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TO RE-STRATEGISE THEIR BUSINESS PLAN TO DEAL WITH CREDIT AND **DEPOSIT GROWTH GAP: DAS**

'Apart from catching the case with clues, emotions in Satyabhama have worked

'Every moment of

my life dedicated

to upholding

Constitution

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday expressed his unwa-vering dedication to the prin-

ciples enshrined in the Constitution, which, he said

gives crores of people hope, strength, and dignity.

Modi, who has often spoken about his humble beginnings,

took to X to emphasize the

transformative power of the

Constitution. "Every moment of my life is dedicated to

upholding the noble values

enshrined in the Constitution

of India given to us by Dr

Babasaheb Ambedkar," he said

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the pioneer "I would definitely like to mention that the NDA has built a strong base in south India. See Karnataka and Telangana. The Congress recently formed governments there, but the people lost confidence in them and they embraced the NDA in both the states."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

PM-designate Narendra Modi

Drone-based aerial GIS..

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has announced to commence a comprehensive drone based aerial GIS based survey and door-to door surveys for mapping of all properties and utilities within GHMC limits to leverage its citizen-centric services and to analyse, visualise and managing of spatial data in urban planning. M/s Neo Geo Agency will execute the project for a period of 18 months along with operation maintenance for application for additional two years..

Vande Bharat average speed...

The average speed of Vande Bharat trains has decreased from 84.48 kmph in 2020-21 to 76.25 kmph in 2023-24, the railway ministry said in a response to an RTI query.

Railway officials said not only Vande Bharats but many other trains are also maintaining cautionary speed at places were "huge infrastructural work" is underway. "Besides this, some Vande Bharat trains have been launched in difficult.

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ONGC seeks technical help...

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is seeking help from an internationallyproven technical service provider to raise oil and gas production from its flagship but old and maturing Mumbai field in the Arabian Sea.

The firm has floated an international tender to identify the service provider who will help raise production from the field, ONGC said in a post on X. "The giant multi-layered ...

England eye improved bowling.

Defending champions England will look to restitch their T20 World Cup campaign through an improved bowling effort when they face 'old' rival Australia in a Group B match here on Saturday. England's opening game against Scotland was rained off after the latter made 90 for no loss in 10 overs, forcing the teams to take home a point each. But even those 60 balls showed the need for England to buckle up in the bowling department, to

-SPORTS

NARENDRA MODI ELECTED NDA PARLIAMENTARY PARTY LEADER

Prez invites Modi to form govt

OATH-TAKING LIKELY TOMORROW EVENING

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President Droupadi Murmu on appointed Parliamentary Party leader Narendra Modi as Prime Minister-designate and the new government will take oath on Sunday evening.

Murmu handed over the letter of

appointment to Modi, who called on her at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here on Friday evening.
Earlier, leaders of the BJP-led

NDA had called on Murmu and handed over letters of support for Modi, who was elected as the leader of the NDA Parliamentary Party.

Addressing the media in the fore-court of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Modi said he has been appointed as Prime Minister-designate by the President.

"The President has asked me to work as the PM-designate and she has informed me about the oath ceremony," Modi said and added that he has informed the President that they will be comfortable if the event is held on the evening of June 9.

He said the Rashtrapati Bhavan will work out the details of the oath taking ceremony on Sunday by when he would hand over the list of the Council of Ministers to the

"This 18th Lok Sabha is an impor- and Murli Manohar Joshi at their



tant milestone towards fulfilling those dreams when the country will celebrate the 100 years of independence in 2047," Modi said. This 18th Lok Sabha is a House of

new energy, youthful energy, and people have given the NDA government one more chance, Modi said. The BJP-led NDA won 293 seats

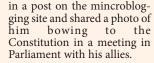
in the recently concluded Lok Sabha

elections and enjoys majority in the

543-member House. MODI MEETS ADVANI, MURLI MANOHAR Modi met BJP veterans L K Advani "This 18th Lok Sabha is an important milestone towards fulfilling those dreams when the country will celebrate the 100 years of independence in

residences here on Friday, before staking claim to form the government at the Centre for a third con-







Congress: NDA is now 'Nitish-Naidu Dependent Alliance'

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The Congress took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he did not refer to NDA as many times in the last 10 years as he did in his hour-long speech at the National Democratic Alliance meeting on Friday.

The Congress also described the NDA as "Nitish-Naidu Dependent Alliance".

Congress leader Pawan Khera said the Modi government owes an explanation to the people over the "removal" of statues of the national icons in the Parliament complex. Statues of Mahatma Gandhi, B R Ambedkar and Chhatrapati Shivaji among oth-

ers have been relocated within Parliament premises as part of a landscaping exercise, a move that has been sharply criticised by the Congress which alleged that those have been moved from their places of prominence in front of Parliament House.

Khera claimed the government has "removed" statues of national icons out of "frustration" and in a bid to vent out the anger over the BJP not having won a majority on its own.

He said the statues were "removed" without the decision of the joint parliamentary committee on the maintenance of heritage characters

REVANTH TO ATTEND CWC MEETING

Cabinet expansion, TPCC chief post on agenda

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Chief Minister went to New Delhi on Friday. The CM would attend the CWC meeting being held on Saturday.

There is also a chance of the Chief Minister meeting Congress heads and may discuss Cabinet Damodara Raj Narsimha.

expansion and other issues. The CM would also discuss appointments to nominated posts post as his tenure is ending on June 9.

AICC in-charge General Secretary Deepa Das Munshi will attend the CWC meeting along with Telangana leaders Vamshuchand Reddy

Ramoji Rao on ventilator

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Media baron Ramoji Rao's health condition has reportedly become critical, and he is currently receiving treatment on a ventilator.

Ramoji Rao has been battling various health issues. Recently, doctors placed stents to address his heartrelated problems.

At around 3 pm, Ramoji Rao reportedly experienced severe discomfort, prompting his staff to transfer him to Star Hospital in Nanakramguda.

Explore ways to increase revenue: Bhatti **PNS** ■ HYDERABAD

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu directed officials to explore ways to increase the state's revenue. A review of the functioning of

various departments was held at the Secretariat on Friday. The meeting reviewed the performance of the and Aarogyasri departments. Revenue Minister Ponguleti

Srinivas Reddy, Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao and Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar were among those who attended the

The review meeting examined the progress in the last two financial years. Subsequently, the perform-



current financial year in line with budget estimates was reviewed. The Deputy CM asked all officials

ance of the first two months of the to take precautions to prevent revenue leakage. He emphasised strengthening the enforcement division to meet budget estimates.

India now world's rice bowl: Tummala

K VENKATESHWARLU

Ministers Tummala Nageshwara Rao and N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the cultivation of paddy has increased substantially across the nation and in Telangana.

Agriculture and Marketing Minister Tummala and Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Uttam inaugurated the two-day Global Rice Summit-2024 on Friday at the Taj Krishna hotel. The International Commodities Institute (ICI) is organising the summit with the support of the Telangana government.

Representatives from 25 nations including India and ICAR allied



He said that Telangana is producing 220 varieties of paddy and the Telangana Sona variety has become popular across the world

of rice miller unions attended the summit. Addressing the summit, Tummala said that India is producing 26 million tons of rice every year IIRR scientists and representatives and that India is now the world's rice

bowl. He said that Telangana is pro-

ducing 220 varieties of paddy and the Telangana Sona variety has become popular across the world.

BRS asks CM not to allow spurious liquor in TG

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BRS leader Manne Krishank wrote an open letter to Chief Minister we protected public health by Revanth Reddy requesting him not to allow spurious liquor into Telangana.

"Som Distilleries is notorious adulterated liquor, defaulting on institutions and causing losses to the treasury. In this open letter, we have attached images of other duplicate beer produced by this

company," Krishank said in his letter.

"During KCR's administration, ensuring that no adulterated liquor was available. The BRS earnestly requests the Congress government to refrain from grantfor involvement in producing ing permission to companies which manufacture fake beer for loans taken from government commissions thereby endangering the public. We hope you will accept our request and immediately revoke the permission granted state governments destroying to Som Distilleries to protect the public," he added.

PHONE-TAPPING

5-day interim bail to Radha Kishan

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The Nampally court on Friday granted five days interim bail to the one of the accused in the phone-tapping case Radha Kishan Rao to perform the karma ritual of his deceased mother in Jangaon district.

He can stay in his village from June 10 to 14.



MAY HEAT WAVE IN INDIA

It was 1.5° C warmer than warmest heat wave!

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begin with...

Heatwaves similar to those experienced in May in India are almost 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than the warmest heat waves previously observed in the country, according to a new rapid attribution study by an independent group of climate sci-

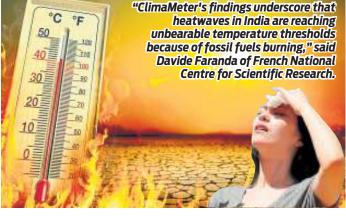
entists and researchers. The analysts at ClimaMeter said the intense and prolonged heat wave India endured in May was a result of the naturally occurring El Nino phenomenon -- unusual warming of the ocean surface in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean -- and the rapidly increasing concentration of greenhouse gases -- primarily carbon dioxide and

methane -- in the atmosphere. The researchers analyzed how

ture in India's May heatwave changed in the present (2001–2023) compared to what they would have looked like if they had occurred in the past (1979-2001).

'The temperature changes show that similar events produce temperatures in the present climate at least .5 degrees Celsius warmer than what they would have been in the past over a large area of the region analyzed. The precipitation changes do not show any significant variations," the analysis read.

"ClimaMeter's findings underscore that heatwaves in India are reaching unbearable temperature thresholds because of fossil fuels burning," said Davide Faranda of French National Centre for Scientific Research.



"There are no technological solutions for adapting Indian metropo- now to reduce CO2 emissions and les for temperatures approaching 50 avoid exceeding vital temperature agency Copernicus.

degrees Celsius. We should all act

thresholds in large areas of the subtropics," he said.

Gianmarco Mengaldo of National University of Singapore said the findings show the complex interplay between natural variability and climate change, with the latter playing an important role in critical synoptic-weather-pattern changes in tropical and subtropical regions that may significantly aggravate heatwaves in the near future. The world is witnessing weather extremes under a combined effect of the 2023-24 El Nino and human-caused climate change. May 2024 was the warmest May ever and the last 12 consecutive months - June 2023 to May 2024

 have broken temperature records for each corresponding month, according to the European climate

MODI UPBEAT ON SOUTH

People lost confidence in Cong, embraced NDA in TG

NAVEENA GHANATE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed South Indian states for voting for the BJP. During the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting, Modi said, "I would definitely like to mention that the NDA has built a strong base in South India. See Karnataka and Telangana. The Congress recently formed governments there, but the people lost confidence in them and they embraced the NDA in both the states."

In Telangana, the BJP won eight seats which is equal to that of the Congress. "I would like to congratulate the Tamil Nadu team.

Although we couldn't win seats in Tamil Nadu the way the NDA's vote share jumped clearly shows what is in the offing," Modi added. Modi met the newly elected MPs

Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Eatala Rajender and D. Arvind among others.

As Sanjay is the BJP General Secretary he was given the responsibility of welcoming the new MPs and others to the meeting. His video of giving a bouquet to Kangana Ranaut went viral although the actress seemed to be cold in her response. However, as bouquets were not allowed inside he gave it as a formality and later took it back.

PM Modi asks NDA MPs not to fall prey to hoaxes

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged NDA MPs not to fall prey to hoaxes about ministries and portfolios and claimed the "INDI Alliance" could also indulge in spreading "fake news" about such issues.

Addressing a meeting of the NDA Parliamentary Party, PM Modi said he did not find much truth in what was being aired on TV in the last couple of days.

of days.

"I did not find any truth in what is being run. I said one should ask where do they get such information from. There had not been such an occasion



PM Modi said.

He said now technology is

such that people could also

come out with a list of minis-

ters with even his signatures on

it. "Some intelligent person

in the last 10 years, so there will be such excitement. Some people reach out to you and say they have high contacts and will make you minister... We fall for it thinking this could be a way to become a minister," forming government these days, distributing ministries and posts. I request you, those who know Modi, know that all such attempts are useless. If you get a phone call, verify that they are from the authority concerned or not," he said.

"So there is an entire army indulging in such rumour-

"So there is an entire army indulging in such rumour-mongering. Some people do it habitually, some do it for entertainment while some do it with ill-intentions. I urge all MPs not to fall prey to such conspiracies," he said.

A lot of people are busy in

PM Modi alleged that during the Lok Sabha elections, the "INDI Alliance" perfected themselves in spreading.

Congress will give chances to party workers: Kiran

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Bhongir Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said the Congress will give opportunities to its hardworking activists. On Friday, TPCC official

On Friday, TPCC official spokespersons felicitated Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy at the Gandhi Bhavan.

Speaking on the occasion, Kiran said that he got the party B-Form and subsequently registered a huge victory as he had worked as a media in-charge earlier. He said his victory was possible only because he exposed the BRS government's failures and became a part of the people.

Repair works to Kaleshwaram

Repair works to Kaleshwarar barrages to be expedited

PNS HYDERABAD

Irrigation Minister N
Uttam Kumar Reddy has urged
the relevant construction companies to expedite the ongoing
repair and monsoon flood
protection works at the
Medigadda, Annaram and
Sundilla barrages of the
Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation
Project (KLIP) in
Jayashankar\Bhupalpally district. The Minister emphasised the importance of completing these tasks swiftly and
efficiently to ensure the safety
and functionality of the barrages. Capt Uttam Kumar
Reddy emphasised the government's resolve to ensure that
every rupee invested in irrigation yields positive outcomes.



Speaking to the media following an inspection of the Sundilla, Annaram and Medigadda barrages, Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy reiterated the government's focus on maximising new ayacut under irrigation with prudent resource allocation. He emphasised that both old and new irrigation projects would be assessed based on their abili-

ty to bring the largest new ayacut under cultivation within shorter time frames and with optimal financial investment.

Expressing the government's determination to avoid the misuse of public funds, Minister Reddy stated that projects offering greater irrigation potential with minimal expenditure would be given precedence.

Service medals presented to outstanding police officers

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Cyberabad Commissioner of Police Avinash Mohanty on Friday presented service medals to the outstanding police personnel in the Cyberabad Commissionerate.

Avinash Mohanty said that both the Central and State governments award these medals annually to recognise exceptional performance in public protection and duty. For the year 2023, the

Telangana government has awarded service medals to 75 police personnel from the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate. The awards include three Mahonnatha Seva Pathakam, 18 Uttama



Cyberabad Commissioner of Police Avinash Mohanty, along with the awardees at the Commissionerate on Friday

Seva Pathakam and 54 Seva Pathakam covering ranks from constable to DCP rank officers.

Among those who received the Uttama Seva Pathakam were DCP Road Safety LC Naik and Balanagar L&O ACP Hanumantha Rao. The CP urged all personnel to work harder in the future to offer better services to the public and earn more medals from the government.

He also expressed gratitude to the family members of the awardees, acknowledging that excellent performance is not possible without their support.

'Future of NDA govt absolutely uncertain'

First edition of India Art

festival begins in Hyd

PNS KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress on Friday claimed that the new NDA dispensation is staring at an "absolutely uncertain" future, with Prime Ministerdesignate Narendra Modi having to depend on allies to form government.

Speaking to reporters here, TMC leader Kunal Ghosh said Modi, who earlier spoke of "aatmanirbharta" (self-sufficiency) for self and the nation, is now having to be "paranirbhar" (dependent) on allies. "The feedback that we are

"The feedback that we are getting from the corridors of Parliament about the demands of the pro-government allies tells us that Mr Modi will have

a tough time with his friends. The future of this NDA government is absolutely uncertain," Ghosh said.

He asserted that people have spoken decisively against the "discriminatory politics" of the previous BJP-led government at the Centre.

"Modi is trying to hide the fact that people have given a thumbs down to the Centre's divisive politics, and the politics of communal polarisation practiced by the BJP. That is why he is saying things to divert people's attention from those facts," Ghosh alleged.

those facts," Ghosh alleged.
Earlier in the day, Modi said
in New Delhi that he would
strive to ensure unanimity in
running the next government.

Bond between Hyderabad and America strong: Bhatti

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The bond between America and Hyderabad is strong, said Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and that Telugu language, rapidly expanding in America, has been a contributing fac-

He attended Independence Day celebrations at a private hotel in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, attended by dignitaries, including Deputy Chief Minister Vikramarka, the United States Consul General Jennifer Farrell Larson and U.S. Ambassador Rear Admiral.

PM OATH CEREMONY

Delhi no-flying zone

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Delhi Police has imposed prohibitory orders and declared the national capital no-flying zone as Narendra Modi will take oath as the prime minister for third term on June 9, according to an order issued by the Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora on Friday.

The prohibitory orders will remain imposed for two days, June 9 and 10, it said. "It has been reported that

"It has been reported that certain criminal, anti-social elements or terrorists inimical to India may pose a threat to the safety of the general public, dignitaries and vital installations," Arora said in the order.

He further said, "In exer-

cise of the power conferred upon me by section 144 of the CrPC prohibiting flying of sub-conventional aerial platforms like para gliders, para-motors, hang gliders, UAVs, UASs, microlight aircraft, remotely piloted aircraft, hot air balloons, small size powered aircraft, quadcopters or even by para jumping from aircraft etc over Delhi during the swearing-in ceremony and doing shall be punishable u/s 188 of the Indian Penal Code."

As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, the order is, hereby, passed exparte, it said.

This restrictions will come into force on June 9 and stay till June 10, the order said.

Theenmar Mallanna wins Graduates MLC by-poll



Victorious Theenmar Mallanna at the counting center

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The Congress candidate fielded in the Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal Graduates MLC by-poll, Theenmar Mallanna alias Chinthapandu Naveen Kumar, won the election in the elimination round against BRS candidate Rakesh Reddy.

In the second priority votes

In the second priority votes, Rakesh Reddy gave a tough fight against Mallanna. However, Mallanna won the election even though he failed to reach the magic figure. Mallanna dominated from the first round and continued his majority till around 20,000 first-priority votes. In the end, the Election Officer announced that Mallanna had won as Rakesh Reddy was eliminated.

Deepa files defamation suit against NVSS

PNS HYDERABAD

AICC in-charge General Secretary Deepa Das Munshi filed a defamation suit against Telangana BJP Vice-President NVSS Prabhakar on Friday at the Nampally Court demanding damages of Rs 10 crore alleging that NVSS had levelled 'baseless' allegations against her

tions against her.

The court recorded Deepa Das Munshi's 40-minute statement. Later, the court postponed the case for two weeks.

It may be recalled that

5-day interim bail...

The court ordered

Chanchalguda Central

Prison Superintendent to

take Radha Kishan Rao

under police escort to

Pallagutta village in Jangaon

district at 8 am on June 10.

advocate on behalf of the

petitioner, argued that the

During the hearing, the

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NVSS Prabhakar had said that Deepa Das Munshi took a Benz car and money to ask the Congress high amation ana BJP command to give LS tickets to state leaders. NVSS

indulged in quid pro quo deals using her post.

Denying NVSS Prabhakar's allegations, Deepa Das Munshi issued a legal notice to NVSS Prabhakar then. However, she later became silent as the Model Election Code was in force. Deepa Das Munshi attended court on Friday as the Election Code

also said that she had

tatement. Later, the Model Election Code postponed the was in force. Deepa Das

last time when Radha

Kishan Rao was granted bail, on June 3 and 4, the

escort did not allow him to

speak with even his wife. On

taking that under consider-

ation, the court ordered the

escort officials to allow

Radha Kishan to meet his

family members and rela-

tives and they should not

disrupt any rituals of karma.

Minister for Youth Services, Tourism and Culture of Telangana Jupally Krishna Rao inaugurated the First Edition of India Art Festival at Kings Kohinoor (Crown) Convention, near PV Narasimha Rao Expressway in Hyderabad.

Jupally Krishna Rao visited all the stalls and said, "Hyderabad is one of the most happening cities and it is a matter of pride that such events are more successful here. It is important for such events to happen and our State government will support them." He further added, "I plan to buy a few of the

works." The Hyderabad edition features 30 art galleries showcasing the works of 50 master artists, alongside over 200 mid-career and emerging artists. Visitors had the opportunity to see a diverse array of over 3,500 paintings and sculptures displayed in 100 booths. The festival will continue on June 8 and 9 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The inaugural day also had a Sitar recital by artist, musician Sanjay Ashtaputre accompanied by Vijay Panchal on tabla with live painting demo by artist Vittal Mupiddy and screening of the film - 'The Eternal Canvas: A 12,000 Year Journey Through Indian Art.'

CS reviews steps to prevent traffic jams due to rains in city

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Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari convened a review meeting on Friday with senior officials to address the prevention of traffic jams caused by sudden torrential rains in Greater Hyderabad.

The discussion also focused on immediate and permanent preventive measures against water stagnation. The Chief Secretary highlighted the severe issues faced by city residents due to heavy rains and instructed officials to devise an action plan to miti-

gate these problems promptly. She recommended that weather forecasts be promptly communicated to relevant officials and WhatsApp groups of civil societies, ensuring timely information about necessary precautions.

Emphasising the importance of an effective information system regarding rainfall, she noted that 134 vulnerable locations have been identified in Hyderabad. Officials were directed to propose measures to prevent water stagnation in these areas. A committee comprising GHMC.

Ministers meet Coke leadership, seek investments PNS HYDERABAD

Ministers Sridhar Babu and Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, currently on a tour to the United States, met with Jonathan Reeve, Group Director of International Government Relations at Coca-Cola, at the company's headquarters in Atlanta.

headquarters in Atlanta.

They invited Coca-Cola's management to invest in Telangana. During the hourand-a-half-long meeting, they presented a visual presentation highlighting the favourable conditions.

TG's emblem and abbreviation change incurs hefty financial burden

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The changes announced to State emblem and abbreviation in Telangana by the Congress government under the leadership of Anumula Revanth Reddy, has heavy financial implications. Sources indicate that estimated cost for implementing the new norms, including the emblem and abbreviation changes, may go up to Rs 2,767.1 crore. This

includes expenses for various sectors such as State infrastructure, institutions, communication mediums, and State secu-

One of the significant changes proposed is the replacement of the Telangana Thalli statues across the State, is reportedly pegged at an estimated cost of Rs 996 crore.

The breakdown of costs

The breakdown of costs reveals the extensive financial burden imposed by these

changes. Notably, the expenses for updating signage, paperwork and other administrative requirements across State institutions and infrastructure are substantial, with costs running into hundreds of crores.

Changing the abbreviation for public parks and urban forest parks would allegedly cost Rs 109 crore. Updating the abbreviation and emblem for State tourism, heritage sites and temples may cost up to Rs

TODAY ALMANAC Month & Paksham: Sukla Paksha Tithi: Dwitiya: Jun 07 04:45 PM to Jun 08 03:55 PM Tritiya: Jun 08 03:55 PM to Jun 09 03:44 PM Nakshatram: Jun 07 07:43 PM Ardra: to Jun 08 07:42 PM Punarvasu Jun 08 07:42 PM to Jun 09 08:20 PM Rahukalam: 9:00 AM to 10:37 AM 1:52 PM to 3:30 PM Yamagandam: Varjyam: 08:01 AM to 09:40 AM 5:44 AM to 7:22 AM Amritakalam: 09:42 AM to 11:18 AM Ahhijit Muhurtham: 11:49 AM to 12:41 PM HYDERABAD WEATHER Forecast: Scattered Thunderstorms **Temp:** 32°° Humidity: 72% Sunrise: 5:41 AM

Sunset: 6:50 PM

Updated: June 7, 2024 5:00 PM

Prez.. *It was 1.5 ° C...*

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Modi visited Advani soon after being chosen as the leader of the NDA parliamentary party, leader of the BJP parliamentary party and leader of the BJP in the Lok Sabha. After meeting Advani, he went to the residence of Joshi, a former president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Subsequently, Modi also met former president Ram Nath Kovind. While the BJP has

while the b)r has got 240 seats, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has got 293 seats and enjoys majority in the 543-member Lok Sabha. Continued on Page1

Northwest India and parts of the central region reeled under a punishing heatwave in May which tested India's disaster preparedness, with several states reporting heat-related deaths.

There are concerns that heat waves in April and May have played a role in the lower-than-usual voter turnout during the seven-phase general elections in India that began on April 19 and ended on June 1, the second longest after the 1951-52 parliamentary elections.

According to the Central

Water Commission, water

storage in 150 major reservoirs

in India dropped to just 22 per

cent of their live storage this

week, exacerbating water

shortages in many states and

significantly

affecting

hydropower generation.

The intense heat has already driven India's power demand to a record 246 gigawatts,

with air conditioners and coolers in homes and offices running at full capacity.

India recorded nearly 25,000 suspected heat stroke cases and 56 deaths due to heat-related illnesses from

March to May, PTI reported

earlier, citing data from the

health ministry.

According to data compiled by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), 46 of these deaths were recorded in May alone (till May 30). Between May 1 and 30, 19,189 suspected heat stroke cases were reported in the country, it said. The data does not include deaths from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Delhi, and the final numbers are

expected to be higher.

India ...

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The Congress government is encouraging farmers a lot, he added.

He said that rice exports will increase in coming days as there is demand in the global market.

Uttam said the Congress

government has been extending support to agriculture in all aspects. The government has been procuring paddy giving support price and has been distributing fortified rice under various schemes. The state has 3,000 modern rice mills including ultramodern ones, the minister said.

Uttam said that paddy production in Telangana is equal to that of Thailand as irrigation is increasing in the state.

Congress: NDA..

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and development of the Parliament House complex and the committee on the installation of portraits and statues of national leaders and Parliamentarians in the Parliament complex.

He said the last meeting of these committees on portraits and statues was held on December 18, 2018. "In such a situation, the

country demands an explanation on why the statues of national leaders were removed and what is the intention behind it," the Congress leader said.

"The BJP is taking revenge for its defeat in Maharashtra by Shifting the Shivaji statue out of Parliament. They are abusing Lord Ram's devotees in Ayodhya because they couldn't win any seat around the Ram Temple. NDA's full form now in Naidu-Nitish Dependent alliance," he said.

The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi of Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar) pocketed 31 of the 48 seats in Maharashtra while the BJP-led NDA fell significantly short of its target of bagging 45-plus seats in the state, garnering just 17 seats.

Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that Prime Minister Modi's embrace of the Constitution was a "drama" as he has attacked the same Constitution several times in the past 10 years.

As soon as Modi entered the Central Hall for the NDA meeting, he bowed before a copy of the Constitution placed there and lifted it to his forehead reverentially.

'Every moment..

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Highlighting the inclusive nature of the Constitution, Modi added, "It is only due to the Constitution that a person like me, born into poverty and in a backward family, is able to serve the nation. Our Constitution gives crores of people hope, strength, and dignity".

Modi was endorsed by his allies as the leader of the NDA to become prime minister for the third time.

He acknowledged this support with deep gratitude, stating, "It is with utmost humility that I accept the responsibility of leading the NDA to yet another term of development-oriented governance. I am grateful to our fellow NDA allies and MPs for their trust in me."

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DOOR-TO-DOOR SURVEY FOR MAPPING ALL PROPERTIES

Drone-based aerial GIS survey by GHMC for service delivery

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has announced to commence a comprehensive drone based aerial GIS based survey and doorto door surveys for mapping of all properties and utilities within GHMC limits to leverage its citizen-centric services and to analyse, visualise and managing of spatial data in urban planning. M/s Neo Geo Agency will execute the project for a period of 18 months along with operation maintenance for application for additional two years.

This initiative is a significant step towards enhancing urban planning, service delivery and resource management in the city. The main objective of the survey is to create detailed and accurate maps of all properties and utilities. It also integrates various datasets across various departments of Telangana government and provides a unified view of the urban landscape, improving decision-making processes for urban planning and development. A Unique



vices to citizens in an effective way in door-to-door garbage collection, emergency disaster management and community engagement. This number will also be used across other departments like HMWSSB and TSSPDCL

for providing seamless and quick

public services which require

collaboration of all departments.

The drone data will be supplemented by a ground survey for collection of field data and surveyors will be deployed to capture the field data like name of the building, number of assessments, property tax number (PTIN), electricity number, usage of the building and the same will be linked to the Unique Identification Number

of the property generated. To ensure the success of this project, the officials urged the cooperation of all residents and property owners in the GHMC

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limits. Surveyors will be visiting houses to collect data after one month.. A public web portal will also be enabled for citizens who can voluntarily link their assessment on the GIS map and help the GHMC in obtaining inputs and express preferences and participate in decision-making processes related to urban development and public utilities. The data collected will be treated with utmost confidentiality and will be used solely for the purpose of enhancing urban management and service delivery.

Govt urged to curb exorbitant Inter fees in corporate colleges

PNS HYDERABAD

All India Students' Federation (AISF) State council has called upon the State government to address the pressing issues of exorbitant corporate Intermediate fees on Friday.

The council demanded the Telangana Intermediate Board to curb the exorbitant fees in private corporate junior colleges. Junior colleges which do not comply with Intermediate Board rules should be abolished. Vacant teaching and non-teaching posts in government junior colleges should be promptly filled. A Fees Regulation Act should be enacted and enforced in corporate colleges.

Also the members of the council demanded that the mid-day meal scheme should be implemented in government junior colleges. Colleges should be prohibited from selling study materials and uniforms, in accordance with Intermediate Board rules. Stringent action should be taken against colleges violating this rule. AISF State joint secretary Nelli Satya has warned that if the State government does not address these demands immediately, the AISF will intensify its

struggle across the State.

Prajavani resumes at Praja Bhavan with few visitors

PNS HYDERABAD

After a long gap of about three months due to the implementation of the Election Code of Conduct, only a few people attended the Prajavani programme which resumed on Friday. The Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan looked deserted in the early hours. Slowly, a few people started arriving from villages in and around Hyderabad to express

their grievances.

According to sources from Prajavani, a total of 373 applications were registered for various departments. Over 120 applications related to revenue issues, 43 to the education department, 43 to the municipal department, 29 to the home department, 18 to the civil supplies department and 120 to other departments.

Upon asking, farmer Mekala Balaram, who came all the way from Nalgonda to the Praja Bhavan, said that revenue officials and some compromised politicians created a land issue by changing the name on the land in 2007, causing a huge loss to him and his family. He said this situation prevented him from sending his children



to good schools because he had to deal with courts and police stations.

Balaram mentioned that he requested the government to address his grievance, explaining his significant losses and that his son, Mekala Sabhapathi, needed to study at

However, the authorities said the rules wouldn't allow a seat at IIT but offered a place in Gurukula.

Balaram expressed his frustration, stating that due to the land issue, his house leaks during the rainy season and they don't have enough money to feed their children. He cried that he couldn't even afford coaching for IIT.

He also stressed that they have suffered greatly due to

government officials who talked about rules without providing opportunities for those who have suffered losses because of the government.

Balaram cried that justice should be done for his children, urging the government to recognise people with such problems and ensure that children study and let them be useful to the society.

Vice Chairman for Telangana State Planning Board (TSPB), Dr Chinna Reddy, visited Praja Bhavan and participated in the Prajavani programme. Special Publicity Officer and Director of Municipal Department D Divya, along with other officials, received applications from people and enquired about their problems.

IMD issues yellow alert with prediction of heavy rain

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana region witnessed a significant amount of rainfall, particularly in Vikarabad, Narayanpet, Rangareddy, Wanaparthy and Gadwal on Friday, with scattered rains in Hyderabad until the afternoon.

As per the IMD, a yellow alert has been issued, indicating heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places in Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Rangareddy, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba\Gadwal districts of Telangana.

Thunderstorms with rain, accompanied by lightning and gusty winds at 30-40 kmph, are very likely to occur at isolated places in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem\Asifabad, N i z a m a b a d , Jogulamba\Gadwal districts midnight.



Jayashankar\Bhupalapally,

Jangaon, Medak,

Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy,

M u l u g u , Bhadradri\Kothagudem,

Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Siddipet, Yadadri\Bhuvanagiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar,

of Telangana.

According to the IMD, the city experienced a cloudy sky all day, with prediction of light to moderate rain/thundershowers, occasionally with intense spells accompanied by gusty winds at 30-40

The GHMC has alerted the public to take precautions, and NDRF teams are in place in the city, with the IMD predicting a huge

Narcotics Bureau chief's tenure extended by one year

PNS HYDERABAD

The General Administration (SPL.B) Department has issued orders that the tenure of Sandeep Shandilya, Director of the Telangana State Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TSNAB), has been extended by one year, effective from

In consideration of the circumstances stated by the DGP, Telangana, Hyderabad, and as per the GO, the government reappoints Sandeep Shandilya, retired IPS officer, as Director of the Telangana State Anti-Narcotics Bureau for one year, effective from June 1, after his retirement on May

The terms and conditions are a remuneration of last pay drawn minus pension, provided with a government vehicle for official purposes, landline telephones at office/residence and a mobile phone, with the ceiling on par with cers of equivalent rank, eligible for tour TA/DA on par with AIS officers and in-service officers of equivalent rank, eligible for leave applic-

able to AIS officers.

The General Administration (SPL.B) Department also issued orders that Dr Jitender, Principal Secretary to the government, Home Department, is placed in full additional charge of the post of Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, and EO Principal Secretary to the government, General Adminis tration department, until further orders.



TG fails to make it to top 50 in NEET

PNS HYDERABAD

Unlike the past five years, Telangana failed to make it to the top 50 in the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET). Also, following the announcement of NEET results, a majority of people along with aspirants raised concerns over the NEET anomalies.

According to Nayini Anurag Reddy, a netizen on Twitter stated that a few students have committed suicide following the announcement of NEET results. Majority of students felt the where a maximum of three students score 720/720, this time, a total of 67 students have scored rank 1. Moreover, eight students from the same centre scored 720 marks, which is highly impossible unless a malpractice occurred.

He also stated that six out of eight students starting with the sequence '2307010', have been reported to belong to the same exam centre in the State and have secured top ranks. The marking scheme awards +4 for each correct answer and -1 for an incorrect one. Thus, after the full score of 720,

the next possible score is 716, if one question is left unanswered, and 715 if one question is answered incorrectly. But these 718 and 719 have left everyone in deep shock and confusion, as this is happening for the first time ever in NEET.

As per the National Testing Agency (NTA), the marks given to some students were 'grace marks' after they raised concerns about insufficient time during the exam. The officials further stated that they provided grace marks to around 1,563 candidates by carefully analysing the CCTV & the answering e the candidates. But Nayini Anurag Reddy questioned this action by stating, " How were they able to analyse the 'answering efficiency' just by looking at the CCTV footage of a few selective candidates out of 25 lakh and on what basis did they decide to give grace marks. If it was decided to be given, why was it not informed to students before the controversy broke

He urged the officials concerned to come forward and address this with utmost seriousness so that the future of 25,00,000 students is not at risk.

BSc Biomedical Science in all State varsities

PNS HYDERABAD

Telangana Council of Higher Edu cation (TGCHE) has introduced BSc Biomedical Science programme in Life Sciences at the undergraduate level in the State universities on Friday during a meeting under the



leadership of Prof R Limbadri, Chairman, TGCHE, in the conference hall of TGCHE. It aims to enhance the employability of students in the industry and healthcare sector. Various pharmaceutical industries, healthcare

sectors and degree colleges have joined through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to introduce a Biomedical Science course. This collaborative effort marks a significant milestone in bridging the gap between academia and

BSc Biomedical Science is an interdisciplinary course. The syllabus is prepared by Professors of Eminence and scientists of the relevant industry to implement in the universities from the academic year 2024-25. The key features of the programme include practical hands-on training, industry-relevant curriculum and industry internships to ensure that students are well-prepared for the workforce upon graduation. After mpletion of the course stu in corporate hospitals and Bio-Pharma industry and diagnostic centres.

Prof. SK Mahmood, Vice-Chairman, TGCHE,

Prof. Sriram Venkatesh, Secretary, TGCHE, Directors from Reddy's Laboratories, MSN Laboratories, Pharma DEM Solutions, Senior Doctors from Osmania Hospital, NIMS, Mahavir Hospital, Principals from Andhra Mahila Sabha Arts & Science College, Reddy RBVRR Women's College, Bhavan's Vivekananda College of Science, Joint Secretary, TSWREIS and Principals from other private colleges attended the meeting.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

Revenue (Land Acquisition) Department

Date: 23-05-2024

Date: 23/05/2024

DECLARATION

(Under Section 19 (1) of the central Act 30(2013) and state rule

25 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act of 2013)

Special deputy collector's file No. B/115/2022 Date: 21-03-2024

The Government of Telangana/Collector, Siddipet decided to acquir

Ac 0.23 guetas in Arikshapur village of Nangunuru Mandal of Siddiga district for public purpose i.e. for construction of LD10 -RM2 minor of

RMC of Sri Ranga Nayaka Sagar Reservoir under Kalestwanarn Project and a declaration has been issued as per the section 19 (1) of the Right's

Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitatio

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District Collector's File No. G1/5023/2023

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and Resettlement Act of 2013.

23 kg ganja seized in train

PNS HYDERABAD

The Excise and Enforcement officials on Friday seized a total of Rs 10 lakh worth of 23 kg of dry cannabis while checking Konark Express in Khammam. The Konark Express

comes from Bhubaneswar to Mumbai via Hyderabad. While carrying out checks in the train, the police found two bags of ganja and those were seized by the Excise Enforcement police within the limits of Khammam-2 Previously also, the offi- ducted



cials seized drugs in the same train.

The inspections were con-Excise

Enforcement CI Sunkari Ramesh along with Harish, Venkat. Hanmantha Rao, Sudhir, Vijay and Baby.

10-year jail term to a murderer in Hyd

PNS HYDERABAD

years rigorous imprisonment and Rs 2,000 fine. If he fails to pay the fine, he shall undergo simple imprisonment for a period of four months.

Osuri Chitti Babu was a coconut seller at Kondapur. He was native of Penkatamata village of West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. He had been under remand

from April 23, 2022 till June 7. On April 19, 2022, the accused has quarrelled with Maheswara Rao in a drunken condition and hacked the right leg of Maheshwar Rao with a coconut cutting knife. Then he was shifted to a private hospi-

In that case, the Gachibowli

Sd/- Divisional Enginee

FORM-VI (See sub-rule(1) of rule - 19 and Section - 11(1) of the Act 30/2013) **GOVERNMENT OF TELENGANA** Collector/ Special Deputy Collector(LA) PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector that total of Ac. 0. 12 Gts. land is required Parvedula Village of Peddavoors Mandal for Nalgonda District for public purpose, namely, for excavation HLC Main Canal of D-8 & 9 of 14R Minor Canal under AMRP

The Chapter-II and Chapter-III under Sec-10 A(b) Act No 21/2017 under RFCT LA RR Act, 2013 are exempted as per G.O.Ms. No 54 Imigation & CAD (LA R&R/AZ) Department, dated 25.07.2017 and there s no families are displaced due to the land acquisition.

Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in th Parvedula Village of Peddavoora Mandal, Nalgonda District a piece of land measuring more or less Ac. D. 12 Gis. of standard measurement whose detailed description is as following is under acquisition.

SCHEDULE Type Type Ansi under of of title Land (Acqui) Kamal S/o Laskar Total Ac. 0.12 gts This notification is made under the prov

The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No. 30 of 2013), to all

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Distri Collector, Nalgonda and Special Deputy Collector (LA), AMR Project Unit-I, Naigonda on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana, the District Collector, Nalgonda is please: to authorize the Special Deputy Collector (LA), and their staff to enter upon and survey the land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the rub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their wor as provided and specified in section-12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11 (4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale / purchase, etc. or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication o uch notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the person terested in the land within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication his notification as provided under section 15 of Act before Distric Collector, Nalgonda / Special Deputy Collector (LA), AMRP, Unit-1 Valgonda.

Sd/- Special Deputy

\$d/- Additional

Ankshapur village of Nangururu Mandal of Siddipeta district mentioned in the following schedule for execution of the project. SCHEDULE Pats Area Name of the Name of the Boundaries Day acqui Pattadar i Enjoyer i ired Slo / Wio Slo / Wio Para D.15 Developeli Total Extent: 0.15 178/ Pub 0.08 Pulta Chandraiah Chandraiah Sio Mallaiah Sio Mallaiah Total Extent: 0.08 Total Extent: 0.23 The declaration has been issued under the Section 15 (1) of the

Central Act 30(2013 as no objections have been received for ti The acquisition of land for the construction of construction of LD10 RM2 minor of RMC of Sri Ranga Nayaka Sagar Reservoir unde Kaleshwerem Project in Ankshapur village of Nengunuru Mandel o Siddipot district is limited a small part of their land and the construction of the canal would improve the livelihoods of the people and the acquisition of land is not going to affect the existing livelihoods of the

families and their habitats. The question of rehabilitation or th esettlement does not arise. Since the land is being acquired for the project, mines of coal, iron stone, state or other minerals lying under the said land or any particula ortion of the said land may be used finecessary, otherwise they are not used. The plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the special teputy collector, land acquisition unit-1, Siddipet during working hour

on any working day. Tahaildar, Spl. Dy. Collector (LA) Addi. Collector Dist. Collector Nangunuru Kaleswar Project Unit 1 Skidliget Dist Skidliget Dist

Traffic diversion for smooth distribution of 'fish prasadam'

PNS HYDERABAD

Additional Commissioner of Police stated that moderate traffic congestion is expected on the roads around Exhibition Grounds, in view of distribution of fish prasadam at Exhibition Ground, Nampally on June 8 and 9. He instructed the public to follow the traffic diversions and parking places will be made as per the local situation.

People coming on fourwheelers from Nampally for fish prasadam will park their vehicles at Gruha Kalpa, Gagan Vihar and Chandra Vihar and proceed on foot towards Exhibition Ground Gate No. 2 for fish prasadam. Those coming on buses/vans from MJ Market will alight at Gandhi Bhavan bus stop while the buses or vans coming from Nampally will alight at Gruha Kalpa bus stop and proceed to Exhibition Ground Gate

All VIP car pass holders coming from MJ Market will proceed towards Ajantĥa Gate, Gandhi Bhavan and take left turn towards Gate No. 1 and CWC Gate towards VIP Entry Gate and the VIP car pass holders coming from the Nampally will take "U" turn at Gandhi Bhavan and take left turn towards Gate No. 1 and CWC Gate towards VIP Entry Gate. Their vehicles will be parked at the VIP parking area. After taking the prasadam, the VIP cars will exit from VIP Gate, CWC Gate, Adab Hotel and take a left turn and proceed

towards Nampally. General

traffic coming from the M.J.

Bridge and Begum Bazar Chatri and proceeding towards Nampally will be diverted at Alaska towards Darussalam and Ek Minar.

Furthermore, people coming on two-wheelers from MJ Market will park their vehicles at Manoranjan Complex parking area while those commuting from Nampally will park their vehicles left side of the road earmarked for two-wheelers in between Gruha Kalpa and BJP office. Auto alighting is arranged for people who are coming in front of Shezan Hotel, Bhavani Wines/Juvenile court and Excise office. Government vehicles, buses / vans will be parked at MAM Girls Junior College, Nampally, Hyderabad. Those coming from the MJ Market side, will be diverted towards Abids and GPO, Nampally.

The IVth Additional District Judge Court at Kukatpally on Friday sentenced a murder convict in the 2022 case to 10

tal where the doctors declared The convict, 53-year-old him dead.

police registered a case and on June 7 the court pronounced the verdict.

NORTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION
COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED
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Specification No: 01/2024-45 of DE/OP/JANGAON Sealed tenders are invited by the TGNPDCL registered contractors of Jangaor Circle for electrical works. The details of the works and other information can be Sdf- DIVISIONAL ENGINEER obtained from our website: "www.tgnpdcl.in".

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Operation Division Bhadrachalam. The Details of work and other information con be

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Rahul's 'INDI'cent attack on market swings a new low

Dear Rahul Gandhi,

noticed you wasted no time and launched a taka-Ltak, taka-tak attack on Narendra Modi, accusing him and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leaders of manipulating the stock market and demanding a Ioint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into it. You see, unlike the last two terms, your party won more than 10% of the Lok Sabha seats this time and is even entitled to the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) post as a right. Hence, India expects you to carry yourselves with some gravitas and not make such ludicrous accusations. For the same reason, it also expects grace from your side. You should have waited a few more days to send your best wishes to the National Democratic Alliance

was formed and started your attack.

The stock market responds to risk, and political risk substantially affects investors' sentiment. İt is simple. Even newbie investors understood what happened in the stock market over the past few weeks. The market rallied as long as it believed the NDA would return to power. It tanked when it sensed the possibility of a Congress-led INDI alliance government. It rose again once the ballot counting revealed an NDA government with Modi

Your accusation of a 'stock market scam' is more than ludicrous. It exposes you to ridicule. It was a moment that demanded introspection from you, not conspiracy theories. Markets crashed dhana-dhan, dhana-dhan, vaporising Rs 30 Markets crashed dhana-dhan, dhana-dhan, vaporising Rs 30 lakh crores in investors' net worth when they saw the slightest possibility of Rahul becoming our Prime Minister. It reflected investors' confidence that Rahul would be a disaster for the country's economy and stock valuations as the PM.

lakh crores in investors' net worth when they saw the slightest possibility of you becoming our Prime Minister. It reflected investors' confidence that you would be a disaster for the country's economy and stock valuations as the PM.

The market's preference for an NDA government is entirely logical. Investors, both foreign and Indian, were factoring in Modi's excellent track record in growing our economy. They

know that his policies and governance transformed India into the fifth-largest global economy from the tenth-largest and made India the fastestgrowing large economy today. They also watched India's market capitalisation leap from 1.27 trillion to 5 trillion US dollars and the Bombay Stock Exchange's (BSE) index - SEN-SEX - triple to 76,693 during the same period.

This growth took work. Your earlier government left our



economy in tatters. The world listed it as one of the 'Fragile Five' global economies and feared investing in India. Our banks were steeped in Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and unable to provide loans to power economic growth. Our retail investors struggled with high inflation, which impacted their savings and, thus, investments. Modi's maxirevived confidence in our economy - we received record Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) year after year, peaking at 84 billion USD in 2021-22. Banks' balance sheets are better than ever, and they made a record profit this year -- of more than 3 lakh crore, with public sector banks making 1.4 lakh crore. Retail investors flock to invest in the market, and the number of DEMAT accounts has crossed 15 crore, with 30 lakh new accounts every month. Above all, the BJP and the NDA offered a vision and a plan to speed up growth even more and make India a developed country - Viksit Bharat - by 2047. No wonder the markets rose as long as they believed NDA was returning to

The sudden crash on results day reflects the market's fear of

government. The memory of a highly corrupt and indecisive UPA (United Progressive Alliance) government that ended in 2014 is still fresh in investors' minds. In addition, if you were to come to power, your plan for the future would have been to focus on redistribution of wealth and raising taxes, as stated by your guru, Sam Pitroda. It was not on growing wealth. Your constant tirade against wealth creators, accusing them of being crony capitalists, did not go unnoticed, either. The very fact that the share prices of many public sector units (PSUs) and public sector banks nose-dived as much if not more, as those of Adani group companies should tell you that Indians believed that you as PM would be a disaster not for one or the other company, but for the entire economy.

you aware of all these facts, and you understand basic economics and market behaviour. As a politician, I also understand your compulsion to feign ignorance of facts and spin narratives against the Modi government. But, your attempts at delegitimising our institutions like the stock market, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, the Election Commission of India, the Supreme Court, etc., coupled with your support for any external institution that tries to degrade India in the world's opinion or hurt India's rise - like Hindenburg, is what I cannot fathom. Has your hate for Modi made you willing to do anything, including hurt India's image, to defeat him? Please introspect.

> (The author is BJP TS spokesperson.)

TELANGANA POLICE DATA LEAKED AGAIN

Sensitive info on cops, citizens offered for \$ 120

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Within a week after HawkEve was hacked, data from another police app was breached. The hacker has stolen all the data and put it for sale online. He offered data on TSCOP for \$ 120.

The TSCOP was launched in 2018. The application has comprehensive information which is accessible to police officers at any time and anywhere through their smartphones and tablets.

This app accesses the Facial Recognition System (FRS) tool on police's mobile phones. This app allows investigating officers to identify criminals, unknown dead bodies at crime scenes and missing children through the FRS tool. The images would be compared with those in the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) database, and other police databases and results will appear on their phones. This led to a smooth investigation process for the police.

Srinivas Kodali said, "Someone hacked the entire Telangana police network including TSCOP, their facial recognition setup". He further added, "This is very very easy because the company which built this software, WINC IT Services has hardcoded (embedded passwords as plain text)



inside TSCOP. The TSCOP connects to CCTNS".

The hacker has posted the data on forums, showing some information to the buyers. Which are offender records, police gun licenses, and other law enforcement details. He is selling the official names, which police station he was working at, Transfers, mobile numbers, Phone's IMEI ID, Employee ID, Account num-

Data security researcher bers, designations, and images. The TSCOP app was awarded by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) in 2017 under the 'Empowering Police with Information Technology' category.
Srinivas advised the police to

use a longer password with alphabets, numerals, capitals and symbols. But don't forget to hardcode the entire password in the apps. Also please use HTTP The police did not respond to queries by this correspondent. It is embarrassing as massive data from the Telangana police's network of websites and apps, including TSCOP, was hacked into and leaked online.

The hacker responsible for the breach of HawkEye is believed to be behind this security breach of TSCOP. This is the third data leak in a week after the Telangana police SMS service portal and HawkEye data leaks. The leak may affect the investigation into several cases being carried out by ACB, Anti-Narcotics Wing and others.

Officials told to ensure availability of seeds to farmers

PNS ■ YADADRI BHONGIR

Collector Hanumanth K Zendage has asked the agriculture department officials of the district to make available seeds to the farmers in line with the agricultural action plan during the Vanakalam season.

He was reviewing the availability of seeds and fertilisers in the district for the kharif season with the officials here on Friday.

The district has proposed to grow paddy in 3.85 lakh acres, cotton in 1,35,000 acres, red gram in 8,500 acres and other crops in 22,350 acres. Therefore, he wanted the officials to prepare an action plan to provide seeds to the farmers. Similarly, he wanted the officials to procure stocks of fertilisers in advance to rule out any prob-lems to the farmers as they would be needing fertilisers in July and August.

So far, 78,884 packets of cotton seeds were sold and 73,744 seeds are available, he said.

Similarly, 3449 toons of urea, 710 toons of DAP, 2665 tons of complex fertilisers, 251 tons of potash, 120 tons of super phosphate are available in the district, he added.

He wanted the farmers at the field level should be sensitized to buy seeds and fertilisers from licensed dealers and procure bills for the

same. The farmers should be educated to preserve the covers of seeds till the end of the season and to grow inter-crops, he said. The authorities have

been asked to check the registers daily and go through the details of daily sale of stock and other details. He asked the officials to lend support to the farmers at the field level by tendering suitable suggestions.

District agriculture officer Anuradha, district Markfed officer Jvoti, agriculture officer Assistant directors agriculture Dev Singh, Padmavati and Venkateswara Rao and others took part in the meet-

Seven arrested for murder of two youths in RR district

PNS ■ RANGA REDDY

Police on Friday arrested seven persons in connection with the murder of two vouths. Gundamoni Shiva and Seshagiri Shiva, in Kadtal Mandal

Shamshabad Deputy Commissioner Narayana Reddy, at a press conference here on Friday, said the motive behind the murder was personal enmity. The enmity arose over the youths shifting their political allegiance from one party to another.

The deceased, formerly members of the BJYM organisation, had shifted their allegiance to the Congress party due to personal differences



announcing the arrest of several persons in connection with murder of

with Jalkam Ravi who is the main accused.

The removal of photographs of Jalkam Ravi's photo from WhatsApp group led to murder, the police said.

Ravi, with the help of Palle Nagaraj Goud, Talakonda Raju, Gilukuntla Vijay, Nitta Praveen, Vallepu Das Shekhar, and Tirupati Jagadish Goud, planned and executed the kidnapping of Gundamoni Siva and Seshagiri Siva. The youths were taken from Hyderabad's Gayatri Nagar to Kadtal in Ravi's car. Upon arrival, a heated argument ensued, culminating in two yiuths being fatally stabbed. The assailants then locked the villa and fled the scene.

Following swift police action, all seven suspects were apprehended, and the weapons used in the murder, along with their cell phones and car, were seized.

Cyberabad CP Avinash Mahanty extended special congratulations to the police team for their speedy investigation

63 vehicles violating rules seized in special drive

PNS NIZAMABAD

In a joint special drive conducted by district transport officer Uma Maheswara Rao and Taffic ACP Narayan in the city on Thursday, the officials and seized 63 vehicles for violating the rules and for not having valid documents and sent the vehicles to One-Town Police station. In connection with the

special drive, the officials warned of taking stern action against the vehicle riders fund violating the rules.

Vehicles not having valid documents, not having number plates in prescribed format, those who indulge in cell phone driving would be seized, they said.

Two cows electrocuted



PNS RANGA REDDY

In a tragic incident, two cows lost their wires in Shabad mandal.

According to farmer, Pottigari Narshimulu, the incident happened while he was taking the cows home from grazing amid heavy rain. The cows came in contact with a live wire fell from an elec-

ing the government to provide assistance to Shankaraiah who lost the sheep and

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In another incident in Shadnagar constituency, four sheep and four goats were killed by lightning in Godu Mamidipalli village. The villagers are urg-

Heavy rain throws normal life out of gear in Shadnagar constituency



A flooded colony in Shadnagar constituency

PNS RANGA REDDY

Normal life was thrown out of gear following a sudden heavy rain in Shadnagar constituency and surrounding villages. The rain accompanied by strong winds uprooted trees, blocking roads affecting traffic.

The heavy rains led to s residential colonies being inundated.. Additionally, in several areas, buildings with underground facilities were flooded due to inadequate drainage systems. This flooding exacerbated the problems for residents, marking yet another instance of recurring drainage failures during heavy rains.

Adding to the distress, the thunderstorms accompanying the heavy rain resulted in the deaths of several livestock animals, including cows and sheep. Farmers in the area have suffered considerable financial losses due to the loss of these animals, further highlighting the urgent need for governmental support and improvements to infrastructure to prevent such disruptions and losses in the

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (HOUSING) WESTERN DIVISION, TELANGANA HOUSING BOARD Letter No.1/Advt/EM/EE/W0//2024 The Telangana Housing Board proposes to transfer the Houses/Flats/Plots as shown in schedule below in the name of "Third party/purchaser" who have purchased the Houses/Flat/Plot in the original allottees through Agreement for Sale or Sale Deed either on white paper or on statement of Sale or Sale Deed either on white paper or on statement of Sale or Sale Deed either on white paper or on statement detect; 98/08/2001.

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Sri Devasani Vasuder 11 LJG, PHI, Gajwel, Sri Parnulaparthy Ravinder Reddy Siddipet-Dist (As per agreement) S/o Sri P.Bhoopal Reddy If any person or persons having any objection to the proposed transfer and registration of the above Houses/Rats as shown in the schedule in the name of third party/Purchaser they may approach the office of the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notification. If No objections are eceived, the Houses/Flats as shown in the schedule will be transferred and registered in the name of Third arty/Furchaser based on Agreement for Sale or Sale Deed in terms of GD MS No.67 dated 089/32001 or Sale Deed as per Regulation 27/91 of Telenopana Housing Board Allotment Regulations 1997. No representation will be intertained after expiry of stipulated 15 days time.

(As per application)

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Sd/-EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (Hg) WESTERN DIVISION, THB, HYD DIPR R.O. No.: 24-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25, Date: 07.06.2024

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Dalit sarpanch tied to tree, thrashed in MP's Morena; one person arrested

Dalit sarpanch was allegedly tied to a tree and beaten up by goons in Morena in Madhya Pradesh, forcing him to leave his native village, a police official said on Ariday. The Koutharkalan panchayat sarpanch, in his complaint at Porsa police station on Thursday, said goons for the past two years were harassing him and wanted him to leave his post as well as hand over his dongle, containing his digital signature

password, the official said. When he refused to give in to their demands, he was taken to the outskirts of Koutharkalan on May 3, tied to a tree and thrashed, said the official quoting from his complaint. "Based on the complaint of the sarpanch, a case was registered against Diwakar Singh Tomar, who has since been arrested, and his brother Pinku. Further probe into the incident is underway," said Ambah Sub Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP) Ravi



4 Indian students die in Russia's **Veliky Novgorod**

our Indian students, who were studying at a university in Russia's Veliky Novgorod region, drowned in the Volkhov river, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday. A fifth Indian student was saved from drowning and is currently receiving medical attention, it said, adding two students are missing and search for them continues. Local emergency services have so far recovered two bodies from the Volkhov

river. "Four Indian students who were studying at the Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University located in Veliky Novgorod, Russia, drowned in an unfortunate incident in the Volkhov river," the MEA said. The four students were identified as Harshal Anantrao Desale, Jishan Ashpak Pinjari, Jia Firoj Pinjari and Malik Gulamgous Mohammad Yakub from Maharashtra. The name of the student rescued is Nisha Bhupesh Sonawane



Nepal extradites prime accused in murder of Bangladesh MP in Kolkata

epal has extradited to India a Bangladeshi citizen, one of the main accused in the brutal murder of Bangladeshi MP Anwarul Azim Anar in Kolkata last month, a media report said here on Friday. "Mohammad Siyam Hussain was handed over to Indian authorities by Nepal's Interpol branch on Monday morning after Nepal Police contacted him," MyRepublica.com news portal reported, quoting police sources. Hussain, who fled

to Nepal after the murder, was arrested from the border area of Nepal last Thursday, the report said. The 56-yearold Awami League MP Anar, who was in Kolkata for medical treatment on May 12, went incommunicado on May 17, according to a complaint filed by his acquaintance on May 18. Anar was allegedly murdered in a posh flat in the New Town area near Kolkata. Police in West Bengal have arrested a butcher. who allegedly chopped the body of the Bangladeshi lawmaker into 80 pieces



Cong demands SC-monitored probe into NEET anomalies

PNS NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday demanded a high-level investi-gation under the Supreme Court's supervision into "irregularities" in NEET for medical courses and accused the BJP of cheating youngsters and playing with their futures.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said paper leaks, rigging and corruption have become an integral part of many examinations, including the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NĒET).

"The Modi government is directly responsible for this. For the candidates appearing in recruitment exams, then facing several irregularities, getting caught in the labyrinth of paper leaks, is playing with their futures. The BJP has cheated the youth of the country," he said in a post in Hindi on X.

'We demand that a high-level investigation should be conducted under the supervision of the Supreme Court so that our tal-

ented students appearing in NEET and other exams get jus-

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has denied any irregularities and said the changes made in National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks and grace marks for losing time at examination centres are behind the students scoring higher marks.

tice," he added.

Jairam Ramesh, the Congress general secretary in charge of communications, said the

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"scam" involving lakhs of candidates is "completely unacceptable and unforgivable".

cum-Entrance Test

This is a direct gamble with the future of lakhs of candidates of the country, which should be immediately investigated at the high level under the supervision of the Supreme Court," he said in a post in Hindi on X.

"This year, there was news of a paper leak in it that was suppressed. Now, many candidates have alleged that the marks of the students have been increased. Students say that

this time a record 67 candidates have secured the top rank and six of these candidates are said to be from the same examination centre," he claimed.

The results for the medical entrance exam NEET-UG on Tuesday.

"The question is how did the students get cheated, who did it and why was this result deliberately declared on June 4 amid the noise of election results, whereas it was to be declared on 14 June?" Ramesh asked.

He further said, "Several questions are being raised on the results of NEET -- How did 67 toppers simultaneously get 720/720 marks?

How did eight students from the same centre get 720/720 marks? Every question was worth four marks, then how did the numbers 718-719 come? 67 students getting 720 out of 720 marks in the results released after the NEET question paper was leaked raises

TN Speaker convenes **Assembly session** on June 24

PNS CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker M Appavu has convened a session of the state legislative assembly on June 24, Assembly principal secretary K Srinivasan said on Friday.

The session will discuss the demand for grants to various government departments.

The first brief assembly session for this year was held in February.

The House will meet this month for the first time after the DMK combine's landslide victory in the Lok Sabha election, winning all 39 Parliamentary constituencies in the state by decimating the AIADMK and the BJP.

"The legislative assembly will commence at 10 am on June 24 at the Assembly House in the Secretariat," Srinivasan said in a release here.



Tharoor bats for Rahul as LoP, hails him as 'man of match'

PNS NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Friday hailed Rahul Gandhi as "the man of the match" of the Lok Sabha polls and said it would only be fitting that he takes on the mantle of the Leader of Opposition in the house.

In an interview with PTI after his fourthstraight Lok Sabha polls victory, Tharoor said the message of the mandate was that the electorate have given a "comeuppance" to the BJP's "overweening arrogance" and its "my way or the high way attitude".

"It will be a challenge for Mr (Narendra) Modi and Amit Shah who have not been used to consulting very much in running their government and I think this is going to test their ability to change their way of functioning and be more accommodative and more conciliatory within the government and also I hope with the opposition," Tharoor said on the incoming coalition government of the NDA.

The former Union minister said this time the Modi-led NDA government could prove to be a 'majboor sarkaar' (helpless government) on some issues because the parties that are part of the NDA will have to agree on everything. "Already we have questions being raised by one party on the Agniveer scheme, saying that it needs to be reviewed and they have been supported by a second party namely the JD(Û) and Chirag Paswan. Both in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar, there are leaders who have demanded special category sta-

tus for their states which the BJP government had hitherto refused to grant, that will have to be re-examined," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA Revenue (Land Acquisition) Department FORM - VIII DECLARATION

(Under Section 19 (1) of the central Act 38(2013) and state rule 25 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Res Date: 25-05-202 District Collector's File No. G1/2991/2023 Special deputy- collector's file No. B/57/2023 Date: 23-04-2024 Date: 25/05/2026

The Government of Telangana/Collector, Siddipet decided to acquir to 6.03 guntas in Nangunur village of Nangunuru Mandal of Siddip fishrict for public purpose i.e. for construction of LD10-LM4 of the RMC of Sri Ranga Nayaka Sagar Reservoir under Kaleshwaram Project and declaration has been issued as per the section 19 (1) of the Right to Fa ompensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation an esettlementActof 2013.

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311 out of 369 candidates lose security deposit in MP amid BJP's clean sweep in LS polls

PNS BHOPAL

With the BJP sweeping the Lok Sabha elections in Madhya Pradesh by winning all 29 seats in the state, includ-Chhindwara, as many as 311 out of the total 369 candidates in the fray lost their security deposits, officials said on

This comes to more than 84 per cent of the candidates losing their deposit that ranged from Rs 12,500 to Rs

official said. With all 29 seats under its belt, the BJP became the first political party to achieve such a feat after 40 years

25,000 each, an

Madhya Pradesh. The victory margin of the BJP ranged between 1 lakh to 5 lakh votes in 26 constituencies, while it stood under 1 lakh in Bhind, Gwalior, and Morena con-

stituencies The BJP received 59.3 per cent vote share, up by around 1.3 per cent as compared to the

2019 poll results. Fifty-eight of the total 369 candidates, including all 29 nominees of the BJP, 27 of the Congress and two of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) did not lose their deposit, Madhya Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said over

Though the Congress' vote share dipped by 2.1 per cent this time, none of its candishare came down to 32.4 per cent from 34.5 per cent in

According to another EC official, a candidate has to secure one-sixth of the total valid votes cast in the constituency. The most spectacular victory was

registered by BJP's sitting MP from Indore, Shankar Lalwani, who bagged the seat potentially highest-ever margin of 11,75,092

votes. Congress did not contest the Indore seat after its candidate Akshay Kanti Bam crossed over to the BIP. All other 13 candidates lost their deposit in Indore. BSP candidate Lakshman Solanki pocketed 51,659 votes and ranked second in Indore,

but he lost his deposit. Candidates from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes have to keep Rs 12,500 as security deposit, while those belonging to the general category have to pay Rs 25,000, the EC official



Cong ala not reject EVMs, says **P** Chidambaram

PNS CHENNAL

Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Friday said his party did not reject EVMs and the party is for improvement of VVPAT.

Answering a question at a press conference here, Chidambaram said that in the Congress party's manifesto for the Lok Sabha polls, 'we did not reject EVMs.'

"Please read the manifesto, what we say is, the VVPAT slip, in order for us to read, displays for about 4-5 seconds and then the slip falls inside the box. What we say in the manifesto is that there should be one more improvement,"

he said. Rather than the slip automatically falling inside the VVPAT box, the voter should be able to receive it, see that and then deposit it into the box and with this improvement, there will be no doubt for anyone as regards the EVM-VVPAT system.

Kangana airport incident: Farmers back cop with providing security at two days after she was

PNS CHANDIGARH

Some farmer outfits on Friday threw their weight behind the CISF woman constable who allegedly slapped actor and BJP MPelect Kangana Ranaut, saying the entire sequence needs to be properly inves-Ranaut, in a video mes-

sage, had on Thursday said she was hit in the face and abused by the constable during security check at the Chandigarh airport, the ugly fracas breaking out

elected to the Lok Sabha from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh. The Samvukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha were among the prominent outfits which said they stand in support of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) woman constable.

The constable, who appeared to be upset with Ranaut over her stance on the farmers' protests, has been suspended and an investigation has been launched. The CISF, tasked

airports, had also ordered a court of inquiry into the incident. SKM (Non-Political)

leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee gen-Pandher said they will m will demand a proper investigation and we will tell him that there should

eral secretary Sarwan Singh Punjab's Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav for a proper investigation into the matter. "We

be no injustice with the

Dallewal said addressing a press conference here with Pandher and some other farmer leaders.

On June 9 in Mohali, an "Insaaf march" to Mohali the senior superintendent of police's office will be taken out "to demand that case with the constable", he

In a video statement titled "Shocking rise in terror and violence in Punjab" posted on X after she landed in Delhi after the incident on Thursday, Ranaut said she was safe and fine.

18th Mumbai International Film **Festival from June 15 to 21**

PNS NEW DELHI

The 18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) will be held in Mumbai from June 15 to 21, Union Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju announced on Friday.

Addressing a press conference here at the National Media Centre, Jaju said the film gala, which showcases non-feature films (documentary, short Fiction and animation) will be at the FD-NFDC Complex

in Mumbai. Besides, MIFF screenings will also be held in Delhi at Sirifort Auditorium, Chennai at Tagore Film Centre, Pune at NFAI auditorium and Kolkata at SRFTI Auditorium.

A premier international event in the documentary film world, the Mumbai International Film Festival is held once in two years since its inception in 1990.

The 2024 edition will open with the screening of National Geographic's documentary "Billy & Molly: An Otter Love Story".

The organisers received a record number of 1018 films from 38 countries and across 65 languages for the latest edition. A total of 118 films have been selected by the three selection committees, comprising eminent film experts for the International (25) and National with 16 films in MIFF PRISM.

There will be eight world premieres, six international premieres, 17 Asia premieres and 15 India premieres during the film gala where special packages have also been curated.

The first one will comprise 12 shorts films each from Oscars and Berlin Film Festival. A 'Special Country Focus' package will put spotlight on collaborations with seven countries -- Russia, Japan, Belarus, Italy, Iran, Vietnam and Mali. Another notable package will put focus on animation films from four countries - France, Slovenia, Argentina and Greece.

Vande Bharat average speed down from 84 kmph to 76 kmph

PNS NEW DELHI

The average speed of Vande Bharat trains has decreased from 84.48 kmph in 2020-21 to 76.25 kmph in 2023-24, the railway ministry said in a response to an

RTI query. Railway officials said not only Vande Bharats but many other trains are also maintaining cautionary speed at places were "huge infrastructural work" is underway.

"Besides this, some Vande Bharat trains have been launched in difficult terrain areas where there are speed restrictions due to geographical reasons or extreme weather conditions," a railway official said.

Citing the example of the Vande Bharat train between Mumbai CSMT and Madgaon, an official of the Central Railway Zone said, "Most of the Konkan railway area is 'ghat' section where trains pass through low height mountain ranges. It is a difficult terrain area where increasing speed could compromise safety.

"Things become very challenging during the monsoon season when we have to keep the maximum speed for all trains at 75 kmph," he added.

The RTI applicant, Madhya Pradesh-based Chandra Shekhar Gaur, said, "The data, obtained through the RTI, shows that the average speed of Vande Bharat trains was 84.48 in 2020-21, which decreased to 81.38 kmph kmph anywhere in the country,

in 2022-23. It further deteriorated in 2023-24 to 76.25.' Launched on February 15,

except on the Delhi-Agra route, due to unsuitable track conditions. "There are certain seg 2019, the Vande Bharat is a semiments of tracks between Delhi high speed train which can run at and Agra which were developed a maximum speed of 160 kmph. in 2016 for India's first semi-high However, it cannot go beyond 130 speed train Gatiman Express to

segments, the Vande Bharat also runs at 160 kmph speed. Rest of the places, its maximum speed is either 130 or less than," another railway official said.

upgrading tracks to meet the speed requirement of the Vande Bharat and "it is because of these reasons there are cautions at various places".

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Balancing act

Regional allies driving a hard bargain will test Modi's skills in running a coalition Govt like never before

he BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has emerged as the most potent coalition to form the next Government under the leadership of Narendra Modi. Central to its strength is the support of regional parties for maintaining a parliamentary majority. Nevertheless, the hard bargaining by these allies, though politically essential for them, affects the Government's policy formulation exercise and the nation's progress. The NDA's regional allies, such as the Chandrababu Naiduled TDP, Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) and others, are engaging in intense negotiations to secure their interests. The JD(U) has already demanded a special status for Bihar while Naidu has a long list of demands. Coalition Governments, by their very nature, are unstable and we have had a long history of coalitions that failed to complete their term. Regional parties serve as the voice of their respective States, advocating for localised interests that might otherwise be overlooked in the Union



Government's broader agenda. This ensures a more inclusive approach to governance, reflecting the diverse needs and aspirations of different parts of the country. However, this hard bargaining can have several negative implications for policy making. The need to accommodate the diverse, and sometimes conflicting, demands of various regional partners can lead to fragmented policies. Instead of a coherent national strategy, policies may become a patchwork of compromises, weakening their overall impact. Prolonged negotiations and the need to achieve consensus among coalition partners can slow down the decision-making process.

No doubt coalition Governments have played a significant role in governance, especially in the 1990s. One of the most notable coalition Governments was led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who not only faced numerous challenges but also set a precedent for future coalition politics in India. Vajpayee's Government was an alliance of more than 20 parties, each with its agenda and demands. Managing such a diverse coalition required significant diplomatic skill and often led to compromises on policy decisions. Following the nuclear tests, India faced international sanctions, which posed a significant challenge to the economy. The Government had to navigate these sanctions while continuing to pursue economic growth and development. The Kargil conflict with Pakistan in 1999 was another major challenge for the Vajpayee Government. The conflict tested the Government's ability to manage national security issues while maintaining internal political stability. The Government's response to the 2002 riots was seen as inadequate by many, raising concerns about the coalition's ability to address communal harmony and human rights issues. It was only Vajpayee's leadership and statesmanship that pulled off a near-impossible feat and completed full term. It remains to be seen if Modi can do the same.



A parachutist lands ahead of the Canadian ceremony marking the 80th anniversary of the World War II D-Day

Punjab quietly yields surprising results

Punjab's voters remained uncharacteristically silent, leaving political parties hopeful yet uncertain about the election outcome, which ultimately did not favour any single party



tary Lok Sabha elections 2024 have been held smoothly in Punjab without any noticeable wave or enthusiasm in favour of any political party. There has been a mysterious silence among the people raising unpredictability and allowing every party to have high hopes on the one side but hold fear in their hearts. Most political parties except the CPI-CPIM had fielded their candidates in every constituency claiming for their victory on all the thirteen seats. The voting has been lower than in the previous elections and the current national voting percentage.

There could not be alliances between the political parties because of their illusory hopes for their victory independently which pushed them into the game of engineering party-switch of the leaders. The long-time allies Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) fell apart and fielded independent candidates with the BJP importing its candidates from the state ongress top brass and Aam Admi Party (AAP) and Indian National Congress (INC), who are in alliance at the national level, could not agree on seat sharing and fielded their candidates in $each\ constituency.\ Other\ political$ parties such as Bahujan Samaj

Party (BSP) and Akali Dal (Maan), CPI-CPIM had also fielded their candidates. But the voters surprised most of them by electing seven congresses, three AAP, one SAD and two independent raw candidates.

The ruling party in the state, the AAP, has won only three seats with a vote share of 26.02%, reduced from 42% in 2022 against its claim for all the thirteen in the state; it has managed to lead only in 32 assembly segments against its victory in 92 assembly constituencies in 2022 state assembly elections. Some of its candidates holding state government ministerial portfolios have trailed behind opponents in their assembly segments. All this is a matter of serious concern for the AAP to introspect. The ruling party in the Centre, the BJP, has not been able to win any seats though it was quite hopeful for their victory with a team of the top brass of the state Congress 'taken over' by it on its side. Of course, to its satisfaction, it has succeeded in raising its vote bank share to 18.56% and leading in 23 assembly segments.

The Congress has won 7 seats and has gained the lead in 38 assembly segments against its victory only in 18 assembly

THE VOTERS OF PUNJAB HAVE SPELT OUT THAT **ALTHOUGH THEY** MAINTAIN THEIR IDENTITIES, THEIR POLITICAL AND INTERPERSONAL BEHAVIOUR IS PREDOMINANTLY SECULAR AND PREJUDICE-FREE constituencies in 2022. It has succeeded in managing the vote share of 26.3%, winning seven out of 13 seats in this election despite the unexpected defection by almost all its senior leaders to the BJP and other parties.

The two independent candi-

dates who were neither very big leaders nor supported by any political party, have won by defeating the established leaders of established political parties by sizable margins. The voters of Punjab have spelt out that although they maintain their identities, their political and interpersonal behaviour is predominantly secular and prejudice-free. Although it is a fact that Punjab's population is majority Sikh and rural, its other population being 40% Hindu, one-third Dalit and other horizontal and social categories, it has distributed its representation nei-

ther based on religion, nor

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of voting. They have rejected the dominant discourses of religion, caste and urban/rural polarization, the discourse of victimization justifying nonperformance. They have voted for Congress on its promise of MSP for agricultural produce, a promise to pull agriculture out of distress

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since it is agriculture that is the spleen of Punjab's economy so far. Whether a Hindu or a Sikh, whether an urban or a rural person, whether an upper caste or a Dalit- everybody, as a part of their collective consciousness, understands the relevance of agriculture in the state. It has chosen independent candidates exercising their rejection of all others and expressing their sympathy for their 'condition' against the state power. Thus, their victory can be attributed to local sentiments and political dynamics rather than any development. Secondly, in the other radical ideology influencing voter preferences. In fact, for them, it would be a difficult choice between the Congress and the BJP.

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Overcoming child sexual abuse stigma



The profound and lasting impacts of child sexual abuse necessitate dismantling systemic barriers and fostering supportive environments

ccording to the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, 64,469 victims were reported in 2022 under the POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act. Despite the alarming prevalence of reported cases of Child Sexual Abuse, it remains hidden behind layers of denial, silence, stigma and shame as the issue is deeply rooted in societal structures, such as patriarchy and gender bias, which often prioritize family honour and silence over confronting abuse.

Research suggests that 90 per cent of the perpetrators are known to the child, such as family members, trusted neighbours, or teachers. These individuals often hold positions of trust and responsibility, making it even more challenging to address the

Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) is a serious issue that affects many individuals. Research highlights the profound and lasting impacts of CSA, including detrimental effects on mental health, emotional stability and social functioning, which can persist into

adulthood if not properly addressed. Addressing child sexual abuse requires dis-

prioritizes the well-being and rights of children. Recognizing the Signs of **Sexual Abuse:**

mantling these systemic bar-

riers and promoting an open,

supportive environment that

Understanding the signs that a child may have been subjected to sexual abuse is the first step in addressing this grave issue. Sudden changes in behaviour can be indicative of underlying abuse. Children may exhibit a range of physical and emotional behavioural changes like:

'Unexplained injuries or bruises in the genital or anal

*Sudden changes in behaviour such as withdrawal, unusually quietness, aggression, or depression.

*Nightmares or bedwetting. *Displaying knowledge or *Displaying knowledge or prevention. interest in sexual acts beyond It is important to start conver-

their age.
*Avoidance of specific people or places. Sudden decline in academ-

ic performance. These signs may vary depending on the child's age, personality and the nature of the abuse. It's essential to be alert to these changes and maintain open communication with a child, create a safe environment for disclosure and take any disclosure seriously.

Preventing The Abuse: Preventing child sexual abuse (CSA) demands a collective effort where the responsibility doesn't solely fall on children. There are steps parents, caregivers and trusted adults can take to minimize the risk and empower their children in navigating this complex world. The stigma and shame attached to sex and sexuality often translate into not having open conversations with children and giving them the appropriate vocabulary to express such concerns. On one hand, it makes it difficult for them to articulate if they've experienced abuse and on the other it hinders

their body parts and emphasizing the power of saying "no" to any touch that feels uncomfortable or unwanted is important. However, the onus of preventing CSA cannot and should not solely rest on the child. Building a foundation of open communication is equally essential from the parents' side. This is possible only when adults create a safe and nurturing environment where a child feels comfortable expressing any concerns or discomfort they may have. Adults must take responsibility for creating safe spaces and intervening when they suspect abuse may be occurring. Child sexual abuse shatters a child's sense of safety and trust. It can leave them feeling confused, ashamed and isolated.As a caregiver, the first step is to acknowledge the gravity of the situation. Recognising the abuse and validating their experience is crucial. director, Sakshi- a rights-

based NGO; views are personal)

sations about body autonomy, boundaries and consent from an early age. Teaching children the proper names for

(The writer is executive

MORE VOTERS BUT LOWER ENGAGEMENT

Madam — Apropos the news story "More voters but lower turnout in 2024, confirms EC," published on June 7, this is my response. As a daily newspaper reader, it's heartening to see the Election Commission lifting the model code of conduct following the announcement of election results and the beginning of government formation. The overall voter turnout in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections was 65.79 per cent, which, although slightly lower than 2019's 67.40 per cent, still indicates robust democratic engage-

Notably, the data reveal a significant surge in women voter participation, with a turnout of 64.72 per cent compared to men's 63.11 per cent. This trend is particularly pronounced in states like Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha, where women's turnout surpassed men's by notable margins. This increase in female voter engagement is a positive sign of growing political awareness and empowerment among women, which can lead to more inclusive governance. The turnout of the third gender, although low at 22.33 per cent, suggests there is still work to be done to ensure their full participation in the democratic process. Overall, these elections highlight the evolving dynamics of voter engagement in India, reflecting a more diverse and representative elec-

Ananya Sharma | Nashik

MARKETS BOUNCE BACK

Madam — Apropos the news story "Markets extend winning momentum to 2nd day running," published on June 7, this is my response. As a daily newspaper reader, it's fascinating to see how the market's optimism can be so closely tied to political stability. The recent surge in the Sensex and Nifty, following the unanimous election of Narendra Modi as the leader of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), underscores the confidence that investors place in political continuity and leadership. The 30-share BSE

Taiwan greets Modi. China fumes

EDITO



egarding the news story "China lodges protest with India over PM Modi's response to Taiwan President Lai's greetings on his poll victory," published on June 7, here are my thoughts. As a regular newspaper reader, the recent diplomatic spat between China and India over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's social media interaction with Taiwan President Lai Ching-te is quite intriguing. Modi's expression of enthusiasm

Sensex's impressive jump to 75,078.70 points and the NSE Nifty climbing to 22,799.50 signal a strong market reaction to Modi's impending third term as Prime

Minister. The gains in companies like NTPC, State Bank of India and Tata Steel reflect a broader bullish sentiment, though some laggards like Hindustan Unilever and Nestle temper the overall enthusiasm. It's noteworthy that despite the positive domestic sentiment, Foreign Institutional Investors are still cautious, selling off equities amid high valuations in India compared to Chinese stocks. This juxtaposition of political stability and cautious foreign investment paints a complex but intriguing picture of the current market

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EMBRACING SOCIAL WORK

dynamics.

Madam — Regarding the news story Rejuvenating Indian social work, culturally," published on June 7, here are my thoughts. Every profession is unique and essential for societal growth and developfor strengthening ties with Taiwan, following Lai's congratulatory message, has irked China, which sees Taiwan as a breakaway province. China's swift protest underscores its sensitivity to any international recognition of Taiwan's sovereignty. The geopolitical chessboard in the Indo-Pacific

region is complex and Modi's statement hints at India's potential shift towards deeper engagement with Taiwan, especially in trade and technology. This could be a strategic move to counterbalance China's growing influence. However, it also risks straining India-China relations, which have already been tense. China's insistence on the One China policy and its warning against Taiwan's "political calculations" highlight the delicate nature of this issue. As an observer, I see this as a significant moment that could reshape regional alliances and economic partnerships in the com-

Kabir Patel | Rajkot

ment. Social work, however, carries an added responsibility - to serve people and communities, striving to uplift them. It involves working with people and their surroundings, considering external and internal factors simultaneously. Social work is not just about empathising with others' circumstances but also about reflecting on potential solutions and alternatives.

In today's India, social work as a profession is emerging as one of the crucial sectors. Over the last decade, this profession has expanded its horizon and established itself across the country. It is encouraging to see a growing number of young professionals choosing this career path. India needs more such young minds and professionals who can work on the ground and formulate policies to address critical societal issues. However, it is essential to question whether we are truly fulfilling this need.

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COALITION GOVERNMENT AND DIPLOMACY

Recalibration of diplomatic priorities due to coalition compulsions is on the cards



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

ndia has voted and the verdict is out. It has brought back the era of coalition governments, the pressures of alliance partners weighing in on key policy matters, back to India's polity after a decade. The era of robust, single-source decisions is most likely over and may not return for a decade. The voter's verdict will have long-reaching impact on India's foreign policy and diplomatic trajectory for a long time to come.

The relations with the US which were nurtured by the Modi Government in the past decade and which have reached a certain stable platform, are unlikely to be disturbed. The technology partnership added to the existing trade partnership, has bipartisan support in Washington. This means in the eventuality of Trump returning to in the US, towards the year's end, it won't be a spoiler in India US bilateral relationship. India and the US have in the past, shown enough maturity in discussing sensitive issues, such as the alleged hit plan on India-designated terrorist G S Pannun, behind closed doors.

Most US businesses operating in India may be relieved, with a coalition verdict, as it could, take away many concerns (expressed by their USbased colleagues behind closed doors) regarding the overreach by a PM, with a brute majority. They may be relieved to find several pockets of influence, with more alliance partners coming in the Government, weighing on crucial policy decisions. The US and global capital would feel safe in India as a market, as long as it is business as usual, no surprise protectionist regulations and there is a growth market. In a coalition government, with several checks and balances, thescope for unilateral decisions, is less likely. Also, as many experts mentioned to this author, the US would be happy to have a peaceful democratic ally in Asia, to counter



an aggressive China in the Indo-Pacific. Joint exercises, with Indian defence forces, sharing of crucial intelligence of strategic importance (even though India is not part of the five eyes network), sharing and empowering India on semiconductors, close co-creation of standards and regulations on critical and emerging technologies such as Al are not likely to be impacted. India and the US on plurilateral platforms such as QUAD, the I2U2 and on wider UN etc would not be impacted. However, pompous, state visits and hosting each other's leaders on a grand scale (reference Trump in 2019 and Indian PM state visit to the US in 2023) could move to more sober, away from the camera, diplomatic conversations. Despite an occasional criticism of India, by mainly US think tanks and policy experts, primarily on human rights, polarising speeches, freedom of speech and religion in India etc, there is bipartisan support for India and deep relations between the two nations and it is not likely to change.

If the India-US civil nuclear deal proved to be the cause of a weak coalition government (due to the withdrawal of support by a crucial ally from the UPA government 1.0), there exist no such threats to the bilateral relationship currently. Even with a coalition Indian government at the centre. Washinton and New Delhi have successfully managed to educate their senior lawmakers/politicians/think tanks/experts on either side of the aisle, regarding the strategic importance of the relationship. President Biden, even though faces occasional criticism from his party colleagues or pressure groups, regarding being a bit too lenient approach towards India on several issues, he understands the relevance of this relationship in the current context. There is likely to be a new Indian ambassador to the US (the former ambassador post-retirement unsuccessfully contested elections in 2024) in the next few months. The Indian ambassador to the US does most of the heavy lifting on building consensus across the aisle on several mutual bilateral issues. The choice of the next ambassador would be a space to watch out for.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

Indian electorate ushers in a new political era



By rejecting divisive politics and reducing the BJP's dominance, voters have endorsed a new era of coalition politics favouring regional and smaller parties

he outcomes of the recently concluded Indian Lok Sabha elections signal promise for the region, prompting nations to reconsider and reassess their democratic political frameworks. In a resounding declaration of democracy's resilience, the once seemingly invincible fortress of the Modi-Ka Parivar lies shattered. The echoes of this strong message from the public reverberate louder than the emotional sensationalism, resonating with the collective voice of a nation that has spoken unequivocally for the power of balance. Despite the relentless onslaught of propaganda and fervent efforts to manufacture public opinion, the Indian electrosts has additioned a decisive bless. torate has delivered a decisive blow, reclaiming their power and rejecting the facade of religious fervour masquerading as governance. Narendra Modi, the erst-while political juggernaut, now stands at the precipice of his last tenure, his aspirations of perpetual rule dashed against the rocks of reality. His grandiose ambitions of global dominion and spiritual leadership lie in tatters, mere relics of a bygone era marked by hubris and delu-

The BJP's significant loss, laid bare in the aftermath of the election, paints a stark portrait of defeat. With 92 seats lost out of their previous 303, including once impregnable strongholds in rural heartlands and urban bastions like Mumbai, the party finds itself relegated to the sidelines of political discourse. The myth of invincibility shattered, the BJP stands exposed, its veneer of infallibility stripped away to reveal the inherent flaws and fallacies of its governance model. The result also exposes the impact of heavy spending on AI-driven social media manipulation. Government agencies outspent political parties on Google ads leading up to India's national elections, with the BJP ranking second. This stark contrast in spending highlights the influence of advertising in shaping democratic norms, serving as a stark reminder of democracy's vulnerability to manipulation.

Yet amidst the debris of defeat lies the triumph of democracy. The people have spoken, their voices resonating with clarity and conviction, reaffirming their alle-giance not to religious ideologies or cults of personality, but to the principles of democracy and secular governance. This electoral upheaval serves as a clarion call for change, a witness to the indomitable spirit of a nation that refuses to be swayed by divisive verbiage or empty

As the dust settles on the frontline of Indian politics, the narrative of triumph and victory spun by the BJP and its leader Narendra Modi stands starkly contrasted against the reality of their electoral performance. Despite Modi's impassioned spiel and grandiose claims of India's newfound global prominence, the truth remains irrefutable: the BJP's grip on power has weakened, its once impregnable fortress breached by the resolute will of the Indian electorate.

The BJP's electoral arithmetic, touted as proof of its enduring popularity, belies a deeper truth of diminishing returns and waning support. While the party managed to retain a significant portion of its 2019 tally, the loss of 92 seats, coupled with the failure to secure the predicted landslide victory, exposes the chinks in its armour and the vulnerabilities lurking beneath the



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his administration's domestic shortcomings. By emphasizing India's global ascendancy and economic strength, Modi aims to eclipse the harsh realities of

Modi's campaign discourse has

taken a sharp turn towards foreign affairs and diplomacy, perhaps as a tactic to deflect attention from

mounting unemployment, economic disparity and social turmoil within the nation. Amidst his grandiose assertions of India's international accomplishments, including hosting global summits and economic growth, Modi's narrative conveniently obscures governance failures and policy defi-VOICES ciencies. Despite his celebrations of India's elevated global standing, the everyday struggles of citizens remain overshadowed by political WITH CLARITY oratory, highlighting a growing disparity between political narratives and lived experiences.

Facing electoral setbacks and a reduced mandate, Modi and the BJP confront a populace increasingly demanding accountability and change. The rejection of empty promises signals a call for transparent, people-centric governance, underscoring the need for a political shift away from complacency towards accountability.

Modi's foreign policy rhetoric aligns with his domestic agenda, framing a narrative of "us-vs.them" and emphasizing resolve against perceived threats like Pakistan and China, particularly in combating terrorism. Despite clashes with Pakistan and the 2020 China confrontation showcased as symbols of national strength, critics challenge Modi's response to Chinese aggression, while BJP members rally behind his assertive stance. Yet, beneath this facade, lie intricate geopolitical complexities and diplomatic hurdles. India's navigation among global powers demands a nuanced approach, prioritizing national interests amidst turbulent interna-

tional dynamics. Accusations against the BJP for prioritising foreign affairs over domestic concerns challenge Modi's nationalist narrative, despite his claims of India's global ascendancy. Opposition voices condemn the party's erosion of democratic norms, yet Modi's firm stance resonates with many voters, reflecting a desire for a stronger international presence. However, mounting criticism of the BJP's handling of issues like inflation and unemployment casts doubt on its commitment to democracy. Recent electoral set-backs, notably in Uttar Pradesh, reveal deep-seated discontent, with opposition framing the BJP's governance as a threat to constitutional rights, leading to disillu sionment among both critics and former supporters.

The symbolism of Ayodhya, from the demolition of the Babri mosque in 1992 to the consecration of the Ram temple in 2021, epitomizes the BJP's journey to power and its subsequent challenges. While Modi's imprint on Varanasi is undeniable, with infrastructure development projects transforming the city's landscape, the cost of progress has been the erosion of its unique identity,

lamented by many locals. The electoral panorama in Uttar Pradesh unveils a complex interplay of shifting loyalties and deeprooted grievances, particularly within marginalized communities such as the Dalits. Despite Modi's enduring popularity, evidenced by his victory in Varanasi albeit with a notably reduced margin, the BJP's electoral fortunes have been tempered by various concerns, notably regarding constitutional rights and social equity.
The BJP's ambitious electoral slogan, promising an overwhelming triumph, stirred apprehensions among the Dalit populace, raising fears of potential amendments to the constitution.

This apprehension, as the media reports asserted, stemming from the fear of diluting protections advocated by Bhimrao Ambedkar, prompted numerous Dalit voters to align with the opposition INDIA alliance, which adeptly mobilised a coalition of marginalised groups. Modi's language targeting Muslims as "infiltrators" further galvanised opposition to the BJP, particularly among Dalit and Muslim communities, despite the party's efforts to allay Dalit fears and disavow any intentions of rescinding their constitutional privileges. The electoral terrain in Uttar Pradesh reflects a shifting paradigm, with marginalized communities asserting their voices and demanding accountability from political incumbents.

The narrative of disillusionment and disenchantment highlights the intricate nature of Indian politics and the hurdles confronting the BJP as it navigates the evolving currents of public opinion. Despite facing electoral setbacks, the BJP remains a potent political force, positioned to forge the next government alongside its allies. However, the undercurrents of discontent and unmet assurances could potentially influence the trajectory of Indian politics in the years ahead. The resounding voice of the nation echoes: it's now up to the government, poised to lead for the next five years, to heed the lessons of tolerance spoken by the populace of the world's most populous country.

(The writer is a Sri Lankan journalist and author; Views are

Soaring milk prices may hit affordability, health

Growth in the dairy industry necessitates ethical, accessible and safe milk production; without these, milk could become inaccessible to the general public

Por ages, milk has been universally acknowledged as an excellent source of nutrition, especially for children. A good sign that milk & dairy production in our country is increasing fast. However, if the trend of consistently rising milk prices is not held up, it may be hard for the common man to afford it, thus impinging on the health of their family. Whole milk price of popular brands is presently hovering around Rs. 66 a litre. Nutritionists recommend routine intake of milk and its derivatives to maintain a balanced diet. So ironic that the legendary repository of milk, NITI Ayog's prediction of 'a country with rivers over-achieving the 300 million flowing with milk' is now conmetric tonnes mark by 2030 cerned with feeding safe milk is the need to ensure that this to its people!



India has been consistently atop in milk production since 1997 and contributes about 25% to the global milk output. In 2023, India produced 231 million metric tonnes of milk with a decadal compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6%. More important than

fault lines must be identified and addressed in time. Beyond just a fluid secreted by

the mammary glands of female mammals for nourishing their young ones, cow milk and cows are special to India, sacred and pure since the Vedic era. Along with its other holy derivatives like curd and ghee, it is a routine offering to Gods at religious observances particularly during Shivaratri and Nag Panchami festivals. To Hindus, the cow is sacrosanct, at par with Gods. As against other milch animals, buffalo, sheep, goats and camel, the cow is also a symbol of motherhood, fertility, prosperity, health and strength. It has had sanctity in

the countrymen at large. The accorded cow the status of goddess of milk, 'Iat' due to its association with nurturing attributes. Among early Christians, milk was figuratively used for abundance, blessings, spiritual food and purity. Prophet Muhammad said, "The milk of the bovine (cow) contains healing, its fat is a medicine and its meat a cause for sickness." This is despite most milk in India being derived from buffalo, which is valued for its higher fat content and its use as a draught animal.

In our country, 60% of the milk is produced by the unorganised sector, remaining 40% is from the organised sector, mostly dairy cooperatives and private players. However, the scenario is set to reverse and staple nutrition is accessible to other faiths as well. Egyptians in a few years the milkman of ent temperature - decades

the unorganised sector may have to shift the profession for numerous reasons. For one, the city folks prefer valueadded or packaged milk & dairy wrapped in pouches or packets made of LDPE, LLDPE, HDPE or EVA; cans and tetra packs. Admittedly, the products from the organised sector are superior; pasteurised (i.e. heating for a while up to 700C to minimise infection, then cooling) and sticking to certain quality specifications yet it has its pitfalls partly the deliberate ones. I recall the description of the Vijaya brand milk tetra pack of an Andhra Pradesh dairy in the early 80s while I was in Bhopal. It guaranteed freshness without refrigeration for up to six months in any ambi-

after, we witnessed Amul, Britania and other popular brands taking the cue. Mind that the milk in the pouch procured from the booth degenerates when heated just in 10 to 15 minutes, it is so delicate. There is more to tetra packs than tetrahedron texture to keep its nondegradability intact for long. It is toxic preservatives like formaldehyde and other additives in play to extend the shelf life of milk and its derivatives. Studies have already shown serious health consequences like food poisoning, gastrointestinal and cardiac issues, hepatic and renal failure and even cancer.

It is like lethal insecticides being spread 400 times more than the permitted doses on maturing crops to avert food-

grain loss and ensure enhanced shelf life. Also, witness many popular desi ghee brands selling at Rs. 450 a litre while in villages it costs between Rs. 1200 to Rs. 2400 although dairy people confide that per kg cost of desi ghee

is Rs. 500 to Rs. 600. Indian dairy business is incessantly growing at 4.5% annually. The organised milk sector is elated at the growing international and domestic demand and business prospects. Yet it must be monitored that the ethical aspects are not compromised and the domestic consumers are not taken for a ride. Fodder availability for large milch cattle, education & training and technology improvement are the other formidable issues in dairy to

be addressed. Our young ones also must be made to learn that saying no to milk is saying no to nutrition and that almond milk, soy milk, rice milk and coconut milk are poor substitutes.

Amul Federation, the undisputed leader has planned expansion activity abroad and is targetting one Rs one lakh crore business now. Dairy supports the livelihoods of one billion people worldwide. As we celebrate Milk Day, an FAO initiative, to recognise the importance of milk as a global food let us not overlook that the common people are not deprived of this staple

(The writer is a blogger and writes on health, social and other issues, views are personal)

RERA inspects 8 under-construction projects in Gurugram to grant more time

he Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Gurugram, on Friday inspected eight underconstruction realty projects which are to be granted extension for completion and handing over the units to the allottees, an official said. The projects included Signature Global Prime, Micasa, Waterfall Residences, Signature Global Proxima 1, SS High Point, Signature Global City, Godrej Meridien Phase II and eminence Kimberly Suites which are situated along the southern and northern peripheral roads of Gurugram, RERA said in a statement.

"Authority's purpose was to see and check the ground reality. Under Section 6 and 7 (3) of the RERA Act 2016, these projects are to be granted extension (additional time) to complete the project and hand over the units to the allottees," said Arun Kumar, RERA Gurugram Chairman. According to the statement, Section 6 of the act says, the registration granted under Section 5 may be extended by the Authority on application made by the promoter due to force majeure in such form and on payment of such fee as may be.



TVS Srichakra unveils steel-belted agro-industrial radial tyres

anufacturers of two, three-wheeler and off-highway tyres TVS Srichakra has launched new steel belted agro-industrial radial tyres were recently industrial applications. The steel-belted agro-industrial radial tyres were recently launched new steel belted agro-industrial radial tyres to be used in agricultural and displayed at the Tire Cologne 2024 trade fair in Germany. "We are extremely happy to have launched our new and premier products at the Tire Cologne 2024. The Tire show provides

the most extensive industry overview, a great platform for us to showcase our best-in-class product range," company Business Head, Karthikeyan S said in a company statement on Friday. The Steel Belted Agro-Industrial Radial Tyre has been designed for use predominantly in compact wheel loaders and backhoe loaders engaged in agricultural and industrial applications. "Europe is a key market for us, we believe it will play a pivotal role in our business growth.



Expect commercial vehicle volumes to witness 4-7% dip this fiscal: Icra

it by a high base of last year and weakness in demand, the domestic commercial vehicle industry is expected to witness a dip of 4-7 per cent in wholesale the current fiscal as compared to FY23, rating agency Icra said on Friday. The vehicle industry is expected to witness a dip of 4-7 per cent in wholesale volumes in medium and heavy commercial vehicle (trucks) volumes are expected to contract by 4-7 per cent year-on-year given the high base effect and the impact of the Lok Sabha polls on

infrastructure activities in the first few months. Similarly, the volume of light commercial vehicles (trucks) wholesale volumes is likely to decline by 5-8 per cent in FY2025 due to factors such as a high base effect, sustained slowdown in e-commerce, and cannibalisation from electric three-wheelers, Icra said. The rating agency expects the domestic CV industry's uptrend to be arrested in FY2025, with a decline of 4-7 per cent in wholesale volumes, it stated



RBI raises GDP growth projection to 7.2%

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The Reserve Bank of India on Friday revised upwards the GDP growth projection for the current fiscal to 7.2 per cent from 7 per cent on rising private consumption and revival of demand in rural

Unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) placed India's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 8.2 per cent in 2023-24.

"During 2024-25 so far, domestic economic activity has maintained resilience," he said, adding that manufacturing activity continues to gain ground on the back of strengthening domestic demand.

Also, the services sector maintained buoyancy, as evident in available high-frequen-

cy indicators. Later replying to a question if the economy was overheating,

RBI deputy governor Michael Debabrata Patra said: "We are not seeing signs of overheating because, remember, that level of output had fallen very low during the pandemic and even these high rates of growth are enabling it



level. So, no signs of overheating". In his monetary pol-

icy statement, Governor Das said private consumption, the mainstay of aggregate demand, is recovering with steady discretionary spending

is getting a fillip from improving farm sector activity, and investment activity continues to gain traction on the back of ongoing expansion in nonfood bank credit.

He also said the forecast of above normal south-west monthe India Meteorological Department (IMD) is expected to boost kharif production and replenish the reservoir levels.

"Taking all these factors into consideration, real GDP growth for 2024-25 is projected at 7.2 per cent with Q1 at 7.3 per cent, Q2 at 7.2 per cent, Q3 at 7.3 per cent, and Q4 at 7.2 per cent. The risks are evenly balanced," Das said.

Banks need to re-strategise their business plan to deal with credit and deposit growth gap: Das

Banks need to re-strategise their business to deal with the persistent gap between credit and deposit growth, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday. He also said that further actions on moderating growth in unsecured loans could be taken, if required. In November last year, RBI had flagged certain concerns on excessive growth



in the unsecured retail loans and over-reliance of NBFCs on bank funding.

"Recent data suggests that there is some moderation in these loans and advances. We are closely monitoring the incoming data to ascertain if further measures are necessary," he said while announcing the bi-monthly policy.

The message is to convey that RBI is watchful of every aspect of financial sector especially in the banking sector.

We are agile, we are watchful and if and when some further measures are required, we will come," he said during an interaction with reporters.

The Reserve Bank increased risk weights on unsecured consumer credit and bank credit to NBFCs on November 16, 2023 to pre-empt build-up of any potential risk in these

Bankers, economists expect RBI to cut key interest rate

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With RBI holding the benchmark interest rate on Friday, bankers and economists said the first monetary policy committee meet post general elections has instilled confidence and stability in the market and they expect the central bank to slash repo rate in the second half of FY25.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) left its key interest rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent as expected, keeping the focus on inflation amid robust economic growth that is likely to provide the new Modi government headroom for manoeuvring reforms.

The central bank also retained its projection for retail inflation at 4.5 per assuming a normal monsoon, while emphasising that uncertainties related to food price outlook warrant a close

cent for the current fiscal

Dharmakirti Joshi, Chief Economist, CRISIL Ltd said:



"We now see the RBI cutting rates starting October and have lowered our expectation to two rate cuts against three foreseen earlier."

According to Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director

Digi Yatra facility launched at Chennai airport

the RBI's decision to continue its focus on "withdrawal of accommodation" reflects a balanced approach to sustain economic growth while keeping inflation in check.

RBI's decision on e-mandates for recurring payments to be extended to fastags, introduction of auto replenishment of UPI-like wallet, and establishment of a digital payments intelligence platform, is all set to promote a resilient banking sector, he added.

Rajiv Sabharwal, MD and CEO, Tata Capital said: "The first MPC post-election has instilled confidence and stability in the market. With steady repo rate at 6.5 per cent, RBI is hinting towards balancing growth and inflation.

This contactless movement of passengers at various checkpoints at airports is based on facial

It was launched in the presence of Airport

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

Revenue (Land Acquisition) Department FORM - VII

Date: 29-05-2024

Date: 02-05-2024

DECLARATION (Under Section 19 (1) of the central Act 38(2013) and state rule 25 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act of 2013)

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and Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act of 2013.

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Director C V Deepak and other officials and is available at terminals 1 and 4, an official said.

recognition technology (FRT).

District Collector's File No. G1/3509/2023

Special deputy collector's file No. B/23/2023

Sensex, Nifty hit all-time high

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Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty climbed over 2 per cent to settle at record closing high levels on Friday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised upwards the GDP growth projection to 7.2 per cent for 2024-25 from 7 per cent earlier.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,720.8 points, or 2.29 per cent, to hit a new record The benchmark ended at 76,693.36, up 1,618.85 points, or 2.16 per cent.

498.8 points, or 2.18 per cent, to 23,320.20 during the day and is just 18.5 points from hitting its record high level. It settled with a jump of 468.75 points, or 2.05 per cent, at 23,290.15. IT and interest rate-sensitive bank, realty,

and auto stocks ended with sharp gains.

est rates unchanged on Friday as expected, keeping the focus on inflation amid robust economic growth that is likely to provide the new Modi government headroom



The NSE Nifty climbed for manoeuvring reforms. The Monetary Policy Committee, consisting of three RBI and an equal number of external members, kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent for an eighth straight policy meeting and stuck to its relatively hawk-

ish stance of "withdrawal of accommodation", Governor The RBI left its key inter-Shaktikanta Das said in his

With the Indian economy, Asia's third-largest, growing faster than expected in the previous year, the RBI raised its GDP growth projection for the current fiscal through March 2025 to 7.2 per cent from 7 per cent while maintaining its inflation forecast at 4.5 per

> anticipation of stabili ty within the coalition government at the centre, coupled with the RBI's upward revision of its growth forecast for FY25 to 7.2 per cent, fuelled a broadbased rally in the domestic market. The Indian market surpassed its previous record high set on exit-poll day and reached a fresh peak," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geoiit Financial Services

TCS launches Gen Al platform WisdomNext

PNS MUMBAI

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday launched a Gen AI platform WisdomNext that aggregates multiple generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) into a single interface and enables companies to adopt next gen technology rapidly at scale, lower costs within regulatory frame.

The platform is designed to remove barriers for customers to develop and launch business solutions, allowing for real time experimentation across vendor, internal, and open source LLM models, TCS said at the launch

AI and Gen AI have far-reaching applications across the value chain for business.

However, solutions designers around the world find it difficult to select, experiment, and decide on the right foundation models to use, TCS

According to the company, foundational models are constantly evolving, and each model offers different capabilities in terms of mode of

TCS integrated enterprise AI orchestration platform AI WisdomNext helps businesses choose the right models and simplify the design of new business solutions using GenAI tools, the company said, adding it also enables businesses to reuse pre existing components to accelerate design, it said.

The Digi Yatra facility for seamless flow of

domestic passengers was launched at the

Chennai airport's domestic terminals on

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Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone secured a five-year Operation and Maintenance (O&M) contract for the container facility at the Syama Prasad

With this, APSEZ has to deploy cargo handling equipment within seven months from the letter of acceptance (LOA) date, the company said in a statement.

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likely to improve connectivity between the terminal and its container ports, particularly with the transhipment hubs at Vizhinjam and Colombo that are targeted for commissioning during the year," it said.

Ashwani Gupta said, "The award of the O&M contract for container handling facilities at Netaji Subhas Dock to APSEZ underlines our commitment to develop ports and logistics infrastructure across the country and the potential we see in West Bengal.

Adani Ports bags 5-year operation and maintenance contract at Kolkata port

Mookerjee Port in Kolkata.

"APSEZ won the five-year O&M contract through a competitive bidding process, which mandates the successful bidder to deploy cargo handling equipment

acceptance (LOA) date," the statement said. The presence of APSEZ at the dock is

APSEZ whole-time director and CEO

"We will bring our experience of over two decades of efficiently managing various container terminals within India and outside, benefiting customers and the people of the state.

Rupee rises 14 paise to 83.39 against US\$

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The rupee appreciated 14 paise to 83.39 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, in line with a firm trend in domestic equity markets after the Reserve Bank kept the key policy rate unchanged. A weak American currency against major crosses overseas and lower crude prices in international markets also supported the local currency, forex traders said.

However, foreign fund outflows restricted the upward movement in the rupee, they added. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened strong at 83.46 and moved in the range of 83.48 to 83.37 against the greenback. The unit finally settled at 83.39 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a gain of 14 paise from its previous close.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday decided to keep the policy rate unchanged for the eighth time in a row, saying it will maintain a tight vigil on inflation. Announcing the second bi-monthly monetary policy for the current financial year, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent.

BSE denies tech glitch on June 4

Lag in payment receipt from banks led to delayed mutual fund NAV

PNS NEW DELHI

Leading stock exchange BSE on Friday said lag in receiving payments from banks led to delay in assigning NAV to investors who bought mutual funds on June 4 and there was no technical glitch at its end. Many investors had complained on social media for failing to

square off their positions.

Several investors purchased their mutual funds before the cut-off time, although they were assigned the Net Asset Value (NAV), which determines the fund's value for June 5 instead of June 4. This resulted in substantial financial losses to such investors. "It is hereby clarified that there was no

technical glitch at BSE Clearing House (ICCL) on June 4th. Prima Facie, there was a lag in receiving details of credit /payments from payments aggregator(s) / bank(s) for few customers which led to the delayed NAV." BSE said in a statement. The clarification came after

exchange on June 4, which led the orders to go through the next day (June 5), when the equity markets had partially recouped some of their losses. Stock market crashed on June 4 the day of Lok Sabha

mutual fund system of the

election results in which Rs 31 several broking platforms lakh crore of investors' wealth alleged BSE for a glitch in the was wiped out.

ONGC seeks technical help to raise Mumbai High output

PNS NEW DELHI

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is seeking help from an internationallyproven technical service provider to raise oil and gas production from its flagship but old and maturing Mumbai field in the Arabian Sea.

The firm has floated an international tender to identify the service provider who will help raise production from the field, ONGC

said in a post on X.
"The giant multi-layered Mumbai High field, which commenced production 48 years ago in 1976, is currently in its mature stage of production and ONGC has implemented a number of

schemes in this field to improve production," it said.

"As a custodian and operator of Mumbai High field, ONGC is keen to collaborate with a global technical service provider. The service provider would be contracted for 10 years, extendable by

another five years.' Mumbai High field lies 160 kilometres off the coast of Mumbai and produces about 38 per cent of India's oil produc-

While it hit a peak output of 40,000 barrels per day in 1989, the field is producing 134,000 bpd and about 10 million standard cubic metres per day of

The field is estimated to hold a

tonnes (610 million barrels) of oil and over 40 billion cubic metres

The service provider would give technical solutions for raising the output. It will be paid a fixed fee and a biddable share from the revenue earned from incremental production over an agreed base-

"Mumbai High is one of the prime assets of ONGC and significant upside is still to be unlocked here if ONGC applies best-in-class reservoir management technologies and adopts globally-best operational and management practices," the firm said, adding that the bids are due in mid-September.

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cortion of the said land are not needed. The plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Revenue livisional Officer, Siddipet during working hours on any working day.

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'I believe there is still room for growth among IT organisations in Hyd' returning to India and residing in Hyderabad would be advantageous. "Hyderabad appeared to be rising at a rapid pace, with effective governance. The city is growing. Policies are being developed in areas where, at least, the urban section of the city is expanding. And it's been great for the city. We are looking into it.

Harleen

Bagga, a Sikh

originally from

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who moved

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well-known multi-disciplinary psychotherapist and hypnotherapist from the city, Harleen Bagga communicates with people on an emotional level, guides them through it, and improves their quality of life. She infuses an awareness of human psychology into her leadership and empowerment courses, assisting Hyderabadis in dealing with their demons. Despite being a Sikh who was born and raised in Bengaluru, she has fallen in love with Hyderabad. A city that is hungry for expansion and curious about what comes next, as she well-known multi-disciplinary psy-

and curious about what comes next, as she beautifully expresses during our chat, she rais-



She credits the city with her career as one of the most sought-after wellness trainers in the thriving corporate hub. She adds, "I believe your work speaks for itself. I believe that is where the city can really benefit me. The city is willing to seek support. It has greatly aided my work, but I do not rely just on them in Hyderabad, as my clientele is global." prior to making She is particularly outspoken about the Hyderabad corporate world's approach to addressing mental health issues, stating, "The mistakes a lot of corporations make are employing these dime-a-dozen coaches straight out of school, only because of some of responsibilities, so I fun and relax. I felt like a tourist. After spending a few

years abroad.

We're living it!"

and God's kindness to us."

She has a lovely family of four, including two children, who are all grown and ready to face the world. When questioned about her

held a Pagdi-tying ceremony. And having done that for my son, he grew into an adult. It was a great recollection because it encapsulated everything, including our humility, God's grace, how small we are in this vast universe,

favourite re-collections of Hyderabad, she responded emotionally: "We are Sikhs. We

place. There is no emotion or comprehension involved. Each person has unique factors, and no two people are likely to experience the same level of anxiety or stress reaction."

Despite criticism, stigma associated with mental health disorders, and judgement when seeking help, she applauds the city for taking the essential measures in the correct direction. She continues, "There are many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that support people.

the corporate policies and CSR that are in place. There is no emotion or comprehension

However, I believe there is still room for growth, particularly among IT organisations. I wish they could raise

awareness and mandate it for IT companies as well." Change is unavoidable, and a fastpaced metropolis like Hvderabad has ups and downs. Harleen expresses concern er the city's future She considers Hyderabad her home and feels that 'home is where the heart is'. It's natural to be terrified of change.

When asked about her familv who visit her, she answers, 'We are a very emotional family. We only focus on memories, love, and laughing. We enjoy food in Hyderabad. But we enjoy just talking, laughing, and creating memories. Rather than going shopping in the city, it is crucial for me and my family to

spend time together."

Harleen feels deeply bonded to Hyderabad, calling it "home." "For me, it is both the beginning and the conclusion of existence. Hyderabad is more

than just a city; it is a way of life that is deeply ingrained in my soul."

social media superstar and actress who is gearing ready to amuse audiences with her next film Luv Ki Arrange Marriage on Zee5, has shared some unique details about her character and



TEJAL SINHA

azzling bright as a diamond with her prowess at a pretty young age, the social media sensation and actress Avneet Kaur enjoys a great fan following of over 32.2 million followers on social media. Well, one might recall the l'il Avneet cutting a rug on the stage of *Dance India Dance L'il Masters* and going on to recall her as the choral Rajkumari Damyanti in *Savitri*— Ek Prem Kahani.

Today, the talented star has proficiently made a remarkable mark in the filmy world, be it her debut with *Mardaani* or her upcoming project *Luv Ki Arrange Marriage*, which is going to premiere on Zee 5 on June 14.

As the film is nearing its release, we have the star of the show on board for a quick exclusive chat, sharing some interesting anecdotes.

"I think the responsibility factor is something I completely relate to," shares the Tiku Weds Shery star as she speaks of finding similarities between her characters, Ishika and Avneet in real life. "I've always been so responsible at home. I've always been the sort of kid who takes responsibility for her parents."

In the film, Avneet plays the love interest of 'Titu' boy Sunny Singh, who plays Luv. On that point, when asked about their on-screen chemistry, the *Meri Maa* actress says, "It was nice from the start; he was very sweet and comfortable as a co-actor. He never made me feel uncomfortable. He has always been the type of person who has taught me a lot of things on set. Every woman wants a male co-actor who is loving and encouraging."

Going ahead, she also shares a memorable moment with her co-star, as she recalls, "I think it was at the beginning of the shoot, during a scene we filmed in Orchha, when our feet were burning from the heat because it was 40 degrees. That was memorable because, despite the conditions, he made me laugh. We didn't even realise when the shoot was over. It gets very difficult for the whole crew to work in that heat, but I remember it was a romantic song shoot—the song that is out now, *Ishq Ki Chhav Tale*. He made me feel very comfortable and helped me forget about working in such a hot and humid

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The film also stars Annu Kapoor, who plays the character of Luv's father and Supriya Pathak as Ishika's mother. Working with both the adroit actors was no less than an amazing experience for Avneet. "It has been amazing in so many ways. Supriya ma'am has taught me grace, to be effortless, and many other things that I, as a lady, can use in my future. Annu sir, on the other hand, taught me how to be happy on set, keep everybody entertained, and never show any atti-tude or ego. He was like a father figure to me on the set and made everyone feel at home. We all used to sit together for our meals; it felt like family. Talking about Bhopal, it was really good cuisine-wise, and the overall experience of shooting there and bonding with the cast was great. We used to try different food items together. It was fun." Luv Ki Arrange Marriage is not your regular

rom-com film, at least with what the trailer showcases. There is certainly a twist involving the characters of Annu Kapoor and Supriya Pathak. However, without revealing much detail, on a concluding note, she shares, "I am not going to disclose anything. All I can say is that you should watch the trailer for now and prepare for fun-filled entertainment content. There are so many complications, confusion, and humour in the movie that you will thoroughly enjoy it."

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Heart failure in men and women: Understanding the differences and risks

ardiovascular diseases represent rapid heartbeat, persistent cough or wheeza significant health challenge in India, with heart failure being a prominent condition among them. According to a recent report by the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology (APSC), heart failure accounts for 1.8 million hospitalisations annually in India. This condition places a substantial burden on the healthcare system and affects both men and women, though the prevalence and outcomes can vary between genders. In particular, men tend to be diagnosed with heart failure at a younger age compared to women, who often present with more advanced stages of the disease due to different risk factors and biological differences. Addressing heart failure in India requires targeted strategies to manage its impact across different demographics, emphasizing the need for gender-specific approaches in treatment and prevention.

Understanding heart failure

Understanding heart failure is crucial, as it is a complex condition where the heart is unable to pump blood efficiently, leading to inadequate circulation and oxygenation of the body's tissues. This syndrome can result from various underlying issues such as coronary artery disease, hypertension, diabetes, and cardiomyopathy. Heart failure manifests in symptoms like shortness of breath, fatigue, swollen extremities,

ing, increased need to urinate at night, swelling of the abdomen, rapid weight gain from fluid retention, and difficulty concentrating or decreased alertness. The condition is categorised into types based on which part of the heart is affected: leftsided, right-sided, or congestive heart failure. Treatment typically involves a combination of lifestyle changes, medications, and sometimes surgical interventions, tailored to manage symptoms and improve quality of life.

Differences between men and women

While the underlying causes and basic symptoms of heart failure are largely similar between men and women, there are notable differences in how they experience and manage the disease. Men tend to be diagnosed with heart failure at a younger age and often have more severe symptoms at the time of the time of diagnosis. In contrast, women are typically diagnosed later in life, with the onset of heart failure often linked to the decline in protective oestrogen levels post-menopause. Men are more likely to report classic symptoms such as chest pain and shortness of breath, whereas women often experience non-classic symptoms like fatigue, nausea, and abdominal swelling. Women may also have a

higher incidence of heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF), where the heart contracts normally but the ventricles do not relax properly. Risk factors also vary, with men facing higher risks due to lifestyle factors like smoking, alcohol consumption, and hypertension. For women, the risk increases significantly post-menopause due to hormonal changes, and conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure pose greater risks compared to men. These gender-specific differences highlight the need for tailored approach-

heart failure (World Heart Federation, BioMed Central).

Who is more at risk?

Determining the comparative risk of heart failure between men and women is complex, as it depends upon factors such as age, lifestyle choices, and underlying health conditions. Generally, men face a heightened risk at a younger age due to a higher prevalence of risk factors such as smoking, alcohol consumption, and hyper-

and more severe manifestations of heart disease. In contrast, women typically develop heart failure later in life, yet their prognosis may be bleaker. This is attributed to the presence of co-existing conditions like diabetes and hypertension, compounded by the loss of oestrogen's protective effects.

Management and treatment

MEDICATIONS:

- ACE Inhibitors and ARBs: Help relax blood vessels and reduce the workload on
- Beta-blockers: Slow the heart rate and lower blood pressure, reducing strain on
- **Diuretics:** Help reduce fluid buildup in the body, alleviating swelling and shortness
- Aldosterone Antagonists: Prevent
- fluid retention and improve heart function
- **Digitalis:** Strengthens heart contractions and helps manage arrhythmias

Lifestyle Changes

• Diet: Low-sodium, heart-healthy diets

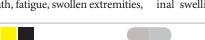
es in the diagnosis and management of tension, which contribute to earlier onset rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains

- Exercise: Regular, moderate physical activity tailored to individual capabilities
- Smoking Cessation: Eliminating tobacco use to improve heart and overall health
- Alcohol Reduction: Limiting alcohol intake to prevent further heart damage
- Weight Management: Maintaining a healthy weight to reduce strain on the heart

Medical devices and surgery

- Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators (ICDs): Help prevent sudden cardiac arrest
- Pacemakers: Regulate heartbeats in patients with arrhythmias
- Ventricular Assist Devices (VADs): Mechanical pumps that support heart
- Heart Transplant: For severe cases where other treatments have failed

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what's brewing?







The 16th edition of the Hyderabad Jewellery Pearl and Gem Fair (HJF), organised by Informa Markets in India, was launched at Hall 4, HITEX in Hyderabad. The launch was attended by Yogesh Mudras, Managing Director, Informa Markets, Kailash Charan, President, Twin cities Jeweller Association: along with Mahender Tayal, President HJMA, among many others. The expo is expected to attract over 8,000 trade buyers who are exploring an impressive array of more than 2,00,000 of the latest designs.



59% Off Smart Cleaning Solutions

reame Technology, a global leader in smart home cleaning appliances, announces its brand month sale on Amazon. From June 1st to June 30th, 2024, consumers can save up to 59% on a variety of Dreame's advanced cleaning robots and cordless vacuums when purchasing from the official seller, Dreame India, on Amazon. During this sale, shoppers will also receive free accessories

Investment towards accelerating development of product pipeline

ata Capital Healthcare Fund II (TCHF II), the healthcare focused private equity fund ata Capital Healthcare Fund II (TOTIF II), the healthcare rocased private equity of Tata Capital Ltd., announced that it has invested an amount of \$ c.20 million in Orbicular Pharmaceutical Technologies Private Limited for an undisclosed equity stake. Orbicular, a Hyderabad-based specialty pharmaceutical company, excelling in developing complex generics for global pharmaceutical markets will utilise the capital for accelerating the development of product pipeline.

TimeVallée opens its first boutiques in **İndia**

meVallée, the Swiss luxury multi-brand watch concept, in partnership with Art of Time, unveils its strategic entry into the Indian market with the opening of TimeVallée boutiques. The boutiques offer customers an immersive journey into the world of watchmaking showcasing a curated selection of timepieces for both men and women from the most renowned brands such as Baume & Mercier, Bulgari, Cartier, IWC, Jaeger-LeCoultre, Panerai, Piaget, Roger Dubuis and Zenith.

'Mood Burgers'

ith cricket fever gripping the nation ahead of India's first match, Hellmann's in collaboration with first match, Hellmann's in conauurauur mat SOCIAL and BOSS Burger announces the first-ofits-kind 'Mood Burgers' limited-edition menu. The menu has been created especially for the cricketing season, with the burgers crafted to help cricket fans get match-ready based on their pre-match moods.

'Hallyu' to Classrooms

POP & K-Drama Fountain Pens, a remarkable fusion of writing elegance and South Korean cultural charm. As the global 'Hallyu' phenomenon continues to captivate audiences worldwide, India stands proudly as the second-largest consumer of Korean content, with an astonishing 775 million views for the iconic K-pop group BTS on YouTube in 2023 alone.

"Thriving with Pride"

s part of Interweave Consulting's Pride Month celebration event, Rainbow Tales, this dynamic workshop aims to empower LGBTQIA+ professionals by providing them with coaching, tools, and resources for career advancement, overcoming workplace barriers, networking, amplifying their authentic voices, and fostering an inclusive work environment. The workshop is designed for LGBTQIA+ professionals in all positions across various organisations, with no prerequisites or qualifications required to attend



The flavourful journey to win the prestigious title of MasterChef India Tamil culminated in a thrilling grand finale on June 7,

2024. After a season brimming with exceptional culinary challenges and delectable dishes, Akash Muralidharan from Chennai was crowned the ultimate MasterChef of this season.

The competition was intense, with talented home cooks Zarina Banu, Vani Sundar, and Pavithra Nalin making it to the top

Swiss Watchmaker OMEGA has opened the doors to a freshly made over boutique for watch aficionados in Hyderabad. Nestled in Jubilee Hills, this newly renovated high street boutique boasts a large space where watch lovers can come together to spend quality time while browsing through the latest collections.



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CALVIN AND HOBBES







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7 Cardboard box

9 Move on hands and knees

11 Hurt by a bee

12 Three times twenty

18 A sheet-like garment worn

15 Counts up 17 Unwell 16 Gave out a long deep breath to show sadness or happiness

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someone else

13 Yell

 Do these to strengthen your muscles and keep fit

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2 A sung musical drama

4 Make longer by pulling

5 A place to see animals

8 A frightening dream

3 One time

10 Observed

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'Apart from catching the case with clues, emotions in Satyabhama have worked out well'

Director Sashi Kiran Tikka, who has worked as a presenter and screenplay writer in *Satyabham*a, speaks of the film sharing its journey, and working with the team.

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irector Sashi Kiran Tikka gained recognition as a talented director with films like *Goodachari* and *Major*. Now with the just-released Satyabhama, he worked as a presenter and screenplay writer. Tikka, stars the 'Queen of Masses' Kajal Aggarwal as the heroine. Ahead of the film's release, Sashi Kiran

Tikka shared a few insights about the film. Beginning with the film's journey, he shared that the film started with the story narrated by his friends Ramesh and Prashanth, who are presently in the UK. 'Director Suman and I liked that point and developed it. After finishing the major movie, we wanted to take it on the sets. When we told Kajal the story of Satyabhama, she immediately liked it."

Now if you wondered the reason why he did not direct the film, he revealed, "I have projects to do as a director and I'm currently preparing my scripts. That is why I did not direct the movie Satyabhama. Moreover, we want to make more movies under our Aurum Arts banner. But I need

er. Along with directing,

er. Along with directing, production, and editing are also to be done."

Well, during the interaction, how could he not speak of the 'Queen of the Masses'? He gleefully enthuses, "Kajal is very active. I have never seen her tired. During the shooting, her energy the shooting, her energy gave us all a lot of enthusiasm. Kajal's action sequences in this movie are very special and will entertain the audience. Especially, the emotional aspect connects well

with the audience. Even though there are many police stories, emotionally, *Satyabhama* is special. Today's audiences

are going to experience fresh storytelling."

Director Suman Chikkala, Sricharan Pakala, and Sashi have been friends and have worked together as a team for Satyabhama. He expressed, "Suman's work as a director is impressive. Our movie is an investigative thriller, but instead of just catching the case with clues like regular investigative thrillers the emotion is well worked out in the story." thrillers, the emotion is well worked out in the story.

He continued, "Apart from Kajal, Naveen Chandra, Prakash Raj, Nagineedu, Harshvardhan, and Ravi Varma played key roles in the movie Satyabhama. Apart from them, played key roles in the movie Satyabnama. Apart from them, some new actors were also involved. The release of this movie will give them a good name. This movie is a team effort; the music director, editor, director, producers, and I have all worked together. Mythri Movie Makers are releasing our worked together. Dhogai Magilipani releasing it in AP movie in Nizam. Dheeraj Mogilineni releasing it in AP. Saregama is releasing it overseas. Overall, including OTT, our film got a good response from the trade." He also spilled that he is all said to announce his next project as a director. He is planning to do movies in multiple genres.



Narsetti infuses poetic imagery into the film's promotional materials, with posters adorned with thought-provoking quotes that capture the essence of the narrative. Each glimpse into the world of 8 Vasanthalu stirs curios-

their illustrious track record in delivering captivating cinematic experiences, is set to embark on a new cremaking.

Behind the scenes, a talented team of creatives brings the vision to life, with Vishwanath Reddy capturing the film's ative venture with director Phanindra Narsetti at the helm. Their latest project, 8 *Vasanthalu*, promises to delve into the visual splendor as the director of photography, and Naresh Kumaran weaving musical magic with his compositions. Aravind Mule's intricate production design and Shashank Mali's seamless editing depths of human emotions, offering audiences a profound narrative enriched with ensure a cinematic experience that transcends boundaries.

On Friday, the spotlight shines on Ananthika Sanilkumar, who steps into the shoes of the enigmatic character Shuddhi Produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar, 8 Vasanthalu is poised to captivate audiences with its poignant storytelling and captivating performances. With the shoot currently underway, anticipation mounts for a cinematic journey that formance in *MAD*, Ananthika brings a nuanced portrayal to the screen, embodypromises to leave a lasting impact on viewers' hearts and minds. trays a multifaceted persona—a daughter, a friend, a lover, a martial arts enthusiast,

As the curtain rises on 8 Vasanthalu, audiences are invited to immerse themselves in a world where poetry meets motion, and where the purity of the human spirit shines bright amidst life's myriad challenges. Stay tuned for more updates as this evocative tale unfolds on

'RAKSHANA OFFERS **PAAYAL RAJPUT'S**

Rakshana, directed and produced by Prandeep Thakore under the banner of Haripriya Creations, has finally hit the cinemas. Starring the talented Paayal Rajput in the lead role, this investigative thriller has already generated significant buzz among audiences with its captivating teasers and trailers. In an interview, director Prandeep Thakore sheds light on the journey of Rakshana.

Tell us more about Rakshana:

The title *Rakshana* signifies protection and defense, reflecting the film's theme of fighting for victims and safeguarding them. Initially, *Rakshak* was considered, but it was associated with Telangana Police vehicles. The final title, *Rakshana*, aptly fits the film's realistic approach.

What is Rakshana all about?

The movie is a fictional story inspired by an incident in the life of a police officer and carries a meaningful message without being preachy.

How did you zero in actors for the particular roles? No specific actor was in mind during the story writing.

The need was for someone with a physique suitable for a police officer role. After seeing Paayal Rajput in RX 100, the team believed she would be perfect for the role. She was approached, loved the story, and thus the movie

How did the shooting take place and the experience with Paayal Rajput who played the lead role? The film's shooting spanned 57 days, with Paayal Rajput's scenes taking up 47 days. Paayal Rajput's performance promises to be a revelation, showcasing her range and versatility as an actress.

How will it transform Paayal Rajput after *Rakshana*? Paayal Rajput delivers an outstanding performance, and the film is expected to transform her image, paving the way for more powerful roles in the future.

Tell us about your journey as the director. I worked as an assistant and co-director on films like

Okkadu, Sainikudu, and Rudhramadevi by Gunasekhar, as well as Oye! by Anand Ranga and Orange by Bommarillu Bhaskar. Despite facing challenges in finding a producer, I decided to make a small film independently.

What challenges did you face while marketing the film? While the creative aspect of filmmaking is covered, releasing a movie poses significant marketing chal-



Tell us what Rakshana offers to movie lovers and how you will invite viewers to your film. Rakshana promises to be

a gripping and realistic investigative thriller, offering audiences a fresh perspective on Paayal Rajput's acting prowess.

this high-octane mass-action entertainer

Mega Prince Varun Tej is all set to dazzle audiences with his maiden Pan-Indian venture, Matka, helmed by director Karuna Kumar of *Palasa* fame. Produced by Dr. Vijender Reddy Teegala of Vyra Entertainments in collaboration

with Rajani Thalluri's SRT Entertainments, this ambitious project promises to raise the bar with its grand scale and compelling narrative. Scheduled to kick off its new shooting schedule from June 19, Matka is currently undergoing preparations on a massive scale. A sprawling set is being meticulously constructed in Ramoji Film City in Hyderabad, setting the stage for

Varun Tej is set to showcase his role encompassing four distinct personas, each representing different

Varun Tej's Matka shooting to begin on June 19

timelines in the gripping tale inspired by a real-life incident that captured national attention. As anticipation mounts, fans can expect more intriguing updates to follow as the project progresses. The teaser titled "Opening Bracket", unveiled on Varun Tej's birthday, provided a tantalising glimpse into the film's premise, introducing key

compelling characters and heartfelt story-

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As Shuddhi Ayodhya, Ananthika por-

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characters portrayed by acclaimed actors such as Naveen Chandra and P. Ravi Shankar. Behind the scenes, *Matka* boasts a stellar technical team, with A. Kishor Kumar handling the cinematography duties and GV Prakash Kumar lending

his musical prowess as the composer.

Meanwhile, Karthika Srinivas R takes on

the role of editor, ensuring a seamless cinematic experience. Joining Varun Tej on screen are the talented Nora Fatehi and Meenakshi Chowdary, who are set to add depth and dimension to the narrative. With plans for release across Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi languages, *Matka* is poised to make a significant impact on the Pan-Indian cinematic landscape.

As the countdown to its release begins, Matka emerges as a promising addition to Varun Tej's illustrious filmography, offering audiences a thrilling cinematic experience that transcends boundaries and captivates nearts nationwide. Stav tuned for more updates as this epic saga unfolds.

Star now available on Prime

irected and written by Elan, and produced by B. V. S. N. Prasad and Sreenidhi Sagar under Sri Venkateswara Cine Chitra and Rise East Entertainment banners respectively, *Star* features Kavin in the lead role, supported by Lal, Aaditi Pohankar, Preity Mukhundhan, and Geetha Kailasam in significant roles. Prime members in India and across 240 countries and territories worldwide can enjoy this Tamil drama from today Set in the heart of Mumbai, the film encapsulates the

captivating journey of Kalai, a young boy from a modest background with dreams of making it big in the Tamil film industry. His unwavering determination is buoyed by the unwavering support of his father, Pandian, a photographer. Together, they navigate life's challenges, finding solace and purpose in their bond. Despite facing numerous obstacles, Kalai remains steadfast in his pursuit. But will his resilience be enough to surmount the hurdles and transform his aspirations into reality?

Star promises a heartfelt narrative about the resilience of the human spirit and the pursuit of dreams, bolstered by stellar performances, enchanting music by Yuvan Shankar Raja, and captivating cinematography by Ezhil Arasu K. Available exclusively on Prime Video, this Tamil gem joins the array of offerings for Prime members in India, providing both entertainment and value in a single membership package.

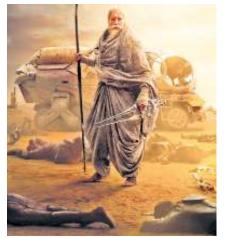
Amitabh Bachchan looks ready to battle as

Ashwatthama in the new

With only three days remaining until the release of the highly anticipated trailer of the upcoming sci-fi epic *Kalki 2898* AD, the makers are leaving no stone unturned to heighten the excitement for the film. On Friday, a new poster featuring megastar Amitabh Bachchan in his Ashwatthama avatar was unveiled on social media. The actor looks intriguing and battle ready, holding his Astra and sporting a divine gem on his forehead. He's seen standing in the middle of a battlefield with some men fallen on the ground, alongside a life-size vehicle

Hinting that his wait is ending soon with the film's trailer out in three days, the caption read, "His wait is ending... 3 days to go for #Kalki2898AD Trailer, Out on June 10th. Meanwhile, Amitabh Bachchan's character as Ashwatthama was unveiled through a monumental

projection at Nemawar, Narmada Ghat in Madhya Pradesh. The selection of Nemawar and Narmada Ghat for this occasion held great significance as it is believed that Ashwatthama still walks the



grounds of Narmada, further leaving fans excited for the film and the actor's portrayal. Featuring an ensemble star cast including Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone and Disha Patani in key roles, Kalki 2898 AD is directed by Nag Ashwin and produced by Vyjayanthi Movies. A multilingual, mythology-inspired sci-fi spectacle set in the future, the film hits the screens on June 27, 2024.

JPENDRA'S A TO RE-RELEASE ON JUNE 21

The industry is always bustling with fresh trends, and one such trend is the re-release of old blockbusters with enhanced quality, drawing audiences back to the theaters. Joining this trend is the theaters. Joining this trend is the grand re-release of the film *A*, presented by Uppi Creations and Chandu Entertainment banners. Starring Kannada Superstar Upendra, this film is a trendsetter. Originally released approximately 26 years ago in 1998, *A* has left a lasting impact. It's not just about running for a hundred days back then; even after three dred days back then; even after three to four weeks, getting tickets was

nearly impossible, illustrating the magic the film created.

By bringing this cult film back to the audience's attention, Producer Lingam Yadav is uncovering vintage days. Chandu Entertainment, known for producing multiple films, is now bringing the film with love to the theaters. Part of this initiative is the re-release of iconic films like *Chatrapathi* and *Yogi*, acted by Hero Prabhas, within four weeks. Now, they are bringing films that the audience has never seen before. After its Kannada release, this film has received tremen-

dous appreciation. Now, on June 21,



it will be released in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

In Kannada industry, it is only meant for intelligent people. This film starred Upendra and Chandini. Despite being made on a low budget, this film grossed over 20 crores in Kannada alone in 1998, creating an industry record. The eagerly anticipated re-release of this cult film on June 21 has movie buffs and Upendra fans eagerly waiting. They are keen to see the magic that Upendra weaves on the screen. They are eagerly awaiting the spellbinding work of Upendra.

ENGLAND EYE IMPROVED BOWLING EFFORT TO HALT FORMIDABLE AUSSIES

efending champions England will look to restitch their T20 World Cup

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through an improved
bowling effort when they face
'old' rival Australia in a
Group B match here on
Saturday. England's opening
game against Scotland was
rained off after the latter
made 90 for no loss in 10
overs, forcing the teams to
take home a point each.
But even those 60 balls
showed the need for England
to buckle up in the bowling
department, to begin with.
Scottish openers George
Munsey and Michael Jones
scored freely against all
England bowlers, and
Australia carry far more
lethal guns in their line-up.
David Warner and Marcus
Stoinis showed the extent of
damage they can do while damage they can do while outclassing Oman in their tournament opener.
Once again, there will be a lot of focus on Jofra Archer, who

gave away 12 runs in two overs against Scotland, as the pacer continues his comeback trail into top-flight cricket. But bowling is just one part, as the English batters under

skipper Jos Buttler, who had a good run in the IPL 2024, will have to fire in unison against the Aussie attack.

The Australian bowlers were potent against Oman even without Pat Cummins, who had a reasonable outing for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL. Nathan Ellis played ahead of Cummins in that game, but Australia might bring back the premier pacer against a much more formidable opponent. While Australia's batting looks settled, the misfiring Glenn Maxwell remains a

Glenn Maxwell remains a missing link.

After enduring a shipwreck of an IPL campaign with Royal Challengers Bengaluru recently, the 'Big Show' got out for a first-ball duck against Oman.

The 2021 champions will be eager to see Maxwell return to his best at the earliest, and a match against England offers him a perfect occasion.
TEAMS (FROM):

Australia: Mitchell Marsh (c), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Head, Josh Inglis, Maxwell, Mitchell Travis Glenn



Matthew Wade, David Warner, Adam Zampa. Travelling Reserves: Jake Fraser-McGurk, Matt Short. England: Jos Buttler (c), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonathan Bairstow, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Ben Duckett, Tom Hartley, Will Jacks, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Reece Topley, Mark Wood.

Match starts at 10.30 PM IST.

SA FACE COURAGEOUS **DUTCH:** South Africa might have trotted past Sri Lanka in their first match, but they have a tricky opponent in Netherlands in their second group D match in New York on Saturday.

The scars from their 38-run loss against the Dutch in last year's 50-over World Cup might still be fresh in the minds of the Proteas. The Aiden Markram-led side

would certainly want reversal this time around. The most encouraging signal from their win over Sri Lanka was the form of Anrich Nortje.

The pacer, who was a shadow of his intimidating self in the IPL, seemed to have regained his rhythm on a spicey New York pitch while grabbing four wickets against the Islanders.
Along with Kagiso Rabada,

Nortje forms a strong combination upfront, and SA will require them in full flight against Netherlands, who started with a six-wicket win over Nepal.

They also ticked a few boxes in that match as frontline batter Max O'Dowd made a fifty while leading pacers Tim Pringle and Logan van Beek took three wickets apiece. The Dutch side will be

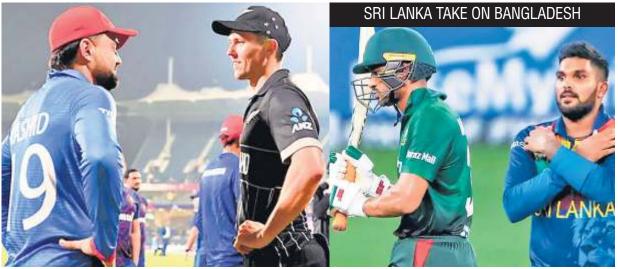
hoping for another clinical outing from their top players to bruise their fancied opponent once more.

South Africa: Markram (c), Aiden Ottniel Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock, Bjorn Fortuin, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Anrich Nortje,

Rabada, Kagiso Rickelton, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs.

Netherlands: Scott Edwards (c), Aryan Dutt, Bas de Leede, Kyle Klein, Logan van Beek, Max O'Dowd, Michael Levitt, Paul van Meekeren, Ryan Klein, Saqib Zulfiqar, Sybrand Engelbrecht, Teja Nidamanuru, Tim Pringle, Vikram Singh, Viv Kingma, Wesley Barresi. Travelling reserve: Ryan Klein.

New Zealand face Afghanistan test



PTI ■ PROVIDENCE (GUYANA)

New Zealand will have no room for complacency when they begin the T20 World Cup campaign against a gutsy Afghanistan side full of IPL stars in a Group C fixture here on Saturday.

in the a difficult group with two-time champions West ball at an economy of 5.5 ad he Indies and Afghanistan also vying for the the top two spots. With rain restricting their training sessions, New Zealand's preparation for the Zealand's preparation for the cover Uganda marquee event have been less than ideal.

Additionally, they take on Afghanistan and West Indies in their opening two games. Come Saturday, Kane Naveen-Williamson and Co. Will have Rashid to get the better of a side that is not only warmed up but has also registered a morale-boosting win and know the conditions here well.

However, New Zealand's strength in ICC events has been their adaptability, they always manage to turn up, reaching the latter stages, And with a wealth of experience as well as an exuberance of youth in the likes of Finn Allen and Rachin Ravindra in the side, they will be expected to get past the Afghans.

On paper, New Zealand have all bases covered, they have depth in batting and variety in bowling. Trent Boult will look dominate with the new ball, with Lockie Ferguson and Tim Southee complementing him. Left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner has a phenomenal New Zealand find themselves record in the Caribbean, in the a difficult group with averaging under 17 with the will be look to outsmart the

> Afghanistan secured a thumping victory over Uganda in their opener. If the opening duo of Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran provided the team a great start with the bat, pacers Fazalhaq Farooqi, Naveen-ul-Haq, and skipper Rashid Khan exhibited exceptional prowess with the

> ball. But apart form Gurbaz and Zadran none of the other batters manage to stick around and against a formidable Kiwi side, they will need to do better.

> TEAMS (FROM): Zealand: Kane New Williamson (c), Finn Allen, Michael Trent Boult, Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Conway, Ĺockie Devon Ferguson, Matt Henry, Darvl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Phillips, Rachin

Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee.

Afghanistan: Rashid Khan (c), Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran, Azmatullah Omarzai, Najibullah Mohammad Mohammad Nabi, Gulbadin Naib, Karim Janat, Nangyal Kharoti, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Noor Ahmad, Naveen-ul-Hag, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Fareed Ahmad Malik. Reserves: Sediq Atal, Hazratullah Zazai, Saleem Safi. Match starts 5am IST

SRI LANKA-BANGLADESH **RENEW RIVALRY:** In Dallas, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will renew their rivalry in a bid to improve their chances to reach

the Super Eights.
Group D or the 'Group of Death' features three full members — South Africa, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh — the Netherlands, who are capable of pulling of upset wins and Nepal. And wins and margin of victories could play a vital role towards the end of the

group stage. Sri Lanka will have to bounce back from their crushing defeat to South Africa in their opener. Their batters will be expected to show better shot selection and greater match awareness.

The bowlers did well while

defending 77 against South Africa and the Islanders would fancy their chances against an out of form Bangladesh side. Bangladesh have struggled in the shortest format this year. The have had series losses against Sri Lanka and USA. They were handed a comprehensive defeat by India in their warm up game as well TEAMS (FROM):

Lanka: Wanindu Hasaranga (c), Charith Asalanka, Kusal Mendis. Pathum Nissanka, Kamindu Sadeera Mendis. Samarawickrama, Angelo Mathews, Dasun Shanaka, Dhananjaya De Silva, Maheesh Theekshana, Wellalage, Chameera, Nuwan Thushara,

Dunith Dushmantha Matheesha Pathirana, Dilshan Travelling Madushanka. Reserves: Asitha Fernando, Vijayakanth Viyaskanth, Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Janith Livanage.

Bangladesh: Najmul Hossain Shanto (c), Taskin Ahmed, Litton Das, Soumya Sarkar, Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Shakib Al Hasan, Tawhid Hridoy, Mahmud Ullah Riyad, Jaker Ali Anik, Tanvir Islam, Shak Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan Sakib. Travelling reserves: Afif Hossain, Hasan Mahmud.

Newcomers USA record historic win over Pakistan in T20 World Cup

PTI ■ DALLAS (USA)

Newcomers USA on Thursday shocked former champions Pakistan via the Super Over to record their biggest win in a T20 World Cup match that reflected the shambolic state of affairs in the

Asian giants' cricket.
The result was reminiscent of Pakistan's three-wicket loss to Ireland in the 2007 ODI World Cup in the West Indies, which knocked them out of that tournament.

USA thus jumped to the top of Group A with two wins from as many games ahead of the clash against India. USA had defeated Canada by seven

wickets in their opener.

Opting to field, left-arm spinner Nosthush Kenjige scalped three wickets for 30 runs as Pakistan found it difficult to press the accelerator and were restricted to 159 for

While chasing, USA ended on the same score, reaching 159 for 3 with skipper Monank Patel (50 off 38), Aaron Jones (36 not out of 26) and Andries Gous (35 off 26) leading from the front.

In the Super Over bowled by to pick up consecutive



Mohammad Amir, USA piled up 18 runs, eight of which came from extras.

Saurabh Netravalkar then kept his cool and bowled brilliantly to give away just 13 runs for a famous win.

Pakistan, they took longer time than usual to come out to bat in the Super Over, keeping the USA fielders waiting and getting the on-field umpires

Earlier, USA's decision to bowl first worked as Mohammad Rizwan was dismissed in the second over, caught by Steven Taylor off Netravalkar (2/18). USA started their chase on a bright note, scoring 44 runs in the powerplay. Patel led from the front as he played his shots

Afridi in the fourth over.

Naseem Shah gave Pakistan the first breakthrough when Taylor nicked one to Mohammad Rizwan behind the stumps. Bur new man Andries Gous In another embarrassment for

meant business as he picked up two fours in the same over. Gous was particularly elegant square of the wicket as he just opened his bat a bit to pick up another four off Haris Rauf. USA's body language was positive with Patel and Gous

leading the charge. Patel showed through the off-side, picking up two consecutive boundaries off Iftikhar Ahmed through the cover region.

Patel was at his destructive best as he first hit Afridi over mid-

off for a boundary and then clobbered the bowler over his head for a six to bring up his 50

A 68-run second wicket stand was finally broken by Rauf, who got the better of Gous with a quick delivery.
Wickets were the need of the

hour for Pakistan and they picked up the important scalp of Patel, who edged one to Rizwan off Mohammad Amir. Aaron Jones (36 not out off 26), who played a blinder against Canada in their last match, lived up to the expectations again and in the company Nitish Kumar (14 not out off 14) took the match into the Super Over.

With 12 needed off three balls, Iones smashed a full toss of Rauf over square leg for a six and then got a single to bring down the target to five off last

Earlier, Pakistan lost Usman Khan as he mistimed a Kenjige delivery.

his way with his aggressive instincts but fell short when he paddle-swept a simple catch to Taylor off Ali Khan in the fifth over, as Pakistan slumped to 26

Pandya braces for extra special Pakistan match in T20 WC

Hardik Pandya does not want to treat the upcoming T20 World Cup match against Pakistan as a "fight" but the India all-rounder is quite excited to face a rival against whom he has had considerable success.

Rohit Sharma-led India will take on Pakistan on Sunday and Pandya will be eager to repeat his past success against the cross-border opponents.

"Standing in big games is very exciting for me. I find it extra special and Pakistan has been one team where I have been very



fortunate, I have been able to do well in a lot of games," Pandya told 'Star Sports'.
Pandya has played six T20Is against Pakistan so far. While his outings with the bat largely remained moderate, having

scored just 84 runs with a highest of 40, the Baroda man has fared better with the ball in hand. The pace-bowling all-rounder has taken 11 wickets from six matches at a very good economy of 7.5 with 3/8 being his best analysis.

"It all comes down to the vibe. Hold your breath, this is a request. This is not a fight, this is going to be history," said Pandya. India began the ICC marquee event with a facile eight-wicket win over Ireland, but Pakistan were stunned by the USA via super over here on Thursday.

While underlining the riches in India's bowling unit, Pandya said they needed to remain disciplined against Pakistan.

ʻIndia-Pakistan has always been very exciting, lot of cheer and buzz, a lot of emotion and a lot of excitement but at the same time, I hope we will be disciplined in that game, one goal as a group is we go and

Pressure was on Pakistan, knew crowd support will backfire on them: USA skipper Patel

PTI DALLAS

A fter scripting a win for the ages against Pakistan, USA captain Monank Patel said his team did not feel any pressure during the nerve-wracking Super Over as the crowd was mostly behind Babar Azam's men, which ended up backfiring on the visiting side in their T20 World

Cup clash here. Patel made a composed 50 as co-hosts USA shocked 2009 champions Pakistan via Super Over here on Thursday.

"I thought we should have finished the game (in regular time) and we should have never gone to Super Over. I mean the

the Super Over particularly, scoring 18 runs gave us a big upper hand to defend the target," Patel said in the post-match press conference.

So, what was the talk inside the team huddle at that crucial juncture? Were there any queasy stomachs?

"In the huddle we talked about there's no pressure for us. All the pressure is in front of Pakistan. We knew that we didn't have enough support from the crowd. Pakistan had more support from

"I thought it will backfire on them, and if we play good cricket, they'll be more under pressure,"

the crowd.

said Patel. way we kept our nerves...and in Patel, who was born in Anand,

Gujarat, said his side bowled brilliantly in the Power Play segment and kept Pakistan batters on a tight leash.

"The way we bowled in the first six overs, I felt we didn't give them enough opportunity to score runs and we kept them under more pressure and it helped us," he said.

Patel said USA were always in the game once they restricted Pakistan to 159.

"The plan was to win the toss and bowl first. We knew the initial first half an hour would help pace bowlers and the way we kept them quiet and took the crucial wickets in the power play, it helped really well.

"And yeah, 160 on this wicket



with one side short boundary, I he explained. The home side felt we were always in the game," threw a surprise by handing the

responsibility of bowling the he explained. Super Over to Saurabh The USA also made a rather Netravalkar instead of the more

pedigreed Ali Khan. But the left-arm pacer successfully defended 18 runs to guide his side to a memorable victory.

"The plan was we wanted to make sure that we utilise the condition. The condition was left-arm bowler bowling cutters and wide yorkers from left-arm

"Ali Khan usually hits the stump and we wanted to make sure that we make them play outside the off-stump. And as a left-hander, the angle helps it. Saurabh had a good day, and I backed Saurabh, and yeah, that was the decision,"

surprising decision to hold back a natural range-hitter like Corev Anderson and promoted Nitish Kumar up the order in the regulation time.

Patel said they wanted to keep Anderson for the last three overs. "As a player he (Nitish) always thinks about the team first and I felt when I got out, I think it was 14th over or something. Nitish, the way he's batting, we wanted to back him.

"We wanted to make sure that even if the wicket goes, obviously, Corey was going next. We wanted to keep Corey in the last three overs. That was the plan," said Patel.