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PULLS UP SEBI CHIEF ON

Star power with Jafry



QUOTE OF THE DAY the pioneer If anyone in the BRS government has committed offences they must be punished. Not only BRS working president KT Rama Rao and former Minister T. Harish Rao. but also KCR and BRS MLC Kavitha will go to jail if found guilty. KTR is getting ready mentally much before that expecting that he will be arrested in connection with the Formula E - Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Minister

HYDRAA reviews **KTCDA** policies

Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) officials reviewed Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA) on Friday. Commissioner AV Ranganath held a meeting with officials from the Karnataka Tank Conservation and **Development Authority** (KTCDA). A team of HYDRAA officials reviewed the KTCDA Act of 2014. They conducted a study on the measures being taken by KTCDA ...

Sniffer dog leads cops to rooftop marijuana plants

In a bid to make a fast buck, a person took up the cultivation of marijuana plants on the roof of his house but eventually landed behind bars. Palliboyina Kumar (60), a resident of Shivnagar in Warangal, started growing marijuana plants on his rooftop in flower pots as part of a home industry to make quick money. The detection of marijuana plants on the rooftop happened in a most dramatic way. According to sources, a

NSCN-IM threatens 'armed struggle'

Naga insurgent group NSCN(IM) has threatened to break its 27 year-old ceasefire agreement with the government and return to its "armed struggle" if its demands for a separate "national flag and ition" are not met The group, which carried out a violent insurgency in Nagaland soon after India's independence in 1947, entered into a ceasefire pact in 1997 before starting prolonged peace talks with the government's interlocutors. On August 3, 2015, the NSCN(IM) signed a.

Greg Chappell all praise for Kohli, Rohit

As Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma prepare for one of their career's defining challenges in Australia in the upcoming Test series, former India head coach Greg Chappell believes the two stalwarts can "rekindle" the energy and focus of their youth to rediscover their lost glory. Wounded by an unprecedented 0-3 home series defeat to New Zealand, India will look to defend the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in the marquee five-match Test series in Australia beginning on November 22. According to Chappell ...

Sridhar: Any attempt to block family survey will invite action

a social, economic,

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educational and

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Issuing a serious warning against any attempts to block or spread misinformation about the Social Comprehensive Family

Survey launched by the TG government, IT Minister D. Srihar Babu, criticised BRS leaders for questioning the need for the new

In a statement issued here on Friday, he clarified that data from the earlier family survey was gathered as per the former government's require-

He said that the mere mention of caste-based survey has unsettled the

BRS and the BJP, exposing their 'hesitation' to ensure 'justice' for weaker sections.

He noted that while the 2021 population census is overdue, the BIP-led Centre has delayed it for over three He said that the

mere mention of Sridhar said the family survey aims to advance social justice, political representation and financial support has unsettled the BRS marginalised for and the BJP, exposing groups. He called on the BRS and BJP to clarify their opposition to the survey and accused them of spreading lies.

He asked citizens to cooperate with the survey stressing its role in a social, economic, educational and providing benefits to all eligible

CM'S PADAYATRA IN JAN

I'll change my name if I don't bulldoze you: Revanth

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Declaring that BRS leaders know only how to loot the public, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy challenged BRS Working President KT Rama Rao and BRS MLA T. Harish Rao to block the government's bulldozers and said that he would drive a bulldozer over them or otherwise change his name.

Addressing a corner meeting after launching the Musi Punarujjiva Sankalpa Yatra from Sangem village to Dharmareddypalle village, the CM said that BRS leaders know only

Challenges BRS brass to obstruct razing of structures



how to loot the people. BRS leaders are trying to block the Musi Project, he said. The Chief Minister said that he had vowed to clean the Musi River while having darshan of Sangem 'Shivayya.'

Give us the names of those who are saying that they will block the bulldozers. I will change my name if I don't drive the bulldozers over you along with the people of Nalgonda. Billa and Ranga (KTR and Harish), who are saying that they will block the bulldozers should come forward and tell us the date on which they will block the bulldozers if they have the guts. I will make Venkanna drive Continued on Page 2

KTR: Padayatra a drama

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) Jaunched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's Musi River padayatra, labelling it as a "detached spectacle" which avoids confronting the actual issues plaguing Hyderabad's

He questioned the purpose of the padayatra and accused Revanth of staging a "drama" far away from the areas directly affected by the Musi Project.

Expressing scepticism about the intent behind the CM's padayatra KTR said, "The wounds are in one place, but the remedy is in another," suggesting that

It is a gimmick: Vemula

BRS MLA Vemula Prashanth the arrests and house arrests," Reddy extended birthday greetings Prashanth remarked, highlighting to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy but condemned the restrictions imposed on BRS leaders in Nalgonda and accused the government of suppressing the opposi-

'At least on his birthday, we hoped there would be a break from 11-month-old Congress

Charges have been filed against him under sections 370, 386, 420, 323,

Prashanth remarked, highlighting what he sees as an oppressive regime under Revanth's leadership.

Prashanth said that BRS activists in Nalgonda district, including former MLAs, were subjected to house arrests and detentions from last night. He slammed the

'Revanth compromised with KTR'



Revanth Reddy is the Congress Chief Minister, but KCR's son BRS MLA KT Rama Rao behaves as if he is the Acting CM, Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar said. He accused Revanth of striking a deal

with KTR and added that is the reason why even though KTR is the main accused in ike the Formula E Race rave parties, drugs and the Kaleshwaram scam, no action has been taken against him.

Sanjay recalled that Revanth was arrested on the day of his daughter's wedding just because a drone flew over the farmhouse in

He criticised the government

for not arresting KTR, who has been implicated in many scams. "Why these double standards?" he asked, addressing Revanth.

Sanjay described how he and Revanth had fought to dethrone the KCR government and accused the CM of later siding with KTR and acting out fake fights during the day while compromising at night. He said that KTR is a big blackmailer and

that he had played the key role in many scandals during BRS rule, but hasn't beer arrested. He pointed out the alleged corruption in the Kaleshwaram Project and asked why there was no action even though the KCR's family was implicated.

"As far as I know Revanth is the CM. But KTR is the Acting CM. That is why Vijay Madduri, who was found with evidence in the Janwada farmhouse case, and Raj Pakala, the mastermind, **Continued on Page 2**

Man held for luring TG job seekers to Cambodia, forcing them into cybercrime

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The Telangana Cyber Security
Bureau (TGCSB) arrested one
342, 120-B IPC and Section 24 of the Emigration Act. Sadakat Khan, a

resident of Uttar Pradesh, for allegedly sending Cambodia, where they were forced into cyber-

Sadakat was apprehended on

November 2 at Delhi's Indira and Mohd. Shadab Alam from Gandhi International Airport while Bihar. These agents allegedly enticed returning from the Maldives. job seekers

The arrest follows the detention of three other agents involved in

K. Sai Prasad from agtial

Mohammed Abid Hussain Ansari rom Pune (originally from Bihar)

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Car drags police guard during check

PNS HYDERABAD

A Home Guard was injured on Friday after a car hit him while attempting to flee from a vehi-Circle in Punjagutta. The incident occurred during a routine traffic check targeting violations such as the use of black film on window glasses.

Home Guard Ramesh attempted to stop a vehicle during the inspection,

National counter-terrorism policy soon: Shah

PNS NEW DELHI

The government will soon bring a national counter-terrorism policy and strategy to fight terrorism, terrorists and their ecosystem, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday. Addressing an anti-terrorism con-

ference here, Shah also said that while law and order is a state subject and states have the geographical boundaries and constitutional limitations, terrorism doesn't and hence all security agencies -- central and states -- must work in close coordination, chalk out joint strategies and share intelligence.

He said the government has come



up with a vision on model anti-terrorism squad (ATS) and model special task force (STF) for the states and Union territories, which, if adopted, will work as a common structure and platform to deal with the menace of

"We need to work together to fight terrorism, terrorists and their ecosystem. And that's why, we will soon bring a new national counterterrorism policy and strategy in

which you all will play a key role, he said at the conference being attended by chiefs of state police forces and other top security officials of states and the Centre. The home minister said **Continued on Page 2**

Entire brass of BRS will have to go to jail if found guilty: Ponguleti

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

BRS leaders who were members of the BRS government and had committed offences must be punished, Revenue, Housing, Information and PR Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy He said that not only BRS

Working President KT Rama Rao and former BRS Minister T. Harish Rao but also KCR and

Kavitha will have to go to jail if found guilty, Ponguleti said.

Addressing the media on Friday in Khammam district, Ponguleti said that BRS leaders who had committed offences were now trembling.

KTR is getting ready psychologically thinking that he will be arrested in connection with the Formula E race. KTR is also trying to score political points using the issue, he said. Pointing out Continued on Page 2

CM is compromising the state's interests in favour of MEIL: KTR

PNS HYDERABAD

BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) challenged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to take strong action against Megha Krishna Reddy and MEIL (Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited) for their alleged negligence while executing the Sunkishala KTR's remarks have added fuel to ten-

sions as he had questioned the government's willingness to hold big-time contractors accountable.

Mocking the CM's reluctance, KTR said, "Revanth is eagerly waiting for my arrest, but does he have the guts to blacklist Megha Krishna Reddy over the Sunkishala incident?"

The BRS leader pushed further and asked whether the CM would ever take strong action

like arresting Megha Krishna Reddy or removing MEIL from crucial state projects.

"Do you have the guts to remove that AP contractor, your 'East India Company,' from the Kodangal Lift Irrigation Project?" KTR said emphasising Telangana's interests must be prioritised.

In his remarks, KTR implied that the CM s compromising the state's interests in favour of MEIL and suggested that Revanth is "serving Megha's interests as Chief Minister."

He pressed the question of when Revanth would stand up to contractors who, he claimed, prioritize profit over the welfare of the Telangana people.

"How long will it take you to question MEIL about their shortcomings?" KTR asked,

urging Revanth to consider "Telangana First" instead of remaining

MEIL lays stone for Young India Skills University

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Engineering Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) took a significant step forward in supporting educational growth and sustainable development with the foundation stone laying for the Young India Skills University at Net Zero Valley, Meerkhanpet, Kandukur mandal,

Ranga Reddy district on Friday. The vision for this state-of-the-art skills university began with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on October 26, attended by Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and MEIL Managing Director PV Krishna Reddy. MEIL has pledged Rs 200 crore to construct buildings for the university, aiming to meet international standards.

Reddy, Vice-President G Shiva Kumar, Project Managers Madan Kumar and Venkateshwarulu, alongside several other team members dedicated to the project. Designed to meet global stan-

dards, the university will focus on The foundation ceremony was eco-friendly and sustainable infra-



academic block, administration block, library, auditorium, advanced classrooms, laboratories and other essential infrastructure, with a commitment to achieving a zero-carbon footprint. The university will operate an open-air system with

need for air conditioning, ensuring a sustainable and environmentally friendly campus. MEIL Director Ravi P Reddy

expressed pride in supporting Telangana's youth, emphasising the company's commitment to enhancing educational opportunities. "Our Managing Director Krishna Reddy has allocated Rs 200 crore for this project. We aim to complete the first phase by Telangana Formation Day

next year," he stated. Vice-President G Shiva Kumar highlighted MEIL's dedication to sustainability, noting that the buildings will meet zero-carbon footprint standards and promote an eco-

friendly learning environment. With its focus on sustainability and education, MEIL's Young India Skills University represents a milestone in Telangana's journey towards educational excellence and sustainadvanced ventilation to eliminate the able progress.

A world in flux awaits MAGA outcomes

¬rump's MAGA - Make America Great Again movement powered his historic comeback as the 47th President of the United States of America. Given America's significance to the world, the MAGA agenda will impact not just America and Americans but every country and person on the planet. To understand MAGA's likely impact on India, we must first decode the MAGA movement and its "America First" slogan, shorn of their populist political characterisations.

On the economic front, four priorities top the MAGA agenda. The first is lowering the cost of living in the US. The second is to increase fossil fuel production and its supply to reduce energy prices. Third is retaining the supremacy of the US dollar by reducing concerns about weaponising the dollar and

centivising or decelerating any efforts towards de-dollarisation. The fourth is "Make in America", or moving manufacturing back to America.

Immigration is another

focus area for the MAGA movement - securing America's borders and stopping illegal immigration has been a significant campaign promise by Trump. At the same time, the thrust to move manufacturing back to America and a focus on retaining America's lead in cutting-edge technologies will mean a shift in immigration: from low-skilled illegal immigration to high-skilled legal immigration.

Geopolitically, Trump's 'America First' approach focuses on enhancing America's power internationally while reducing America's direct engagement abroad in global A particular Indian opposition political leader, who likes to rush to the US and **Europe now and then to invite their** interference in India's internal affairs, will be highly disappointed, though, finding no sympathetic audience in the American power elite on a fresh visit to the US.

affairs of foreign countries for ideological reasons. Irrespective of who wins and who loses, America's changed approach could mean two outcomes. Firstly, a quicker de-escalation of the Russia-Ukraine war and the Middle East conflict involving Israel, Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis and the Iranians. Secondly, internal political disturbances in India's neighbouring countries, Bangladesh and Myanmar, could see a significant cooling off, and much quicker than it looks likely

China, by itself, forms a separate focus area of the MAGA movement. Trump considers that China hasn't played fair and has taken undue advantage of America on trade, tariffs, technology, and other fronts with its asymmetric policies. He considers China today the number one rival not just a competitive threat to American supremacy economically and strategically. Under the Trump administration, America will focus on moves that increase the American lead over China



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this will mean specific measures on trade, investment, and technology flows and reshap-ing America's strategic and economic relations with countries in Asia and beyond.

Let us now try to visualise the impact the above changes in America's priorities could potentially have on India and Indians. While it is true that national interest is the primary driver of foreign policy and continuity is its hallmark, some shifts in approach, pace and even direction are a reality when parties and leaders in power change. The establishment of full-scale diplomatic relations with Israel and the de-hyphenation of India's Israel and Palestine relations under the Modi administration is a classic example. Given such a possibility, a clear understanding and corresponding preparation are necessary for any country to reduce the inevitable negative impacts and maximise benefits where possible.

On the geopolitical front, any reduction in global conflict will be a net positive for India's mission to achieve a Viksit Bharat by 2047. India needs a stable international environment and a peaceful neighbourhood to focus on rapid economic progress. The Russia-Ukraine war, for exam-

ple, inflated global energy, fertiliser and food prices and negatively impacted India's economy. Increased fossil fuel production by America and stabilisation of the Russia-Ukraine and the Middle East situations are bound to reduce global energy and international shipping costs and India's foreign exchange bills. Similarly, any reduction in externally induced political uncertainties in our neighbourhood, for example, in Bangladesh and Myanmar, which could drain resources needed for economic development, is a positive for India.

On the economic front, the push to reduce America's dependence on China can benefit India in multiple ways. It can mean higher American investment flows into India, a boost to "Make in India" as part of the "China Plus One' strategy, and a reduction in barriers to the free flow of highly skilled Indian STEM talent to the US to power 'Make in America', especially in high-tech design and manufacturing. The shift from illegal to highly skilled legal migration will also help on the last front.

Given the likely neglect of ideologically driven agendas by the US and the personal rapport between Modi and Trump, one significant benefit for India will be the eclipse of distractions like Nijjar, Pannun, Khalistan and other similar issues. A particular Indian opposition political leader, who likes to rush to the US and Europe now and then to invite their interference in India's internal affairs, will be highly disappointed, though, finding no sympathetic audience in the American power elite on a fresh visit to the US.

> (The author is BJP TS spokesperson.)

Congress govt draining Telangana's wealth for other states: Vivekanand

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BRS leaders, including MLA KP Vivekanand and former corporation chairpersons Dr Errolla Srinivas and Mede Rajeev Sagar, lambasted the Congress government's finanresources.

They accused the Congress leadership of siphoning off funds from Telangana to fund election campaigns in other states, including Haryana and

Maharashtra, and labelled Telangana as the "golden goose" of the Congress high command

MLA KP Vivekanand criticized the Congress administration, accusing it of extorting money from local builders and cial mismanagement and businesses through blackmail exploitation of Telangana's and transferring these funds to the AICC.

"Revanth runs his operations straight from his residence, directing projects and targeting revenue-generating initiatives, Vivekanand said

He claimed that projects are being engineered from Reddy's home, with particular focus on those that bring in large funds.

"Under the guise of the HYDRAA initiative, Revanth has been collecting funds from $\,$ builders," Vivekanand stated, referring to the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Management Authority.

The BRS MLA raised concerns about the Sunkishala Project, questioning the quality of work and the government's reluctance to take action against the contractor.

"Why hasn't the agency responsible for the Sunkishala Project been blacklisted despite quality issues?" he asked, vowing to continue a political struggle until the parties face repercussions.

Addressing the caste census, Vivekanand criticised the Congress for conducting an ineffective survey that raises unnecessary personal questions while failing to truly capture the Backward Class

PM, CBN wish long, healthy life to CM on birthday

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday wished Telangana Chief Minister and Congress leader A Revanth Reddy on his birthday. On the occasion, the Prime Minister wished for Revanth Reddy's long and healthy life. In a post on social media platform X, PM Modi said, "Best wishes to Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Ji on his birthday. I pray for his long and healthy life."

Soon after the PM Modi's message, CM Reddy thanked the leader for his "kind and warm wishes".

KTR tweeted, Happy Birthday Revanth Anumula. I am very much in Hyderabad. Your agencies are welcome anytime.

CM orders formation of Board for Yadagirigutta Temple

PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy conducted a comprehensive review with officials regarding the development of the Yadagirigutta Temple, and emphasised the government's decision to establish a dedicated Temple Board for the shrine, like the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD).

He asked officials to initiate steps for setting up this board, ensuring that it has the same importance as the TTD, and a thorough study backing its structure and operations.

The CM also directed that all records officially refer to the temple as "Yadagirigutta" instead of "Yadadri," establishing this as the formal name



tive references. During the meeting, the CM suggested creating a special policy for cattle protection within the temple's gosala, advising the use of technology to enhance these efforts if required.

He also directed officials to allow devotees to fulfil their

vows by permitting them to sleep on the temple's premises, a tradition that had been restricted in the past.

The CM ordered the acceleration of the gold plating work on the temple's main gopuram (entrance tower) to ensure its completion by the

KTR: Padayatra ...

Continued from Page 1 Revanth's focus is misplaced. He asked why Revanth did not conduct the padayatra in areas near the Musi

where thousands have been rendered

homeless by the recent demolitions. "Do you have the guts and sincerity to walk through the Musi bank in Hyderabad where countless displaced families live?" KTR challenged and asked Revanth to face the communities affected by the Musi Project. KTR said the Musi's descent into its current polluted state began under the Congress and TDP governments, who ignored the river for decades. "The same parties who

padayatra an empty gesture. KTR argued that if Revanth genuinely cared about those affected, he would apologize to the farmers and approach the project transparently, rather than creating what he described as "theatrical diversions."

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60 years are now parading with false

empathy," he said, calling the CM's

He questioned Revanth's priorities, pointing out that while the CM has had time for consultations with Musi Project contractors, he has not yet addressed the key promises given to the people. "You have hours for project consultants but not even a single hour to review your guarantees?" KTR asked.

In his final remarks, KTR warned that despite Revanth's efforts, the perceived "loot" under the Musi project, totalling over Rs 1.5 lakh crore, would become a curse that would follow him.

Raj Gopal's absence at CM's Musi Yatra sparks rumours

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The Congress's Munugode MLA, Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy, has become the talk of the state as he did not attend Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's Musi Rejuvenation Sankalpa Yatra held from Sangem village to Dharmareddypalle village in erstwhile Nalgonda district.

Speculations erupted as Raj opal's brother Road Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy had attended

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's programme. Rumours said that Raj Gopal, who played a key role in the Congress victory in Bhongir, did not attend the programme which was considered a prestigious one by the state government, as he was not given a minister post and as the expansion of the Cabinet is getting delayed.

Speculations erupted as Raj Gopal has been maintaining some time Th silence is due to the fact that the high command did not fulfil its

promise to give him a minister post. There are also speculations that Raj Gopal is not happy with the party's attitude of not giving the green signal for Cabinet expansion although the first anniversary of the Congress government is fast approaching. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy recently said that the Cabinet would be expanded after the Maharashtra Assembly elections.

told 'The Pioneer' that he is on a foreign trip with his family.

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In a sharp rebuke, former Minister Harish Rao criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's recent comments, calling them "disgraceful" and a reflection of his true character. The remarks came after the CM allegedly made derogatory statements on his own birthday about former Rao (KCR), an action Harish deemed disrespectful.

He was referring to the CM's comments saying that KCR will die a dog's death if he opposes the Musi Project.

Harish criticises Revanth's remarks about KCR

"There's a saying: 'You can place a dog on a golden throne, but its nature remains the same. This aptly describes Revanth's conduct," Harish stated, condemning the CM's language and behaviour. He accused Revanth of

ing the dignity and stature to even criticise KCR, a leader

who had fought relentlessly for Telangana's creation and future. Harish pointed out that the

public is observing Revanth's "reckless behaviour," and that it reflects poorly on the office he holds. "On your birthday, you chose to dishonour KCR, a statesman old enough to be your father. Such remarks are beneath any true leader," he said. Taking aim at the other Chief Minister has dis-

played such vulgarity. Even if

washed by the Musi's waters, your foul language and twisted mindset will remain unchanged."

He added that unlike Revanth, Telangana's leaders have maintained dignity, fighting for the state's creation and leading it with responsibility.

Harish accused Revanth of gaining power through "opportunism and backroom deals," and vowed that the B expose his corruption and dishonesty to the public.

It is a gimmick ...

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government, stating, "The CM's padayatra is overshadowed by police barricades, a disgraceful show for a leader on his birthday." Prashanth criticised the CM for demolishing homes in Hyderabad while staging a padayatra in Nalgonda. "He demolishes in one area and parades for public sympathy in another," he said.

Referring to the state's long-standing pollution issues with the Musi River, Prashanth blamed the Congress, and said, "Musi's pollution is the Congress's legacy of 50 years. No padayatra can cleanse that, even if Revanth crawls on his knees." He challenged the Chief Minister to conduct the padayatra in Hyderabad, implying that Revanth lacks the guts to face urban residents after the recent controversial demolition drives. Mockingly, he remarked, "No plan, no real vision, and he expects the poor to buy into this drama."

Uttam Kumar Reddy calls for swift paddy procurement

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Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to expedite paddy procurement across Telangana.

He was addressing the Cabinet Sub-Committee on paddy procurement on Friday evening. Ministers Tummala Nageshwara Rao, Sridhar Babu, and Ponnam Prabhakar, Principal Secretary and Civil Supplies Commissioner DS Chauhan, senior officials, and representatives from the milling industry attended the meeting.

During the meeting, Uttam Kumar Reddy expressed satisfaction with the procurement arrangements in most of the districts and

also mentioned that the arrangements need to be faster in some districts. He asked the Civil Supplies Commissioner and department officials to procure and shift the paddy to intermediary warehouses wherever millers are not cooperating. He said that 30 lakh metric tonnes of warehouse

space has been arranged with the State Warehousing Corporation. Whatever, the additional cost involved for storage in intermediary godowns and then giving it custom milling will be borne by the government. But the main point is farmers should not be inconvenienced anywhere in

the state, he said. Additionally, he announced that all farmers would receive a bonus of Rs 500 per quintal for fine paddy.

'Revanth compromised with KTR'

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were allowed to go with petty cases. Even though the media said that KTR was at the rave party, the CM didn't care," he said. "Moreover, KCR, who never called the police when cases were filed against BRS workers, personally called the DGP when it involved his kin. This clearly shows that for KCR, family comes before BRS workers. This is why the BRS has no dedicated workers who think about the party's future. BRS MLAs have been looking for alternatives for a long time,"

he said. Meanwhile, KCR himself has left the struggles of his workers behind and is comfort-

ably resting at his farmhouse. "How can the public trust leaders who appear only during elections? The BRS has become so weak that they're unable to find candidates even for the Graduate and MLC elections. They're not even in a position to compete," Sanjay said. He suggested that the CM should conduct a march in HYDRAAaffected areas along the Musi River instead of at Sangem and that this would make him aware of people's suffering.

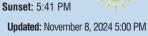
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that the Formula E Race had drawn heavy flak, Ponguleti asked what benefit Telangana had obtained from the E-Racing event. He said that he was not making these comments targeting a person or a party. However, they should face trial, if found guilty in the inquiry.

The people of Telangana know well how BRS leaders acquired assets worth crores, Ponguleti said.

Car drags police guard...

but the driver, identified as Mohd Syed, ignored the officer's signal to stop. As Ramesh tried to hold onto the vehicle and stop it, the driver accelerated, dragging him along before eventually hitting him.

The incident occurred in the afternoon at Nagarjuna Circle when traffic police were conducting a special drive against traffic violations, including issues such as driving licenses and black films on windows, among others, according to Punjagutta Police. The accident was captured on CCTV and went viral. The injured Home Guard was taken to hospital for treatment. A case has been registered against the accused, identified as Mohammed Syed. The case is under investigation, said Traffic Sub-Inspector Anjaneyulu, who has filed an FIR.

Man held for luring TG job ...

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with high-paying job offers abroad. The case began with a complaint filed by a Sircilla resident on May 16, 2024, about her son, who had been sent to Cambodia by these agents after paying ?1,40,000. After arrival in Cambodia,

to 600 Indians were similarly coerced into cybercrimes. The TGCSB, working with

authorities, brought the Sircilla resident back to Telangana, where he described the physical abuse, confinement and he was confined and forced to threats he suffered. work up to 17 hours daily in

The scheme involved agents

fraudulent cyber acts and his in India luring job seekers with passport was also seized. He promises of well-paying jobs also reported that around 500 abroad. Once in Cambodia, the victims were handed over to handlers who forced them into cybercrime. Victims faced torture and confinement if they resisted and were forced to extort money due to threats to their lives. The extortion demands were usually made for payment in Bitcoin.

National counter-terrorism ...

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the new policy will help states and central agencies to work in close coordination to deal with

terrorism. On the model ATS and STF, he said the standard operating procedures (SOPs) are being shared with the states and they can tweak according to their respective

requirements. Shah said to make India developed by 2047 as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, everyone has to deal with all security challenges and have a unified ter-

ror-fighting ecosystem. "This (adopting model ATS and STF) doesn't reduce the

rights of states," he said.

The home minister said the Modi government is committed to eradicating terrorism in the country and moving forward with a solid strategy against it.

Security forces have to well equip young officers and use technology to combat terrorism, he said.

I'll change my ...

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a bulldozer over Billa and Ranga and ask our MLA Mandula Samuel to flag off the bulldozer," the CM said.

Targeting BRS supremo KCR, the Chief Minister said that KCR cried when his daughter Kavitha went to jail

for three months. "Don't you have any feelings for the daughters of the Musi catchment area whose lives are endangered by pollution? KCR, are you trying to block Musi cleansing as the people of Nalgonda didn't vote for you? Nalgonda district is the land of the brave. The people of Nalgonda will bury anyone who opposes the cleansing of the Musi. BRS leaders are trying to block the Musi Project as they are corrupt.

The Musi River will be

cleaned at all costs. Friday's padayatra is only a trailer. The real cinema is ahead," the

CM said.

"I am throwing a challenge at the Billas and Rangas and declaring that I am conducting a padayatra from Vadapalli to Hyderabad in the first week of January 2025. I am asking Billa and Ranga to come there and check whether the people would allow them or not. The people would throw them in the Musi. I am not sitting on a chair given by someone. The people ensured my victory," the CM said.

Thanking Communist leaders for supporting the cleaning of the Musi, the CM said that the contaminants in the Musi are more dangerous than an atom bomb as far as the people living in the Musi's catchment areas are concerned.

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Sale of psychotropic

substances from

private hospitals

busted

The Telangana Drug Control Administration (DCA) and

Prohibition & Excise depart-

ment conducted a joint operation in Hyderabad. They

discovered illegal sale of narcotic drugs and psychotrop-

During inspections at

Chandrayangutta, and BVK

Reddy Hospital, Warasiguda,

large amounts of drugs like

Fentanyl, Ketamine and

Midazolam injections were

Thursday and Friday fol-

lowed credible information

regarding illegal drug activ-

ities. Officials found that the

drugs were stocked and sold

without the required NDPS licence. At Bakoban Hospital,

47 ampoules of Fentanyl were

seized from the owner, Abdul Rahman. At BVK Reddy

Hospital, officials seized 21

ampoules of Fentanyl, 9 vials

of Ketamine and 2 vials of

Midazolam from T Naresh

The DCA officials stated that cases have been registered under the NDPS Act at

Charminar and Musheerabad

Prohibition & Excise stations

and further legal action will follow. The DCA advised that

hospitals must hold proper

NDPS licences to handle such

substances, as unlicenced pos-

session and sale pose a risk of

misuse and threaten public

DEEPIKA PASHAM

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As part of the survey under

Greater Hyderabad Municipal

Corporation (GHMC) limits.

workers from various profes-

sions including ASHA work-

Anganwadi teachers, along

with college students have

been employed on a contract

basis to collect data for the

Initially, District Collectors

sent letters to GHMC to select

members from each profes-

sion, following which training

was conducted for three days.

Each group is led by a GHMC

supervisor, with students

assisting the members in the

survey for 150 houses in 15

began placing stickers on hous-

es on Friday after receiving

In some areas, workers

caste census.

government and

Kumar.

The raids conducted on

Hospital,

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ic substances.

Bakoban

Education Fair

UK and Europe Education Fair by Orient Spectra

Venue

Hyatt Place, Banjara November 9

Mixing Memories

Exiting noon of merrymaking and toasting with fruit mixing brunch

Venue

Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre, November 10, 12 noon to 4 pm

Telangana Food **Festival**

A unique journey through the rich and diverse flavors of Telangana's culinary heritage.

Aidu November 11 to 14

Comic Con India

This year for the first time, the Hyderabad Comic Con will extend across three actionpacked days, offering an extraordinary experience for anime, gaming, and pop culture lovers.

Venue

HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad November 15, 16

Entrepreneurs Meetup

By We Founders Collab, Hyderabad

Venue

The Headquarters, Space Orbit, Hyderabad November 23

Standup Comedy

Vivek Muralidharan brings in his signature show "Death by Laughter", where he brings his newest material to stage

Venue

Multiple venues. November 24

Texture art workshop

This workshop is suitable for artists of all levels, from beginners looking to explore new artistic horizons to seasoned artists seeking to enhance their skills and repertoire.

Venue

Multiple venues in Hyderabad till December 8

TG govt backs Jamaat-e-Islami **Hind's national** meet in Hyd

PNS HYDERABAD

The Telangana government has extended its full support for the convention, scheduled from November 15 to 17 at Wadi-e-

delegates from across India. Minister for Industries and Information Technology D Sridhar Babu, along with Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, conducted a review meeting on Friday at the Telangana Secretariat to ensure the smooth facilitation of departments, including those

services, were present to discuss the extensive logistical and security preparations required. The convention's organisers, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, had earlier reached out to the State government for support. Abdul Jabbar Siddiqui, the convention organiser, highlighted the importance of government collaboration to

the survey. "We have been

given ID cards and will work

part-time for the survey. We

are told we will receive Rs

10,000 after completing the

survey, credited within three

that the forms are coded with

73 questions up from the ini-

tial 56 after additional ques-

tions were included. "If hous-

es are locked or residents are

unresponsive, we move on

and will revisit these houses,"

they added.

Anganwadi teachers said

months," said a student.

while the Fire Safety department is and emergency protocols.

an estimated 10 per cent leading to ulcers and 1 per cent progressing to cancer.

AIG Hospitals' Research Centre will study genetic variations in the Indian population to identify specific risk factors and develop tailored thera-

improving diagnostic protocols for symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals, especially those over 50. For persistent digestive symptoms, first-line diagnostic tools such as endoscopy, urea breath tests, stool antigen tests and serology will be recommon. Nageshwar Reddy. will be recommended, said

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NO NEW NOTICES ISSUED, SAYS RANGANATH

HYDRAA team reviews KTCDA

policies for FTL, buffer zones

level limit. Through the

Dishank app in Karnataka,

details about government and patta (private) land, as well as

information about the rightful

owner of the land can be easily

approaches KTCDA is following

in removing lake encroach-

ments. The Karnataka officials

also explained that for lake

development, Detailed Project

PNS HYDERABAD

The first phase of the comprehensive

household survey- Caste Census

survey initiated under Greater

Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

(GHMC) on November 6th, has

reached 95 per cent completion. The

survey is aimed to cover a project-

ed 29,58,277 households, including

those in the Secunderabad

Cantonment area. So far, 84.44 per

cent of the projected households-

22,62,230 homes-have been sur-

veyed, and 95 per cent of the exist-

ing households have been covered,

A total of 19,722 enumerators were

deployed, with each assigned to

blocks of 150 households.

Additionally, 1,728 supervisors were

During the first phase, enumera-

tors listed homes in their assigned

blocks over three days and placed

identification stickers on each sur-

veyed home. As of now, the GHMC

said GHMC in a release.

engaged in the process.

Caste census survey 95%

complete in GHMC limits

HYDRAA studied the

Reports (DPR) are prepared,

reviewed by a technical team

and only then is work initiated.

Hyderabad Disaster Response

and Asset Protection Agency

(HYDRAA) issuing new notices

has gone viral. Commissioner

Ranganath has responded to it

saying that no new notices have

been issued and everybody

must restrain from spreading

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including those in the

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been surveyed, and 95 per

has completed 95 per cent of this

In the second phase, beginning on

Saturday, enumerators will collect

detailed information on family mem-

bers, including social and econom-

ic status, employment, education,

political and caste-related data, start-

ing with homes that were not fully

covered in the first phase.

cover a projected

Secunderabad

Cantonment area.

cent of the existing

households have

been covered

In Telangana, the news of

(KTCDA). A team of HYDRAA

officials reviewed the KTCDA

Act of 2014. They conducted a

study on the measures being

KTCDA CEO Raghavan stated that all land within the Full

Tank Level (FTL) and buffer

zones will be considered as

government property. In

Karnataka, the buffer zone is

regarded as the maximum water

taken by KTCDA for lake con-

Cyber awareness drive conducted in Falaknuma

PNS HYDERABAD

A Cyber Awareness and Crime against Women programme was conducted in the Falaknuma police station limits at Progress High School on Friday.

Cyber Crime Inspector Naresh and the CCPS team, along with She Teams led by DSP Prasanna Laxmi and Inspector Dhana Laxmi, provided awareness sessions for students and teachers.

The programme focused on recent cybercrime trends, such as parcel scams, digital arrest fraud, APK file scams, OTP and bank points frauds, part-time job and investment scams, trading scams, fake loan apps, and social media fraud. Students and staff were informed about helpline numbers for reporting domestic violence or harassment toward girls and women. They were also educated on precautions to take against sexual harassment.

Meanwhile, Sneha Mehra, DCP South Zone, was the chief guest, along with Shaik Jahangir, Additional DCP South, and MA Jaweed, ACP of Falaknuma division, South

471 grievance applications received at Prajavani

PNS HYDERABAD

In all, 471 grievance applications were received in Prajavani on Friday at the Mahatma Phule Praja Bhavan.

According to the officials, 156 applications were received for BC welfare department, 87 for the panchayati raj & rural

ment, 50 for revenue department, 75 for electricity department, four for Pravasi and 99 for other departments. Deputy Chairman

of the State Planning Commission Dr G Chinna Reddy and Special Officer of Jyotiba Public Administration D Divya participated in the programme and received the applicadevelopment depart-



Sub-inspector caught accepting bribe

PNS **HYDERABAD**

Krishna Kumar of Varni Station, Nizamabad district, was caught accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000 on Friday.

According to the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Krishna Kumar demanded the bribe to issue a

Sub-Inspector B Krishna Kumar of Varni Police Station caught accepting a bribe

VARNI PC STATION

notice under Section 35 of BNSS and to avoid harassing the complainant in the future. He accepted the bribe inside his vehicle on the Varni police station premises. The bribe money was found in his vehicle. Tests showed traces of the bribe on his righthand fingers and the vehicle's foot mat. The officer acted improperly and dishonestly for personal gain. The ACB stated that Krishna Kumar has been arrested and will be presented before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB Cases Court in Hyderabad. The investigation is ongoing.

Huda on Pahadi Shareef Road in

manage the large gathering of families and delegates from diverse backgrounds. Each department has been assigned specific responsibilities to guarantee the event's success. The Police department will oversee security and crowd management. tasked with ensuring fire safety

South Asia's largest poultry expo to be held in city

PNS HYDERABAD

The Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) announced their 16th Poultry India Expo 2024, South Asia's largest poultry industry event in Hyderabad. The expo will take place from November 27 to 29 at the Hitex Exhibition Centre, with a Knowledge Day technical seminar on November 26 at the HICC Novotel.

This major event will feature over 400 exhibitors from more than 50 countries and expects around 40,000 visitors, including poultry farmers, officials, industry leaders and international experts.

In a curtain raiser event, IPEMA president Uday Singh Bayas emphasised the importance of the Knowledge Day seminar, bringing together over 1,500 delegates from 25 countries for seven sessions focused on vital issues for the



IPEMA president Uday Singh Bayas unveiling South Asia's Largest Poultry Expo's poster along with the committee members

poultry sector.

He highlighted the significance of the poultry industry in India, appealing for government support to aid over a mil-

lion poultry farmers. Uday raised concerns about rising input costs, particularly for feed ingredients like

maize and soya and the impact of GST on poultry equipment and sova meal. He urged immediate government action, such as tax exemptions, expanded priority sector lending and increased maize production to stabilise feed prices and support the industry.

successful organisation of Jamaate-Islami Hind's upcoming national Hyderabad. The event is expected to draw between 12,000 to 15,000 this major event. Officials from key responsible for security, sanitation,

PNS HYDERABAD

(KTCDA) on Friday.

GHMC selects members from

each profession for family survey

their assigned route maps.

An ASHA worker told The

Pioneer, "I was selected for the

Caste Census Survey in

Medchal and trained on how

to collect data. Regardless of

whether houses are rented or

owned, we are enquiring about

the number of families and

pasting stickers on each house.

We are assigned 10 houses a

day to cover 150 houses in 15

assistance, leading GHMC to

hire college students to aid in

Some workers requested

Hyderabad Disaster Response

and Asset Protection Agency

(HYDRAA) officials reviewed

Karnataka Tank Conservation

and Development Authority

Commissioner

Ranganath held a meeting with

officials from the Karnataka

Tank Conservation and

Development Authority

infrastructure and essential

'Gastritis, peptic ulcer are genetic infections'

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Prof Barry Marshall, Nobel laureate for discovering Helicobacter pylori and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer, stated that 90 per cent of Helicobacter pylori infections are genetic, often transmitted from mother to child, between partners, or through close contact, as well as through food and water habits.

Prof Marshall inaugurated AIG Hospital's first Helicobacter pylori (H pylori) Research Centre, which aims to address rising stomach cancer rates in India through advanced diagnostics, person-



laureate, at the inauguration of H pylori Research Centre in Hyderabad on Friday

alised treatment and global Highlighting the infection's

impact, Prof Marshall noted, "This is a significant health concern for the Indian population. Although the bacteria may remain asymptomatic, if one family member is diagnosed with H pylori, the entire family should undergo testing, such as the breath test."

He recommended testing for children at 16 to help detect

dence rate. In Telangana, where clean drinking water is more accessible, infection rates are reportedly lower. H pylori infection can lead to chronic gastritis, peptic ulcers, and notably, stomach

potential infections and initi-

ate timely treatment, emphasis-

ing that post-treatment precau-

tions are essential to prevent

Dr D Nageshwar Reddy,

Chairman of AIG Hospitals,

highlighted that H pylori infec-

tions have a prevalence rate of

reinfection.

A primary focus will be 50-60 in India, which is nearly 10 times the diabetes inci-

cancer, classified as a Group I carcinogen by the WHO, with





Marijuana plants on rooftop

Sniffer dog leads cops to rooftop marijuana plants

In a bid to make a fast buck, a person took up the cultivation of marijuana plants on the roof of his house but eventually landed behind

Palliboyina Kumar (60), a resident of Shivnagar in Warangal, started growing marijuana plants on his rooftop in flower pots as part of a home industry to make quick

The detection of marijuana plants on the rooftop happened in a most dramatic way. According to sources, a sniffer dog was deployed for an inspection at the railway station. The police intended to search for marijuana and other drugs. However, things took an unexpected turn. While the police were focusing on their task, the sniffer dog suddenly bolted out of the station and ran towards a house nearby. It climbed the stairs to the house, and the police, initially confused,

started following the dog.

The dog led them to a place near some flower pots on the roof of the house, where it sniffed around. To the police's surprise, they discovered that the homeowner was secretly growing marijuana plants in the flower pots. The police immediately took the house owner, Kumar, into custody and seized the plants. Upon questioning, Kumar revealed that he had been growing the mar-

ijuana plants for personal use and to make quick money.

The police arrested Kumar under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. They also urged citizens to report any information about the sale, use, or transport of drugs in the city, assuring that the informants' identities ing that the informants' identities would remain confidential.

As part of an ongoing effort to control narcotic substances in the Warangal Police Commissionerate area, Warangal Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha directed the Anti-Drugs Team, led by police officers from the Intezar Ganj Police Station, to carry out inspections at the Railway Station. During these checks, police dogs were used to examine the bags and belongings of suspicious passengers. While interacting with the passengers, the Anti-Drugs Team Incharge Inspector Suresh urged the public to report any illegal activities related to narcotics like cannabis to the helpline number 8712584473.

He assured that the identities of informants would remain confiden-

The operation was led by Anti-Drugs Team Inspectors J Suresh, Reserve Inspector Shiva Keshavulu, Reserve Sub-Inspector Purna Chandra Reddy, Sub-Inspector Chand Pasha, Assistant Sub-Inspector Sambayya, and other staff

Govt giving priority to education, healthcare: Ponguleti

The Revenue Minister conducted a surprise inspection at Gurukul School at Anant Nagar on Friuday

PNS KHAMMAM

The government is committed to improving infrastructure and providing quality services to people by giving top priority to education and healthcare, said Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa

On Friday, the Minister made a surprise visit to the Telangana Social Welfare Gurukul School/College at Anant Nagar under Nellakondapalli mandal. He interacted with students and had lunch with them.

During the visit, the Minister inspected the Intermediate classes and inquired about the facilities, food quality, accommoda-tions, drinking water, and the availability of teaching staff. The students appreciated the improve-ments, stating that the facilities and food quality were good. They also thanked the Minister for the Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant set up by the trust to provide purified

drinking water.
The Minister visited various areas of the school/college, includ-

ing the dining hall, and examined the food, including rice and vegetables. He mentioned that the government has increased the diet charges to ensure that students receive nutritious meals. He emphasised that the meals should be served according to the menu

with proper quality.

He also urged the students to make the best use of the facilities provided by the government and work hard to achieve excellence.

He instructed that action be taken to improve the sports ground and to raise the boundary walls for security. Additionally, he assured that any further requirements would be addressed promptly. The Minister emphasised that education would play a key role in elevating one's social status and urged the students to use the available resources effec-

tively to achieve their goals.

Present during the visit were Khammam District Revenue Divisional Officer Narasimha Rao, Khammam Rural Assistant Commissioner of Police Tirupati Reddy, teachers, and others.



Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy having lunch with students at Telangana Social Welfare Gurukul school at Anant Nagar in Khammam district on Friday

BVRIT hosts grand celebration of Chemaura 2.0

PNS SANGAREDDY

BVRIT Chemical Engineering Department hosted an energetic and vibrant celebration of Chemaura 2.0, with students enthusiastically participating in the festivities. The event, filled with joy, excitement, and knowledge, saw an impressive turnout, making it a grand success. Unique and engaging games added thrill to the celebrations, while events like "Devil in the Details," "Picture Perfect," and "Model Marvel" showcased students' talents and rewarded them with valuable prizes.

Principal Dr Sanjay Dubey, remarked, "Such activities cultivate team spirit among students and help them develop collaborative skills." Dr. Bhanu

Radhika, Head of the Chemical Engineering Department, added, "Events like these enhance students' creativity, sharpen their talents, and inspire innovative

Faculty coordinator Dr Malika expressed gratitude on behalf of all students to sponsors Virchow Laboratories, the BVRIT management, and administrative officer Mr. Bapiraju for their valuable support. She also extended special thanks to student volunteers and coordinators for their dedicated efforts in making the event a resounding success.

to be an inspiring platform for BVRIT students, celebrating their skills and fostering cre-

the quality of food served at

the hostel. This follows an ear-

lier incident on Wednesday,

when a dozen students from

the same school were hospi-

talised after consuming food

from the hostel. They were

later discharged in the

dents, District administra-

tion placed Ashram School

headmaster D Madhav under

suspension after 12 students

took ill due to suspected food

poisoning on Wednesday.

In the wake of the inci-



BVRIT students participating in Chemaura 2.0 in Sangareddy on Friday

Suspected food poisoning:

2 students take ill

Collector pulls up hospital staff for laxity

Rangareddy District Collector C Narayana Reddy conducted an unannounced inspection of the Government Community Hospital in Shadnagar on Friday. He expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of cleanliness and hygiene within the facility. The surprise visit was aimed at assessing the hospital's functioning and addressing various issues affecting patient During the inspection, the

collector was accompanied

by Local Revenue Divisional Office NR Sarita, Hospital Superintendent Srinivasa Parthasarathy and Municipal Commissioner Cheema Venkanna. Upon arrival, Collector Narayana Reddy noted the unkempt surroundings and improper sanitation,

including a disorganised parking area. He immediately instructed Municipal Commissioner Cheema Venkanna to ensure that the

PNS RANGAREDDY

Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli

Shankar reaffirmed his com-

mitment to Chief Minister

Revanth Reddy, pledging to follow his leadership fearless-

ly despite any challenge. The statement came during the

birthday celebrations of CM

Revanth Reddy, held at the

Shadnagar Government

The event was marked by

various activities, starting with

the ceremonial cutting of a

cake. Congress town president

K Chennayya, along with

party leaders, visited the gov-

ernment community hospital

to distribute fruits and bread

to the patients, spreading

abhisheka pooja was con-

Additionally, a special

goodwill on the occasion.

Camp Office on Friday.



Rangareddy Collector C Narayana Reddy conducting a surprise inspection at Government Hospital in Shadnagar on Friday

MLA vows to back CM Revanth Reddy

Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, along with Congress town president K Chennaiah and party leaders, celebrating CM Revanth Reddy's birthday in Shadnagar on Friday

ducted at Sri Venkateswara the state toward development

hospital's premises are kept ical services provided at the

Further inspecting the wards, the Collector expressed disappointment at the lack of hygiene, particularly pointing out the dirty bed sheets on hospital beds.

He reprimanded the staff for their negligence and emphasised the need for treating patients with courtesy and building trust in the med-

Narayana Reddy underscored that the government has allocated sufficient funds to ensure quality healthcare for the poor, and he urged hospital staff to utilise these

resources effectively. He also highlighted the need to increase the number of deliveries at the hospital, setting a target of 300 deliver-

why the number of deliveries remained low despite having three gynecologists on staff, contrasting this with private hospitals where individual gynecologists handle hundreds of deliveries.

Narayana Reddy issued a stern warning to medical personnel against working at private hospitals during govern-ment hours, stating that strict action would be taken against those found violating this

To ensure ongoing improvement in service quality, the collector directed RDO Sarita to conduct weekly inspections of the hospital.

Srinivas Reddy brought up the issue of staff shortages, to which the Collector assured him that steps would be taken to resolve the problem swift-

The collector sought feedback from journalists present at the inspection, who raised various concerns about the hospital's operations.

detractors, remarking that

those who are envious of the

Congress party's growth are making baseless criticisms,

likening them to "crows howl-

ing."
To commemorate the occa-

sion, key chains were distributed to party activists, symbolising their dedication and

unity under the leadership of

Revanth Reddy.

The event saw the participation of several key figures,

including town president

Chennaiah, Yadaiah Yadav,

Mohammed Ali Khan Babar

Raghu, Agganuru Vishwam,

Baswam, Krishna Reddy,

Chendi Tirupati Reddy,

Ibrahim, Srikanth Reddy,

Balaraju Goud, Ex-ZPTC

Venkatarami Reddy, Ex-

MPTC Srisailam, Yadagiri

Makkan Singh Seva Samithi president Thakur Manali Singh distributing T-shirts at Basant Nagar in Peddapalli distict on Friday CM's birthday celebrations held on grand scale

PNS PEDDAPALLI

On Friday, the birthday celebrations of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy were held in a grand manner in the Ramagundam constituency in Peddapalli district under the leadership of Thakur Manali Singh, president of Makkan Singh Seva Samithi.

Special prayers were performed in temples in Ramagundam, Basant Nagar, Godavarikhani, and Palakurthi

mandals. In every village of the Ramagundam constituency, cakes were cut to mark the occasion of CM's birthday. Additionally, Thakur Manali Singh distributed T-shirts to

hundreds of youth in the constituency. Several villages also held programmes.

Speaking on the occasion, Thakur Manali Singh expressed that only under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy, Telangana would achieve international recognition and progress. She emphasised that with the focus on welfare and development, the governance under CM Revanth Reddy would continue to receive strong support from the people.

The event saw participation from village sarpanches, MPTCs, corporators, along with leaders and workers of Congress party affiliated organisations.

Promote moringa cultivation: Collector to officials

PNS BHADRACHALAM KOTHAGUDEM

PNS MANCHERIAL

Two more students from the

Ashram School, run by the

Tribal Welfare Department,

took ill on Friday after report-

edly suffering from food poi-

soning. One girl student vom-

ited, while another com-

plained of a stomachache.

Both were promptly admitted

to a hospital, where their

condition was said to be sta-

ble. The incident has raised

concerns among other stu-

dents and their parents about

An awareness seminar on moringa cultivation was conducted for officials and farmers at the IDOC office meeting hall in Yellandu, Tekulapalli, Allapalli, Gundala, and Lakshmidevipalli. The seminar was attended by MPDOs, APEOs, MEOs, AEOs, TAs, ECs, and FAs, along with the farmers. District Collector Jitesh V Patil participated as the chief guest.

During the seminar, Collector Jitesh V Patil stated that moringa cultivation is profitable for farm-



Bhadrachalam Kothagudem Collector Jitesh V Patil speaking at a seminar in Yellandu on Friday

ers. He emphasised that through the MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural

scheme, farmers have a unique opportunity to earn income in the form of labor and material. Employment Guarantee Act) He explained that if 1,000 moringa trees are planted in an acre, with each tree yielding at least 150 pods, the total would be 150,000 pods from 1,000

Swamy Temple in Janampet

by supporters of Revanth

Reddy to seek blessings for the

Addressing the gathering,

MLA Shankar praised

Revanth Reddy as a visionary

leader who has been steering

These pods can be sold at s 2 per pod (Rs 5 per kg), generating an income of Rs 75,000. Additionally, the dried leaves and seeds can be used to produce oil. providing even more income for

The Collector urged the officials to create awareness among farmers about moringa cultivation and to encourage at least five farmers out of every 100 to take up this cultivation.

BC leader arrested following warrant

PNS NALGONDA

through bold and decisive

actions. He highlighted the

CM's contributions to

improving infrastructure,

especially in education and

healthcare sectors, as pivotal

to the progress seen in recent

Nalgonda witnessed a significant political development as prominent Backward Classes leader and former ZPTC member from BRS, Thandu Saidulu Goud, was arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

The arrest followed his participation in the recent BC Garjana rally, he alleged. Saidulu Goud stated that his arrest was based on a pending Arms Act warrant issued by the court, purportedly for failing to attend theret hearing. He expressed that despite the warrant being issued on Wednesday, his arrest was

Saidulu Goud said that he is planing to organise an even larger BC Garjana event in Nalgonda. He vowed to bring these alleged unjust political practices to public attention.

made on Friday.

Saidulu was charged with an offence under Sections 387 IPC and Section 3 of the Indian Arms Act, after allegedly threatening a man named Regatte Naveen Reddy, with a pistol over a property dispute.



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ACROSS THE STATES



No place for Hindus in J'khand amid infiltration

ssam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday Accused the JMM-led coalition of patronising infiltration for vote bank politics, warning that if unchecked, there will be no place for Hindus and tribals in Jharkhand in 20 years. Sarma, who is also the BJP co-incharge of elections in Jharkhand, made the remarks during a political rally at Kharsawan in Seraikela-Kharsawan district. He said that while the Hindu and tribal populations were rapidly declining, Muslim population was increasing. "There will be no place for tribals and Hindus in Jharkhand after 20 years at the current pace of infiltration from Bangladesh," he alleged. Sarma claimed that in Santhal Pargana, Hindus and tribals together made up 90 per cent of the population, with tribals accounting for 44 per cent. However, by 2011, the Hindu population had dropped to 67 per cent, while tribals had reduced to just 28 per cent, he alleged. "During the same period, the Muslim population grew from 10 per cent to 22 per cent," he claimed.



Two Naxalites killed in encounter

wo Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Friday, police said. The gunfight broke out around 11 am in a forest on the tri-junction of Usoor-Basaguda-Pamed villages, where a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, Sundarraj P, said. Personnel from the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) and CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action — an elite unit of the CRPF) were involved in the operation, he said. The official said after the exchange of fire stopped, the bodies of two Naxalites were recovered from the spot along with a self-loading rifle (SLR), barrel grenade launcher shells and locally made weapons. A search operation was underway in the area, he added. With this, security forces have gunned down 191 Naxalites in separate encounters in the state's Bastar region, comprising seven districts, including Bijapur, police said.



Woman's body with bullet wounds found in UP village

he body of a 27-year-old woman with gunshot injuries was found in a car here on Friday, with the police suspecting the murder to be a case of honour killing police said. The incident took place in Rasulpur village under Khatauli police station limits of Muzaffarnagar district, they added. Superintendent of Police (City) Satyanarayan Prajapat that the body of Himanshi with bullet injuries was found in an unclaimed car. After her father passed away, the victim used to live with her mother at her maternal uncle's house, he said. Himanshi was allegedly in a relationship with Vineet Kumar (28), the senior police officer said citing villagers. However, her family members, including her maternal uncle and his two sons, objected to their relationship, he added. The body has been sent for postmortem, the SP said, adding that the matter is being probed and a case is yet to be



NSCN-IM threatens 'armed struggle' over 'national flag', 'constitution'

PNS DIMAPUR

Naga insurgent group NSCN(IM) has threatened to break its 27 year-old ceasefire agreement with the government and return to its "armed struggle" if its demands for a separate "national flag and

constitution" are not met.

The group, which carried out a violent insurgency in Nagaland soon after India's independence in 1947, entered into a ceasefire pact in 1997 before starting prolonged peace talks with the govern-

ment's interlocutors.

On August 3, 2015, the NSCN(IM) signed a framework agreement with the government in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to find a permanent solution.

In a statement released on Friday, general secretary of the group and chief political nego-tiator Thuingaleng Muivah said he and former chairman, late Isak Chishi Swu, went to

the negotiating table for the resolution of the conflict through peaceful negotiation and also honouring the commitment of former prime ministers P V Narasimha Rao, H D Deve Gowda, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and others to resolve the issue through peaceful political negotiation, leaving aside armed movement.

Accordingly, the political negotiations began on August 1, 1997 and since then more than 600 rounds of talks had held without any pre-conditions both in India and abroad, leading to the signing of the framework agreement of August 3, 2015, he said.

Muivah alleged that authorities and the leadership in the government have "deliberately betrayed" the letter and spirit of the framework agreement by refusing to recognise and acknowledged the Naga "sovereignty national flag and sovereign national constitu-

'Ek hai toh safe hai', says PM Modi; slams Congress

PNS DHULE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday accused the Congress of pitting one caste against another and cautioned people to stay united, saying "Ek hai, toh safe hai."

"The sole agenda of the Congress party is to make one caste fight against another. They do not want SCs, STs and OBCs to progress and get their due recognition... Remember, 'Ek hai toh safe hai' (We are safe if we are united)," Modi said at Dhule.

"Since Nehru's time Congress and his family opposed reservation and now their fourth generation 'yuvraj' (prince) is working for caste divisions," Modi said, addressing his first poll rally in Maharashtra for the November 20 assembly elections.

Modi also accused the Congress-led INDIA bloc of wanting to take the Constitution out of Jammu and Kashmir and asserted that no power in the world can restore Article 370 there.

Modi said the INDIA grouping is flaunting blank books passing them off as the Constitution to provoke Dalits and Adivasis.



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The PM said the Congress and its allies should not encourage the "Pakistan agenda" and speak the language of separatists. The agenda won't succeed till he has people's blessings, said Modi.

"Only Ambedkar's constitution will be followed in J&K You must have seen on TV how a resolution was moved in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly on bringing back Article 370 and when BJP thrown out. The country and Maharashtra should understand this," Modi said.

The BJP's star campaigner also accused the Congress of playing a dangerous game of dividing castes and communi-ties. If ST (Scheduled Tribes), SC (Scheduled Castes) and OBCs (Other Backward Classes) stay united, the Congress politics will be over,

Earlier, Modi alleged, the Congress played politics over religion which led to India's partition and now the party is indulging in the politics of caste. There can be no bigger conspiracy against the country than this, he said at the rally in the north Maharashtra

Modi quipped that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), comprising Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP), as a vehicle that has neither wheels nor brakes and there is a fight there to sit in the driver's seat.

Recalling his affinity with Dhule and Maharashtra, Modi said whenever he has asked something from the people of the state, they have been gra-

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah will quit soon, claims state BJP chief

PNS ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka BJP President B Y Vijayendra on Friday claimed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, facing probe in the MUDA site allotment case, will

Both Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Congress national President M Mallikarjun Kharge are also aware as to when the CM will quit, he said. He termed Siddaramaiah's

reported recent statement that he will continue as CM for the full

term, as an attempt aimed at garnering votes from certain communities for the November 13 by-polls for three Assembly seg-

"The Chief Minister, who is an accused, is patting himself on his back. He is trying to instill confidence among legislators (Congress) that he will continue as CM, but Siddaramaiah knows what is the truth. D K Shivakumar and Mallikarjun Kharge know when he will resign," Vijayendra said.

Speaking to reporters here, he



said at the time of election, to get the support of certain communities, such statements are made.

"I don't know whether it is right or not to say this repeatedly, but the Chief Minister's resignation has already been decided," he added.

The opposition has been demanding Siddaramaiah's resignation, following charges against him in the MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) site allotment case.

There were also behind-thescenes political activities within the ruling Congress last month, with a few Ministers in the Siddaramaiah Cabinet holding closed door meetings, fueling speculation about leadership change. But such activities came to a halt following instructions from the party high command.

Stating that the stand of the Congress government and the Chief Minister on the Waqf issue and their conduct are being questioned by people and farmers of the state, Vijayendra said they should have responded to trouble faced by farmers.

"But, under the CM's insistence, Zameer Ahmed Khan (Waqf Minister) has taken the lead in robbing land from farmers, its implications will be felt in by-polls," he said.

People of the state are questioning the CM's "anti-farmer attitude", the conspiracy to loot the lands and properties of Mutts, and the "anti-Hindu behaviour" of this government, he further said. "All of this will become a curse for the Congress government and people will turn against them. Let there be no doubts.'

PANEL ON BANGLADESHI IMMIGRANTS

Jharkhand government asserts no demographic change

PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on the state government. Jharkhand government not to appoint till December 3 expert members to the independent fact-finding committee directed to be constituted by the high court to identify infiltrators from Bangladesh in the

bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ahsanuddin Amanullah also sought a response from the Centre on a plea of the Jharkhand government challenging the September 20

order of the high court. During the hearing, senior advocate Kapil Sibal appearing for the Jharkhand government pointed out that the state has objection to forming any such panel. The state has also opposed the claim of illegal immigration resulting in a change of demography

made by PIL petitioners Danvaal Danish and Soma Oraon before the high court. Justice

Dhulia said that high

said that a fact-finding committee is needed but it left it to

ter," Justice Dhulia told Sibal and observed that it is a fact that the tribal population is reducing in the state.

Sibal said it is a non-judicial issue and the high court should not have ordered for constituting the panel. The bench ordered that till

the next date of hearing, December 3, liberty is granted to the Jharkhand government to not appoint members to the fact-finding committee. The state government in its

appeal said that the fact-finding committee was appointed despite the fact that a report was submitted by the Deputy Commissioners of six districts (Godda, Jamtara, Pakur, Dumka, Sahibganj, and Deoghar) wherein no

such illegal migration was found except in two cases of Sahibganj district. It said the state author-

ities are dealing with the two cases of illegal migration as per the

Delhi Congress kicks off monthlong 'Nyay Yatra'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress kicked off its from Rajghat on Friday to put pressure on the AAP government in the city on various issues ahead of the Assembly polls due early next year. Delhi Congress chief

Devender Yadav, AICC national treasurer Ajay Maken, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, senior leader Subhash Chopra and former Delhi Congress chief Anil Chaudhary were among those who took part in the march.

The participants, wearing "Delhi Nyay Yatra" t-shirts, carried the Congress's flag. They also sang the theme song of the yatra. The participants also carried two large balloons shaped like liquor bottles, with former Delhi chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal's caricature on those.

A band played "Sare Jahan se Accha" at the start of the yatra. On the lines of former party chief Rahul Gandhi's "Bharat Jodo Yatra", Congress workers and leaders would interact with the people of the city during the "Delhi Nyay Yatra" and learn about the problems they have been facing for the last 10

Cong leaders support Article 370, says Union Minister



PNS SURAT

Union Minister CR Paatil on Friday slammed the Congress by saying its leaders move around with a copy of the Constitution but support the restoration of the scrapped Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

The J-K assembly had, on Wednesday, passed a resolution seeking a dialogue between the Central govern-ment and elected representatives for restoration of Article 370 granting special status to the erstwhile state. The provision was scrapped on August 5, 2019.

"Congress leaders roam around with a copy of the Constitution but they are sup-

porting Conference to get a decision taken by out Parliament to scrap Article 370 and 35A overturned. The real face of these parties has been exposed. They will never succeed in their intentions," Paatl said at a press conference here.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi often shows a copy of the Constitution at his poll rallies to target the BJP, which he alleges wants to end reservations and other welfare provi-

The scrapping of Article 370 has given people of J-K freedom in the true sense and reservation benefits to Dalits and tribals here, the Union Jal Shakti minister said

'Rahul or his descendants can't restore Article 370'

PNS SANGLI

Neither Congress leader Rahul Gandhi nor his fourth generation will be be able to bring back Article 370 that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, Union minister Amit Shah said on Friday in a stinging attack on the opposition at a poll rally in Maharashtra's Sangli.

The J-K assembly on Wednesday passed a resolution seeking a dialogue between the Central government and elected representatives for restoration of Article 370 granting special status to the erstwhile state. The move was hailed by the valleybased political parties while it prompted protests by the main opposition BJP which demanded its rollback.

The provision was scrapped on August 5, 2019. Addressing a rally in Sangli for Mahayuti (ruling alliance) candidates Sudhir Gadgil and Sanjay Kaka Patil, the Union Minister said the Congress was supporting the National Conference, the ruling party in J-K, in this

ROHINI NAYYAR PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT. Engineer who ferries fun and science to village kids awarded

PNS NEW DELHI

It's no ordinary village bus to ferry passengers. A veritable treasure chest of knowledge and fun, the minibus known as Tinker on Wheels travels from school to school in rural areas and invites students on board to give them a hands-on experience of scientific activities such as

robotics and 3D printing. The brainchild behind Tinker on Wheels is a 28-year-old engineer from Odisha who was honoured this week with the third Rohini Nayyar Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Development.

upon a time and was heartbroken when I couldn't make it. I pursued my engineering from a government college in Orissa. When I began working as an engineer, I realised there is a huge gap in what is being taught in schools and what is actually happening in industry," Anil Pradhan said on Friday.

"While students in metro cities still have exposure to hands-on-learning. It is very limited for students in rural areas and that is why I thought of starting this," said Pradhan.

He started with 200 students in 2017 and has helped 2.5 lakh

"I also had the IIT dream once students so far with his Tinker

The students gather in the school playground, where the minibus is parked and the play area gets converted into a laboratory for the day giving them a chance to innovate and create.

The schools where the bus goes are the ones which do not have infrastructure for offering hands-on learning to students.

The unique project has reached over 140 schools in Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Telangana, and has reached over 2.5 lakh students.

"Earlier, we used to identify such schools and would get in



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touch with them but now schools reach out themselves too. Depending upon the number of students at the school, mostly above Class 5, we arrange the time span for visit of the bus. Sometimes it goes for a day, sometimes for more days, depending upon the strength. The idea is to give at least eight hours to each batch of students.

He said the educators on the bus work with the school teachers to design activities for the students according to their aptitude. The students get to conduct experiments, create things with 3D printing and innovate.

Anti-corruption sleuths detain doctor, pharmacist

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Anti-corruption vigilance officials on Friday detained a doctor and a pharmacist from a government hospital for accepting a bribe of Rs 40,000 from a contractual nursing officer at Baipariguda in

Odisha's Koraput district. The accused have been identified as Dr. Biswajit Bhuyan, the medical officer incharge at Baipariguda Community Health Centre (CHC), and Uttaam Mahankuda, the pharmacist, officials said.

The two were trapped by vigilance sleuths following an allegation from the nursing officer, whose services had recently been regularised. She was entitled to an arrear

payment of approximately Rs 4,83,572 after the government ordered the release of differential financial benefits from October 2022 onward.

According to the complainant, despite repeated requests, Dr. Bhuyan demanded a 10 per cent bribe of the arrears amount in exchange for processing the payment. He allegedly refused to release the arrears until the bribe was paid and even threatened to transfer her to a remote location if she did not comply.

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-PAPER WITH PASSION-

Rape capital

Despite countless promises and policies, the capital continues to fall short on women's safety

n yet another harrowing incident that highlights Delhi's persistent reputation as the rape capital" of India, a young woman was allegedly gang-raped by three men near the busy ITO chowk. On October 10, 2024, the survivor, a community leader and researcher from Puri, Odisha, was assaulted and then abandoned near the Sarai Kale Khan area. It would take more than three weeks for Delhi Police to apprehend the suspects in what was an elaborate and challenging investigation. This case, though one among many, casts an intense spotlight on Delhi's persistent challenges with women's safety. Despite widespread public outrage, nationwide protests, and even legislative reforms spurred by the 2012 Nirbhaya case, the city remains one of the most dangerous places for women. This incident underscores the gaps in ensuring safety, accountability, and justice for women, despite heightened scrutiny and the promises made over the years. In the wake of the Nirbhaya gang rape, public demands for justice led to



significant legal reforms, including amendments to the Criminal Law in 2013. These included harsher punishments for sexual offenders and the establishment of fast-track courts. The Delhi Police increased surveillance, deployed women patrol teams, and set up additional helplines. However, cases like this illustrate that systemic changes alone haven't proven sufficient to curb these crimes. Although police presence has increased, patrols are often sparse in secluded areas where many such crimes occur.

There are also challenges with delayed response times and gaps in the training and sensitivity of law enforcement officials towards victims of sexual violence.

Crimes against women are frequently dismissed or downplayed, especially in cases where victims are perceived as "easy targets." The perpetrators in this case allegedly targeted the survivor believing she was mentally unwell. Many survivors face severe trauma, which impacts their ability to recount details of the assault or pursue legal recourse effectively. While authorities in this case took extraordinary steps to support the survivor, such efforts are still rare. Establishing accessible and widespread trauma-informed support systems is crucial for the safety and wellbeing of survivors. This horrific incident should prompt a critical examination of the measures that have failed Delhi's women. Reforms need to extend beyond legal frameworks and involve deeper societal and systemic changes. Expanding surveillance to cover secluded areas, introducing real-time monitoring could enhance response times and deter potential offenders. Law enforcement must receive adequate training in trauma-informed approaches, victim sensitivity, and rigorous investigative procedures. Transforming societal attitudes towards women and sexual violence is critical. Public campaigns and educational programmes that challenge stereotypes and promote empathy can help change the culture that enables such



A Raiasthani nomad vendor waits for customers, in Pushkar

India 2047: Towards a unified developed nation



Achieving 'Viksit Bharat' will demand a collective effort to foster religious harmony, address environmental threats and navigate global tensions

ndia awaits 2047 as it aspires to become one of the developed nations, and obviously, that would mean striving, sincerely and collectively for the welfare of each of its citizens. Hopefully, in the Viksit Bharat, none would need a free ration, and freebies doled out as allurements for votes would become history. It would also unhindered availability of potable water, clean air, an all-weather roof over their heads, and freedom from a 'no-work-to-do' sit-uation. Hunger, ill health and malnutrition would become history! India would have a system of education that would ensure equality of access and success at the same level' for the children of the Lutyens zone and those in the Jhabua Village!

Education shall no longer remain a 'necessary utopia'! Moving in this direction necessitates getting rid of communal disharmony and socio-cultural exclusion of every kind. We expect a nation that no longer suffers the minoritymajority concerns! Having seriously studied various aspects of social cohesion and religious amity - or social and religious cohesion and amity - in India, there is no escape from acknowledging that it is a very complex conundrum of communal curvatures that are resistant to various well-intentioned initiatives to smoothen it out.

There are human values that are common to every religion, and these could become the ground for cementing comradery without in any way interfering with the ways of faith and religious practices. The global rise of fundamentalism, terrorism, and fanaticism, and the consequent expansion of distrust, oppression and seclusion are certainly not conducive to a better life for the people, no matter how many more gadgets are made available in their homes.

Sadly enough, it was very clear at al political parties. It is clear the turn of the millennium that that this support is based in days ahead, things would get tougher for leadership to handle, and the very survival of the human race would be at stake. In the third decade of the 21st century, humanity and the planet during the freedom struggle Earth confront the challenges and led to the partition of

posed by climate change, a sharp deterioration of mannature relationships, and everincreasing violence in various forms and formats. The futility of the peace-making efforts by those whose economic interests require greater production of lethal weapons, and their sale and consumption is no longer a hidden

The tensions, turmoil and anxiety that all of this creates are now being experienced everywhere, particularly in the West, which accepted the refugees and intruders with open arms, many of them are now repenting their policies of the past! The rise of distrust and apprehension constitutes greater danger than sporadic violence the instances of which are increasing in European

These examples give some indications of the world before the young of today, and those who would wield power tomorrow!

India is a major Asian nation that suffers from a huge influx of illegal migrants, and most of them get support from severpurely on communal considerations, and is certainly not in the national interest. It adds to the fragile relationship that has existed all along, was fuelled



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VALUES THAT ARE COMMON TO EVERY RELIGION, AND THESE COULD BECOME THE GROUND FOR CEMENTING COMRADERY WITHOUT IN ANY WAY INTERFERING WITH THE WAYS OF FAITH AND RELIGIOUS

ing social cohesion and religious amity remained elusive. The two-nation theory was elaborated in an oft-quoted speech of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in his Meerut speech delivered in March 1888, his view of the scenario that may emerge after the British leave: "Is it possible that under these circumstances two nations the Mohammadans and the Hindus – could sit on the same throne and remain equal in power? Most certainly not." Sir Syed was one of the most respected and admired of the leaders of the Muslim community who had opened the doors of modern education for them, and hence, the enlightened Muslim youth adored him. The essence of the above represented the prevailing sentiments of the Muslim community, and these were perpetuated by others, particularly by those who opposed the views of Sir Syed on modern educa-

India, the possibility of achiev-

They, however, grabbed the idea of two nations! Subsequently, in the same lecture, Sir Syed elaborates his views further: the principle of a representative government is hat it is government by a nation, and that the nation in question rules over its own people and own land. It is as simple as that: there could be no possibility of any representative government elected by

Hindus and Muslims together ever ruling over India consisting not only of the nations of Hindus and Muslims but others who should also constitute nations of their own. Indian democracy establishes that communal harmony is possible, and the two communities are equally enlightened

to work together. While Sir Syed deserves and gets praise for his futuristic outlook on modern education and its dire need to uplift the Muslims, it would certainly remain a matter of serious debate whether his definition of two nations did create a lasting impact on the psyche of the community that persists even

The doctrine of the two-nation theory finally got buried with the formation of Bangladesh, and emerging multi-religious societies in Europe. If there is one nation that could present a functional model of religious unity it is India, the Hindus and the Muslims of India. Nowhere else, the equality of all religions is so deep-rooted in thought and deed as in the ancient Indian culture. It could be revived by the hereditary dialogical tradition which has excelled historically.

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PRACTICES

India's AI dilemma: Balancing innovation with job security



ABHAYA AGRAWAL

As AI transforms industries globally, it also raises concerns about job displacement in India, especially within sectors like IT, management and creative fields

rtificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping industries across the globe and India is no exception. The introduction of AI promises growth opportunities, new business models, and enhanced competitiveness in the global market. However, it also raises significant concerns, especially around job security. This is particularly true for workers in sectors perceived as more susceptible to automation, such as IT, management, writing, and entertainment. The duality of optimism for AI's potential and anxieties over job displacement is a pressing issue for India as it seeks to balance these perspectives.

In the business sector, AI is primarily used to automate routine tasks and streamline management functions, resulting in improved decision-making capabilities. Middle management roles are especially vulnerable to automation as AI takes on complex tasks, such as supply chain, data, and customer management, with minimal human intervention. By optimising these operations, companies achieve greater control



and efficiency, but at the potential cost of middle-management jobs.

Similarly, the creative industries are feeling the impact of AI. Fields such as modeling, advertising, voice acting, and content creation face increasing competition from AIgenerated graphics, voices, and written content. AI models are now advanced enough to produce realistic images, draft coherent articles, and even mimic human voices, reducing the need for human involvement in creative tasks. This shift leaves specialists in these areas concerned about future employment prospects. The challenge lies in adapting to these changes, harnessing the benefits of AI while mitigating job loss.

The Indian government recognises the implications of

AI on job creation and is finding ways to integrate AI actively working to address that enhance, rather than these challenges. One of its main strategies is to focus on human capital development and workforce preparedness. Initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) aim to upskill a significant portion of the population, emphasising AI, machine learning, and robotics. These initiatives intend to create new job opportunities in AI while managing its impact on the workforce. The private sector is also contributing to this effort. Major Indian IT firms, such as Infosys, Wipro, and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), have launched extensive upskilling programmes to prepare their employees for the digital future. Infosys, for instance, has

developed a global training initiative to help its workforce keep pace with advancements in AI and other emerging technologies. These transformation-focused programs prioritise skills in AI, cloud computing, and data science, equipping workers to stay relevant in a rapidly evolving job market. Some companies are also

replace, human productivity. Transitioning to an AI-driven economy has its benefits and challenges. On one hand, AI is expected to spur economic growth and innovation, creating new opportunities. On the other hand, it raises concerns about job security and the redistribution of work. Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative effort among workers, businesses, and the government. For workers, adaptability is key, requiring a willingness to acquire new skills and embrace evolving work environments. For businesses and policymakers, there is a shared responsibility to invest in reskilling initiatives and create jobs that align with AIdriven changes. By prioritising human capital and fostering a proactive approach to workforce development, India can position itself to benefit from AI while minimising the risk of widespread job displacement.

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SC UPHOLDS MADARSA ACT

Madam — Recently, the Supreme Court, in its landmark judgement has upheld the constitutional validity of Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act 2004, reversing an Allahabad High Court ruling that" it was nconstitutional." The Madarsa Act provides a legal framework for these institutions in UP. The Allahabad High Court had said in its judgement that the Act made it compulsory for students to study Islam and more modern subjects were made optional, which is a violation of the right to free compulsory education under Article 21A of the Constitution.

By upholding the educational rights of minority communities in Uttar Pradesh, the Supreme Court has now confirmed the state can regulate the madarsa education board to ensure standards of excellence. Also, SC observed that though minorities have a right under Article 30 of the Constitution to establish and administer madarsa to impart religious or secular education, the right is not absolute. SC has also said that so long as the regulation is reasonable and rational, states can regulate aspects of education in minority institutions without violating their rights to handle the administration. At the same time, in a significant move, SC has struck down a part of the Madarsa Act's section 9 which allows the Board to grant degrees as it is against UGC norms. In general, the SC verdict not only safeguards the right of madarsa students to pursue education but also affirms the constitutional principles that protect religious minorities and their educational institutions

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TRUMP'S HISTORIC WIN

Madam— Apropos to "Trump wins hands down" published on November 7. Someone who has so many serious cases against him that even his candidature was not confirmed, and from that situation to secure candidature, surviving two

Gambling's global impact



ambling, casinos, and betting, once limited and far less accessible, have now become available 24 hours a day through social media, mobile phones, and gambling apps. In the past, individuals had to travel and stand in queues to participate in such activi-

assassination attempts and becoming President again is a massive turnaround and achievement, and it would be an understatement to call Trump a proverbial phoenix. He is now the oldest person in US history to be elected president. He may have been out of power from 2020 to 2024, but he was never away from America's psyche. Either you love him or hate him, but he is here to stay.

His main poll planks were reviving the US economy, vanishing inflation, and illegal immigration, and all these seem to have resonated with US voters. Moreover, this verdict cannot be construed against Kamala Harris, it is more against the Joe Biden administration. She hardly had 100 days to prepare, campaign, and fight. The world would hope that Trump walks the talk and plays a big role in ending the war in Ukraine-Russia.

Trump's policies would be keenly watched because if he follows America's first policy, then Indian exporters in textiles, pharma and automobiles may feel the pinch and H1-B rules could further

ties. This easy access has significantly accelerated the harmful impact of gambling. To date, an estimated 450 million people worldwide have faced negative consequences, including severe financial losses, deteriorating physical and mental health, broken family relationships, and, tragically, suicide.

These alarming trends paint a grim and toxic picture of our global future. The issue doesn't spare any age group. Research shows that 15.8 per cent of adults are addicted to gambling, with an even higher rate of 26.4 per cent among adolescents. Given the severity of the situation, it is imperative for the world to introduce and implement comprehensive strategies to address this crisis. Learning from the past, it must act decisively to safeguard future generations and build a healthier, safer society

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be tightened, which could mean Indian IT professionals and companies will be adversely impacted.

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DELHI CONGRESS NYAY YATRA

Madam — The Delhi Congress commenced a month-long 'Nyay Yatra' on November 8, with the goal of tending to residents' concerns and advocating for governmental action. Senior leaders such as Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, and K C Venugopal have been invited to spearhead the troop, which will traverse

all 70 Vidhan Sabha constituencies. This was disclosed by state unit chief Devender Yadav. Congress workers will engage with locals to listen to their concerns and collect suggestions. Running until December 4, the campaign will showcase a variety of community members and act as a precursor to the upcoming Assembly elections.

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TRUMP 2.0: IMPACT ON INDIA

Trump's return could offer India a pivotal role in global tech and manufacturing



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The third time is a charm, as the saying goes and we are not talking about PM Modi coming back to power for three consecutive terms, but his close friend, the 47th President of the US, Donald Trump. Having successfully dodged a couple of bullets (quite literally), impeachments, and felony charges, President Trump, triumphed over the collective choice of the most powerful economy in the world the United States of America. While the right-wingers across the globe, including in India celebrated his victory, as a literal victory for the "RIGHT" and what they saw as the tyranny of the so-called "left" liberals, President Trump 2.0 is most likely to be more nuanced than his version one. What it means for India is a mixed box of chocolates which can be bitter or boldly sweet depending on the pick.

President-elect Trump is known to be a hard negotiator, particularly on trade topics and he has famously described India as one of the highest offenders on this front. He is a businessman with decades of experience and has a transactional approach to trade, something not alien to Indian politicians particularly, from the Western regions. Trump's presidency 1.0 and the humungous growth in India-US bilateral commercial relations, plus a business-oriented Indian government at the centre, for now over a decade, has also served as a training ground for several tough negotiators to emerge from the bureaucratic class in India. Therefore, while officials in the government are aware of the tough negotiations ahead with the US on trade-related matters or import tariffs or say restrictions, they are hopeful, of finding a middle path given their familiarity with the President's style of functioning.



The dragon in the room would be cagey, as President-elect Trump in the run-up to the elections has vowed to impose stiff tariffs on imports from China. This may be great news for India, especially with the current government's focus being on making Bharat the manufacturing hub for electronics hardware, at least for the region.

Indian bureaucrats pushing the manufacturing envelope are deeply aware, that developing India into a hub, is a long-term game that may outlive the current regimes in DC and Delhi. They are also acutely aware that, by allowing friendshoring to India, by large US companies in the China pius one model, Trump will nave an advantage. He could negotiate this card by pressuring India to buy perhaps more hydrocarbons or defence technology from the US. While the technology partnership was not primarily the centrepiece of India US bilateral relationship under Trump 1.0, his successor Joe Biden created a delectable topping with cooperation on critical and emerging technologies as an important element of the partnership. Initiatives such as iCET (initiative for critical and emerging technologies) which are directly monitored by the heads of both countries have put an unwavering sanctity to the tech partnership between the two democracies.

President Trump could either encourage US tech to keep fulfilling India's avowed target of being the next global electronics manufacturing hub while holding it as a bargaining chip, or, he may find a creative solution to persuade some of these companies to shift back some of their factories to domestic shores. The latter possibility seems unlikely as Donald Trump has, traditionally been a huge supporter of creating more jobs for Americans in the old manufacturing sectors. Much of President Trump's technology policy is likely to be curated by his biggest donor and tech czar Elon Musk. Elon Musk has business interests in China where he has some of his largest Tesla factories, besides, he has been trying to enter the Indian automobile market with little success. His other business interests including satellite-based telecommunication services, have struggled to start beaming in India. Many of these factors would determine the crucial next four years of the Modi-Trump era.

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

Trump's return: A radical shift in US foreign policy KS TOMAR



As Donald Trump returns to the White House, he may redefine the boundaries of American leadership and influence in an increasingly multipolar world

rump's return to the White House in 2024 sparks a torrent of questions about the future of NATO, the American economy, relationships with allies, and the trajectory of the Ukraine war. Trump's previous tenure exhibited a strong tilt toward "America First" policies, frequently challenging long-standing global alliances and multilateral commitments. A Trumpled presidency, therefore, could dramatically shift the geopolitical landscape, leaving allies like NATO in uncertainty, reorienting America's economic policies, testing India's balancing act, and redefining

The Future of NATO: Endurance or Erosion? NATO, the cornerstone of Western defence since 1949, stands as a central topic of speculation with Trump's return. During his presidency, Trump questioned the alliance's relevance, particularly its financial obligations, going as far as to imply a possible US withdrawal if members didn't contribute "their fair share." This stance generated unease among NATO allies, who rely on the US for critical defence resources, particular-ly amid heightened Russian aggression. As Trump resumes office, his approach to NATO could undergo even bolder recalibration. The European defence structure, largely dependent on the US, might face significant strategic and funding shifts, possibly prompting European powers to take on more defence responsibilities. A reduction in US military and financial support for NATO might embolden adversarial actors, especially Russia. A scaled-back US commitment could mean vulnerabilities for Eastern European countries like Poland and the Baltic states, which depend on NATO's security umbrella to counter Russian expansionism. The impact on NATO, therefore, hinges heavily on Trump's strategic decisions regarding alliance burden-sharing and his capacity to persuade European allies to increase their defence expenditures.

The Global Stakes: A Pivotal Crossroads The implications of Trump's return extend far beyond America's borders. With China's rise and Russia's ambitions continuing to shape global security dynamics, Trump's foreign policy choices will carry weighty consequences. His transactional approach to alliances, "America First" economics, and unpredictable stance on defence alliances could reshape international relationships, with traditional allies rethinking their reliance on US support. His handling of NATO's commitments, the Ukraine war, and relations with global powers like India and China will determine the future stability of Western influence

and the global balance of power. China and India: Competing powers: Under Trump, the US-China relationship could revert to one defined by rivalry, as he has consistently advocated a tough stance on China's trade practices and global ambitions. Trump may reassert his strict tariffs on Chinese goods and impose even tighter restrictions on Chinese companies operating in the US, aiming to curb China's influence in areas like technology and manufacturing. For India, Trump's return poses a mix of opportunities and challenges. His administration was notably warm toward India, fostering stronger economic and defence ties through agreements such as the "2+2" Dialogue. A renewed focus on countering China could make India a key strategic partner, particularly in the Indo-Pacific. Trump might offer India more defence cooperation or





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technology transfers, potentially strengthening India's military and economic positioning in Asia. However, India's balancing act between the US and Russiagiven India's defence ties with Moscow—could be complicated if Trump takes a firm stance against the Ukraine conflict. India's careful neutrality on the Russia-Ukraine issue might attract scrutiny, with Trump possibly expecting more alignment with US strategic

priorities. Economic Fallout-America's Financial Future: Trump's economic approach has traditionally leaned toward protectionism, focusing on restoring jobs, renegotiating trade deals, and limiting dependence on foreign supply chains. This economic philosophy could be reinvigorated if he returns to the Oval Office, with potential implications for trade, inflation, and employment in the US. One possible outcome is the continuation or even intensification of tariffs on China, aimed at reducing the US trade deficit. However, these tariffs historically contributed to increased costs for American consumers and businesses, raising prices on imported goods and creating inflationary pressures.

Another protectionist push could have similar consequences, forcing Americans to pay more for everyday products as companies pass on tariff costs.

Trump's "America First" approach could also mean tax reforms or incentives for companies to manufacture domestically. This reshoring could create jobs but would also drive up production costs due to higher wages, potentially making US goods less competitive internationally. Furthermore, a rigid stance on trade could strain relations with

economically integrated allies,

with Trump demanding trade may choose to reduce US involveterms perceived as fair to the US., which could disrupt existing agreements and introduce new econom-

ic tensions globally. Allies under Pressure: A Reshaped Global Order?

The Trump administration's approach to alliances was often unpredictable, blending close relationships with some leaders while alienating others. His "transactional" foreign policy style prioritised immediate gains over long-standing partnerships, which led to fractures with allies. Now Trump's return could mean intensified pressure on allies to prioritise bilateral deals over multilateral cooperation, transforming relationships with the EU, Japan, South Korea, and other allies. Trump's policies toward Europe might manifest in demands for favourable trade deals or concessions on defence spending.

For Japan and South Korea, his reemergence could signal heightened pressure to contribute more to their defence arrangements, potentially testing their security alliances with the US. Even Middle Eastern allies, like Saudi Arabia, could face new expectations under a Trump administration more interested in specific, tangible returns on US. support rather than abstract commitments.

The Ukraine War: A Fractured Consensus?

Trump's return to the White House could introduce an alternative perspective on the Ukraine conflict, deviating from the largely unified Western support for Ukraine. Trump has openly criticised high US financial aid to Ukraine, signalling his belief that European countries should shoulder more of the burden.

With the conflict consuming billions of dollars in American aid, he ment, putting pressure on European allies to increase their support and potentially compelling Ukraine to consider negotiations. A Trump-led administration might seek to avoid confrontation with Russia, which could weaken Ukraine's position on the battlefield. Trump's emphasis on diplomacy over confrontation with Moscow could affect NATO's cohesion, with some members potentially favouring a stronger stance against Russia while the US takes a more hands-off approach. This scenario could embolden Russia, who might see a shift in US leadership as a chance to pursue more aggressive tactics in Ukraine or even attempt to influence other former Soviet territories.

The fate of the Ukraine war, therefore, would depend largely on Trump's approach—whether he chooses to maintain US. support for Kyiv or pivot toward encouraging negotiations, potentially shifting the course of the conflict and signalling a new era of US-Russia dynamics. In many ways, Trump's presidency would signify a recalibration of American foreign policy, returning to his brand of nationalism mixed with pragma-

However, this approach could generate friction with allies, alter the global economy, and challenge existing diplomatic norms. Whether this path will foster a stronger, more self-reliant US or an isolated and fragmented world order remains to be seen. As Trump is poised to start second term, his return promises to redefine the boundaries of American leadership and influence in an increasingly multipolar world. (The writer is strategic affairs ana-

lyst and political analyst based in Shimla; views are personal)

Expanding healthcare for India's elderly: A new phase for PM-JAY

Comprehensive healthcare needs of India's rapidly growing elderly population require further policy evolution, aiming for a holistic, sustainable healthcare system for the aging citizens

ndia is home to a significant elderly population, with approximately 138 million people aged 60 and above, including more than 10 crore individuals over the age of 70. This segment of the population has unique and pressing healthcare needs. As people age, they are increasingly susceptible to multiple chronic conditions that require specialised care and consistent medical attention. According to the Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI), every fourth Indian over 60 years and every fifth Indian over 45 years reports poor health. Additionally, 75 per cent of the elderly have one or more chronic diseases, and 40 per 60. This highlights the growcent experience disabilities. ing need for specialised



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multi-morbidity, with diabetes and cancer rates rising, particularly in urban areas. As per the Global Health Estimates data of 2019, noncommunicable diseases such as ischemic heart diseases, stroke, and diabetes are leading causes of disabilityadjusted life years (DALYs) lost among individuals over

medical attention for agerelated disorders. The rising prevalence of hypertension, heart disease, and respiratory issues among the elderly increases the need for hospitalisation and specialised care, placing immense pressure on healthcare providers and overwhelming the elderly and their families. The financial burden associated with recurrent hospital visits and treatments is a significant challenge.

Also, India's current medical inflation rate, standing at approximately 14 per cent which worsens the healthcare difficulties confronting the elderly. Escalating medical costs, including those for hospitalisation, doctor consultations, and medications, 1 in 4 elderly individuals has treatments and consistent make it increasingly chal-

lenging for this vulnerable population to access necessary care. Inflation, coupled with the high cost of living, leaves many elderly individuals struggling to afford even basic healthcare ser-

Additionally, as medical inflation continues to rise, insurance companies are compelled to cover higher expenses for medical procedures and treatments. This, in turn, results in increased premiums for policyholders. For many elderly individuals, these higher insurance costs compound the financial burden, deepening the overall healthcare affordability crisis.

While the expansion of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana



(AB PM-JAY) is a significant step towards improving healthcare access, covering an additional 6 crore individuals from 4.5 crore families, and focusing on seniors aged 70 and above, several challenges persist in the insurance market. Current insurance products are limited, particularly for individuals over the age of 70. Preexisting diseases (PED) such

conditions, and cancer often result in waiting periods or outright denial of coverage. Furthermore, insurance premiums for senior citizens are substantially higher due to the associated health risks, making insurance unaffordable for many. Denial of insurance based on PED, combined with exorbitant premiums, often forces elderly individuals to rely on personal savings or government schemes, leaving them without adequate financial protection against serious illnesses.

According to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), İndia's elderly population is projected to nearly triple by 2050, reaching 320 million. This demo-

as diabetes, cardiovascular graphic shift will necessitate more comprehensive solutions to safeguard the wellbeing of the nation's senior citizens. While the expansion of PM-JAY is a welcome development, it does not fully address the broader geriatric needs of India's aging population.

AB PM-JAY is largely limited to inpatient care. The scheme does not cover outpatient services, which make up a considerable portion of healthcare costs. Research published in International Journal of Preventive Medicine shows that outpatient care accounts for 40-80 per cent of health expenditures in India. Consequently, even with the enhanced insurance coverage, many individuals may

pocket expenses for treatments that do not require hospitalisation.

There is an urgent need to expand coverage to include services such as long-term care, outpatient services, mental health support, palliative care, and rehabilitation, which are essential for ensuring the well-being of the elderly.

Additionally, the government must focus on reducing financial barriers to healthcare, such as high insurance premiums, and ensuring the inclusion of PED coverage without long waiting periods.

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IN BRIEF



Ola Electric reports net loss of Rs 495 cr in Q2

la Electric Mobility on Friday reported narrowing of consolidated net loss at Rs 495 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, 2024 aided by higher sales. The Bengaluru-headquartered firm had reported a net loss of Rs 524 crore in July-September FY24. Revenue from operations rose to Rs 1,214 crore from Rs 873 crore, Ola Electric Mobility said in a regulatory filing. During the quarter, sales increased by 74 per cent year-on-year to 98,619 units as against 56,813 units in the same period last year. Ola Electric said it plans to expand its company-owned store (and colocated service infra) network to 2,000 outlets by March 2025. The company has 782 companyowned stores as on September 2024, it added. "Over the next 2 years, we will be launching 20 products, with at least one new product launch every quarter," it said. The company said that over the last couple of months, it faced a capacity issue at service centres because the service capacity growth lagged sales volume growth over the 2-3 quarters.



Forex kitty drops by \$2.67 bn to \$682.13 bn

ndia's forex reserves declined by USD 2.675 billion to USD 682.13 billion for the week ended November 1, the RBI said on Friday. In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had dropped by USD 3.463 billion to USD 684.805 billion. In September- end, the reserves had hit an alltime high of USD 704.885 billion. For the week ended November 1, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by USD 3.902 billion to USD 589.849 billion, the data released on Friday showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves increased by USD 1.224 billion to USD 69.751 billion during the week, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 1 million to USD 18.219 billion. the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the IMF was up by USD 4 million to USD 4.311 billion in the reporting week, the data showed.



Pilot run of new centralised pension system successful

inister of Labour & Employment Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday announced successful completion of pilot run of new Centralised Pension Payments System (CPPS) under Employees' Pension Scheme 1995. The CPPS is a paradigm shift from the existing pension disbursement system that is decentralized, with each Zonal/Regional Office of EPFO maintaining separate agreements with only 3-4 banks, a labour ministry statement said. In CPPS, there will be no need for pensioners to visit the bank for any verification at the time of commencement of pension and the pension shall be immediately credited upon release, it stated. The minister mentioned in the statement that the pilot run was completed on October 29-30 with the pension disbursement of about Rs 11 crore for October 2024 to more than 49,000 EPS pensioners of Jammu, Srinagar and Karnal regions. This initiative addresses the long-standing challenges faced by pensioners and ensures a seamless and efficient disbursement mechanism.

Lokpal pulls up SEBI chief on complaints of 'impropriety'

Anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal on Friday sought SEBI chief Madhabi Puri Buch's "explanation" on complaints of impropriety and conflict of interest filed by a Lok Sabha member and two others on the basis of a report by US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research, according to an

official order.
The Lokpal, however, clarified its order is only a "procedural directive" and "not an expression of our opinion on any matter in issue, either

Buch, the chairperson of capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has been asked to submit her response within four weeks, according to the order.

..We deem it appropriate to call upon the named RPS (respondent public servant) to offer explanation qua the allegations made against her in the respective complainant and elaborated in the concerned explanatory affidavit," reads the order signed by Lokpal chairperson Justice Á M Khanwilkar and five other

"This opportunity is being



per the mandate in the third proviso of sub section (1) of section 20 of the Lokpal Act, before the bench would proceed to determine whether there exists a prima facie case for investigation into the allegations," it said.

It said she can submit her response or explanation complaint wise in all the three complaints to avoid repetition, the order said.

"We reiterated that this order is not an expression of our opinion on 'any matter in issue', either way. This is only a procedural direction...," it

The order, signed by judicial members Justices L Narayana Swamy, Sanjay Yadav and Ritu Raj Awasthi, and members Sushil Chandra and Ajay Tirkey, said Buch can file an affidavit to offer explanation within four weeks from the receipt of the order.

The Lokpal has listed the matter on December 19 for further consideration.

In an order dated September 20, the Lokpal had said that the complaint by the Lok Sabha member alleging impropriety and conflict of interest by SEBI chief "falls short" of persuading it to order any probe.

man's observation came while hearing two complaints, including one by the Parliamentarian, filed on the basis of a report by US-based "activist short-seller' Hindenburg Research.

In its report, Hindenburg Research alleged that Buch and her husband had stakes in obscure offshore funds used in the alleged money siphoning scandal involving the Adani

The allegations were denied by them, saying the short-seller was attacking the capital markets regulator's credibility and attempting a character assassination. The Adani Group had also termed Hindenburg Research's allegations malicious and manipulation of selective public infor-In a post on X, Trinamool

Congress MP Mahua Moitra had on September 13 said that she had filed a complaint against SEBI chief with the Lokpal and said the anti-graft ombudsman should forward it the Enforcement Directorate (ED) or the Central Bureau Investigation (CBI) for preliminary probe followed by a "full FIR enquiry".

Irdai Chairman pitches for 100 pc FDI in insurance sector

Irdai Chairman Debasish Panda on Friday pitched for 100 per cent foreign direct investment in the insurance sector, saying a lot of capital is needed to achieve the goal of 'insurance for all' by 2027. Speaking at

Business Standard's annual BFSI event, Panda said insurance is a capitalintensive sector, and the country would need more players in the segment to increase insurance penetra-

India gradually started opening the insurance sector by allowing private and foreign investment in 2000. Currently, up to 74 per cent FDI is permitted in general, life and health insurance.

We need a lot of capital, which means we need a lot of new entities to come in. There may be some consolidation also happening. So, all of that churning will happen.

"And if the FDI route is also

opened that will only augment the domestic investment as well, otherwise, domestic investment may get crowded out. ... perhaps its time to open up for 100 per cent FDI so more players who want to come and operate on their own terms

without trying to look for an Indian partner that may also help," he

Panda further said achieving universal insurance will be crucial in India's journey towards a 'Viksit Bharat'

by 2047. He also said the digital platform Bima Sugam, an initiative of Irdai, will be instrumental in revolutionising the insurance sector by acting as a comprehensive public infrastructure for policyholders.

According to him, the initiative will empower customers to explore a variety of products in one marketplace, independent of intermediaries tied to specific companies, while also allowing distributors to conduct transactions more efficiently.

Realty firm TARC posts Rs 67.36cr net loss in Sept quarter

PNS NEW DELHI

Realty firm TARC Ltd has posted a consolidated net loss of Rs 67.36 crore in the second quarter of this fiscal year on higher expenses. The company

posted a net profit of Rs 1.06 crore in the year-ago peri-Total income

declined sharply to Rs 5.02 crore in the July-September period of this fiscal from Rs 34.67 crore in the corre-

sponding period of the previous year, according to a regulatory filing on Wednesday. Its expenses increased to Rs 80.76 crore from Rs 52.79 crore during the period

under review. With a total pre-sales of Rs 1,322 crore in the April-September period of FY'25,

the company said it is "very well on track to meet its guidance for the fiscal year".

Amar Sarin, MD & CEO, TARC Ltd said, "TARC has officially launched its announced pipeline across its three projects,

boasting a gross development value of Rs 7,500-8,000 crores. "The response

from customers has been exceptional, reinforcing its reputation as a leading ultra luxury residential developer

in the National Capital Region. While we continue with the sale of our current projects, we are also simultaneously preparing to unveil our next series of luxury residential developments in Delhi and Gurugram in the

RBI includes spot deals to expand forex

PNS NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank on Friday said it has decided to expand the reporting requirement of forex transactions and include foreign exchange spot deals to ensure completeness of transaction data in the trade repository (TR) of the Clearing Corporation of India.

"To ensure completeness of transaction data in TR for all foreign exchange instruments, it has been decided to expand the reporting requirement to include foreign exchange spot (including value cash and value TOM) deals in a phased man-ner," the RBI said in a circular.

Accordingly, transactions in foreign exchange cash; foreign exchange tom; and foreign exchange spot, involving the rupee or otherwise shall now be reported to the TR, it said.

Sensex, Nifty fall for 2nd day on FII selling; RIL, ICICI Bank major drag

PNS MUMBAI

Stock markets closed lower for the second straight day on Friday amid relentless foreign fund outflows and losses in blue-chip stocks Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank and State Bank of India.

Benchmark BSE Sensex declined by 55.47 points or 0.07 per cent to settle at 79,486.32. During the day, it tanked 424.42 points or 0.53 per cent to 79,117.37.

The NSE Nifty dipped 51.15 points or 0.21 per cent to 24,148.20.

From the 30-share Sensex pack, Asian Paints, Tata Steel, State Bank of India, Reliance Industries, NTPC, Tata Motors, ICICI Bank and IndusInd Bank were the biggest laggards.

Mahindra & Mahindra, Titan, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, Neetle and Hindustan Unile were among the gainers.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 4,888.77 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

"Consolidation continued in the market as investors stayed cautious due to disappointment in earnings and the flight of FIIs. The US Fed continued its rate-cutting cycle to stimulate the economy," Vinod Nair,

Head of Research, at Geojit Financial Services, said. After gyrating nearly 700 points in early trade, markets moved in a range-bound manner thereafter and ended marginally lower on selective selling in banking, telecom, metal, oil & gas and realty stocks, Prashanth

Mehta Equities Ltd, said. "Despite recovery in global ue to bore the brunt of FII fund outflows. The US Fed rate cut failed to enthuse local investors as the undertone remains cautious with a negative bias,"

Tapse, Senior VP (Research),

Tapse said. The BSE smallcap gauge fell by 1.52 per cent and midcap index declined by 1.18 per cent. Among sectoral indices, realty lost 2.98 per cent, energy (2.10 per cent), oil & gas

per cent), power (1.51 per cent), commodities (1.30 per cent) and metal (1.05 per cent). IT, auto, consumer durables and teck were the gainers. On the weekly front, the BSE

benchmark declined 237.8 points or 0.29 per cent and the Nifty went lower by 156.15 points or 0.64 per cent. In Asian markets, Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong set-

in the positive territory. European markets were trading lower. Wall Street ended mostly higher on Thursday. Global oil benchmark Brent

crude declined 1.28 per cent to USD 74.66 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark tanked 836.34 points or 1.04 per cent to settle at 79,541.79 on Thursday. The Nifty dropped 284.70 points or 1.16 per cent

Gold rises Rs 500; silver jumps Rs 800 amid wedding festivities

PNS NEW DELHI

Gold prices rose Rs 500 to reclaim the Rs 80,000 mark in the national capital on Friday amid fresh buying by local jewellers and retailers for the wedding festivities, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had settled lower at Rs 79,500 per 10 grams on Thursday. Silver also jumped Rs 800 to

Rs 94,600 per kg against the previous close of Rs 93,800 per The price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity climbed Rs 500 to

Rs 79,600 per 10 grams. It had

closed at Rs 79,100 per 10 grams on Thursday. Traders said demand from local jeweller businesses has picked up for the wedding season. Besides, gold prices witnessed an uptick as investors bet on this asset class as a safe



haven, owing to depreciation in the rupee against the US dollar (USD).

In future trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for December delivery slipped Rs 198 or 0.26 per cent to trade at Rs

77,213 per 10 grams. "Gold traded weak amid strength in the dollar index and the Federal Reserve's (Fed) policy announcement that aligned with expectations of a 0.25 per cent rate cut," Jateen

of Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said.

The Fed's outlook, coupled with inflation trending toward the targeted 2 per cent, offered no new surprises to support gold prices. Profit-booking continued after Donald Trump's election victory, Trivedi added.

Silver contracts for December delivery decreased Rs 630 or 0.68 per cent to Rs 91,683 per kg on the bourse. In the Asian market hours.

Comex gold futures depreciated by USD 10 per ounce or 0.37 per cent to USD 2,695.70 per ounce.

According to commodities experts, gold price dropped below the USD 2,700 level on Friday due to a strengthening in the US dollar, buoyed by investor expectations that economic policies under President-elect Donald Trump may spur growth and inflation.

P E Analytics posts 31% growth in net profit

PNS NEW DELHI

P E Analytics, which runs real estate data analytics platform PropEquity, on Friday reported a 31 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit to Rs 6.44 crore during the first six months of this fiscal.

Its net profit stood at Rs 4.9 crore in the year-ago period. The company posted a 32 per cent growth in consolidated revenues at Rs 25.62 crore during the April-September period of this fiscal as against Rs 19.44 crore for the same period last year, the company said in a statement.

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INDIA INC'S BUDGET WISHLIST

Amnesty scheme for customs, easier tax compliance

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An amnesty scheme for customs, reduction in tax rates for individuals and Limited Liability Partnership firms, easier tax compliance, fast tracking of faceless appeals and a dedicated dispute resolution mechanism top India Inc's wishlist for the next Budget submitted to the government.

Representatives from all four key industry bodies, CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM and PHDCCI, have put forth detailed recommendations with regard to the Budget, to be presented on February 1, 2025, in separate meetings held with top Finance Ministry officials.

Industry body FICCI sought the introduction of an "Amnesty Scheme under Customs" as a one-time settlement scheme to clear past dues, arguing that it will help the industry to reduce the baggage of litigation.

Similarly, Assocham has also pitched for the introduction of a comprehensive Tax Amnesty Scheme under Customs.

"A one-time settlement scheme to clear past litigations can be considered by the Government, on the lines similar to Sabka Vishwas Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme, 2019 for pre-GST era indirect taxes and Vivad Se Vishwas for Income tax," Assocham stated.

It suggested that the Government can provide relief to importers against all the disputes related to the Customs

Act; Partial waiver of the duty in bursement of daycare expenses dispute depending on the quantum involved; and Complete waiver of interest and penalty.

Industry chambers have also demanded simplified compliance with respect to TDS (tax deducted at source) and the introduction of a new independent Dispute Resolution forum for effective and time-bound dispute resolution.

To enhance women-led development, FICCI urged the government to exempt reimfrom perquisite taxation. PHDCCI submitted sugges-

tions related to a reduction in rates of taxation for Individuals Limited and Liability Partnership firms, fast tracking of faceless appeals by introducing a statutory period; increase in the limit of presumptive tax scheme for professionals; expansion of the PLI scheme beyond the 14 sectors; change in classification norms of MSMEs for NPAs and interest equalization

scheme on pre and post shipment export credit for MSMEs services exports.

"PHDCCI expects a significant increase in the size of Union Budget from Rs 48.2 lakh crore for the year 2024-25 to more than Rs 51 lakh crore for the year 2025-26 and continued capital expenditure expansion from Rs 11.11 lakh crore for the year 2024-25 to more than Rs 13 lakh crore for the year 2025-26," said Hemant Jain, President,

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my godmother. Half of who I am is because of her," she says fondly, acknowledging Seema's unwavering support. Watching women like Seema find success later in life is inspiring to her. "Forget Kardashians; these are my role mod-

her. "Forget Kardashians; these are my role models," she asserts.

Alfia addresses a common misconception about influencer life: that it's effortless. "I used to think it was easy too—until I tried it myself!" she laughs. "You're the actor, director, producer, editor—everything! You end up reshooting and editing countless times." Content creation, she admits, is tougher than it seems

Even with her passion for *The Tribe*, her heart still beats for Bollywood. "I'd love to play a character like Karishma Kapoor in a mod-

ern-day setting," she says. She's selective with projects, balancing her bold style with her boundaries. "I'm not perfect, but I know my limits," she says with conviction.

At the heart of her success is a close-knit support system. "My makeup artist is a school

friend; my manager's been with my dad for 18 years; my stylist is an old friend," she shares. This loyalty from friends and family keeps her grounded, even with newfound fame.

When asked what's next, she gives a play-

ful tease: "A lot! But I believe in nazar; I don't

say anything until it's set." Her focus remains on The Tribe, a project she's determined to keep in the spotlight. She credits her family for

than it seems.

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'I found my true rhythm in Hyd,' says musician PVR Raja

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PVR Raja is a highly acclaimed musician whose work has made a lasting investment. made a lasting impact on the Telugu film industry. Born and raised in Vizianagaram, his deep passion for music began at an early age, shaping his destiny and guid-ing his career toward a life dedicat-ed to sound and rhythm. His commitment to music, which he describes as the one constant in his describes as the one constant in his journey, has led him to compose scores for films such as *Vitamin She* (2020), *Black* (2022) and *Madhi* (2022), where his unique compositions have been widely appreciated. Raja's association with Hyderabad

spans nearly two decades. His decispans nearly two decades. His decision to move to the city in 2006 was a defining moment in his career. "When I first came to Hyderabad, I was in search of a place where I could grow as a musician. It felt like a city full of opportunities, a place where people from all over the country came to pursue their dreams," he recalls. "Back then, Hyderabad felt like an entirely different world—I hadn't been able to ferent world—I hadn't been able to travel much, but I believed that the world was coming to Hyderabad. It felt like the right place for me to be."

Over the years, what once seemed like an unfamiliar city has become a home, both personally and professionally. "The

city has played a huge role in my journey. It gave me opportunities that I could never have imagined back in my hometown. I met the right people here, people who, like me, had come from different parts of the country looking for a fresh start. It's because of this city that so many doors began to open for me," reflects
Raja with great enthusiasm and pride.
Hyderabad is more than just a profes-sional hub for Raja; it's also

become a place that has shaped his identity as an artist. While he holds his hometown close to his heart, he acknowledges that his connection to Hyderabad runs



found my professional footing. It's the place that turned my dreams into reality. My hometown will always be special to me, but profes-sionally, Hyderabad is where I grew

up. It has become a city that represents both my career and my personal growth," he says.

The influence of Tollywood, one of India's largest and most influential film industries, is not lost on Raja. His decision to settle in Hyderabad coincided with the rapid growth of the Telugu film industry, and the city became a natural hub for his musical aspirations. "Tollywood is huge now and being in Hyderabad has given me access to so many talented musicians and deeper. "Hyderabad is where I filmmakers," he shares. "It's allowed

me to be a part of the industry at a time when it's at its peak. The opportunities that came my way here have been incredibly important to my career."

Hyderabad's cultural diversity also played a significant role in his musical evolution. The city is a melting pot of influences, blending tradition with modernity, and that has shaped his music in many ways. "The cultural landscape of Hyderabad is unique. From its folk traditions to its festivals, the city has its own rhythm, which I've drawn inspiration from. The music scene here is vibrant, shaped by so many different influences and I've been

fortunate to be part of that? However, Raja also acknowledges

Hailing from Vizianagaram, music composer, record producer, songwriter and guitarist PVR Raja credits Hyderabad's vibrant culture and the growth of Tollywood for shaping his music and fueling his creative iourney. In an exclusive interview with *The Pioneer*, he reflected on how moving to Hyderabad transformed his career

that living in a city like Hyderabad can come with its own set of chal-lenges. "When people first come to Hyderabad, it can be overwhelming. Some people struggle to adapt and they start comparing it to their they start comparing it to their hometowns," he explains, who is known as 'Ilaiyaraaja of short films'. But the reality is, "Hyderabad is a city that invites you to create your own path. Once you embrace the opportunities it offers, it becomes a place where you can truly grow."

For him, Hyderabad represents more than just a professional opportunity. "It's a city that has given me a fresh start. A second chance, in many ways. It's where I was able to find my place in the industry, where I connected with like-minded individuals and where my career took shape," he says thoughtfully. As he reflects on his journey, it's clear that Hyderabad has played an integral role in PVR Raja's growth as a musician. The city has provided him with opportunities, a sense of community and the space to evolve as an artist. What began as a hopeful move in search of a new beginning has, over time, become a place of deep personal and professional significance — a place where Raja's dreams contin-

ue to flourish.

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Star power with Jafry twist!

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A lfia Jafry may come from Bollywood royalty, but she's no pampered princess; she's a firebrand in her own right, breaking into the entertainment industry with a bang!

From her headline-grabbing turn on *The Tribe* to her glamorous LA lifestyle, this diva is fast becoming the girl everyone's talking about. With looks that stop traffic and a personality that's pure dynamite, this social media star has the confidence of a seasoned pro and the audacity to say what she thinks—no mat-

the audacity to say what she thinks—no matter who's listening.

Forget the so-called "rich brat" labels; she's got hustle in her DNA, working since her teens and challenging every stereotype with her raw authenticity. Now, she's turning heads, making waves and bringing a whole new vibe to the influencer scene, all while dreaming of a Bollywood takeover.

Alfia Jafry greets with an effortless warmth and confidence, setting an upbeat tone for the conversation. "Hope you're doing great! I'm doing amazing. How's it going?" She begins, her lively energy radiating as she reflects on

doing amazing. How's it going? She begins, her lively energy radiating as she reflects on her unique journey from her budding career to her life in Los Angeles and her dreams of making it big.

Despite her current trajectory, she admits she has long been ambivalent about entering the

entertainment world. "I was always in two minds about it. Honestly, I wasn't even sure I wanted to be part of this industry," she confesses. But, as fate would have it, her career took shape by coincidence. When friends of hers started an influencer agency, she was invited to join—and surprisingly, it felt right. "It was like destiny. I didn't chase it or even work too hard to get here," she laughs, reflecting on how naturally things unfolded. Testing her on-screen comfort through *The Tribe* was just the beginning.

One of her standout memories from *The*

Tribe was an emotional confrontation that unfolded on the show. "I know it looked like I was just fighting over one thing, but it was months of built-up emotions coming out," she explains. Her transition to Los Angeles had been overwhelming, with its mix of isolation and excitement. The show provided both an outlet and a support system and the experience became a lifeline that resonated deeply with fans. "I now hear from so many girls dealing with anxiety or diabetes who tell me how my story helped them," she shares. The connection with her audience, even if it's just a handful of people, has made her journey even more meaningful. "If even ten people feel connected, I'm happy to have made a differ-

When asked about the criticism she faces as a so-called "rich brat," she laughs, caught off guard. "Who calls me that? No one sends me these articles!" she jokes, brushing it off with a lighthearted wave. But she's quick to clarify: "I've been financially independent since I was 16," she says, detailing her early work as a production designer on music videos, even loaning props from her own home. From there, she assisted casting directors for years. Raised among strong, self-made women, she proudly shares, "My family taught me to prioritise my own identity and independence." Her grandma, a former principal, her aunt, a national hockey player and her "workaholic" mother all set powerful examples of resilience. "People think I'm rich because of my dad. No! My father's rich— I'm 'Raees', not 'Ameer," she says with a

Fashion, surprisingly, isn't something she obsesses over, even though her style has won fans. "I'm pretty chill—I'll wear whatever someone hands me," she chuckles. But growing up sur-rounded by fashion-forward women—her mom, nani and maasi—style became ingrained in her. "I'm not following trends, but I was raised around it," she says, shrugging with an effortless elegance.

Her stint with The Tribe is another passion, one she shares with close friends in a WhatsApp group called "CT Girls." They coordinate brand projects, share ideas and even dance together for content. "Even if some of them aren't into dance, they join me anyway," she says, visibly touched by their camaraderie. The friendships run deep, too; The Tribe is less about fame and more about genuine connection. "It's real friendship, not competition. We're just a group of friends killing it together."

As for her professional connections, she speaks reverently of Karan Johar, who helped launch her career. "He's my boss, not my friend," she clarifies. "I owe him my break and have endless respect for him." Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives holds a special place in her heart, particularly because of her bond with Seema Khan. "Seema's like

grounded, believe me!" she laughs.

Unlocking joint health by distinguishing Rheumatoid from Osteoarthritis

A rthritis is a term that describes a range of conditions affecting the joints, and two of the most common types are rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and osteoarthritis (OA). While both lead to joint pain and discomfort, they are fundamentally different in their causes, symptoms, and treatment options. Understanding these differences is crucial for effective management and treatment of the conditions.

Understanding basics of rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis

Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease, meaning that the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its own tissues. In the case of RA, the immune system targets the synovial membrane, which is a protective lining in the joints. This leads to inflammation, swelling, and pain, often affecting both sides of the body simultaneously. RA can develop at any age, but it typically manifests during midlife.

On the other hand, osteoarthritis is primarily associated with wear and tear on the joints over time. It occurs when the cartilage—the smooth tissue that cushions the ends of bones-breaks down. This can lead to pain and discomfort in the affected joints, especially after prolonged activity. OA is most common in older adults and generally develops gradually, affecting one joint or a specific area more than others.

Recognising symptoms of each condition

When someone visits a doctor complaining of joint pain, the specifics of their symptoms can provide important clues about whether they have RA or OA.

In rheumatoid arthritis, patients often experience significant morn-



ing stiffness that can last for an hour or more, along with other symptoms such as fatigue, low-grade fever and a decreased appetite. Additionally, lumps known as rheumatoid nodules may form under the skin. The bilateral nature of the pain—affecting both sides of the body—is also a strong indicator of RA.

Conversely, osteoarthritis usually develops more slowly and is often experienced in one specific joint. The pain associated with OA tends to worsen with activity and improves with rest. Symptoms may include stiffness after periods of inactivity, as well as cracking or grinding noises when moving the joint. People with OA may also notice

bony bumps developing over their finger joints.

Risk factors and

treatment options
Both rheumatoid and osteoarthritis have overlapping risk factors, such as family history and being overweight. However, certain factors may increase the likelihood of developing one type over the other. For example, women are more prone to rheumatoid arthritis, while osteoarthritis is often linked to joint injuries, aging, and repetitive stress manage symptoms and improve quality of life. In the case of rheumatoid arthritis, treatment aims to slow disease progression and reduce inflammation. Common treatments include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), corticosteroids, and disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs). Physical therapy and exercise can also help maintain joint function and mobility. For osteoarthritis, treatments

Unfortunately, there is currently no cure for either type of arthritis,

but various treatments can help

often focus on pain relief and maintaining joint function. Options may include NSAIDs, acetaminophen, topical treatments, and joint injections. Weight management is also crucial, as excess weight can place additional stress on joints, particularly in OA. In both cases, physical activity is essential for improving overall joint health and reducing

Understanding the differences between rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis is vital for effective management and treatment. While both conditions can significantly impact a person's quality of life, they require different approaches to treat-

ment and care. By recognising the unique characteristics of each type, individuals can better navigate their treatment options and improve their overall well-being. Whether through medication, lifestyle changes, or physical therapy, managing arthritis can lead to a more fulfilling and active

(The author, Dr. Arvind Mehra, is the Senior Director, Orthopaedic, at Paras Health.)



















what's brewing?

Arete Hospitals has announced the use of cutting-edge augmented reality (AR) technology in knee replacement surgeries, positioning itself as a leader in advanced orthopaedic care. Having successfully completed over 50 surgeries with this technology, it is redefining the standard for minimally invasive knee treatments in the region.





The Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) Poultry India, announced the 16th edition of Poultry India Expo 2024, which will take place from November 27th to 29th, 2024 at the HITEX Exhibition Complex, Hyderabad. Complementing this landmark event is the Knowledge Day Technical Seminar on November 26th, 2024, at the Hotel Novotel, HICC, Hyderabad.

Apollo Hospitals Hyderabad announced the successful completion of a complex microvascular replantation surgery, marking the first time such a major proximal limb reattachment has been performed in the two Telugu states. This breakthrough surgery exemplifies it's leadership in advanced trauma care and brings renewed hope to patients with severe limb injuries.



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Lucknow awaits Game Changer teaser with Kiara



turn of events, the city of Nawabs is set to witness a starstudded event on 9th November as the versatile and charming Kiara Advani brings her co-star Ram Charan and acclaimed director S. Shankar to Lucknow for the much-anticipated teaser launch of their upcoming pan-India film, Game Changer. Joining Kiara at the event is Ram Charan, a name that resonates not just in India but globally. Kiara's first Telugu film with Mahesh Babu was a massive hit, and now she is teaming up with Ram Charan for the second time adding to the anticipation surrounding this project and fans are eagerly awaiting to see this dynamic duo on screen again. The teaser launch event in Lucknow

Appudo Ippudo **Eppudo** falls flat!

a narrator. The film story is complete-

ly outdated and not a single scene is

interesting in this film. The filmmaker

thought that he is coming up with a dif-ferent screenplay in this film narrating

the story, but still it is not interesting.

The filmmaker chooses an outdated

narration, because most of the scenes

lack reality! There is not even one strong

character in this film. The protagonist's

role is also shown in a pale way. The film-maker showed the villain in a strong way

Cast: Nikhil, Rukmini Vasanth, Divyansha Kaushik, John Vijay, Ajay, Harsha Chemudu, Satya, Sudharshan

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her: Richard Prasad

RATING: 1/5

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Producer: BVSN Prasad

irector : Sudhir Varma

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ilmmaker Sudhir Varma and actor Nikhil worked for films like Swami Ra Ra and Kesava earlier and have now come together for the third time for Appudo Ippudo Eppudo. This film is said to have been completed long ago as this film was supposed to be Rukmin Vasanth's Telugu debut film as the lead actress, but her other films in Kannada released. BVSN Prasad is the producer and like his earlier films, this film too mostly shot in the UK. Like the title suggested, the film is also supposed to be released long back. but without any buzz it released today. Let's see what this film is about! Story:

Rishi (Nikhil) wants to be a racer and falls in love with Thara (Rukmini Vasanth). Due to some misunderstandings, his relationship with Thara fails and he leaves India along with his friend Yaaji (Harsha Chemudu) to London. There he joins a part time job and also undergoes training for racing. During which, he meets a girl called Tulasi (Divyansha Kaushik) and falls in love with her and when he wants to marry her at a temple, Tulasi suddenly disappears. They are now in search of Tulasi, but at the same time Thara also comes to London and meets Rishi. A local don Badri Narayana (John Vijay) is in search of a chip that is worth Rs 200 crores. What happens to Tulasi? Why does the police arrest Rishi and his friend? What is the connection between Badri Narayana and Rishi? What happens in the end is the crux of the story.

Like his earlier films, Sudhir Varma has taken another crime story for this film Appudo Ippudo Eppudo. For this, he added a small love story in the plot, but he completely failed as a director and

Sudhir Varma directed this one. The director has made some good films, but this one he made is how to make a bad

in the beginning, but later he made him as a comical villain. The love track between Rishi and Divyansha is also boring and does not appeal to anyone. The female lead Rukmini Vasanth's role is not written in a strong way. Audience felt that they were watching a film made ages back. The climax is silly. There

is no reality in any scene. The story is completely predictable and one can know what will come in the next scene. It seems like the film was completed a few years back and the producer wanted to release it in theaters as nominal, before streaming it on OTT. Maybe that's why the film has no buzz at all, though the director Sudhir Varma and actor Nikhil are very popular. This film added to their careers

as one of the worst films! When it comes to the performance, Nikhil Siddhartha played his best, but his character is not strong enough to portray. He is just showcasing his normal acting skills and nothing beyond. Rukmini Vasanth is beautiful and she appears mostly in songs and few scenes. But the highlight is Divyansha Kaushik where she plays as a con girl and she did it well. Harsha Chemudu played as Nikhil's friend as usual. John Vijay irritates with his silly dialogues. Ajay appeared as a regular and routine character. Satya and Sudharshan are also just given voice overs that tell the flashback story. The music by Karthik is not impressive and there is no impact of background score by MR Sunny. Cinematography is okay as the film was shot mostly in the UK.

Finally, *Appudo Ippudo Eppudo* is a mediocre film and it is surprising that



Dhoom Dhaam: A disaster of epic proportions

Cast: Chetan Krishna, Hebah Patel, Sai Kumar, Vennela Kishore, Gopraju

er: Siddharth Ramaswamy

Ramana, Vinay Varma, Banérjee,

Music: Gopi Sunda

Story: Gopi Mohan

Producer : MS Ramkumar

Director : Sai Kishore Macha

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here are many small films releasing this Friday and *Dhoom Dhaam* is one of them. Chetan and Hebah Patel are the

lead pair and Sai Kishore Macha is making his debut as a filmmaker with this one. Gopi Mohan, who worked with filmmaker Srinu Vaitla for many films as writer, provided the story and screenplay for this film. Gopi Sundar is the music director. Before the film was going to be released, the makers said that this is a hilarious one, let's see how the film

Story:

RATING: 0.5/5 Karthik (Chetan) is a rich kid and his father (Sai Kumar) always wants to see him at the top, No.1. Karthik goes on a trip to Europe and he meets Suhana (Hebah Patel) in Poland. Suhana confesses her love for Karthik, but Karthik wants to marry another girl. But after a few scenes, Karthik finds out the truth and falls in love with Suhana. Both want to get married and inform their parents. Meanwhile, Karthik gets to know who Suhana's father (Vinay Varma), and is shocked and from then

onwards avoids Suhana. Who is Suhana's father and what is the story behind him and Karthik? The three Raju brothers (Goparaju Ramana, Baneriee and Vinay Varma) wan to take revenge on Karthik and his father? Everyone meets at Vennela Kishore's wedding and what happens there and how it ends is the crux of the story.

Analysis:

Sai Kishore Macha is making his debut with this film as a filmmaker. Gopi Mohan gave the story for this film means everyone knows how the story is going to be. Because he worked with Srinu Vatila for many films and it is easy to expect that this film story is also on the same lines. But the worst thing is that there is no strong point to narrate this *Dhoom* Dhaam. The point which was taken by Gopi Mohan is a very silly and not interesting one.

The first half of the film is completely bor-

ing with scenes between Chetan and Hebha Patel. The romantic thread is very silly and pathetic. Though the makers say that the story revolves around father and son, their bond is not shown in a proper way. The father wants to make his son number one,

so in his gated com-munity, he won't allow tenants, whose kids are toppers. Don't you think that it looks silly? With these kinds of silly points, one can imagine how the remaining movie goes.
The second half is

another silly thing with introducing Vennela Kishore and his engagement and marriage. The director thought those scenes would make the film

hilarious, but those scenes are mediocre with silly jokes and scenes. From the beginning to end, it not only tests the audience's patience and makes the audience wait for the movie to end.

When it comes to the performance Chetan's character is not justified and the audience cannot see any visible emotions on his face. Even in the comic scenes he does not perform well. Hebha Patel is there for a few songs and few scenes. Sai Kumar is a senior actor and it's a routine

character for him. Seeing Vennela Kishore with the same kind of comedy in every film is a big bore. Nothing much to his character and entire edding episode is a big waste and it comes in the second half. The music and songs do not have much impact. The cinematography is okay. The locations in Poland are beauti-

Finally, Dhoom Dhaam is supposed to be an entertaining one, but it comes off as a completely mediocre film in the end. There are some good technicians and writers who worked for this film, but one wonders how they did a film like this? It seems like the producer wanted to make a film with his son, so he did this with *Dhoom Dhaam*. This film gives you an idea of how to make a bad film. It's a completely terrible film to watch and better to avoid!

Prabhas joins Homable for massive multi-film venture



In an unprecedented move, Superstar Prabhas and Hombale Films have sealed an industry-first, multi-film partnership of unmatched scale.

This historic collaboration, which includes Salaar Part 2 and two additional back-toback films, represents the largest deal between an actor and a pro duction house to date, marking a transformative chapter for both Prabhas and Hombale. The multi-film agreement with Hombale reflects his strong affinity with India's leading production house, setting him up to headline four films under Hombale's banner.

The partnership begins with Salaar Part 2, directed by Prashanth Neel, who has been instrumental in Hombale's success with cinematic phenomena like KGF 1, KGF 2 and Salaar

SS Rajamouli credits Suriya for inspiring Pan-India cinema movement



pirector SS Rajamouli, in an event has credited actor Suriya for inspiring him to push the bound-aries of Telugu cinema and reach audiences beyond the Telugu states. In a recent interview, Rajamouli opened up about his admiration for Suriya and the pivotal role he played in shaping the Pan-Îndia cinematic movement.

"Suriya is the hero who inspired me to take Telugu cinema to other regions, beyond the Telugu states," Rajamouli said. "During Ghajini era, I would tell my producers and heroes about his efforts to promote his films in Telugu as a case

Rajamouli further revealed that he and Suriya had discussed collaborating on a film in the past, but the project never materialised. "Suriya mentioned at a function that he regretted not working with me, but I too regret not having the opportunity to work with him. I truly admire his acting," Rajamouli said. "He is someone who chooses stories and embarks on a journey more than any filmmaker. I respect his decisions!"

Rajamouli also shared insights into the aking of his much-anticipated film Kanguva, which stars Suriya in the lead role. Filming in challenging locations was a key element of the movie's production and he acknowledged the immense effort put in by the entire team. "Filming in great locations is challenging. Taking the entire crew to a location or shooting in a large studio is difficult in itself. But Kanguva was shot in very rare locations, and the sets were designed in many unique places," he explained. "The hard work put in by the team is clearly visible in the making video. I believe that all the effort put in by the team will be rewarded with success after the film's

'No one in this industry will support you'

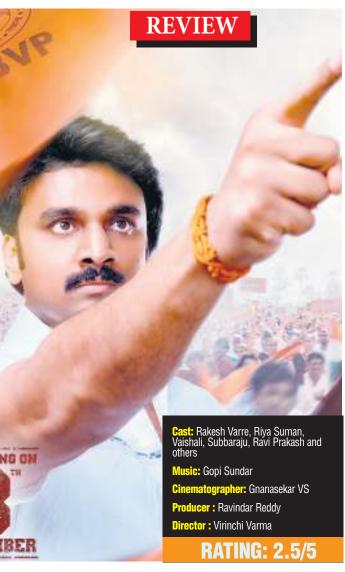


riran Abbavaram's latest film KA has been a big success, which was released during the Diwali festival. Directed by Sujith and Sandeep, the film is produced by Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy. The makers held a success meet of this film and some of the film celebrities attended and praised Kiran Abbavaram and the film. Producer Dil Raju spoke highly of the film and said that he is following *KA* from the beginning of its

progress.
"It's a young team and they have worked hard to make this film a success. There was tough competition at the box office on the Diwali festival and five films achieved success. It's not easy to stand out in this competition, but a the producer.

small film like KA did very well despite the competition, said Dil Raju. He praises lead actor Kiran. "He came into the industry without any background, but through his talent and dedication, he has made a name for himself. I am sure he will continue to achieve more success in the future," said Dil Raju. "I heard Kiran's speech and

also another actor's speech, who said that he did not get any support in the industry. I want to say that here in the industry no one supports you, you have to grow up on your own. You don't have to get scared of anyone. If you have talent, you definitely shine," said Dil Raju. He added that many people are here because of their talent! 'You all worked hard and that's why you got success with KA," said Dil Raju. Talking about the trolls, Raju said that 50 years back some people talked about others and it was confined to them, because of no social media at that time. "Now, because of this social media, the whole world gets to know everything. Don't be scared about the trolls and don't take them seriously," said



Varre's stellar turn in Jithender Reddy

Pilmmaker Virinchi Varma after a 8-year long gap, comes out with *Jithender Reddy* film. It is a biopic on Jithender Reddy, who story in an lived in the 80s in Jagtial of Telangana State. He enlightens people with his ideology and at the same time fights against the Naxalites in his area. Virinchi Varma takes his story and narrates it on the big screen. Sudhakar Reddy, younger brother of late Jithington Reddy, is the producer of this film.

Jithender Reddy (Rakesh Varre) is inspired by the stories of Chatrapathi Sivaji from Gopanna, Ramanna and his mother and grows up as a people's leader in his area. He also follows Hindutva and believes that leaders always live with people and not hide in jungles like Naxalites. When the Naxalites started killing some of the students who followed Jithender ideology, Jithender opposed them in a strong manner. He stands for the poor people and fought against the government and Naxalites to resolve the issues in his area. To serve people he decides to enter into politics and becomes a strong contender for the Local MLA Jammi Reddy. After his decision to enter into politics, what happens next is the crux of the

The director narrated the initial story in an interesting way about how a kid wanted to stand for the people. The first half of the story mainly focused on college politics, how Jithender Reddy inspired the students with his ideology and how the Leftists opposed him.

The director focuses mainly on Jithender Reddy and he took his time to establish him as a leader in that area. Though there are few emotional scenes here and there, it lacks gripping narration. The second half is more interesting with the action scenes and encounters between Jithender and the Naxal leaders. Though there are some flaws in the story and screenplay, the filmmaker manages to come up with an interesting film. There are many scenes which resemble the real incidents that happened at that time. In the end the original people's photos were shown

which is very interesting to watch. In some scenes the filmmaker missed the chronology of the incidents. Jithender Reddy meets the Chief Minister who was elected in 1983, but a few scenes later the filmmaker showed an encounter that happened much before 1983.

When it comes to the performance, Rakesh Varre, who played Jithender Reddy, shines in the film. He was actually immersed in the character and he actually carried it on his shoulders. His dialogue delivery, his emotions and the way he performed is simply superb. He is the backbone for this film and proved he is a good actor though he did only a couple of films. Subbaraju played as guru to Jithender and he did an authentic job. There are many other actors who were well supported. The songs, some of them are thought-provoking and well written. The dialogues are impressive and the film is made with good technical values.

Finally, *Jithender Reddy* is a good attempt made by Virinchi Varma and it is interesting to know about unsung leaders like Jithender Reddy. There are few loopholes in the film,

but you can still watch this film. Rakesh Varre's performance is definitely the highlight. There are many small films released on Friday and Jithender Reddy is the best one from

Ageing Kohli, Rohit must rekindle youthful mindset to rediscover lost glory: Greg Chappell

s Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma prepare for one of their career's defining challenges in Australia in the upcoming Test series, former India head coach Greg Chappell believes the two stalwarts can "rekindle" the energy and focus of their youth to rediscover their lost glory. Wounded by an unprecedented 0-3 home

series defeat to New Zealand, India will look to defend the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in the marquee five-match Test series in Australia beginning on November 22.

According to Chappell, the ageing Sharma and Kohli must summon the same drive and focus that once marked their prime years if India hopes to reclaim its form on foreign soil.

Reflecting on a conversation with Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar in 2005, Chappell shared insights into the hurdles players face as they

age. Tendulkar had sought Chappell's perspective and asked "Greg, why does batting become harder as you get older? Surely it should get

"I explained to him that the mental demands of batting intensify with age," Chappell wrote in a column for 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

"Batting gets harder because you realise how hard it is to make runs at this level and how difficult it is to maintain aware of the conditions and



required to be successful," the Australian batting legend

He said "it's not the eyesight or the reflexes that drop off" when a players starts ageing but "it's the intense focus that is required that becomes harder to sustain."

"When one is younger, the mind is focused on making

As you age, the opposition has put work into finding your weaknesses, and you are more the mental focus that is the situation of the game.

"As a young player, you don't worry about the conditions or the situation of the game, you only see the ball and how to make runs," Chappell wrote, describing Rohit, Kohli and Australian batting stalwart Steve Smith as the "giants" of

current times. "If you want to play like you did as a younger player, you have to rekindle the attitude and the thought processes that you had as a younger player. That is the greatest challenge for the ageing player," Chappell had

explained to Tendulkar.

Chappell said the upcoming five-match Test series in Australia "will be as much a battle of wits and endurance as it will be of skill, with each player needing to summon the drive and adaptability of their younger selves."

"This sentiment captures what Sharma, Kohli and (Steve) Smith will confront this series. They know that opposition teams have scrutinised their techniques, studied their weaknesses and

specifically to exploit even minor chinks."

Against New Zealand, Kohli endured his lowest-ever aggregate in a home Test series where he batted at least six times, scoring only 93 runs at an average of 15.50, with one half-century.

This poor run has lowered his Test average to 47.83 from a peak of 55.10 in October 2019 - the first time it has dipped below 48 since November

He has dropped out of top-20 batters in ICC Test rankings

KL Rahul's horror run continues as India A suffer another top-order collapse



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L Rahul's horror run With the bat continued as he got out in a bizarre fashion to leave India A at a shaky 73 for five on the second day of the second unofficial Test against Australia A here on Friday. Seeking to open the batting for India in case skipper Rohit Sharma skips the first Test against Australia in Perth, Rahul endured a disastrous outing in the tune-up to the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and managed just 14 runs across two innings, having got out for 10 in India A's second

innings. Abhimanyu Easwaran's struggles against the moving ball also did not help India A's cause as they led by only 11 runs with half the side back in the dressing room in

their second innings.
After bowling out India A for 161 on the opening day, Australia A managed 223, not a total the home team had hoped for, but it still gave them a substantial firstinnings lead of 62 runs.

Coming out to bat for the Indian

disannoii gain as the Australian bowlers struck some vital blows to help their team inch closer to a

series sweep. Australia A won the opening match by seven wickets. Looking completely out of sorts, Rahul was bowled in a bizarre fashion after facing

44 balls at the Melbourne

Cricket Ground. Rahul misjudged a tossed up delivery and offered no shot as the ball ricocheted off his pads to hit the stumps, leaving the batter embarrassed while he walked back to the dressing

room. Getting bowled between the legs has compounded his woes ahead of the blockbuster series.

Abhimanyu, who was picked as a backup opener for the upcoming five-match rubber

Down Under, also failed to deliver, following his firstinnings duck with a 17 from 31 balls.

Indian top-order The struggled against quality spin and pace, leaving them at 56/5 early in the second

innings.
Wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel (19 batting) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (9 batting) ensured there was no further setback by negotiating the remaining overs before the stumps were drawn for the

day. Earlier, India A's pace attack, spearheaded by Prasidh Krishna's fourwicket burst and Mukesh Kumar's three-wicket haul, dominated the Australian batting, dismissing them for 223 in 62.1 overs.

Marcus Harris was the standout batter for Australia A, scoring a gritty 74 off 138 balls, while lower-order batter Rocchiccioli provided late fireworks, hitting 35 off 28 balls, including two sixes and three fours.

In response, India A lost openers Abhimanyu and Sai Sudharsan cheaply to disciplined bowling from second time in the game, the Nathan McAndrew and top-order Beau Webster.

Abhimanyu's mi McAndrew's pace led to his dismissal at gully, adding to the team's concerns.

Devdutt Padikkal (1) also

fell cheaply, as both Webster (2/14) and McAndrew (2/22) tore through India's batting lineup.
However, Jurel and Reddy then held firm.

Resuming the day on 53/2, translated his Harris overnight score of 26 into a well-constructed innings, showing resilience against a sharp Indian pace attack. Brief Scores:

India A 161 and 73/5 in 31 overs (Dhruv Jurel 19 batting; Nathan McAndrew 2/22, Beau Webster 2/14). Australia A 1st innings: 223 all out in 62.1 (Marcus Harris 74; Prasidh Krishna 4/50, Mukesh Kumar 3/41,

Khaleel Ahmed 2/56).

Rauf and Ayub star in Pakistan's resounding nine wicket win over Australia

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Australia was 163 all out in 35 overs against Rauf's relentless pace and left-hander Ayub smashed six sixes and five fours as Pakistan cruised to 169-1 in 26.3 overs to level the three-match series.

Former captain Ba (15 not out) clinched the victory with a pulled six off Adam Zampa with Abdullah Shafique staying unbeaten on better than run-a-ball 64 which featured four boundaries and three sixes. The series decider will be played at Perth on Sunday

with Australia resting five frontline players to prepare for the five-match home test series against India, starting from Nov. 22 at Perth. The opening pair of Ayub and Shafique had been criticized

for run of low scores in test matches, but both blunted the Australian pace with a matchwinning stand of 137 runs after Pakistan kept faith on the duo in the white-ball format.

Ayub took his time against Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc before he grew in confidence



Starc and Aaron Hardie for sixes and also smashed Zampa for two big hits.

The left-hander, who made his ODI debut at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Monday, got a reprieve just before reaching a half century when Zampa dropped a sitter at third man, but he offered a tame catch at short third man just when he looked set for a century.

Earlier, Rauf, who nearly pulled off a victory for Pakistan in the first game, found the outside edges of the bats consistently by hitting the right lengths.

Captain Mohammad Rizwan took five catches — four off Rauf's bowling — and could have had a sixth had he not dropped a top-edge off Zampa (18) before Australia was dismissed after Pakistan won the toss and elected to field on a lively Adelaide

wicket.

Shaheen Shah Afridi (3-26) provided the breakthrough inside the first power play. Jake Fraser-McGurk hit three crisp boundaries on the off side in Naseem Shah's first over to get Australia rolling before Afridi's twin strike pushed back Australia. Afridi dropped Matt Short at deep fine leg when the ball burst through his hands to the boundary but the left-arm fast bowler made amends when he had Short caught at covers after trapping Fraser-McGurk plumb leg before wicket. Afridi ended Australia's

below-par innings when Zampa played a full ball back onto his stumps. Zampa flicked Naseem Shah for a six and a four in an over which enabled the home team to cross the 150-run mark.

Rauf sliced through middle-order with only Steve Smith scoring 35 off 48 balls before he too chased a wide short ball of Mohammad Hasnain and edged behind the wicket.

Fast bowler Josh Hazlewood replaced Sean Abbott in the only change Australia made from the team which edged Pakistan in the first game. Starc, Smith, Marnus

Labuschagne, Cummins and Hazlewood all will be rested for the final game of the series on Sunday. Wicketkeeper-batter Josh Inglis was named interim captain for the last ODI at Perth.

Inglis will also lead the side in next week's three T20s against Pakistan with Mitchell Marsh and Travis Head away on paternity

Kiran George enters semifinals of Korea Masters



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▼ndia's Kiran George Continued his spectacular run in the Korea Masters badminton tournament as he stormed into the men's singles semifinals with a straight-game win over fifth seed Takuma Obayashi of Japan

here on Friday. The 24-year-old, ranked 41st, beat world number 34 Obayashi 21-14 21-16 in just 39 minutes to register yet another upset win in the BWF World Tour Super 300 event. George runs into Thailand's top seed and world number five Kunlavut Vitidsarn -- who won 21-15 21-11 against Liu Liang of China -- in the semifinals on Saturday.

The Indian had beaten third seed Chi Yu Jen of Chinese

Taipei in the pre-quarterfinals. George, the lone Indian shuttler competing in the tournament, was in control of the match throughout. After 1-1 scoreline, he was always in the lead in the first game.

Kohli dropped eight spots to 22nd in the rankings while

Rohit slipped to 26th.
"For Kohli, the task is one of

rejuvenation. Known for his unmatched intensity, passion and high standards, Kohli's

recent travails will have annoyed him," Chappell

"The aggressive mindset that propelled him to greatness must now coexist with patience and focus."

He enters this series hungry

to reiterate his authority as

India's most formidable batsman of his generation."

For Rohit, according to Chappell, the challenge lies in balancing his aggressive instincts with the calculated

caution that Test cricket

"As captain, he must maintain his own form while

shouldering the pressure of

leadership – a delicate balance he'll need to master

"This Test series, then, is more than just another

chapter in cricket; it is a

testament to the challenges

that father time presents to

even the most skilled

Each player is more than a

celebrated cricketer; they are

icons of the determination

and skill that defines our

game. This series will be a

defining chapter in their

"For Sharma, Kohli, and (Steve) Smith, the true battle

is not against their opponents but against time

itself," Chappell wrote.

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When George zoomed to 15-6 lead, Obayashi made a brief resistance, closing down the gap to 12-16. But that was all the Japanese could do as George notched four straight points to take the first game. The second game was a much closer affair as the duo breathed down each other's

George was initially 7-3 ahead but Obayashi fought back to make it 8-8. After that, it was a neck-and-neck contest. But from 17-16, George grabbed four straight points to seal the second game and the match.

Man United ends winless run in Europe and Osimhen scores two as Galatasaray beats Tottenham

AP ■ MANCHESTER (ENGLAND)

Manchester United secured its first win in Europe for more than a year by beating PAOK 2-0 in the Europa League. Two secondhalf goals from Amad Diallo sealed the victory at Old Trafford on Thursday and boosted United's hopes of progressing in competition, while Tottenham's 100% start was ended by a 3-2 loss at Galatasaray. United's last win in Europe was against

Copenhagen in the Champions League on Oct. 24 last year.
"We addressed that in the dressing room and it was time to change that, so we did," United interim head coach

Ruud van Nistelrooy said. Diallo's looping header beat PAOK goalkeeper Dominik Kotarski in the 50th minute and he followed that up with a deflected shot from outside the area that nestled into the bottom corner in the 77th.

It's two wins from three scored twice in eight minutes games for United under Van Nistelrooy, who has one more match — against Leicester on Sunday — before handing over to Ruben Amorim.

It is not clear if there will be a role for the Dutchman after his temporary reign, but he is doing what he can to ensure that United is in the best possible position for when Amorim takes charge. Erik ten Hag was fired last

week after a woeful start to the campaign left the team in 14th place in the Premier League and without a win in secondary Europe's competition the Europa League.

Amorim was quickly hired in his place, but it has been left to Van Nistelrooy to fill the gap while the Portuguese serves a notice period at Sporting Lisbon.
He has delivered wins in the

English League Cup and the Europa League either side of a draw with Chelsea in the league. Osimhen double Earlier, Victor Osimhen to help Galatasaray beat Tottenham 3-2 in Turkey.

Osimhen scored his first goal in Europe for Galatasaray after his transfer from Napoli with a precise low shot inside the right post to give the host a 2-1 lead in the 31st minute and added his second eight minutes later by heading home a curled cross from the right by Dries Mertens.

It was Tottenham's first loss in the competition after three wins. Galatasaray remains unbeaten with three wins and

Every game on Thursday was preceded by a moment of silence to honor the victims of the devastating flooding in Spain. In Istanbul, Yunus Akgün put Galatasary ahead in the sixth minute when Spurs failed to properly clear a free kick by Mertens and the midfielder volleyed home from outside the area past goalkeeper Fraser Forster. Tottenham equalized in the 19th minute through Will

netted from close range after a cross from Brennan Johnson. Lankshear, who made only

his second senior appearance for the London club and However, Lankshear was later sent off for a second yellow card on the hour mark. Substitute Dominic Solanke

pulled a goal back for Tottenham with a backheel finish in the 69th. Lazio perfect Lazio is the only

team to maintain a perfect record with four wins after Pedro Rodríguez scored in injury time to secure a 2-1 victory over Porto. Ajax had five different goal scorers in a 5-0 rout of Maccabi Tel-Aviv while three substitutes netted for Alkmaar in its 3-1 victory over Fenerbahce, the first loss of the competition for Jose Mourinho's team.

Latvia's RFS salvaged a 1-1 draw with Anderlecht with a stoppage-time equalizer as the Belgian side dropped points for the first time. Earlier, Eintracht Frankfurt beat Slavia Prague 1-0 thanks to Omar Marmoush's secondhalf goal, while Roma was held to a 1-1 draw at Union

Saint-Gilloise, another disappointing result after a 3-2 loss to Hellas Verona in Serie A over the weekend.

Rangers held last year's Conference League champion Olympiacos to a 1-1 draw in Greece. Athletic Bilbao beat Ludogorets 2-1 to stay unbeaten with three wins and a draw, while Qarabag upset

Bodø/Glimt 3-1 in Norway to earn its first points. Nice drew 2-2 with Twente with both teams finishing the game reduced to 10 men. Conference League

demolished Chelsea Armenian club Noah 8-0 to set a record for the biggest victory in the third-tier Conference League. Chelsea took a 6-0 lead in the

first half on two goals from João Félix, and one a piece from Tosin Adarabioyo, Marc Guiu, Axel Disasi and Mykhailo Mudryk. Christopher Nkunku added two more in the second half, the second from the spot.

Nordsjaelland had the previous record, beating Ludogorets 7-1 last season. Chelsea is one of six teams with three wins after three games. Vitória beat Mladá Boleslav 2-1, Jagellonia defeated Molde 3-0 and Heidenheim won 2-0 at Hearts. Earlier, Legia Warsaw routed Dinamo Minsk 4-0 and SK Rapid eased past

Petrocub 3-0.