grow unabated. "For us to main-

hatchback segment contributes nearly 60 per cent of total hatchback sales, he noted.

With inflation soaring, Argentina will start printing 10,000 peso notes PNS BUENOS AIRES



the world.

Prices in Argentina have surged so dramatically in recent months that the government has multiplied the size of its biggest bank note in circulation by five — to 10,000 pesos, worth about \$10.

announces the signing of five

power purchase agreements

The central bank announcement Tuesday promised to lighten the load for many Argentines who must carry around giant bags — occa-sionally, suitcases — stuffed with cash for simple transactions. Argentina's annual inflation rate reached 287% in March, among the highest in 1,000-peso note was worth \$58

on the black market. Now, it's The new denomination note

— five times the value of the previous biggest bill — is expected to hit the streets next month in a bid to "facilitate transactions between users," the central bank said. The 10,000 peso note is worth \$11 at the country's official exchange rate and \$9 at the black market exchange rate. Across Argentina, hard currency — specifically, the country's ubiquitous 1,000-peso notes - remains the most popular way to pay for things. cies of past left-leaning govern-When first printed in 2017, the

worth a dollar. Given the instability

unleashed by Argentina's worst financial crisis in two decades, vendors prefer old-fashioned cash payments for big purchases and offer steep discounts to incentivize paper bills over electronic transfers. Argentina's libertarian President Javier Milei, who took office last December, campaigned on a promise to tame inflation and stabilize the local currency by reversing the poli-

ments that printed money to finance public spending.



Will not give up on small cars: Maruti

Argentines. A massive nation-But in the meantime, his harsh austerity drive has pushed wide strike, the latest in a series prices up to levels in the U.S. of protests, is planned for and Europe, adding to the eco-Thursday. Even as annual inflation nomic woes of ordinary

remains high, Milei cites a slowdown in gradual Argentina's monthly inflation rate since last December to insist his plan is working. Confident consumer prices can continue creeping downward, policymakers lowered the central bank's key interest rate three times last month.

The new 10,000 peso notes feature small artistic portraits of Manuel Belgrano, a founding father of Argentina, and María Remedios del Valle, a Black Argentine woman and army captain who gained fame fighting the country's War of Independence.



what's brewing?

Mukesh Chhabra on Dil Bechara sequel: 'I don't want to cash on it'

he film *Dil Bechara*, starring Sushant Singh Rajput and Sanjana Sanghi, was released on July 24, 2020. It was the last picture starring SSR, who passed away by sui-cide on June 14, 2020. The coming-ofage love comedy was Mukesh Chhabra's directorial debut. SSR and Sanjana's film is a remake of The Fault in Óur Stars, a 2014 Hollywood film based on the same-named book.

In January this year, Mukesh Chhabra tweeted that he was intending to do Dil Bechara 2. Since then, many have pondered if he would have made the film without Sushant Singh Rajput in the lead role. The casting director has finally indicated if he will do the film without SSR.

Mukesh Chhabra stated that he tweeted about the *Dil Bechara* sequel because he was seriously considering developing one. It's an important film for him since it evokes so many emo-



tions, including Sushant's. As a result, he recognised he should avoid touching the film. The director in an interview said, "I

was making a film which I wanted to name *Dil Bechara 2*, but that title will always belong to Sushant. I don't want to use that name. I don't want to

cash on that film ever now. I want to keep its beauty intact. While we were making Dil Bechara, there were conversations with Sushant on collaborating again soon. I'm someone who likes working with the same people I've worked in the past with as is the case with Ayan (Mukerji) and Ranbir

(Kapoor)." The *Dil Bechara* director further shared that he wanted to work with Sushant Singh Rajput on 2-4 movie films. Chhabra said, "Sometimes, we like repeating our own people because we're more comfortable with and understand each other well. But Sushant had other plans. And we can't beat that (fate). I'll always remember every single moment I've spent with Sushant. I remember having meals with him and my mother. Both of them aren't here now. I miss having breakfast with the two of them.

Rebel Wilson recalls making 'no money' doing *Bridesmaids*

ctress Rebel Wilson has shared that she made just \$3,500 (Rs 2,92,201) from the 2011 comedy film *Bridesmaids*. Wilson said An the *Diary of a CEO* podcast: "It was my first job in America. I mean, I was very lucky to get it... But to be paid that little. Basically, that \$3,500 I then had to pay to the union to join the union. So I basically made no money." "I lost money, because I had to pay to go to the premiere, like to buy my dress and everything. So, I lost money doing *Bridesmaids*," the actress added. Wilson featured alongside names such as Kristin Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne, Ellie Kemper, and Melissa McCarthy in the comedy film. The actress was living on a very tight budget before she found fame, reports femalefirst.co.uk. The Australian actress said: "That was a really skint year where I was living on \$60 a week in L.A. once I'd paid my rent and my car hire. I wasn't partying or living this (movie star) life. It was basically having that focus, trying to write for myself, going to auditions."



'Nadeem-Shravan wanted Kajol to leave *Baazigar*,' reveals Abbas-Mustan

they refused to remove Kajol from the picture. Abbas-Mustan first approached Nadeem-Shravan about composing music for Baazigar. This came a few years after their first hit, Mahesh Bhatt's 1990 romantic musical Aashiqui. However, Abbas-Mustan had a condition in mind for the director duo. "Nadeem-Shravan had some personal issue with Kajol and Tanuja ji (Kajol's mother). They asked us if we can change the female lead. We refused because we had already committed to her. We had finalised Kajol and she had also signed the contract. We refused to make any changes. Picture banega toh Kajol toh rahegi hi (If the film will be made, Kajol will star in it). They responded to this by saying, 'Toh hum nahi rahege (Then we will not do the film)," Mustan recalled. Nadeem-Shravan wanted to take Kajol under their wing following the success of her 1992 debut film, Bekhudi, for which they composed the music. However, during a visit to her home, they were taken aback by her mother and veteran actor Tanuja's behaviour. They chose not to work with Kajol again.



Glen Powell will lead legal drama lonsanto

nyone But You star Glen Powell is set to star in nmaker John Lee Hancock's legal drama movie, titled Monsanto. According to entertainment news

outlet Variety, the 35-year-old actor will be joined by Anthony Mackie and Laura Dern in the project, which Hancock will direct

from a script he penned in collaboration with Michael Wisner, Alexandra Duparc and Ned Benson. Monsanto will follow the "true story of young, untried attorney Brent Wisner (Powell), who in 2019 took on a seemingly

insurmountable case against the giant US chemical company Monsanto on behalf of Dewayne "Lee" Johnson (Mackie) who used the company's best-known product Roundup, a wildly financially successful weed and grass pesticide killer, as part of his job as

area

a high school groundskeeper according to the film's I've always been fascinated by true stories of ordinary people against extraordinary

odds," Powell said

in a statement to

TheWrap. "This

story encapsulates

that spirit with a

critical issue that

privilege to bring it to

audiences with an

exceptional

affects us all. And it's a

filmmaker and

powerful

cast.

Manoj Bajpayee: I never thought l'd even do 10 films

Padma Shri awardee Manoj Bajpayee, who is gearing up for the release of his 100th film *Bhaiyya ji*, shared that he never thought that he would be able to do even 10 films.

The actor spoke with the media at the trailer launch of the film in the Andheri

of Mumbai on Thursday. He shared that he considers himself very lucky to have reached where he is today. At the risk of sounding modest, Manoi told a huge turnout of the media that many artists do

the hard work each day but it's the love of the audience that has allowed him and empowered him to tell the stories of his choice as an actor.

"I never thought I'd do more than 10 films but life has been kind that I'm here with my 100th film. It's not like I alone do the hard work, all artists hustle hard every day but it's because of God and the audience that I have reached this place."

Manoj's journey in cinema has been quite dramatic. After trying for the National School of Drama, when he didn't get into the institute, he learned acting

from Barry John. Manoj has been a good friend of Bollywood megastar Shah Rukh Khan since their theatre days as both of them had a common guru in Barry John.

Manoj made his foray into the cinema 30 years ago with the critically acclaimed Bandit Queen in which he had a small role. He then caught the attention of Ram Gopal Varma who eventually cast him as Bhiku Mhatre in the cult-classic Satya, a film that disrupted the storytelling style in Hindi cinema and bolstered the progress of independent films.

Produced by Vinod Bhanushali, Kamlesh Bhanushali, Samiksha Oswal, Shael Oswal, Shabana Raza Bajpayee, and Vikram Khakhar under the banners of Bhanushali Studios Limited, SSO Productions, and Aurega Studios production, the film is set to release on May 24, 2024.

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With 30 years of profession behind him, Manoj is now all set to star as a desi action hero in Bhaiyya Ji.

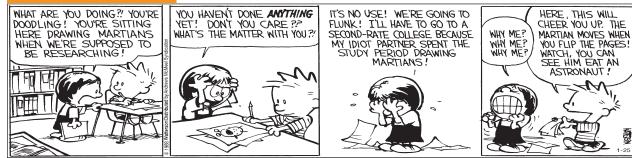
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an you picture *Baazigar* without Kajol? Well, Nadeem-Shravan, a music composer pair, wanted the actor out of Abbas-Mustan's J1993 smash love drama. In an interview with Radio Nasha, the director duo discussed how Nadeem-Shravan walked out because

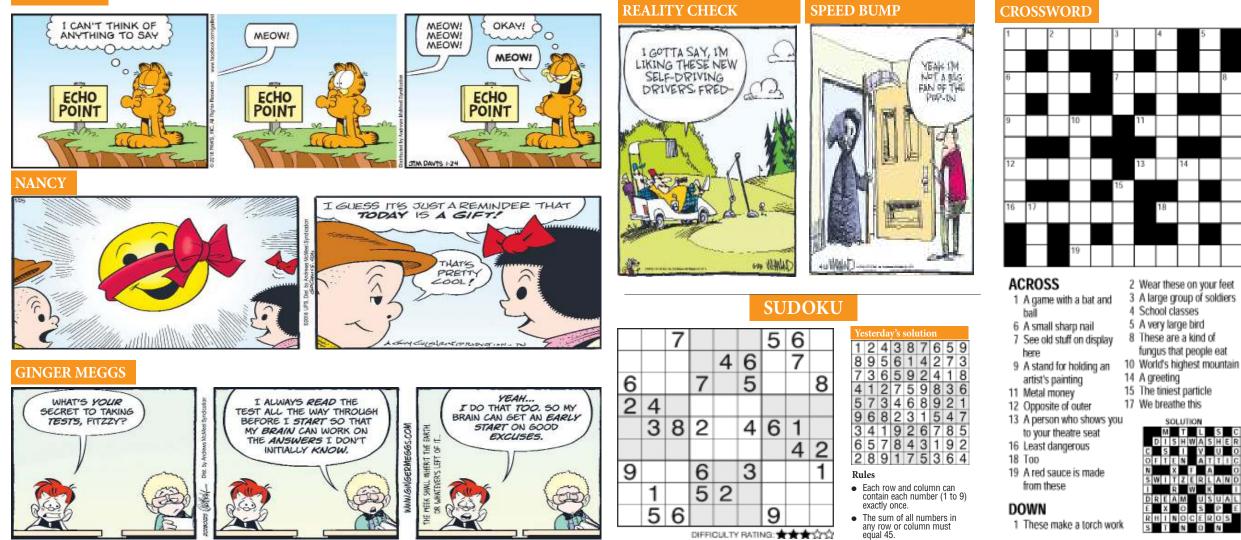
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'Shooting in the picturesque location of Manali was liberating, yet challenging'

Vijavawada

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Travel, undeniably is a remarkable trip that allows us to explore and experience the world's beauty and diversity. From the planning stages to the experiences created along the way, each step improves and broadens lives. Well, that's what travelling is about for Tahir Raj Bhasin too, who was recently in the beautiful Manali ki Waadiyan, shooting for his much anticipated Yeh Kaali Kaali Aankhein.

The recent posts of the actor got us all crav-ing a travel to the hill station, but meanwhile, we connected with him over a quick chat for our Travelogue segment.

"Travelling for me is as much about exploring new places as it is about exploring myself," begins the *Mardaani* star on a brighter note. "It's about new experiences in terms of not only the destination but also the conversations that you have with the people you meet; about the new food that you discover, the new cafés and sites give you a renewed appreciation for the experience of being alive."

Shooting in Manali was more of a nostalgic experience and a feeling for Tahir, as it was a shoot again in Manali just as for the first season. However, shooting for the second season was dif-ferent in it own way. "The situation back then was very different because we shot it in the midst of very different because we shot it in the midst of the pandemic, and so, this time, we had the free-dom of not having the PPE kits or having just a number of people on the crew. This time around, it was very liberating but with the pic-turesque location came the challenges of temper-atures. We were shooting in -5 degrees but the locations; how beautiful the place is and even the weather just added a level of drama to the series. We were all very very fortunate to be in such a nicturesque location away from the head to be pictures que location away from the head to be shooting a series that we've got so much love for." At a time when people all over the country, be

it Hyderabad, Delhi, or Mumbai, among the others, for that matter were so done with the heat, Tahir happened to do his shoot in a chill weath-

seemed for him. "It was a love-hate relationship for me. It's -5 degrees here (Manali). It takes your body at least three days to get used to that weather. It was very challenging initially because you can't feel your fingertips, the dialogues don't come right because you are stammering because of the cold, and the water in your eyes tends to freeze. But after your body adjusts to the climate, you dress appropriately with the correct and apt number of layers, you really start to enjoy the weather because it just adds to the overall drama of the show, eating is just so much more enjoyable in that weather. You have a renewed sense of appreciation when you come back to Bombay in May and you realise what you have left away. I would say what I really enjoyed in this trip were the subzero temperatures?

Something that the Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein star enjoys, not only about Manali but any of the hill stations is the people; just incredibly calm and happy. It's always awe-inspiring according to him to see that kind of presence and that kind of zen-like appreciation for life.

On the way back to Mumbai via Delhi, he also spent some time in Delhi, making him appreciate the weather back in Manali even more. Not only is it perfect weather for a crew, he says, to be functioning and controlling the temperament of the crew, but it also controls the energy levels. "It also controls how much better you eat in terms of like the fruits and vegetables you get over there but also the general sense of how easy it is. It's like being in an entire city, which is like a large air-conditioned studio and it just makes for the most picturesque shooting and beautiful weather.'

Again, he shares, "There are things about the weather like waking up at 4 in the morning in -10 degrees to get ready for a 7 am shift that

I will not miss. They were challenges as well but overall I would say that it was spectacular." Was it just a work trip, certainly not! "If you've

got a beautiful location, you are going to a monastery then you spend some time going into it. So there were few of those moments that you

Actor and avid traveller Tahir Raj Bhasin, who was recently

shooting in the serenity of Manali, speaks to The Pioneer on an

exclusive chat, sharing his experience of shooting in the -5

degrees of Manali for Yeh Kaali Kaali Aankhein season 2.

er and a beautiful serenity. But it was not how it otherwise have if you were shooting in the city where you manage to steal some time away for yourself and explore some local cuisine and some locations that you otherwise do not see in regular shooting life."

A work trip or a vacay, sometimes staying at the right property too makes the trip worth the memory you can cherish. Speaking of the hotel hues, he describes. it to be just like a typical hill station than a hotel. "It was director Sidharth Sen Gupta's choice. It was thread in the staff that made us feel completely at home, and we would have the executive chef, who'd bring us their custom-made cuisines and food orders for us. It was a typical fireplace in the room with wood-en flooring and slanted roofs, you had zero degrees outside. One of the things I always remember: Monkeys being constantly outside your windows. You can never leave any food on the table or on the bed for fear that they might enter your room. But it was quiet and homely, every-thing that you would expect in the middle of the mountains.

Going further, a place that he enjoys and loves to visit to rejuvenate from the hassles of daily life and work has been Goa. "It's always a place I go to rejuvenate when I've got some extended amount of time off just for the kind of beach-es that you get, the different kind of activities that you get, kind of activities that you get, rock climbing, amazing food at the diverse kind of restaurants that have now started opening up in Goa and you can go from a Kayaking to a yoga class and do everything on beautiful beaches, it's just the complete package for it's just the complete package for me," he shares adding the Ladakh according to him has been the unique place from anvwhere else in world because of its beautiful lakes, amazing hikes and just by being the 'heaven on earth.

Alarming increase of

'Lucky takes on a new hue in Undekhi 3,' reveals Vaarun

SUBODHINI PUROHIT

▼aarun Bhagat has made a notable mark on the digital platform with his appearances in web series such as Undekhi, Inside Edge, and Dulha Wanted, to name a few.

Stepping into the enchanting realm of dreams turned reality, as Undekhi embarks on its much-awaited third season journey. He begins, "It's an incredible feeling, like stepping into a dream come true realm, to witness the massive love and support for the show that it's now in its third season. We poured our hearts and souls into crafting this season, fuelled by the overwhelming response from the audience. With each episode, we've infused it with energy, passion a n d cre.

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aiming to make this season truly remarkable. Here's to hoping that it becomes something

truly extraordinary." Delving into the role of Lucky has been a journey of pure delight for him. Despite being a character often misjudged, he explains, "Playing Lucky has been an absolute joy for me. He's a character who's often misunderstood, but to me, he's

a truly unique individual. Bringing him to life on screen has been a deeply fulfilling

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experience, and I've relished every moment." Get ready for a whole new side of Lucky this season, buzzing with anticipation and a touch of nerves as we unveil this unexplored dimension of his character. "This season, Lucky takes on a new hue, a side of him that's never been explored. While I can't divulge too many details just yet, I'm feeling a mix of nerves and excitement about how people will perceive this new dimension of Lucky. It's a thrilling journey, and I can't wait for audiences to experience it alongside me."

In the realm of filmmaking, he often tends to align with directors, and work on it with remarkable directors, gaining memorable experiences. He further shares, "While I typ-ically embody the ethos of a director's actor, collaborating closely with them on every aspect of the project, my experience with Ashish Shukla has been truly exceptional. Working alongside him, I've found a perfect balance between adhering to the script and having a bit of creative freedom. His guidance and expertise have elevated my performance, making him one of the finest directors I've had the privilege to work with." Story and director, the two pillars that

ignite the actor's passion for a project and script which creates a buzz is enough for an actor to join the project, he shares, "What really draws me to a project are the story and the director. These two aspects hold utmost significance for me. If the story resonates with me, I'm eager to become an integral part of it. Similarly, if I connect with the story, I'm keen on portraying a role in it." Memories made with great company last

a lifetime and he goes on to explain his rela-tionship with Ashish Vidyarthi: "I adore Ashish Vidyarthi; he's one of the most vibrant, positive, and fun-loving individuals I've encountered. His enthusiasm for life is infectious, and he's taught me so much. One cherished memory I have is when we were in Azerbaijan, and I landed a role. We spent the day exploring the city together, and it remains one of my fondest experiences."

Something extraordinary is in the works and the audience, here's the reveal by the actor: "I'm currently engaged in a very special project, the details of which I can't disclose just yet. However, I'm excited to share more with you all soon."

Prostate cancer cases in young

ecently we lost a renowned musician Rashid Recently the Recently better cancer at a very young even of 55 years. Survival rates are actually better other cancers as it spreads slowly in Khan to Prostate cancer at a very young age compared to other cancers as it spreads slowly in the body. If prostate cancer is diagnosed early, the survival rates are better. It is a challenge only if spread to other distant organs. Generally believed to be a cancer affecting elderly males beyond the age of 60 years, the incidence of prostate cancer in younger men is worryingly increasing. Importantly, younger the age, more aggressive is the cancer and tends to present with advanced stages and variant or rare his-tologies. In clinical practice, men between the ages of 45-60 are being regularly diagnosed with prostate cancer. One of the reasons may be linked to changing lifestyles and more consumption of saturated fats. Another may also be increased testing and awareness. The patients are usually diagnosed with PSA screening blood tests or during evaluation for other symptoms or urinary symptoms.

Prostate cancer ranks among the prevalent forms of cancer. Numerous prostate cancers progress slowly and remain localized within the prostate gland, often posing minimal risk. However, certain variations of prostate cancer exhibit aggressive growth patterns and have the potential to metastasise rapidly. The age of onset for prostate cancer is lowering, with younger men now being diagnosed with a more aggressive form of the cancer. Possible reasons for this trend include lifestyle factors, genetics, and increased availability of the PSA test. In India, the death rate of prostate cancer is high compared to the US. Early detection of prostate cancer, while it remains localised within the

prostate gland, sig-nificantly enhances treatment success rates. This underscores the importance of timely screening and diagnosis for effective management. Some of the factors that increase the risk of Prostate cancer are Old age, family history, obesity and lifestyle. People with older age have a higher risk of Prostate cancer compared to the young. A family history of genes or blood relatives diagnosed or people who are obese are at high risk of getting it.

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A prostate biopsy is done to confirm the presence, type, and aggressiveness of the cancer. Staging is done with an MRI scan or Pet CT scan. The stage determines the form of treatment offered. The most common type of prostate cancer is adenocarcino-ma, which can be completely cured in more than 95 percent of patients. The treatment is usually surgery using an open,

laparoscopic, or robotic approach. Or radiation to the prostate. If there is an unusual pathological type or advanced stages, more types of treatments need to be added, including chemotherapy, androgen deprivation or hormone therapy, bone-strengthening agents, etc. In advanced stages, the chance of cure remains low, and the control of the cancer takes precedence. This is why early diagnosis is vital.

The most important way to diagnose cancer early is to do a simple blood test called a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test. It is advised to undergo the test once a year, from the age of 50 years. If

go the test once a year, from the age of 50 years. If there is a family history of prostate cancer, it is wise to start testing from 45 years of age. Though a frightening prospect, prostate cancer is often very slow-growing, and cure rates are extremely high with the right treatment and time-ly intervention. Public awareness is vital to the fight against prostate cancer.

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CSK AIM TO CONTINUE ASCENT TO TOP THREE

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espite being hit by the absence of key bowlers due to injuries as well as international commitments, Chennai Super Kings will still like to display their on-field ruthlessness while taking on wooden spooners Gujarat Titans in a 12th round IPL encounter here on Friday.

Caught in a mid-table logjam with 12 points from 11 games, the away match against Gujarat will be very important for Ruturaj Gaikwad's men as they are still not assured of a playoff berth and a defeat could really dent their chances.

With Deepak Chahar and Matheesha Pathirana out of the and David Miller have also been tournament due to injuries and Mustafizur Rahman back on national duty, CSK's bowling attack sans Ravindra Jadeja and Tushar Deshpande can at best be termed second string. A lot will depend on how the three CSK spinners — Ravindra Jadeja, Mitchell Santner and Moeen Ali bowl on a two-paced track.

Yet, the manner in which CSK defended a total of 167 in Dharamsala against Punjab Kings will give their fans hope of upping the ante against Titans, who have already lost seven in the tournament so far. A win will take them to third place in the standings, ahead of Sunrisers Hyderbad by virtue of better net run-rate. Among the three teams stuck on 12 points, only CSK (+0.700) enjoys a

positive net run-rate.

On paper, bottom-placed Titans are still in the mix but with a maximum tally of 14 points, it would be very difficult for the Shubman Gill-led side to get into the top four. The side is low on confidence

having managed just one win from their last five matches and has struggled in all departments of the game. Their bowling has lost firepower in absence of the injured

Mohammed Shami, while the captaincy responsibility has weighed down heavily on the talented opener Gill, who has three single digit scores and a highest of 35 in his last five outings. Sai Sudharsan, Shahrukh Khan

inconsistent.

The bowling unit needs to improve its performance as the likes of Mohit Sharma and Josh Khan, Joshua Little, Mohi Little have been leaking runs in the Powerplay. While defending a paltry 147,

Manav Suthar, Spencer Johnson, Sandeep Warrier and their bowlers gave away 92 runs in the Powerplay against RCB, who chased down the target in BR Sharath. Chennai Super Kings: Rutura Gaikwad (c), MS Dhoni (wk) Aravelly Avanish, Ajinkya just 13.4 overs. With no support from the new

ball bowlers, the Afghan spin duo of Noor Ahmad and Rashid Khan also seemed less effective. CSK, on the other hand, have no such concerns with skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad leading by example.

He has been their top rungetter with 541 runs from 11 innings, just one run away from Virat Kohli in the race for the Orange Cap.

Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25* 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 Jagan Mohan Reddy, Door No. 3-9-77, Pulivendla, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh - 516390

Name of political party: Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party

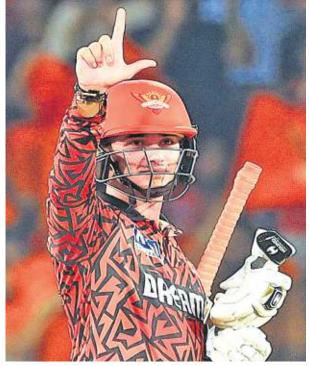
Name of Election: Andhra Pradesh State Legislative Assembly 2024

*Name of Constituency: 129 - Pulivendla

I Yeduguri Sandinti Jagan Mohan Reddy, candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

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| | 1 | The Court of Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad | | | 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. |
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| Daryl Mitchell was also among runs in a 19-ball 30 against PBKS in their last match as they would just hope that Shivam Dube returns to form after capping successive golden ducks. Their biggest plus in the win over PBKS has been the addition of Simarjeet Singh. Making his debut for CSK as an | 4 | The Court of Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad [Previous Court: The Court of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Nampally, Hyderabad] | SC No. 1 OF 2020 [OLD CASE NO. SC No. 92 OF 2016] | Consideration of charges | Section 4 R/W Section 3 And Section 8 (5) Of Prevention Of Money Laundering Act, 2002. (I) Section 4: Punishment for money-laundering. (II) Section 3: The act of 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. |
| impact player, Simarjeet clocked 140-plus consistently and returned with 2/16 from his three overs. TEAMS (FROM) Gujarat Titans: Shubman Gill (c), David Miller, Matthew Wade, Wriddhiman Saha, Kane Williamson, Abhinav Manohar, B. Sai Sudharsan, Darshan Nalkande, Vijay Shankar, Jayant Yaday, Rahul Tewatia, Noor | 5 | Judge, SPL. Court for Trial of cases relating to elected MPs and MLAs, Vijayawada cum VIII Addl. District and Sessions Judge cum V Addl. Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Vijayawada, Krishna District | C.C. No. 33 of 2018 | For Appearance | Sections 499, 500, 501, 502 r/w Section 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (I) Section 499 of IPC: Defamation. (II) Section 500 of IPC: Punishment for Defamation. (III) Section 501 of IPC: Printing or engraving matter known to be defamatory. (IV) Section 502 of IPC: Sale of printed or engraved substance containing defamatory matter. (V) Section 34 of IPC: Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention. |
| Ahmad, Sai Kishore, Rashid Khan, Joshua Little, Mohit Sharma, Azmatullah Omarzai, Umesh Yadav, Shahrukh Khan, Sushant Mishra, Kartik Tyagi, | 6 | The Court of Principal Special Judge for CBI Cases, Hyderabad | OF 2018 | 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. |
| Manav Suthar, Spencer Johnson, Sandeep Warrier and BR Sharath. Chennai Super Kings: Ruturaj Gaikwad (c), MS Dhoni (wk), | 7 | The Court of Principal Special Judge for CBI Cases, Hyderabad | OF 2018 | 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. |
| Aravelly Avanish, Ajinkya Rahane, Shaik Rasheed, Moeen Ali, Shivam Dube, RS Hangargekar, Ravindra Jadeja, Ajay Jadav Mandal, Daryl Mitchell, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Nishant Sindhu, Deepak Chahar, Tushar Deshpande, Mukesh | 8 | FIR filed with: Nandyala III Town Police Station, AP (No Cognizance taken yet) | FIR No.: 192/2017 | Investigation Pending | Sections 188, 504,506 of Indian Penal Code And Section 125 of Representation Of People Act, 1951 (I) Section 188 of IPC: Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public Servant. (II) Section 504 of IPC: Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace. (III) Section 506 of IPC: Punishment for criminal intimidation. (IV) Section 125 of RPA, 1951: Promoting enmity between classes in connection with election. |
| Choudhary, Simarjeet Singh, Prashant Solanki, Shardul Thakur, Maheesh Theekshana and Sameer Rizvi. | 9 | The Court of Principal Special Judge for CBI Cases, Hyderabad | SC No. 2 of 2017 | | 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. |
| Cummins, | 10 | FIR filed with: Nandyala III Town Police Station, AP (No Cognizance taken yet) | FIR No.: 177/2017 | Investigation Pending | Section 125 of Representation of People Act, 1951. (I) Section 125 of RPA, 1951: Promoting enmity between classes in connection with election. |
| natters rma | 11 | FIR filed with: Kakinada III TOWN POLICE STATION AP (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 |
| Abhishek (485 runs from 10 matches) was the second highest run-getter behind Riyan Parag (510) of Assam in last season's SMAT. "I feel when I play this way, look at the ball, and react, my shots come off better and the | 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. |
| raiways thought if i play in the IPL, I'll try to maintain this," he added. 'BIG FAN OF HEAD': With Head at his explosive best, SRH have smashed many batting records this season including the highest ever IPL | | FIR filed with: POLICE STATION: MANGALAGIRI (R), GUNTUR URBAN | FIR No. 59/2016 | _ | 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 |
| total of 287/3 against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Abhishek hailed the way Head played spin. "I don't think anyone plays spin better than Travis. The | 14 | FIR filed with: Police Station, Ponnur Rural, Guntur (No Cognizance taken yet) | FIR No.: 45/2016 | | 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 | of 2016 | 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. |
| talk to him, the way he compliments me, I have always been a big fan of him over the last year that I have followed him. "When our understanding was established and our partnership improved, we became good friends off the pitch and have started | 16 | The Court of Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad Previous Court: The Court of The Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Nampally, Hyderabad | No. SC No. 1 of 2016 Old Case No. SC No. 106 of 2015 | 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. |
| - 1. N 1 | 17 | The Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBI Cases, Hyderabad | 012014 | 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. |

Backing of captain Cummins, SRH support staff matters a lot: Abhishek Sharma



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The unwavering support from skipper Pat Cummins and the entire think-tank played a big fore in his success in the on-going IPL, reckoned Sunrisers Hyderabad opener Abhishek Sharma.

The 23-year-old Punjab lefthander fired from all cylinders for Hyderabad this season, making 401 runs from 12 matches and those runs have come at an awesome strikerate of 205.

(Cummins), the way they think, I have never seen anyone else think like that,"

Lucknow Super Giants here on

Wednesday. "They're like, 'Go out there and express yourself. Play as aggressively as you can, we'll think-tank played a big role in back you.' I think that matters a lot," said Abhishek, who has hit 35 sixes so far, highest by any batter this season.

The SRH openers Abhishek (75 not out off 28 balls) and Travis Head (89 not out off 30 balls) scaled down 166 in just 9.4 overs, rewriting the record for the quickest chase of 150plus in T20 cricket. SRH's total of 167 was also the

"Our support staff and Pat highest by any team by the end of the tenth over in men's T20s. "I think this approach was anyone else think like that," Abhishek said on JioCinema Match Centre Live after their Abhishek said on JioCinema record 10-wicket win over key role in Punjab winning the he added.



'We invested ₹12 lakh just for dubbing,' reveals Siva Mallala

Satya, a Telugu adaptation of the Tamil blockbuster *Rangoli*, has hit cinemas today. Ahead of the release, producer Siva Mallala shared some interesting insights about the film.

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A s the clock ticks closer to the muchanticipated release of *Satya*, a Telugu adaptation of the Tamil blockbuster *Rangoli*, producer Siva Mallala shares his insights and journey in bringing this enthralling tale to Telugu audiences.

Reflecting on the movie, Mallala reveals that *Satya* is slated for release on May 10, marking the culmination of meticulous efforts to present a quintessential Telugu cinematic experience. Directed by Vaali Mohan Das and starring Hamaresh and Pradhana, this venture under the production of Sivam Media promises to captivate audiences with its compelling narrative.

"The journey of this movie began when Satish, the father of Tamil producer Hero Hamaresh, introduced me to it during my visit to Chennai," begins Mallala, adding, "As our friendship grew, he arranged a special screening for me, acknowledging my positive reviews in Telugu cinema. Although I was deeply engrossed in the film, I found the climax lacking. After a 45minute debate with the director, I insisted that while the movie was excellent the cli-

ema. Although I was deeply engrossed in the film, I found the climax lacking. After a 45minute debate with the director, I insisted that while the movie was excellent, the climax needed enhancement. Subsequently, after two months, I was invited again, and this time, renowned directors were present for the screening. I was invited on stage to share my thoughts, and it was announced that I would be releasing the film in Telugu. From that moment on, this film became my passion project. We invested Rs 12 lakh in dubbing alone, ensuring no compromises were made. Our aim is to present this movie to the audience as a flawless Telugu film."

dubbing alone, ensuring no compromises were made. Our aim is to present this movie to the audience as a flawless Telugu film." Despite the financial risks involved, Mallala remains undeterred, citing Hamaresh's striking resemblance to GV Prakash, and the buzz generated on social media as indicators of the film's potential success. He shared, "We're aiming to release the film in 28 theaters in ceded. The initial part of this count is more than sufficient for a dubbing film, including well-known chains like PVR, Inox, and Cinemax, ensuring widespread accessibility for the audience. Despite the financial risk involved. I am con-



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fident in the film's potential. Hamaresh's resemblance to GV Prakash has already garnered attention, and the movie is being released by Red Giant Productions. Furthermore, Amazon has shown interest in acquiring the rights, and we hold the Telugu rights, which adds to the film's value. The buzz generated on social media, with around 2 million posts about *Rangoli 2*, indicates significant anticipation for the film's release in Telugu. Delving into the central themes of *Satya*, Mallala highlights its exploration of intricate family dynamics, particularly the father-son relationship, and the nuances of education and friendship, promising audiences a multifaceted viewing experience."

As the conversation turns to the film's music and reception, Mallala lauds the seamless adaptation of Tamil compositions into Telugu and the positive reception garnered thus far, hinting at the film's promising trajectory. In conclusion, Mallala extends his gratitude to

In conclusion, Mallala extends his gratitude to Dil Raju for his unwavering support and acknowledges the esteemed directors whose presence has contributed to the anticipation surrounding the film's release.

Brahmanandam joins Mahendragiri Vaarahi

omedy legend Brahmanandam rides alongside Sumanth's *Mahendragiri Vaarahi*, the Rajashyamala Entertainments second production. The film's teaser was unveiled by renowned director Krish Jagarlamudi, drawing intrigue from Vishwak Sen's tweet praising its glimpse, which caught the attention of netizens. Director Santosh Jagarlapudi and producer Madhu Kalipu have revealed that the esteemed actor Brahmanandam will play a pivotal role in the movie. Additionally, the director mentioned that Brahmanandam was greatly impressed by the script, prompting his involvement in the project, with plans to join the first shooting schedule soon. Producer Madhu Kalipu disclosed that the film revolves around a temple situated near the banks of Mahendragiri mountain. Anup Rubens has been appointed as the music director for this venture.



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| 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, 19 (I) Section 120-B: Punishment of Criminal Conspiracy. Section 420: Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property. 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 | | | |
| 22 | Court of Hon'ble Principal Special Judge For CBICases, 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) 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 | | |
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First song from Bhaje Vaayu Vegamlaunched

haje Vaayu Vegam, starring Kartikeya Gummakonda, has been made under the banner of UV Concepts. The emotional action thriller is presented by the prestigious production company UV Creations. This top-tier movie is going to have a grand theatrical release worldwide on May 31. Its first song is as enjoyable as it gets. Titled *Set Ayyindhe*, it is composed by Radhan, sung by Ranjith Govind, and written by lyricist 'Saraswathi Putra' Ramajogayya Sastry. If you are someone who enjoys love songs taking on a cheerful tone, this one is for you! The lyrics are modish



and, at the same time, are soulful. Starring Ishwarya Menon as the heroine, the film has been made with superior technical values and a robust story. Rahul Tyson of *Happy Days* fame is portraying a pivotal role. This movie is directed by Prashanth Reddy Chandrapu. Ajay Kumar Raju P is acting as the co-producer. The film's fantastic teaser has already sparked interest among viewers, igniting curiosity to experience it on the big screen.

Prabhas joins *Kannappa* shooting

Whological epics hold a special place, weaving tales of devotion, valor, and divine intervention. Amidst the hustle and bustle of modern filmmaking, Vishnu Manchu's dream project, *Kannappa*, emerges as a beacon of tradition and storytelling prowess. With a star-studded cast that transcends industry boundaries, this magnum opus promises to redefine the genre for generations to come.

At the heart of *Kannappa* lies a tapestry of talent, with actors like Vishnu Manchu, Prabhas, Mohanlal, and Akshay Kumar bringing their unparalleled charisma to the screen. Each performer, renowned in their own right, lends their unique essence to the narrative, enriching the cinematic experience with their presence.

In recent days, speculation has been rife regarding Prabhas's involvement in the project. True to the rumors swirling in the industry, the acclaimed actor has officially joined the ranks of *Kannappa*, marking a pivotal moment in the film's production journey. Vishnu Manchu, elated by his brother's inclusion, took to social media to share the news, igniting waves of excitement among fans and cinephiles alike. While details of Prabhas's character remain shrouded in mystery, earlier reports suggested his portrayal of Lord Shiva, a role that aligns seamlessly with his penchant for larger-than-life performances. As the enigmatic deity, Prabhas is poised to bring depth and reverence to the screen,



embodying the essence of divinity with his nuanced portrayal.

Behind the scenes, *Kannappa* was shot extensively in New Zealand. With a team of technical wizards at the helm, the film transcends geographical boundaries, drawing upon the expertise of artisans and craftsmen from around the globe. From intricate set designs to awe-inspiring visual effects, every aspect of production reflects a commitment to excellence and authenticity.

Yeduguri Sandinti Jagan Mohan Reddy