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I would like to act with Balayya for faction film:

CHIRANJEE V



QUOTE OF THE DAY

Fire dept rescues 1,639 from...

As heavy rains battered the State. many houses were inundated. Though there was heavy rain day and night, The Telangana Disaster Response and Fire Services Department (TGDRFS) has rescued 1,639 people from floods in the State in the last three days in Telangana. The TGDRFS on Tuesday mentioned that the department rescued 878 people on Sunday and 761 people on Monday. A total of three bodies were retrieved from the floods. An official said that only in the Khammam range, the department rescued 1.662 people...

Accelerate safety measures to...

The World Health Organization on Monday called on countries in the WHO South-East Asia Region to accelerate measures to reduce road traffic deaths, a leading cause of mortality among young people aged 15-29. "Vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists and two or threewheelers constitute 66 per cent of all reported road traffic deaths in our region," said Saima Wazed, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia, in her address at the 15th World Conference on Injury Prevention and.

'54% of IPO shares allotted to...

A study by markets regulator Sebi highlighted flipping behaviour among investors in the initial share-sale market with investors (excluding anchor) selling 54 per cent of IPO shares allotted to them ithin a week. The stu found a strong disposition effect (tendency to prematurely sell assets that have made financial gains) with investors showing a greater propensity to sell IPO shares that posted positive listing gains, compared to those that listed at a loss. In light of the increasing.

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Saina Nehwal reveals struggles...

Ace Indian shuttler and former Olympic bronze-medallist Saina Nehwal has revealed that she is battling arthritis and will have to decide on her future in badminton by the end of this year as the ailment has made it impossible for her to train the usual hours. The 34-year-old former world No 1 who was the first Indian shuttler to win an Olympic medal with her bronze in London 2012. participated in three editions of the Games before being hampered by injuries. The 2010 and 2018 Commonwealth.

Rains leave trail of destruction

16 lives lost in devastating floods • Damage estimated at Rs 5,438 crore

- Declare Telangana floods as national calamity, CM asks PM
- Ex-gratia increased from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 5 lakh for families of the deceased
- Compensation for lost livestock hiked from Rs 30,000 to Rs 50,000 per animal
- Compensation for lost sheep/goat increased from Rs 3,000 to Rs 5,000 per animal
- Rs 10,000 per acre for farmers whose crops were damaged
- Rs 10,000 for each damaged house



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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to declare the floods that hit Telangana as a national disaster.

The state has been reeling under

resulted in the loss of 16 lives and caused extensive damage to crops, property and infrastructure valued at around Rs 5,438 crore.

On Monday, Revanth Reddy held a high-level review meeting at the Central Command Control office in the impact of heavy rains, which Hyderabad, where he assessed the

situation with senior officials.

After the meeting, the Chief Minister left for Khammam, one of the worst-hit districts, where he conducted an on-ground assessment of the flood damage.



TOTAL LOSS APPROX RS.5438 CR

1. Roads (R&B dept.) Rs 2362 crs 2. Energy department (damage to electrical installation) Rs 175 crs 3. Crop loss (in 415000 acres) Rs 415 crs 4. Irrigation (repair to minor tanks)

5. Panchayati Raj & Rural Development (incl. RWS) Rs 170 crs 6. Medical and Health dept. Rs 12 crs 7. Animal Husbandary dept. Rs 25 crs Municipal Administration dept.

Rs 1150 crs 9. Damages in other dept. / public properties Rs 500 crs

500 km of rural roads damaged



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Heavy rains have caused extensive damage to approximately 500 km of rural roads, according to a preliminary assess-

The restoration of these roads would cost around Rs 363 crore. Officials have been providing regular updates to Minister Seethakka regarding the condition of these roads

The Minister asked officials to prepare a comprehensive plan for repairing the roads. "The government is working tirelessly to address the public's difficulties during this crisis," she

Heavy rain alert for 11 districts

CS orders precautionary measures

PNS HYDERABAD

Chief Secretary Santhi lectors of 11 districts on high alert as the meteorological department has forecast heavy rains in these areas on September

3. In a teleconference held with the robust precautions to mitigate any Collectors and Superintendents of Police (SPs) of the districts of



Adilabad, Jagityala, Kamareddy, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Medak, Medchal Malkaigiri Nirmal, Nizamabad, Peddapelli, Sangareddy and Siddipet, the CS emphasised the need for advance planning and

potential damage.

2,417 power supply poles damaged

PNS HYDERABAD

The heavy rains lashing the state have damaged 2,417 electricity poles impacting the electricity dis-Faruqui, IAS, the Chairman and Managing Director of the South Telangana Power Distribution Company. Faruqui, who held a teleconfer-

ence with district and circle chief engineers and superintending engineers, emphasised the urgent need



challenging weather.

to restore power supply despite the

Special medical teams to Khammam

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has announced to deploy ten with adequate equipment and essential drugs floods-affected Khammam.

The announcement has said that due to unprecedented widespread rainfall for the past couple of days in

Khammam and surrounding areas, it is essential to supplement the existing medical services in Khammam, with special

health camps. Health and Family Welfare is the Special Officer who shall finalise the deployment of medical teams after interaction with District Collector and

district officials.

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'TG govt striving hard to tackle crisis'

PNS HYDERABAD The Leader of the Opposition

start

and

(LOP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, said that the Telangana government is trying hard to tackle the flood crisis

reconstruction. Posting on X regarding this on Monday, Rahul Gandhi said, "My thoughts are with the people of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh as they face devastating floods.

Helicopters not deployed due to bad weather: Ponguleti

PNS HYDERABAD

Responding to the criticism of BRS leaders that Khammam district has three Ministers but they could not bring helicopters to save flood victims. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said that BRS leaders should help if they can but it is not proper to engage in 'mud' pol-

He said the Navy, the IAF and the Defence Department had said that it was not possible to send helicopters due to the heavy rains and clouds and that the government has official documents to prove this.



Speaking to the media on Monday, Ponguleti said that helicopters will not be dispatched as per the orders of Ministers like Tummala Nageshwara Rao,

7 new schemes to boost farmers' income

Centre okays Rs 14,000-cr outlay for agriculture and allied sectors

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

As Telangana grapples with floods, a fierce political slugfest has broken out between the Congress government and BRS leaders. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka took jabs at their opponents by criticising their approach.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy lashed out BRS leaders stating, "While people are facing a serious crisis, KCR and KTR are nowhere to be seen on the ground. One is tweeting from the US and the other is in his farmhouse. People are watching. This is not the time for

political mudslinging."

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka echoed similar sentiments, dismissing the opposition's

Political slugfest amid flood relief ops

criticisms as baseless. "We haven't stayed in our chambers like BRS leaders.

BRS demands Rs 25 lakh ex-gratia to flood victims' kin

RS MLA Harish Rao urged the government to announce an ex-gratia of Rs 25 lakh for the families of those who lost their lives in the noces. In garu and her three children are trapped in the flood from morning to the stress and the respond. Their relatives from Madhira sh 25 lakh for the families of those who lost their lives in the floods. "If Rani evening, the government will not respond. Their relatives from Madhira should bring swimmers and save their lives. A JCB driver's brother had to risk his life to save nine people while the government was sleeping.

Appoint safety panels in govt hospitals: HM

PNS HYDERABAD

Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha ordered the appointment of a safety committee according to Supreme Court rules in all government hospitals for safety of women doctors, nursing staff among others and submit the report of forming committee by September

In a review meeting held on the safety protocols for women doctors Monday, the Minister directed the officials to register cases as per Act 11 of 2008 (Prohibit violence against Medicare service persons and damage to property in medicare service attacks on doctors. institutions) against those who attack doctors, medical staff.



The Minister directed the offi-



in all government hospitals on cials to submit the details of the cases registered so far immediately and also suggested setting up a fast track court in districts to look at the speedy trial of cases related to



2,817-crore digital agriculture mission and a Rs 3,979-crore scheme for Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw highcrop science. The Union Cabinet, chaired by lighted that these comprehensive Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved seven schemes to improve

programmes are aimed at enhancing farmers' income. farmers' lives and increase their The focus of these programmes incomes at a total outlay of Rs 13,966 would be on research & education, climate resilience, natural resource

agriculture sector along with emphasis on growth of horticulture and livestock sectors. The Cabinet has approved crop

science for food and nutritional security programmes with a total outlay Rs 3,979 crore. In this programme, six pillars have been included in the programme with a focus on preparing the farmers for climate resilient crop sciences and food security by 2047. These six pillars are Research and Education; Plant Genetic Resource Management; Genetic improvement for food and fodder crop; Pulse and oilseed crop improvement; Improvement of commercial crops; and Research on insects, microbes, pollinators.



No complaints from public

Noise only from BRS: TPCC

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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) working president B Mahesh Kumar Goud found fault with BRS working president KT Rama Rao for retweeting the Leader of the Opposition (LOP) Rahul Gandhi's tweet in regard to floods in Telangana. Mahesh Kumar Goud made it clear that despite the heavy rains this time, there have been no significant complaints from the public - only noise from BRS's social media accounts.

Mahesh Kumar retweeted KTR saying "During the BRS term, even a small amount of rain would turn roads into rivers, causing massive traffic jams and chaos. Yet, despite the heavy rains this time, there have been no significant complaints from



the public- only noise from BRS's social media accounts. Meanwhile, KTR, who claims to be a responsible leader, hasn't been seen on the ground during this crisis, and his father has been missing in action since the election results were announced.





crore," an official statement said.











KCR family should donate Rs 1k crore or Rs 2k cr: CM

Revnath lashes out at KCR's inaction

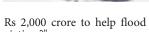
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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy strongly criticised KCR and his family for their inaction amid the flood crisis in Telangana during a review meeting in Khammam.

The CM accused the Kalvakuntla family of failing to help flood-affected people despite the devastating heavy

rains across the state.
"Our people have lost everything due to the floods, but the Kalvakuntla family won't give even a single penny to help the victims," Revanth said during

Venkaiah Naidu for donating to the CMRF, he highlighted the corruption of the Kalvakuntla family saying, "Out of the Rs 1 lakh crore looted by the Kalvakuntla family, can't they spare Rs 1,000 or



relief measures including a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the families of those who lost their lives and immediate assistance of Rs 10,000 for every house damaged by the floods. He also allocated Rs 5 crore to the Collectors as an immediate

The Chief Minister said that

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Uttam Kumar Reddy who are on the ground," the CM said.

He also criticised KTR,

accusing him of enjoying him-self in the US while the state

He emphasised that it is the government's duty to protect the people and criticised some media outlets for biased reporting. He called on businesses and voluntary organisations

TG HC dismisses **PIL** against Smitha Sabarwal

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The Chief Justice of Telangana High Court Alok Aradhe and Justice J Sreenivas Rao Bench on Monday dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), which was filed against Smitha Sabarwal (IAS). Social activist Vasundhara Koppula had filed a petition before the High Court. The petitioner mentioned

Union of India, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Civil Servant Smita Sabharwal. The court observed that

Smitha Sabharawal has not deprived the differently abled persons of their reser-

REMOVAL OF AMIT SHAH, KISHAN FROM FIR

Niranjan files protest petition

PNS HYDERABAD

TPCC Senior Vice President G. Niranjan filed a protest petition in the court of the VIII Addl. Chief Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in Hyderabad on Monday against the deletion of the names of the Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah and Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy from the charge sheet by police in Cr. No. 77/ 2024, registered at the Moghalpura

Police Station.

The court posted the case on October 14. Advocate Sama Sunil Reddy represented G. Niranjan.

An FIR was registered against Amit Shah, Kishan Reddy, Raja Singh, Kompelli

Madhavi and Yaman Singh at the Moghalpura PS on May 3 for allowing children to take part in an election rally held at the Sudha Talkies in Shalibanda violating EC



Leaders must stay away from Youth Congress elections: Mahesh

TPCC Working President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud appealed to Congress leaders to keep away from the Youth Congress election process and asked Congress leaders to stick to AICC suggestions without fail. The Youth Congress's membership enrolment campaign will start on September 14 and elections will be held after the enrolment drive. He said the YC has decided to strengthen the Congress in Telangana as local body elections are approaching, and added that the party has prepared a plan to conduct elections to its mandal, district and constituency committees immediately after the Youth Congress elections.

the meeting. Appreciating former VP

while opposition leaders in

AP (Jagan Mohan Reddy) are actively helping their people, the TG opposition has victims?' Revanth announced several remained silent.

"Opposition leaders should go to people first in such situations and report facts to the government. If needed they should question the government. The main opposition leader of AP (Jagan) is also on the ground. Why is our opposition leader silent?" Revanth

"It's okay for KTR to go to the US and enjoy life, but he shouldn't throw mud on Ministers Bhatti Vikramarka,

faces a severe crisis.

"Why don't you ask the Centre for funds or declare it as a national calamity," the CM

to assist the flood victims and commended Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and other Ministers for their proactive involvement in relief opera-

Ensure quality in drinking water supply: MA&UD

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana State Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Department Principal Secretary M Dana Kishore advised the water board officials to follow quality standards in drinking water supply in the Greater Hyderabad area. In the wake of heavy rains, a review meeting on drinking water supply was held with the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) MD Ashok Reddy, ED Mayank Mittal and senior officials at the Telangana Urban Finance Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (TUFIDC) office in Masab Tank on Monday.

During the meeting, it was

TG Liberation Day PNS HYDERABAD stated that the officials should

Centre to celebrate

The Centre is planning to celebrate Telangana celebrate Telangana Liberation Day officially on September 17 at the Parade Grounds like last year. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be attending the function as the chief guest. The Union Minister of Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, will meet BJP leaders to discuss the arrangements to be made at the Parade Grounds.

RS 2000 NOTES

Rs 7.261 cr worth notes still with public

PNS MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday said 97.96 per cent of the Rs 2000 denomination banknotes have returned to the banking system, and only Rs 7,261 crore worth of the withdrawn notes are still with the pub-

On May 19, 2023, the RBI announced the withdrawal of Rs 2000 denomination banknotes from circulation.

The total value of Rs 2000 banknotes in circulation, which was Rs 3.56 lakh crore at the close of business on May 19, 2023, when the withdrawal of Rs 2000 banknotes was announced, has declined to Rs 7,261 crore at the close of business on August 30, 2024, the RBI said.

Thus, 97.96 per cent of the Rs 2000 banknotes in circulation as on May 19, 2023, has since been returned," it said in a statement.

CBN deployed boats & choppers while Revanth did nothing: BRS

PNS HYDERABAD

BRS MLA Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over his handling of

the flood crisis.
In a post on X, he said that
Revanth Reddy's behaviour is akin to someone who has no shame and accused the Chief Minister of lowering the dignity of his office by politicising the disaster instead of reassuring the public.

"At a time when people are suffering, the Chief Minister should offer help and not engage in empty rhetoric," Harish said, adding that the public is disillusioned by Revanth Reddy's approach.

He criticised the Chief

Minister, saying that Revanth has once again proven to be a "Cheap Minister" rather than a "Chief Minister" by shifting the blame on to the opposition, thereby admitting the government's fail"Six rescue helicopters and 150 rescue boats are being used by the Andhra Pradesh government to save lives," he noted. "Guess how many helicopters and boats our Telangana CM was able to arrange to save lives? A BIG ZERO."

Adding fuel to the fire, BRS MLA KT Rama Rao also joined by highlighting the proactive measures taken by Andhra Pradesh under leadership Chandrababu Naidu.

Six rescue helicopters and 150 rescue boats are being used by the Andhra Pradesh government to save lives," he noted. "Guess how many helicopters and boats our Telangana CM was able to arrange to save lives? A BIG

Comparing AP Chief Minister who despite heavy rains is on the ground among

the people, Harish pointed out that Revanth, in contrast, has been playing "fiddle in Hyderabad."

Harish expressed disappointment saying that as people were getting killed in the floods, the Chief Minister woke up late and, instead of offering reassurance, chose to blame the opposition.

He concluded by advising

Revanth Reddy to set aside politics during such a crisis and speak in a manner that provides confidence to the people and urged him to launch relief measures and stand by the people.

PNS AGARTALA

Tripura Chief Minister Manik

Saha on Monday alleged that

some elements were trying to

came after back-to-back attacks

on temples, and arson on eight

houses of a particular commu-

nity.To a specific question

regarding the attacks on temples

in the state, the chief minister

told reporters, "Whenever I was

informed that something like

that occurred, I asked the police

The chief minister's assertion

create tension in the state.

Notice for no-confidence motion against Himachal Speaker

PNS SHIMLA

Leader of Opposition in Himachal Pradesh Assembly Jai Ram Thakur on Monday gave a notice for a no-confidence motion against Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania, citing his behaviour "inside and outside" the House. The notice was submitted to the Secretary of the state Assembly by Thakur and other BJP MLAs.

Later, the BJP legislators called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and apprised him of the state's financial plight, saying an "emergencylike situation" had been created in Himachal Pradesh.

both socially and politically."Claiming that the

state has been peaceful and has

been witnessing development,

he said certain elements that are

against peace and prosperity of

the state were trying to create

tension. Eight houses were set

on fire by unknown miscreants

at Ranirbazar in West Tripura

district after an idol of Goddess

Kali was found defaced at a

temple on August 26.Based on

a report that a Shivling of a

temple in Bishalgarh in

Sepahijala district had gone

Some elements trying to

create tension in Tripura: CM

Focus on young generation

visit the field to tackle the

issues faced in sanitation and

drinking water supply. Since

there is a possibility of conta-

mination of drinking water

due to rains, special attention should be paid on water collec-

tion, storage, purification

process, chlorination, pumping, transmission and distrib-

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked BJP members on Monday to expand the party during its membership drive in a way that a maximum number of its women candidates are elected to Lok Sabha and assemblies when the 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures come into force.

Speaking at the launch of the drive, he said the women's reservation law will be coming into force during the "kalkhand" (period) of the organisation that this membership campaign will Modi was enrolled by BIP

president J P Nadda as the first member of the drive in the presence of its senior leaders, cluding a host of Union ministers such as Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah.

He has often spoken about increasing women's support for the BJP and has asked the party to boost its outreach to them. The prime minister asked party members to be innovative in enrolling new members and urged them to make border villages fortresses for the BJP and focus on the tribals as well as the generation in the 18-25 years age group.

He said the young generation is not aware of the media headlines focussing on a host of scams 10 years ago, when the Congress-led UPA was in power, and they have only seen the new India which is doing well in a host of sectors.

The young generation as BJP

PM Modi asks BJP leaders



Modi was enrolled by BJP president J P Nadda as the first member of the drive in the presence of its senior leaders, including a host of Union ministers such as Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah.

members would be the "biggest source of strength" for the party to fulfil the resolve of making India a developed country by 2047, Modi asserted.

The BJP launches the drive to renew the membership of its existing members and enroll new members every six years in line with its constitution. Modi said the BJP is the only

organisation which follows democratic principles in running its organisational affairs. He took a swipe at opposition

parties, saying many of them are examples of what happens when political organisations do not follow internal democ-He suggested that BJP work-

in the first village of the border states and also carry out a special drive to reach out to the masses in all aspiration districts and blocks which have undergone transformation due to the government's focus on good governance.

Recalling the BJP's rise from its humble beginning as a two-MP party in Lok Sabha, Modi credited its commitment to the ideology of nation-first and people's welfare for its rise.

The BJP and its forerunner Jaa Sangh were mocked by its rivals, he said, adding the ruling party has done a lot to change the country's political culture.

Modi likened the BJP's membership drive to welcoming new members to a family.

Pay Rs 50 lakh ex-gratia to bereaved families: Eatala

PNS HYDERABAD

The BJP's Malkajgiri MP, Eatala Rajender, asked the state government to pay an exgratia of Rs 50 lakh to the families of persons who died in the floods. He also appealed to the government to reconstruct the roads and bridges that were washed away. In a statement issued on

Monday, Eatala asked the government to provide all facilities for evacuees at flood relief centres and to provide essential items to people living in flood-

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HYDERABAD WEATHER

TODAY

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Sukla Paksha

Uttara Phalguni:

Rahukalam

Gulika:

Yamagandam:

Forecast: Rain

Humidity: 79% Sunrise: 6:03 AM

Sunset: 6:28 PM

Temp: 28°°



ed areas. He thanked the revenue, municipal, electricity and police personnel involved

in providing flood relief. Eatala said that as soon as

to crops should be assessed and compensation provided. Farms that were completely damaged by the flood should be assessed. The government should provide financial assistance to set right damaged fields. The loss of cattle, sheep and fisheries should be assessed and compensation should be paid, he said.

As infections are likely to spread, arrangements should be made to ensure availability of medical personnel and medicines, he said.

SWATI MALIWAL ASSAULT CASE

SC grants bail to Kejriwal aide Bibhav Kumar

The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar in the Swati Maliwal assault case noting that he has been in custody for over

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100 days. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan also took into account that the prosecution has proposed to examine more than 51 witnesses and said the trial will take time to conclude.

It also noted that since the charge sheet in the case has already been filed, Kumar's release will not cause any

prejudice to the investiga-

"Allegations are that the petitioner, who is personal secretary to Delhi chief minister, assaulted the complainant-victim

Investigation in the case is complete. Charge sheet has been filed. We are not inclined to hear on the point as to where prima facie offense is made out. It's exclusive

who is a Rajya

domain of trial court. "While we appreciate the concern to keep witnesses free from influence for conclusion of a fair and free trial, we are satisfied that desired protection can be afforded through other measures.

missing, police went to the spot to take legal action. Accordingly, the police took steps and we will on Saturday and initiated an continue to foil such attempts investigation. Governor's post should be

Asserts persons of stature be appointed by consensus

abolished: Singhvi

PNS NEW DELHI

Amid growing instances of run-ins between governors and opposition-ruled state governments, senior Congress eader Abhishek Singhvi on Monday said the governor's post should either be abolished or a person of stature who is not into petty politics be appointed by consensus.

Singhvi, who was elected to the Rajya Sabha unopposed from Telangana last week, also weighed in on the repeated standoffs between the Chair and the opposition in both Houses of Parliament and called for reforms to ensure the



In an interview, the fourtime MP said a very big failing of this government is that it "demeaned, devalued and diminished" every institution. Several governors acted as a second chief executive or a "second sword in the same scabbard"."Either the gover-

nor's post be abolished or by

consensus, a person of stature who is not into petty politics be appointed," Singhvi asserted.

Will a person like Gopalkrishna Ĝandhi do such a thing? I am taking his name, though our party nominated him for the vice president's post, but such people who do not cross the limit and do wrong, (either appoint them) or abolish the governor's post, the Congress Working Committee member said.

If the governor becomes a challenge or threat to the chief minister then the governor has to go because elections are held for a CM, not a governor, Singhvi said.

15 die in rain-related incidents in AP

PNS VIJAYAWADA

As many as 15 people died in Andhra Pradesh due to rainrelated incidents in the past three days, following unprecedented rainfall caused by a depression in the Bay of Bengal, the government said on Monday.

According to an official release, five persons died at Mogalrajapuram Vijayawada due to landslides and one person each at Vijayawada Rural, G Kondru mandal and Reddygudem mandal. They all belong to NTR district. "Five deaths in Guntur district. One teacher and two students travelling from Uppalapadu to Namburu were washed away in a local



woman died when boulders fell on her in the first ward of Mangalagiri town," the release said. Further, it said that another person was washed away in Kondaveedu stream at Ponnekallu village in Guntur district.

Besides rain-related deaths, three children drowned in district's Prakasam Markapuram division when they went swimming, the release said.

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JPOD Hotels

Launch of India's firstof-its-kind Pod Hotel, JPOD at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport.

JPOD HOTELS PVT LTD, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Arrivals, Level C, Unit No- C-SA-003, Shamshabad, Hyderabad September 3, Time - 11:30 am

Pause and reflect

Featuring fascinating world of art curated by Annapurna Madipadiga. Featured artists: Dhruv Patel, Dushyant Patel, C Raghu and Mukhtar Ahmed Sardar.

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Venue Gerosa Hall, St Francis College for Women, Begumpet, Hyderabad September 3, 10am

Show-cause notice to **Sindhura** restaurant

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) food safety officers have issued a showcause notice to the wellknown Sindhura East Court restaurant in Hyderabad for maintaining expired food articles.

The notice was issued following an inspection triggered by a complaint regarding the presence of a cockroach in a dosa served at the restaurant. The Monday revealed multiple hygiene and sanitation lapses, improper maintenance of records, the presence of expired food articles and the use of food colours.

Food Safety Department's noted that management of Sindhura East Court located at Raghavendra Nagar has been called upon to explain these violations. The show-cause notice, issued by the Office of the Additional Commissioner (Health), GHMC, warns that further action will be taken under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

> Paloma villas in Mokila region sees water-logging

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Mokila, a region in Hyderabad known for its pricey villas, has been receiving criticism as rain water has entered the Paloma Villas on Monday.

The residents who spent between five to six crores on the

on social media as most of their parking lots are flooded with rain water. A user wrote on X, "It is true. The villas near the gate and community centre suffered

water-logging on the far side." "I agree the people bought a villa at a cost of Rs 6 crore due

villas are sharing their frustration to its greenery and construction,

of drainage and as a pond near-by overflowed," said Rajesh, a

stays in the next villas under Mokila region. "It is because of poor planning

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KHAMMAM WORST HIT IN STATE

Fire dept rescues 1,639 from floods

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City Pioneer

As heavy rains battered the State, many houses were inundated. Though there was heavy rain day and night, The Telangana Disaster Response and Fire Services Department (TGDRFS) has rescued 1,639 people from floods in the State in the last three days in Telangana.

The TGDRFS on Tuesday mentioned that the department rescued 878 people on Sunday and 761 people on Monday. A total of three bodies were retrieved from the floods. An official said that only in the Khammam range, the department rescued 1,662 people from the floods. In all, 11 boats with 100 crew members including officers from Hyderabad, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool, Sangareddy, Hanamkonda are working in Khammam.

Director General of the TGDRFS Y Nagi Reddy said that the department has relentlessly worked during the floods. "The department has deployed 1,500 officers to rescue people. They are working round the clock on the mis-sion." When 100 people were trapped in the floods in Mahabubnagar district, the officials shifted them to a safe place. In all, 150 persons were rescued from floods to Jampanna Vagu in Mulugu

Under the Kodad fire station



The Telangana Disaster Response and Fire Services Department officers rescuing people from floods

Trees fall breaking electricity poles; DRF clears 48 tree falls

Heavy rains caused large tree branches to fall, breaking three electricity poles and cutting power in colonies of Cantonment Ward 5 late at night on Sunday. Electricity and cantonment officers had replaced the poles by Monday after-

On the intervening night of Sunday, the branches fell off in the colonies of Sainagar and Vikrampuri

of Cantonment ward 5. With the huge noise power was disconnected as three electricity poles were damaged.

SCR rescues

10,000

stranded

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passengers

Due to incessant rains in

Pradesh and huge discharge

of flood water from upstream,

five trains were stranded in

the affected tracks. South

Central Railway (SCR) has

made alternate transport

arrangements for 10,000 pas-

sengers through buses and

special trains. Three Trains

Visakhapatnam Godavari

Express; New Delhi - Chennai

Tamilnadu Express and Hyderabad - Tambaram

Charminar Express were

stranded between Kondapalli

and Rayanapdu stations due

to heavy water inflow on

tracks on the wee hours of

September 1, 2024.

Accordingly, to help the stranded passengers, SCR deployed all its resources to

extend timely action. Several

ICBs and tractors have been

pressed into service to fetch

the passengers who were

caught in the midst of huge flood water. 84 RTC buses

have been arranged at the spot

for transporting around 4,200 passengers to Vijayawada rail-

way station.

Secunderabad

said, "It was around 1pm on Sunday night and branches of trees fell, breaking power

The power was disconnected and it was restored at

12pm on Monday afternoon." Meanwhile, the Disaster Response Force (DRF) team has cleared 48 tree fall complaints out of total 52 in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits from 6 am

until 2pm on September 2. There were a total 51 tree fall complaints and one water stagnation in Saroor Nagar. The progress locations are KBR Park in Jubilee Hills, Amberpet, Nexus Mall in Kukatpally and Shaikpet.
The locations attended by

DRF teams are Malakpet, Chandryangutta, ECIL, Uppal, Malkajgiri, Begumpet, Mettuguda, Suchitra, Assembly, CM Camp Office, Suchitra, Raj Bhavan, NTR stadium and Shilparamam.

There were repeated locations such as ECIL, KBR Park, Suchitra, LB Nagar, Alwal, CM Camp Office, Malakjgiri and Shaikpet.

limits in Suryapet district, houses and schools were inundated. The officials rescued more than 160 residents and 300 Gurukul students.

Headmaster dies

of electric shock

As rains lashed the State, private Vignan School headmaster D Srinivasa Rao (49) died due to electric

shock in Kondapur village of Ghatkesar

mandal on Sunday. The deceased was a native of Khammam district. He had been working as the principal of the school for

the last three years. As he did not pick up

the phone calls of his colleague, they

searched everywhere. Later, they

campus declared him dead.

found the principal in rain water on

top of his house. The nurse in the

The officials have rescued the people with the help of boats, ropes and other new technology instruments.

Frothing at GHMC head office

Aplace where civic problems of the city are solved, experienced chemical froth on Monday. For the last two days due to the incessant rains, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials are working to clear waterlogging problems and other rain-related problems in the city. But on the other hand, white chemical foam has been entered into the GHMC head office and sprinkled on those who walked on that route. A Scientist who does not want to be named said that the root cause of the foaming is a chemical mixture in the Hussain Sagar lake. "The Pollution Control Board (PCB) is testing the water but not putting the information in the public domain. Also, there are no concerned officials working to control this pollution in Hussain Sagar. According to the Telangana PCB official website, the last data was made public on August 8 on Hussain Sagar

General Aviation Terminal for private aircraft users launched

he pioneer

Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi president G Raghava Reddy was

will be installed in city

1.40 lakh Ganesh pandals

pandal details to police

through police official web-

sites. Officials would estab-

lish 253 Ganesh Action

Teams (GAT) with 10,500

workers for sanitation

A total of 100 statice and

150 mobile cranes would be

arranged at around 50 baby

ponds and 20 major ponds.

Raghava Reddy thanked

the Chief Minister of

Telangana for giving free

electricity to every pandal. The CM assured that spe-

cial budget would be allo-

cated for providing infra-structure. "For the last 10 years, no CM has spoken

with us. But CM Revanth

Reddy has spoken with us and given assurance for

smooth procession on

Ganesh procession this

repairs of main and interi-

or roads and pruning of

trees and other works. He said that the BGUS office is

open 24/7 for sorting out

any issues. The mandap

organisers may contact the

through 040-24740044.

The GHMC assured for

year", he said.

speaking at Press Club in Somajiguda)

The Bhagyanagar Ganesh

Utsav Samithi (BGUS) is estimating that 1.40 lakh

Ganesh pandals (manda-

pas) would be established in

the city this year. The idol

installation starts on

September 7 and immer-

sion procession would be

conducted on September

On Monday, the BGUS held a press meet at Press

Club in Somajiguda. BGUS

president G Raghava Reddy

said that when the organi-

sation started in 1980, only

1,400 idols were installed in

the city. In the previous year, 1.25 lakh pandals were established. This year the

number would be increased

to 1.40 lakh as associations

and groups have increased

All the Road Transport

Authority (RTA) offices

would provide vehicles for

immersion with specific requests from BGUS. These

veĥicles would be charged

at the government pre-

scribed rates. He said that

people should intimate the

in the city.

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Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) on Monday announced the launch of a new state-of-the-art General Aviation (GA) Terminal taiowners and users. The new terminal aims to facilitate the diverse needs of passengers flying through chartered flights meant for business or personal travel from Hyderabad Pradeep Panicker, CEO of

GMR Hyderabad International Airport said, "We are thrilled to unveil our latest offering, a premium General Aviation Terminal at Rajiv Gandhi Airport. International Hyderabad is one of the thriving economic powerhouses with the second highest concentration of ultra-high net worth individuals (HNI) and thriving pharmaceutical and IT industries. Development of Global Capability Centres in



boosted private jet movements. Redefining the flying experience, this new facility will set a new standard for an extraordinary travel experience. The terminal will serve as an extension of luxury for many of our frequent HNI travellers, offering unparalleled comfort, convenience, and bespoke services.

the region by MNC's have The GA Terminal, spanning across 11,234 square feet,

is situated beside the RGIA terminal and includes a private entrance and a car park. It features a distinctive theme of

Gothic style, and its interiors create an ambience rich in elegance and comfort. It offers a dedicated facilitation service for domestic and international general aviation passengers, and is equipped with a private lounge, segregated arrival and departures corridors, checkin, emigration-immigration, customs checks and hand baggage processing, security clearance, staff lounge, duty-free offerings, and a dedicated Wi-Fi- enabled service for seamless connectivity. Passengers

> but forgot about the drainage system," said another user, who

classical architecture blended

with Indo-Saracenic-Indo-

Hyd Metro Rail launches sustainable rides programme

PNS HYDERABAD

Hyderabad Metro Rail, in collaboration with Svida Mobility Pvt Ltd. initiated a carbon neutral environmentally susthe Metro shuttle services. The programme was launched by NVS Reddy, MD, HMRL, along with L&TMRHL MD KVB Reddy at HYTEC City Metro station on Monday. Svida operates around 150

shuttle buses in 64 routes to and from 15 Metro stations, serving more than 16,000 pas-Congratulating Svida on completion of 50 lakh Metro feeder service rides, NVS Reddy stated that the initiative by Svida to neutralise shuttle road trips carbon emissions through purchase of carbon credits, is laudable and further improves Hyderabad Metro Rail's image as a fully integrated eco-friendly transport system.

Emphasising on the need to save the mother earth and leave a livable place for our future generations, he has appealed to the other corporates to get in touch with L&TMRHL or Svida for sponsorship of purchase of carbon credits to enhance their ESG (ecological, social and governance) scores.



Svida has tied up with Climate TerraBlu Technologies, a climate tech company for this sustainability programme and sustainability certificates were handed over to RMZ Skyview IT Park, Bosch, Bristol Myers Squibb, CBRE, Phoenix Avance IT Park, TTEC Digital, Vibrant Energy and Divyasri NSL Orion IT Park during the event by MDs of HMRL and L&TMRHL. They have also launched the booking of tick-

ets through WhatsApp with Billeasy. KVB Reddy stated that the WhatsApp booking facility will enable the Metro commuters to discover the routes and book their tickets for their travel on Metro shuttles in an easy manner.

Siddharth Ravi, CEO, Svida Mobility Pvt ltd, Jignesh P Bellani, Co-Founder, Svida Mobility Pvt Ltd and senior officers of HMRL and L&TMRHL participated in the

VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER TRAIN

A new experience in rail travel

PNS HYDERABAD

The highly anticipated Vande Bharat sleeper train is an exciting expansion to the Vande Bharat portfolio. This new addition is poised to transform the way of rail travel.

This train set has been meticulously designed to combine aesthetic appeal with functional excellence. All materials and components used in the train set adhere to the highest fire safety standards. Crafted with world-class facilities and superior interiors, the Vande Bharat Sleeper train marks a significant leap forward in India's rail capabilities, offering a passenger experience on par with European standards. Set to revolutionize long-distance rail



meets new benchmarks for comfort, safety, and efficiency.

It is equipped with a range of world-class features such as austenitic stainless steel train set, crash worthy features in train set for passenger safety, best-in-class interiors with

travel in India, this segment GFRP panels, aerodynamic exterior looks, special berths and toilets for differently abled, automatic exterior passenger doors, sensor based intercommunication doors, remotely operated fire barrier doors at end wall, spacious luggage room and many more.

Street dogs and pigeon challenges at stadium

GOSHAMAHAL STADIUM FOR OGH REDEVELOPMENT

DEEPIKA PASHAM

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The redevelopment of Osmania General Hospital (OGH) into a corporate-style facility at the Goshamahal Sports and Police Stadium presents several challenges, notably the presence of hundreds of street dogs that currently occupy the grounds. The stadium, which spans approximately 32 acres, houses Hyderabad City Police blocks and quarters for training constables and other staff.

Upon entering the stadium, visitors are greeted by the sounds of police training nearby. As one navigates the area, groups of street dogs are seen resting on the pathways and barking at strangers. While some dogs may be avoided if a constable is present, others pose a risk of aggression.

The situation is complicated by the fact that the stadium, known as Shiv Kumar Lal Police Stadium, has a history of hosting State competitions and gaining recognition, adding to the nostalgia and resistance to change from local communi-

A police constable noted. "The stadium can be relocated, but it is crucial that police quarters remain centrally located within the city to facilitate easier travel for staff." The constable also pointed out that

the reduced foot traffic in the area has allowed dogs to proliferate, exacerbating concerns over their presence and behav-

Young locals, like ten-year-



old K Rohan, express disappointment over the potential changes. Rohan and his friends regularly visit the stadium to play, lamenting the absence of

nearby parks and fearing the

"We don't know much about the new hospital plans, but we'll really miss this place," Rohan

loss of their beloved play area.

The stadium also hosts a large number of pigeons, which are fed by visitors and have become a fixture in the area. Meanwhile, constables use the stadium grounds for exercise and patrol, further adding to the dynamic of the space.

As officials move forward with plans to convert the stadium into a hospital, addressing these issues is crucial. Ensuring a safe and clean environment for patients and staff will be a key factor in the successful implementation of the redevelopment project.



The Cybercrime Police here

on Monday arrested two persons, allegedly involved in an

online investment fraud. They allegedly swindled several people of huge sums of

money across the country of

Kishore Jha told the media

that the Cybercrime police in

Warangal arrested two per-

The duo confessed to hav-

ing committed around 150

crimes across the country, including 15 in Telangana,

They cheated victims of about Rs 15 crore. Bank accounts of the accused were

The accused Jaseel (38) and Preethi (32) hailed from

The duo convinced a large

number of people to invest large sums of money in Ponzi schemes such as Internal

Equity Amount of Goldman

Sachs and Yum Branding-

Tambaram in Chennai.

sons from Tamil Nadu.

Ambar

huge money.

Jha said.

Warangal

Commissioner

Two 'cyber fraudsters'

from Tamil Nadu arrested

Warangal Police Commissioner Ambar Kishor Jha addressing a media conference in Warangal on Monday.

6001, promising hefty

investigation based on com-

plaints by two persons from

Hanamkonda, saying they had lost Rs 28 lakh to a

Assistant Commissioner of

Police Vijay Kumar, along

with a team of policemen, investigated the case and

traced the accused to Tamil Nadu. The police seized sev-

The police launched an

returns.

Ponzi scheme.

A doctor administering first aid to Minister for Revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy in Khammam on Monday

Ponguleti suffers minor injury while visiting flood-hit areas

PNS KHAMMAM

Minister for Revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Monday suf-fered a minor injury after falling off a motorcycle during his visit to flood-affected areas on Monday. Srinivas Reddy inspect-ed flood-affected catchment areas following heavy rains across the state.

across the state.

During the visit, victims shared their concerns with the minister. He interacted with people after travelling all the way on a motorcycle. The two-wheel-er he was riding skidded due to the slippery road. It was a minor injury. A doctor immediately dressed up the wound.

The minister dismissed it as a minor injury and asked the people not to worry.

Earlier, the Minister visited
Khammam Rural Mandal on a

two-wheeler and assured the people of the flood-hit areas of necessary support from the government.

He visited Nayudupeta, Jalagam Nagar, Sai Prabhat Nagar-1 and 2, Temple City, Pedda Thanda, Karunagiri, and Rajiv Gruha Kalpa areas and consoled the victims.

Some women poured out their tales of woe to the minister. The Minister assured them that the government would come to their

Seniors beat Class 9 students Social Welfare school

PNS TOOPRAN

In an inhuman incident, three Class 9 students in Social Welfare Residential School for boys were beaten indiscriminately by a group of SSC students late on Sunday night after gagging their mouths. The students were beaten with iron rods and kicked with boots.

On learning about the incident, the parents of the victims clashed with the

school principal here on Monday.

The principal agreed to send the

senior students responsible for the incident out of the school. The principal pleaded with the parents of the victims not to divulge the incident to anyone as it would harm the reputation of the school.

In a similar incident that took place in the educational institution two months ago, junior college students assaulted the SSC students. The parents are worried over such incidents taking place in the school in a gap of only a few months.



Minister for Irrigation N Uttam Kumar Reddy inspecting the damage caused by incessant rains in Suryapet district on Monday

Uttam assures people in flood-hit areas of all help

PNS SURYAPETA

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday assured the people that the government would take steps to plug the breach in Nagarjunasagar left canal at Nidamanur in Nalgonda district.

It is estimated that around crops in 300 acres have been been submerged and water entered into the hosues...

Kodad MLA Uttam Padmavathi, District Collector Tejas Nandlal Pawar and others were present. Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Ramesh Babu and others were also present. He was accompanied by Sai Dharma Teja and others on Monday.

Speaking to the media later, Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy said that it is estimated that crops in about 300 acres of land have been damaged due to the breach to the left canal. Luckily, the water did not enter the

village, he said. He said that Kodad and Huzurnagar constituencies suffered huge crop loss

due to the havoc created by the record rainfall in five decades. Besides, ponds and wells have also been damaged by the recent rains. The

survey will be conducted in two days.

sation in the Cabinet and announce it,"

We will discuss the issue of compen-

the Minister said. He visited the Ramapuram bridge on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada national

highway. Uttam Kumar Reddy directed the officials concerned to take immediate steps to repair the road and restore traffic on the national highway.



Health Minister Damodar Raja Narsimha at the Manjeera Barrage near Sangareddy on Monday

Domodar directs officials to be on alert

PNS MEDAK

Health Minister Damodar Raja Narsimha has called upon the officials to implement measures to prevent loss of life and loss to property due to floods triggered by the incessant rains lashing the district.

He, along with district Collector Kranti Valluru, former MLA and TPCC working president Jagga Reddy, inspected Manjeera barrage in Sangareddy mandal, near here on Monday He asked the officials to shift the people living in old and dilapidated buildings to safer places. The officials told the Minister that they had evacuated people living in dilapidated structures at Andole, Nyalkal, Bollaram

and other mandals. The irrigation department officials raised gates to discharge the water downstream.

In fact, the storage capacity of the barrage is 1.5 tmc ft. Inflow into the barrage is cusecs. The minister asked the officials to alert the people living in catchment areas of the barrage about the discharge of water. The officials told the

measured at 2,300 cusecs,

Minister that a special control room has been set up at the Collectorate to provide relief and rescue operations.

Another control room has been set up in the office of the Superintending Engineer of the Electricity Department. As the inflows into tanks and ponds is heavy, the minister asked the irrigation authorities to implement all precautions.

He urged the the police to ensure that the people do not go near the tanks and streams and erect barricades. The minister asked the people to remain alert as there is rain threat during the next 48 hours and advised the people not to go out of their houses unless it is absolutely necessary.

MLAs visit flood-hit areas in Rangareddy dist

PNS ■ RANGAREDDY

eral incriminating documents

from the accused, the Police

The seized items included

chequebooks, debit and cred-

it cards, besides mobile

In fact, Jaseel and Preethi opened bank accounts in Yes Bank, Axis Bank and Jana

Small Finance Bank through

fraudulent means and lured

the people to invest huge

amounts in the Ponzi scheme.

Commissioner said.

phones.

With Telangana experiencing heavy rains over the past two days, state legislators have started visiting flood-hit areas to assure the people that they would extend all help to them.

Maheswaram MLA and former Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy and Chevella MLA Kale Yadaiah visited the flood-hit areas in their respective constituencies on Monday.

Sabitha Indra Reddy visited the Jalpally Municipality in Maheswaram constituency, specifically focusing on Osman Nagar. Accompanied by the Jalpally Municipal Chairman, Commissioner, and local leaders, she assessed the situation on the ground. She urged residents to remain indoors unless rain is expected in the coming days. Local public representatives, municipal officials, and activists participated in the visit, which aimed at ensuring community safety and readi-

Meanwhile, Chevella MLA Kale Yadaiah visited the flood-



Chevella MLA Kale Yadaiah inspecting flood-affected areas in Mokila village on Monday

affected areas in La Paloma Villas, Mokila village, located in Shankarpalli mandal. During the visit on Monday, Yadaiah interacted with residents, advising them to stay

indoors amid the ongoing heavy rains. He instructed local officials to take immediate action to prevent further flooding and emphasised the importance of continuous monitoring of the situation. Yadaiah assured constituents that he and his office staff are available for assistance in emergencies, urging them to stay strong amid difficult times.

Officials told to be alert as river Godavari rising

PNS BHADRADRI **KOTHAGUDEM**

Collector Jitesh V Patil has asked the officials and people to remain alert as the water level in River Godavari is likely to

rise further during the next 24 hours.

In a release on Monday, he asked the people in low-lying areas of Aswapuram, Bhadrachalam, Burgampahad, Charla, Dummugudem, Manuguru and Pinapaka mandals to constantly monitor the water



Jitesh V Patil

The officials should respond immediately with regard to the villages in these mandals and take remedial measures. He asked them to take all precautions needed to be taken in respect of flood-hit villages. Deploy rescue teams and mechanised boats. They should alert the people. Vehicles should be kept ready to transport the people to rehabilitation centers.

At the rehabilitation centers, necessary essential commodities should be

untimely death in 2009, which

sent shockwaves across the

state and the nation. They

ing the Aarogyasri health

scheme, the 108 emergency

services, and programs like free

electricity and rice distribution,

which cemented his reputation

as a leader deeply committed

The event was attended by

Congress leaders Mohammed

Ali Khan Babar, Yadaiah Yadav,

to public welfare.

praised his initiatives, includ-

Collector directs officials evacuate people from low-lying areas

Rangareddy District Collector K Shashanka inspecting flood-affected areas in Rangareddy district on Monday

PNS RANGAREDDY

In view of heavy rains in the Shashanka has issued an urgent directive to the officials to evacuate residents in the low-lying areas of Osman Nagar to safer places. During a visit to the affected areas on Monday, the Collector emphasised the importance of immediate action to protect the lives and well-being of the res-

The Collector instructed the officials concerned to ensure that the relocation of residents is carried out promptly and that measures are taken to prevent contamination of water tanks, which serve as critical sources of clean water.

To safeguard public health, he also ordered the organisation of medical camps in the evacuated areas. The camps will provide necessary healthcare, while preventive measures such as the application of bleaching powder and chlorination will be taken up to prevent the spread of diseases.

The Collector directed medical teams to be alert and ensured that primary health centers are stocked with essential medicines.

In addition to addressing the immediate flood-related concerns, Shashanka inspected the route for the upcoming Balapur Ganesha procession. He reviewed the ongoing cement concrete road works along the procession route and instructed that the work be completed within two to three days. Furthermore, he called for the installation of street lights and the enhancement of sanitation efforts to ensure a safe and orderly

Key officials, including Maheshwaram ACP Laxmikant Reddy, Jal Pally Municipal Commissioner Vanireddy, and the Assistant Executive Engineer of the Irrigation Department, along with other municipal staff members accompanied the Collector.

10K eco-friendly Ganesh idols to be distributed in Siddipet on Sep 4

PNS ■ SIDDIPET

The Amarnadh Annadana Seva Samiti has said that it will distribute 10,000 ecofriendly Ganesh idols among the people to celebrate Ganesh festival. The measure will go a long way in safe-

guarding environment.
With the same idea, the Seva Samiti distributed one lakh eco-friendly Ganesh idols under the limits of GHMC in Hyderabad.

Addressing the media at the Press Club here on Monday, Seva Samiti members said that 10,000 eco-friendly Ganesh idols will be distributed among the people free of cost in the town on September 4. The distribution will take place in front of Venkateswara Swamy temple here.

Rich tributes paid to YSR on his death anniversary about YS Rajasekhar Reddy's

PNS RANGAREDDY

In a heartfelt tribute to the late Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar and former MLA Choulapalli Pratap Reddy praised him as a leader devoted to the welfare of the people. The solemn event, held on Monday at the Shadnagar town square, marked the death anniversary of the "beloved leader," who remained a revered figure in the hearts of many.

The event, organised under the joint leadership of Urban Congress Party president K Chennaiah and YS Rajasekhara Reddy's ardent supporter Mohammed Ibrahim, saw the participation of numerous party members and local leaders. They gathered to pay their respects at the statue of YS Rajasekhara Reddy, recognising his lasting impact on the state and its peo-



Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar and former MLA Choulapalli Pratap Reddy, along with Congress activists, paying tributes to YSR statue in Shadnagar on Monday

In their addresses, MLA Shankar and former MLA Pratap Reddy lauded YS Rajasekhar Reddy as a transformational leader

who worked tirelessly to the state into a land of plenty,

earning him the title of "Karshaka Bhagiratha." His legauplift the poor and bring smiles to the faces of the underprivileged. They recalled his signifcy, they said, is etched permaicant contributions, such as the nently in the hearts of the peoirrigation project, which turned

The leaders also reminisced

Balraj Goud, Tirupati Reddy, Town President Konkalla Chennaiah, Srikanth Reddy, Aganuru Baswam, Kumar Swamy, Dangu Srinivas Yadav, Harinath Reddy, Krishna Reddy, Ande Mohan, Singaram Sudarshan, Ibrahim, and others. Following the tribute, MLA Veerlapalli Shankar distributed milk, fruits, and bread to patients at the government hospital, continuing the spirit of service that YS Rajasekĥar Reddy

embodied

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Jilted lover kills college girl, ends life in Tripura

Tripura college student died by suicide on Monday after fatally stabbing a class 9 girl who had rejected his Proposal for a romantic relationship, a senior police officer said. The victim, Tania Baruah, was on her way to private tuition at Kanchanpur in North Tripura district around 8.30 am when the incident occurred, police said. According to North Tripura SP Bhanupada Chakraborty, Kartik Nath (21) blocked her path near Post Office Road and stabbed her in the neck and chest. "She fell to the ground, bleeding profusely. Shortly afterward, Nath slit his own throat," Chakraborty said. Both were taken to Kanchanpur subdivisional hospital, where Tania Baruah was pronounced dead. Kartik Nath was referred to Dharmanagar for further treatment but also succumbed to his injuries, the SP added Chakraborty said preliminary investigations suggest Nath, a second-year student at Kanchanpur Government Degree College, had proposed to Baruah. Her rejection may have prompted him to commit the violent act, he added.



Heavy rains in Gujarat; Bharuch gets 120 mm in two hours

everal parts of Gujarat received heavy rain on Monday, with Bharuch city getting 120 millimetres between 4pm and 6pm, officials said. The India Meteorological Department has forecast widespread rain in the state this week. Monday's rain came after a two-day pause. The state had seen extremely heavy rains last week, which caused widespread flooding. During the day, south Gujarat districts such as Bharuch, Tapi Dangs and Navsari received heavy rain, with Songadh and Vyara talukas of Tapi district and Vaghai in Dangs getting more than 200mm in a 12-hour period ending at 6pm, data from the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) showed. "Bharuch city got 120 mm between 4pm and 6pm

2,417 power supply poles...

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The damages include 21 DTR courageous efforts of the staff, across various districts. In restore power in the midst of Greater Hyderabad alone, 412 power poles and 13 DTR structures have been affected with more damage expected tions have been damaged.

as the rains continue. Faruqui highlighted the rains and floods. In Suryapet district, approximately 1,200 power poles and four substa-

Political slugfest amid..

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Instead, we've been among the people, actively supervising relief operations. The government has been on high alert, which is why there has been minimal loss of life. During BRS rule, Hyderabad would have got submerged even after a light rain," he remarked.

Meanwhile, BRS leaders hit back with Harish Rao saying, "It's unfortunate that the Deputy Chief Minister is indulging in politics while people are suffering. Instead of wiping their tears, you are busy criticising the opposition. We could criticise too,

but helping people during difficult times is more important."KTR also weighed in, targeting Rahul Gandhi and the Congress government stating, "Rahul Ji, your government and the CM have failed the people of Telangana. The people are losing faith in your leadership with each passing day. If you truly care about Telangana, such gross negligence wouldn't be happening. The onus of this systematic failure is on the Congress."

The exchange of barbs amidst relief operations has highlighted the intense political rivalry as the state battles the natural disaster.



Contribution of cooperative sector in development incomparable: Murmu

PNS PUNE

The contribution of the cooperative sector in India's devel opment is incomparable, President Droupadi Murmu said at a function in Maharashtra's Kolhapur on Monday.

Addressing the golden jubilee celebrations of Shri Warna Women Cooperative Group in Warnanagar in the west Maharashtra city, the President said, "Trade and entrepreneurship have played

President said cooperation was the best medium to make good use of the strength inherent in

society

a crucial role in economic development, but the role of cooperative sector in the development of the country is incomparable.

The President said cooperation was the best medium to make good use of the strength inherent in society.

"Principles of cooperation follow the spirit of justice, unity, and fraternity envisaged in the Constitution. When people of different classes and ideologies unite for cooperation, they get the ben-

efit of social diversity," she said. Cooperatives have played an important role in the economic development of the country and household brands like Amul and Lijjat Papad are the examples of such cooperatives, Murmu added.

She said cooperative groups have made a significant contribution in making India the world's largest milk producer, adding that such cooperatives produce and distribute milk and milk products in almost all

ANTI RAPE BILL

Bengal govt proposes capital punishment for convicts

PNS KOLKATA

The draft of the anti-rape Bill, scheduled to be tabled by the Mamata Banerjee government in the West Bengal Assembly on Tuesday, proposes capital punishment for persons convicted of rape if their actions result in the victim's death or cause her to become vegeta-

Amendment) Bill 2024,' the legislation aims to enhance protection for women and children by amending and introducing new provisions related to rape and sexual offences.

The draft Bill proposes to amend the newly passed Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 laws and the



Additionally, the draft stated that persons convicted of rape and gang-rape would receive a life sentence lasting for the rest of their natural

Titled 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill, (West Bengal Criminal

Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 "in their application to the state of West Bengal to enhance punishment and to constitute the framework for...expeditious investigation and trial of the heinous act of violence against women and children.

'BJP's membership drive to relaunch Bharat Vijay, Bhajapa Vijay campaign'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah asserted on Monday that the BJP's membership drive will again launch the campaign of "Bharat Vijay" and "Bhajapa Vijay".

Speaking at the launch of the party's membership drive, he said the programme will reinvigorate the organisation.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi ended the credibility crisis in politics and the BJP is seen as the most credible party.

The party has consistently followed its ideology and works to build society, he said. Party president J P Nadda said the BJP is the only polit-

ical organisation which is run democratically and follows its constitution. Taking a swipe at the rivals,

he said the BJP does not work



from home in a clandestine way but follows a transparent

With the party set to renew membership of its existing members and enrol new members in line with its constitutional requirement, Shah echoed Nadda, saying no other party follows its membership process in a truthful and democratic manner like the

The BJP is nourished by its members, Shah said, asserting that the party's lively organisation spawns its brimming enthusiasm.

Both Nadda and Shah expressed confidence that the party will cross the milestone of 10 crore members in the drive as it did for the first time in 2014. During a similar membership drive in 2014 and afterwards, the BJP went on to form governments in several states, including in some for the first time.

Karnataka CM post not vacant, Siddaramaiah will continue: DK

PNS BENGALURU

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Monday said that the CM's post was not vacant and the incumbent Siddaramaiah will continue in it.

He was reacting to senior Congress MLA and Administrative Reforms Commission Chairperson R V Deshpande's comments on Sunday expressing his wish to become the next Chief Minister.

"The Chief Minister's post is not vacant. Our government is office under the leadership of Siddaramaiah. We could have spoken on this if the Chief Minister's post was vacant. The current Chief Minister will continue," Shivakumar said.

Addressing reporters here, the Karnataka Congress President said, "There is nothing wrong in him (Deshpande) desiring for the post, but such



desires should not be expressed before the media. He is a senior leader, we respect him."

Asked about the party's move if there is an adverse judgment in the MUDA case,

adverse nothing, the Chief Minister will continue and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is facing allegations of corruption in connection with the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) land allotment 'scam'. Karnataka Governor

the Deputy CM said, "no

Thaawarchand Gehlot on August 16 accorded sanction under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for the commission of the alleged offences as mentioned in the petitions of Pradeep Kumar S P, T J Abraham and Snehamayi Krishna, in connection with the MUDA case.

Rains leave trail of...

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Earlier, he visited Bhongir to inspect affected areas and to interact with the local population.

During his visits, Revanth emphasised that the state government is fully committed to supporting those affected by the floods. He announced several relief measures including an increase in the ex-gratia payment to the families of the deceased from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. The government has also enhanced compensation for the loss of livestock from Rs 30,000 to Rs 50,000 and for lost sheep and goats from Rs 3,000 to Rs 5,000. An amount of Rs 10,000 per acre will be provided to farmers who lost their crops, and Rs 10,000 will be given to households which suffered

The Chief Minister said the state

administration has been fully mobilized to handle the crisis, with collectors, police and other officials on high alert. Rs 5 crore has been allocated to the flood-hit districts of Khammam, Mahbubabad, Suryapet and Bhadradri Kothagudem as immediate relief.

The CM also directed health officials to take precautions to prevent the outbreak of diseases in flood-affected areas, stressing the importance of ensuring access to clean drinking water and sanita-

Responding to the warning issued by the India Meteorological Department of heavy rains, the Chief Minister ordered one-third Disaster Response Force (NDRF). times.

Indiramma houses to be provided for those who lost houses

Rs 5 crore allotted for immediate relief in Khammam, Mahbubabad, Suryapet and Bhadradri Kothagudem

NDRF-type training for one-third of young police **battalions**

This initiative is aimed at enhancing the state's capacity to respond swiftly to disasters in future.

Revanth and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy praised the efforts of ministers and local officials in Khammam and their active participation in relief operations. He also urged Congress workers across the state to assist relief of the personnel of the state's operations, emphasizing that it is young police battalions must be the government's responsibility to trained on par with the National stand by the people during difficult

Special medical teams...

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Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha said, "It is an urgency that officials will set up medical camps in the flood-affected areas and rehabilitation centres of the State. It is advised to conduct tests and provide medicine to all those who need it. Ten medical teams have been ordered to be formed in Khammam district where the intensity of floods is high." Steps should be taken to ensure that every team has specialist doctors, staff, necessary equipment and medicine for conducting tests.

Health and Family Welfare Commissioner RV Karnan has been entrusted with the responsibility of setting up and managing the Khammam medical camps. The Minister suggested that doctors and staff across the state should be vigilant as diseases like fever and diarrhoea are likely to prevail after floods. He directed to carry out fever survey in the flood affected areas and to go to the victims and provide medical services.

Helicopters not..

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Bhatti Vikramarka and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. The IAF could not send helicopters due to extremely bad weather.

He said that some people are engaging in mean politics by criticising the state government and that the government is leaving it to their wisdom. He said that some officials were guilty of negligence and that action would be taken against them. Many people became homeless due to the floods. Rehabilitation centres would be started for them, he said and added that the government will protect them.

BRS demands..

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The ministers who had to be courageous gave up. She demanded a compensation of Rs 25 lakh while in the opposition. Now, will you give 5 lakh and throw up your hands? Shame on you Chief Minister," he said.

Harish expressed profound sorrow over the loss of lives and the widespread destruction caused by the calamity calling the floods a disaster which ruined the state. In a heartfelt message, he extended his deepest sympathies to the bereaved families, acknowledging the immense grief they are enduring.
"The loss of so many lives is

a tragedy beyond words," he stated. "We stand in solidarity with the families who are mourning the loss of their loved ones and offer our heartfelt condolences," he added. He highlighted the extensive impact of the floods, noting that while many families are grieving the loss of their dear ones, others have been rendered homeless and are forced to live on the streets.

7 new schemes to..

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The Cabinet also approved an outlay of Rs 2,291 crore for strengthening agricultural education, management and social sciences. This programme will be under Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

The aim is to modernise agri-research and education in line with New Education Policy 2020. The use of latest technology like Digital DPI, Al, big data, remote, etc will be promoted and the programme includes natural farming and climate resilience.

The Cabinet also approved the Digital Agriculture Mission with a total investment of Rs 2,817 crore. There are two foundation pillars in the project -- Agri Stack and Krishi Decision Support System.

Appoint safety panels ..

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He directed officials to accredit private security agencies under PSAR (Private Security Agency -Regulations) Act - 2015 in State hospitals. Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha said, "The authorities must tighten the security in government hospitals and make provisions for the protection of hospital staff, especially women doctors and nursing staff. The CCTV cameras of all government

hospitals from Primary Health Care to Area Hospitals must be linked to local police stations to

strengthen security.' The Minister directed the authorities to take steps to build out-posts on a permanent basis in all teaching hospitals. He said that space has been allotted for building police security in the TIMS hospitals which are coming up and have been constructed in 10 teaching hospitals in the State.

TG govt striving hard to tackle..

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I extend my deepest condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. I urge Congress activists to mobilize all available resources to support relief and rescue efforts. The Telangana

Government is working tirelessly to manage the crisis and initiate the rebuilding process. I strongly urge both the Centre and the Andhra Pradesh Government to swiftly provide rehabilitation packages for all those affected by this disaster."

No complaints.. Continued from page 1

It seems they only care about Telangana when they're in power; otherwise, they treat the State and its people as if they were untouchable. In contrast, our CM Revanth Reddy and his cabinet ministers have been actively monitoring the situation, deploying necessary staff, and ensuring that relief materials reach the rain-affected areas and people. Instead of genuinely helping the people of Telangana, the BRS, true to their nature, is simply shouting on social media. It's time they grow up and start acting like a responsible opposition, rather than just critics from behind a screen.

The Congress Party is here to serve and protect, not just when it's convenient, but always. Let the people of Telangana see who truly stands with them, both in times of triumph and in times of trouble. #SocialMediaOpposition #TwitterTillu"

Heavy rain alert for...

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Senior officials, including Director General of Police Jitender, Disaster Management Special Chief Secretary Arvind Kumar, Fire Services Director General Nagi Reddy and Irrigation Special Secretary Prashanth Jeevan Patil, participated in the conference.

Santhi Kumari instructed the collectors to prepare meticulously, as the ongoing heavy rains over the past four to five days could exacerbate the situation. The CS stressed the importance of coordinated efforts between the police and other departments. She also advised that district collectors should decide on declaring holidays for educational insti-

tutions based on local condi-In particular, Santhi Kumari directed the Nirmal

district collector to ensure the safe relocation of residents from low-lying areas after opening the gates of Swarna and Kadem projects. A 31member National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team, equipped with four boats, is being dispatched to Nirmal for potential rescue operations. Meanwhile, 20,000 cusecs of water are currently being released from the SRSP project. The CS urged officials to be vigilant and take preemptive actions if water release increases, emphasising the need for constant coordination with

Maharashtra authorities to

monitor water inflows from their catchment areas. To prevent flooding, joint teams comprising officials from various departments are being formed to monitor culverts

and rivulets. Collectors were advised to maintain contact with State officials in Hyderabad for any necessary assistance. Additionally, control rooms set up at the district collectorates are to operate roundthe-clock to handle any emergencies. DGP Jitender assured that SPs have been instructed to collaborate closely with the district collectors in areas anticipating heavy rainfall. He also mentioned that cranes should be kept on standby to address any emergencies.

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India's special China problem

S Jaishankar has highlighted India's 'Special China problem,' one that is deeply rooted in the unresolved border disputes

ndia-China relations have long been fraught with challenges, but recent remarks by India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar have brought the depth of these issues into sharper focus. Jaishankar has said that India has a "special China problem," which he emphasized is distinct from the more general concerns that the rest of the world, including Europe and the United States, has with China. Jaishankar's comments come at a time when countries globally are grappling with what he termed the "general China problem." This problem, characterised by economic and national security debates, is not unique to India. Across Europe and the United States, policymakers are increasingly preoccupied with China's growing influence and the challenges it poses. From trade imbalances to concerns about Chinese technology in critical infrastructure, these issues have sparked widespread scrutiny of China's global role. However, India's situation is further complicated



by its unique geopolitical and economic circumstances. India shares a long and contested border with China, which has been the site of several military standoffs over the years, the most recent and severe of which began in May 2020 in eastern

India's "special China problem" goes beyond the broader concerns of the international community. It is rooted in the unresolved border dispute between the two nations, which has led to a prolonged military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. The ongoing border tensions have necessitated the deployment of approximate-

ly 50,000-60,000 troops by both sides, creating a volatile situation that has yet to see a lasting resolution. Diplomatic efforts to resolve these issues continue, with the 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) taking place on August 29 in Beijing. However what is interesting is that despite tensions and border skirmishes India China trade has flourished and many importer in India make regular rounds to source stuff from China to sell in the Indian market. But Jaishankar's remark could mean a shift in the official policy vis a vis China. If Govt changes its policy, Chinese goods and investments may have to face more barriers dissuading the Chinese investors. Jaishankar also highlighted the economic dimensions of India's relationship with China, pointing out that the trade deficit and the nature of Chinese investments are areas of significant concern. Indeed security is non negotiable and must be implemented in letter and spirit. But at the same time the commerce should not be thought of as an impediment. If one thing that can improve the relations between two countries, it is trade. However, India could restrict Chinese investment in security-sensitive areas such as telecommunications and digital cyber space.



Clouds hover over the Delhi as vehicles pass by the Vikas Minar, in New Delhi

Orwell's vision remains as relevant as ever



In an era where "post-truth" and "Big Brother" have transcended fiction to become disturbing reality, Orwell's vision stands as relevant as ever

In his seminal work *1984*, George Orwell posits that "those who control the present control the past; those who control the past control the future." This powerful assertion underscores the terrifying consequences of manipulating history and truth. In the dystopian world of *1984*, the ruling Party wields absolute power by constantly rewriting history to align with its agenda, erasing inconvenient truths, and ensuring that its version of reality is the only one that exists. This manipulation of truth is key to maintaining the Party's unchallenged dominance, as it keeps the population ignorant and compli-

As we examine contemporary international politics, it is impossible to ignore the striking parallels between Orwell's dystopian vision and our current reality. Concepts such as "Big Brother," "doublethink," and "post-truth" have transcended Orwell's novel and become disturbingly relevant in today's world. The manipulation of truth, pervasive surveillance, and the rise of populist authoritarianism are phenomena that closely mirror the dangers Orwell warned against.

The term "post-truth" has become a defining characteristic of modern political discourse, echoing Orwell's portrayal of a world where objective truth is malleable. In *1984*, the Ministry of Truth constantly altered historical records to match the Party's shifting narrative, keeping the populace in a state of ignorance and making it impossible for them to challenge the Party's authority. Today, the concept of post-truth is equally relevant. In 2016, the Oxford Dictionary even named "post-truth" the Word of the Year, highlighting its prevalence in contemporary discourse.

In this post-truth era, emotional appeals and personal beliefs often overshadow objective facts, making it easier for those in power to manipulate public opinion. Politicians and media outlets mastered the art of doubleselectively present information, distort facts, or even fabricate narratives to support their agendas. This erosion of truth creates a without question. They may divided society, much like the world Orwell depicted, where



national security. The revelations by Edward Snowden in 2013 exposed the extent to which governments were spying on their citizens, collecting vast amounts of data on phone calls, emails, and internet activity. The boundaries between state and corporate surveillance are increasingly blurred as tech giants like Google, Facebook, and Amazon collect vast amounts of data on users' online behavior, often with minimal transparency.

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Today's populist leaders think, often making contradictory promises or statements that their followers accept decry the "elite" while simultaneously benefiting from elite The rise of populism in the

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status themselves or champion "freedom" while implementing policies that curtail personal liberties. This ability to manipulate and distort reality is a hallmark of populist rhetoric, much like it was for Orwell's Party.

21st century has also brought a resurgence of authoritarian tendencies. Leaders who once espoused democratic values increasingly resort to autocratic measures to consolidate power. Whether it's the undermining of judicial independence, the suppression of the free press, or the erosion of checks and balances, these actions mirror the totalitarian regime depicted in *1984*. Orwell's *Animal Farm*, while serving as an allegory for the Russian Revolution and the subsequent rise of the Soviet Union, offers themes that are universally applicable. The story of the farm animals' rebellion against their human oppressors, only to find themselves under the tyranny of

their fellow animals, is a powerful commentary on the cyclical nature of power and corruption. In contemporary politics, the concept of "Snoopgate" — a term used to describe politically motivated surveillance scandals — is reminiscent of the betrayal and manipulation seen in *Animal Farm*.

Orwell's dystopian novels were

products of their time, reflecting the anxieties and political realities of the 20th century. However, their relevance has only grown with time, as the themes they explore have become increasingly pertinent today. The rise of surveillance states, the erosion of truth, the manipulation of language, and the rise of authoritarianism are all issues that transcend national borders.

In China, for example, the government's use of technology to monitor its citizens has created a digital dystopia reminiscent of Orwell's vision.

The implementation of a social credit system, where citizens are scored based on their behavior and loyalty to the state, is a chilling example of how technology can be used to enforce conformity and suppress dissent. Similarly, in Russia, the government's control over the media and its use of propaganda to shape public opinion is a textbook case of Orwellian doublethink.

The global reach of Orwell's ideas is a testament to the universality of his concerns. Whether in the context of a liberal democracy or an authoritarian regime, the themes of *1984* and *Animal Farm* resonate deeply with those who value freedom and truth.

(The writer is an associate professor, views expressed are personal)

A journey from corporate grind to personal fulfillment



There are countless opportunities for personal growth and creative fulfillment that we often set aside in our pursuit of material success

was having dinner with a friend on a recent visit ⊾to Mumbai. He quit a high-profile corporate job a few years back. As he settled into a new unknown routine, he started experimenting. He wrote articles on the relevance of festivals in the modern world, moderates a talk show, has started learning Sanskrit to read the scriptures in original, participates in marathons, and loves to cook.

Not surprisingly, his life mirrors mine. We got around to discussing another mutual ex-colleague, who was recently in the hospital due to a medical scare which could be attributed to a life spent on a stressinducing work schedule. He has recently crossed the age of retirement but has accepted an extension.

I told him rather bluntly that he should stop working, a sentiment that his wife reciprocated. The response was on expected lines, "What will I do if I take retirement?" I immediately listed the number of things that he could do, the were provided the best by chief among them being to their parents within the initiatives taken by the govtake care of his health, and limited resources that they ernment over the past few

many other activities that he had wanted to indulge in but could not, caught up in the daily grind of living life and earning.
This incident struck an

immediate chord with the Mumbai friend, who had a similar experience with yet another mutual friend.Many do not have the luxury of taking retirement. They must necessarily work till the end for the next meal on their table. There is a smaller population, though not insignificant, which can do something different. These are the people, who like me,

could earn. Even those lim- decades to create an ecosysited means were better than tem to help the less fortuwhat most had, and which helped us to dream and cre- mark part of profits in a ate a list of things that we separate fund as social wanted to do. We pursued responsibility. a few of these with a singleThere are individuals from minded devotion particularly the ones related to donate a percentage of their materialistic possessions, ignoring others that were mostly related to our creactively involved in the betative side that we tried to suppress. Many of us have often wondered about the now reached a level of comfort that enables us to have achieve if all these agencies a relook at the ones that we and individuals come

A friend has started learning the keyboard. Another option. There is always an friend started taking flying answer to the query, "What lessons and was looking will I do?" We need to look forward to completing the hours necessary to earn a license. Now in the reverse count of my life, I realise that I wish to travel, I want to write, I have the urge to make friends, and I want to help others to dream.Many like me wish to alleviate the drudgery of the majority so that at least the coming generations can look forward to creating their bucket list. We have seen many

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certain communities who annual earnings for the terment of many. I have miracles that we can together to ensure that future generations have an within and then look around. There is so much to do, and so little time. Mark Twain summed it up well, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones that you did do."

(The writer is an author, speaker, coach, arbitrator and strategy consultant and conducts workshops on creative writing; views are personal)

STOP THE DEMOLITION DRIVE

Madam — This refers to ' Demolition notices leave the poor along Boin Lake dazed ' (Sept 1). The news of HYDRAA demolition drive operations in and around Hyderabad came like a bolt from the blue. Demolition drive operations is creating hovac all over the Telangana. The Telangana state government is hell-bent on demolishing houses, buildings in the name of illegal structures by HYDRAA. Demolition drive operations and the orders issued by the Revenue Department of Medchal-Malkajgiri district to vacate their houses in a couple of days dazed the residents is extreme tyranny and sheer inhumane. People living near Boin Lake in Hasmathpet, are panic-stricken. They are at their wit's end what to do? whom to approach? They are being displaced and being rendered homeless without prior eviction notice is quite unconstitutional, unjustified, undemocratic and unwarranted. Despite possessing and retaining the relevant registered documents their houses are being pulled down and demolished is most distressing and unfortunate. The demolition drive operations are in full swing all over Telangana. The Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy must stop this

demolition drive operations on the humanitarian grounds. People have been living and residing for many years as some of their properties belong to ancestors they got their properties registered in their names. Demolition drive operations started all over Telangana. Mahabubnagar demolition drive operations is shocking and heart-rending sparked outrage and widespread condemnation where the houses belonging to the poor, physical challenged and visual impaired individuals pulled down and demolished. The government must ponder over the poignant plight of the physical challenged, visually impaired individuals and the poor and desist and refrain from demolishing their houses near nalas or lakes areas without providing alternative on the humanitarian grounds.

Zubair Khan | Hyderabad

for her utterances.

S.K. Khosla | Chandigarh

Prioritising security over trade

n reference to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's statement regarding India's unique challenges with China, it is evident that security concerns in regions such as the Northeast,

Ladakh, the Indian Ocean, and neighboring countries like Pakistan and the Maldives far outweigh trade considerations. China's aggressive posturing with the U.S., Japan, Taiwan, and its dominant trade practices with European countries and Australia do little to alleviate our issues with them. The Indian Ocean has become a battleground for global superpowers, largely due to Chinese threats and aspirations for supremacy. It is clear that security and trade issues with China cannot be addressed simultaneously.

Reducing our reliance on China for semiconductors, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, and the operation and maintenance of Chinese-imported machinery is far more crucial than foreign direct investment from China. While the EAM is undoubtedly well-equipped to handle these multiple concerns, it is imperative to set clear priorities to effectively address them.

Vinod Johri | New Delhi

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Madam—This is not the first time MP Kangana Ranaut has indulged in controversy. Earlier too, a couple of months ago, after a CISF officer allegedly slapped Ranaut at Chandigarh airport, the officer was reportedly heard saying that her mother participated in the farm agitation and had defamed the women who joined the protests by alleging they were paid to

This time again she used the irresponsible and malicious statements like "dead bodies were hanging and rapes were taking place during the 2020-21 farmers' agitation".

In a recent interview with a Hindi daily, the actress turned BJP MP described the farmers' movement as an anti-national force engaged in destabilizing India with the help of "external forces". Kangana's remarks are unacceptable as the farmers during their agitation lost more than 700 of their comrades. She needs to tender an unconditional apology from the farmers

A G NOORANI IS NO MORE

Madam — In the passing of Abdul Ghafoor Noorani, the country has lost a towering legal luminary, a scholar, a political analyst, and a public intellect. His passing at the age of 93 marks the end of an era—one defined by a relentless pursuit of justice, profound intellectual rigour, and a commitment to the principles that fortified modern India's democratic framework. The prolific author made indelible contributions to legal scholarship and political discourse in India for over six decades. As a relentless defender of justice and the Constitution, Noorani will always be

remembered most by the marginalised and those who seek to challenge the structures of power and exclusion. Unlike many others in his profession who would have sought high positions or rewards in the later years of life,

Noorani never did. Ganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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FIRST COLUMN REVITALIZING THE WORKPLACE

Yoga and meditation can light up the dull and often tense atmosphere at workplaces



n today's fast-paced, high-stress work environments, organizations are increasingly seeking ways to support the well-being of their employees. Among the most effective and holistic approaches are the practices of yoga and meditation. These ancient techniques, rooted in mindfulness and physical wellness, have transcended their spiritual origins to become powerful tools for enhancing mental and physical health in modern workplaces. Incorporating yoga and meditation into the daily routine of employees not only benefits individual well-being but also significantly impacts organizational productivity and culture.

The modern workplace is often characterized by high levels of stress, tight deadlines, and the pressure to constantly perform. A study published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology found that employees who participated in the workplace yoga program experienced significant reductions in perceived stress levels. Participants even reported reductions in musculoskeletal pain, particularly in the lower back, neck and shoulders, areas commonly affected by prolonged sitting. The study found that employees who practised yoga reported higher levels of emotional well-being and lower levels of psychological distress. Another study published in the Journal of Managerial Psychology examined the effects of workplace yoga on organizational culture.

It found that yoga contributed to a more positive and supportive work environment by fostering better communication, teamwork and a sense of community among employees. Many office workers spend long hours sitting at desks, which can lead to a range of physical issues, includ-



ing poor posture, back pain and repetitive strain injuries. Over time, these physical ailments can decrease productivity and increase absenteeism. Yoga addresses these issues by improving flexibility, strength, and posture. The various poses and stretches in yoga help to relieve tension in the neck, shoulders and lower back, common problem areas for office workers. Additionally, the emphasis on breathing exercises improves circulation and oxygenation, leading to increased energy levels and overall vitality. This can strengthen workplace relationships, improve communication, and foster a sense of community and mutual support.

A positive work environment, where employees feel valued and connected, leads to higher morale, reduced turnover and a more cohesive and productive team. The benefits of meditation in the workplace are welldocumented. Regular meditation practice has been shown to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, lower blood pressure and improve sleep quality. Employees who meditate regularly are more likely to exhibit improved focus, emotional intelligence, and the ability to manage stress. This not only enhances individual performance but also contributes to a more harmonious and collaborative work environment. Mentally, yoga promotes relaxation and reduces stress by regulating the autonomic nervous system, which governs the body's stress response. The mindful breathing techniques and meditative aspects of yoga help calm the mind, reduce anxiety and enhance mental clarity.

For employees, this means better focus, improved decision-making and greater resilience in the face of workplace challenges. The cumulative effect of these benefits is a more productive, engaged, and satisfied workforce. The modern workplace is often characterized by high levels of stress, tight deadlines, and the pressure to constantly perform. Moreover, prolonged stress can have severe consequences on employees' mental and physical health, leading to issues such as anxiety, depression and chronic illnesses. Therefore, investing in employee well-being through practices like yoga and meditation is not just a trend but a strategic move that can yield substantial returns .

(The writer is an educator, views expressed are personal)

E-commerce giants versus mom-and-pop stores



UTTAM GUPTA

Amazon's aggressive pricing strategies could lead to a massive e-commerce expansion, capturing half of India's retail market within the next decade



t the launch of the Pahle India Foundation's report 'Net Impact of E-Commerce on Employment and Consumer Welfare in India' on August 21, 2024, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal took pot shot at the world's biggest e-tailer Amazon, for selling products directly to consumers and indulging in "predatory pricing" that could lead to massive growth of e-commerce capturing half of Indian retail market ten years from now. This would adversely impact an estimated 100 million small retailers across the country and in turn, lead to "social disruption".

E-commerce, put simply, is the practice of buying and selling goods or services using the Internet. Predatory pricing involves setting prices for a product at an unrealistically low level to undercut the competition and gain market share. Generally practised by a new player in the market, predatory pricing violates antitrust laws even as it seeks to create a monopoly. Goyal opines that Amazon is selling products on its e-commerce platform at unrealistically low prices which results in heavy losses estimated to be about a billion dollars annually. To fund these losses, it brings the money from its parent but camouflages it as foreign direct investment (FDI). Any FDI in the country is normally welcome given its contribution to capital formation, accelerating economic growth and adding to the foreign exchange kitty. But, the dollars brought by Amazon don't serve this

În 2020 also, he had taunted the Amazon boss for the latter's claim to bring a few billion dollars into India. Then, he had charged that Jeff Bezos was bringing money to make up for the huge loss the company was incurring in its operations in the country. He also voiced concern over the harm it was causing to millions of small retailers. Amazon essentially operates the "market-place" model of e-commerce - a special dispensation carved out by the Narendra Modi Government under which 100 per cent FDI is permitted.

The "market-place" is a platform where vendors sell their products to consumers even as its owner (say, Amazon) merely

acts as a facilitator. The marketplace owner books orders, raises invoices, arranges deliveries, accepts payments, handles rejections, warehousing and so on but can't undertake "direct selling." Considering that the operator is only expected to provide services instead of a fee, there is no ques-

tion of any loss. Yet, Amazon is incurring huge losses. The losses incurred by Amazon are due to huge discounts on the products sold on the platform as well as expenses on promoting exclusive brands. But the discount is normally given by the seller; this is also true of money spent on promotion. The service provider can't do it unless

OR SERVICES the "market-place" is subject to two main riders viz, "The entity can-USING THE not permit more than 25 percent of total sales on its platform from one vendor or its group companies. PREDATORY Further, it can't directly or indirectly influence the sale price." Sans PRICING any specification as to "who the INVOLVES vendor is, a firm connected with the "market-place" (either its subsidiary or a joint venture (JV) with an Indian company) is eligible. In other words, each such entity could control up to 25 per cent of sales on the platform. So, you have companies like Cloudtail – an Amazon venture in partnership

print permitted them to do so,

albeit through a subsidiary or JV.

This is precisely what the e-com-

UNREALISTICALLY LOW LEVEL TO with a firm owned by Narayan UNDERCUT THE Murthy - operating as lead sellers on the platform. Thus, contrary to COMPETITION the real intent of the policy which disallowed the e-commerce plat-AND GAIN form owners from direct selling to MARKET SHARE individual consumers, the fine

SETTING PRICES

FOR A PRODUCT

merce majors have been doing. They were operating as direct sellers, controlling inventory, giving discounts and so on. A clarification issued by the DPIIT on December 26, 2018, said that "the owner of the marketplace or its subsidiary or its joint venture (JV) with an Indian company can't have ownership of the seller."

Further, "a seller on the platform can't source more than 25 percent of its inventory from a firm connected with the latter." Foreign investors can circumvent the first rider by having less than 50 per cent shareholding in the seller firm and arguing that they have no control (majority) over the latter. The marketplace owner can also sell his E-COMMERCE, PUT SIMPLY, IS ines (Press Note PN issued by the THE PRACTICE OF BUYING AND SELLING GOODS Commission for 100 per cent FDI in the Ministry of SELLING GOODS Commission for 100 per cent FDI in traders. traders, whom the e-commerce platform was intended to help have suffered heavily.

This is because the business that should have gone to the former was appropriated by the latter i.e. the dominant seller owned by itself. The small retailers haven't got relief from the court. In 2019, Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh (DVM) complained to the Competition Commission of India (CCI) alleging anti-competitive behaviour by Amazon Seller Services (ASS) and Flipkart Internet Private Limited (FIPL)

It argued that ASS and FIPL had entered into exclusive sales agreements with smartphone makers to sell certain phones through a small number of preferred sellers and offering to pay for part of the discount that such sellers would offer during key sales periods such as Flipkart's big bullion day and Amazon's Prime Day. Prima facie, the CCI agreed with DVM's contention and ordered a probe by the

Director General (DG) -Investigation.

ASS and FIPL went up to the Supreme Court (SC) to get the order quashed. In August 2021, dismissing their appeal, the SC ordered "the CCI – DG will complete the probe. In its recent findings, the CCI-DG has charged ASS and FIPL with indulging in 'predators' pricing' and violation of tory pricing' and violation of antitrust laws. The latter will appeal against this starting a fresh round of never-ending litigation. In the end (if at all the result comes), Amazon et al will get away with paying some penalty. How can the government get out of this mess?It could further tighten the rules to say that platform owners can't hold even one per cent equity in the seller. Further, the former's wholesale arm must not supply even one per cent of stocks of the latter. This is an abhorrent idea. It can't be implemented. Besides, it will be a retrospective

change of policy and send a wrong signal. The way forward is to make obvious and straightforward what the bureaucrats had already done in a 'subtle' way. The government should say that '100 per cent FDI is allowed in retail in all forms, single brand or multibrand retail (MBR), online or offline (currently, while FDI in MBR online is completely barred, in MBR offline, 51 per cent foreign investment is allowed subject to riders which tantamount to completely barring it.

All these distinctions should go). With this, even as Amazon et al can continue with direct selling to consumers alongside running a marketplace model, Indian retailers including the millions of momand-pop stores will also have 'unrestrained' access to foreign capital thereby ensuring a level playing field.

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

Envisioning a feminist world: Building a just and inclusive future

The 4th Asia Pacific Feminist Forum seeks to challenge the patriarchal systems that dominate the world today, writes SHOBHA SHUKLA

month in Chiang Mai, few through violence and Thailand, under the theme "Feminist world-building: emphasizes care, solidarity, Creative energies, collective iourneys." This theme highlights the importance of uniting people of all genders who are dedicated to defending human rights and promoting gender equality. The forum aims to collectively resist the patriarchal, militarized, and greed-driven world we currently inhabit, envisioning instead a feminist world order. What is a Feminist World

A feminist world order envisions a different kind of devel-

inate today, where power is exploitation, a feminist system and the equitable redistribution of power. This system aspires to be socially just and ecologically sustainable, ensuring justice and sustainability for everyone, everywhere. At its core, this vision is grounded in the principles of development justice.

Abia Akram, founder and CEO of the National Forum of Women with Disabilities in Pakistan, describes a feminist world as a place where women and all diverse genders can fully realize their strength and opment model, one rooted in contribute meaningfully at the

he 4th Asia Pacific patriarchal systems that dom-Feminist Forum (APFF) patriarchal systems that dom-inate today, where power is through transformative laws is set to take place next concentrated in the hands of a and legal practices that are aligned with human rights. Migrant rights activist Eni Lestari, Chairperson of the International Migrants Alliance, shares her perspective on the feminist world order based on her decades of experience in feminist movements. She observes that neoliberal globalization has exacerbated structural exploitation, with each new crisis worsening poverty, displacement, and unemployment. Having migrated from Indonesia during the 1997 Asian financial crisis, Eni highlights that migration has become an integral part of the economic development strategy for many snaring and caring rather than power and violence. Unlike the such a world would bring capitalist countries, with nearly 300 million people now liv-

ing as migrants worldwide. Eni envisions a feminist world as one where economic and political environments treat everyone with fairness and equality, eliminating the need for migration or displacement as a means of survival. In such a world, women would lead and ensure that justice and equality are upheld for all members of society. Feminist World: A Joyous

and Inclusive World Ivy Josiah, a women's rights activist and former President and Executive Director of Malaysia's Women's Aid Organisation, describes a feminist world as a joyous and inclusive one, where no one is left behind-not just as a tagline, but in reality. She believes

that if feminists lead the world,

it would be a peaceful one, as



war is a choice, and so is peace. Feminist World: Anti-Capitalism

A feminist world would stand in stark opposition to capitalism, which prioritizes profit maximization for a tiny elite while subjecting the majority of people and the planet to unbridled exploitation. Ivy argues that a feminist world would not serve the interests of the wealthy few but would instead be characterized by equitable resource distribu-

Shrinking Spaces for Civil Society: Abia Akram raises concerns about the shrinking spaces for civil society organizations under the current political systems. She argues that creating an enabling envi-ronment where everyone has equal rights and opportunities is missing from the agendas of many countries. Budgetary allocations often fail to include a gender perspective, resulting in inadequate resources and opportunities for women and girls with disabilities, transgender individuals, and LGBTQI-AP+ communities. Abia asserts that meaningful engagement and equitable representation from feminist movements are essential for ensuring justice for all.

The Present World Order:

The present world order, driven by patriarchy, fundamentalism, militarism, and corporate capitalism, stands as the anti-thesis of a feminist world order. This model has transferred wealth, power, and resources from the working people to the rich, and from developing countries to wealthy ones. The resulting financial, environmental, food, and energy crises have devastated the lives of women, particularly in the Global South. Transformative Shifts of the **Development Justice Model** The current world order urgently needs to be replaced with a development justice model that addresses the inequalities of wealth, power, and resources between countries, between rich and poor, and between men and women

and gender-diverse communities. This model is grounded in five transformative shifts: redistributive justice, economic justice, social and gender justice, environmental justice, and accountability to the peo-

The Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APFF) plays a crucial role in advancing the vision of a feminist world order. Organized by the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), this tri-annual event brings together feminists and women's rights activists of all genders from across Asia and the

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IN BRIEF



Gold declines Rs 250; silver tumbles by Rs 1,700

Grams in the national capital on Monday due to tepid demand from local jewellers and retailers. The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 74,350 per 10 grams in the previous session on Friday. Silver also tumbled by Rs 1,700 to Rs 85,500 per kg due to reduced offtake by industrial units and coin makers, according to the All India Sarafa Association. Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity also fell by Rs 250 to Rs 73,750 per 10 grams. Traders attributed the fall in gold prices to subdued demand from local jewellers and stockists. Globally, Comex gold was trading higher at USD 2,531.10 per ounce. "Gold prices had surged to USD 2,564 per ounce, driven by a weaker dollar and safe-haven demand amid rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP-Commodity Research, Kotak Securities, said.



ED raids Kerala man accused of duping Qatar bank

he Enforcement Directorate on Monday said it conducted searches in a case of an alleged over Rs 61 crore-fraud perpetrated against a Qatar-based bank by a Kerala man. The raids were carried out on August 28 in three locations of the state on the residential premises of individuals associated with Ismail Chakkarath, suspected of routing illegal proceeds generated by duping United Bank Limited in Doha, Qatar, the federal agency said in a statement. The money-laundering case stems from an FIR filed by the crime branch and economic offences wing of the Kerala Police (Kannur and Kasaragod districts) on the allegations that Chakkarath, a resident of Thuvakkunnu in Kannur, was running a firm called Grant Mart Trading in Doha. The accused Chakkarath went to Qatar to expand his business and took a loan aggregating QAR 3,06,43,204 (equivalent to Rs 61.28 crore) from the United Bank



NHAI to track toll plazas with GIS-based software

tate-owned NHAI will track around 100 toll plazas with GIS-based software for seamless movement of traffic at national highways, an official statement said on Monday. According to the statement, these toll plazas have been identified based on congestion feedback received through 1,033 national highway helpline. The live monitoring and tracking system will provide congestion alerts and lane distribution recommendations when the queue of vehicles at a toll plaza is more than the prescribed limit, it added. The monitoring service will be extended to more toll plazas in a phased manner. Apart from providing the name and location of the toll plaza, the statement said the software will share details related to the live status of queue length in meters, total waiting time and vehicle speed at toll plaza. It will also provide congestion alert and lane distribution recommendation, if the queue of vehicles at a toll plaza is more than the prescribed limit, the



Reduce GST on flexfuel vehicles to 12 %'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday said state finance ministers should consider reducing Goods and Services Tax (GST) on flex-fuel vehicles to 12 per cent in the GST

Council meeting.
Addressing IFGE's India
Bio-Energy & Tech Expo, Gadkari also said there is a need to reduce imports of fossil fuels and encourage the use of biofuel.

"We need support from finance ministers of different states. The (Union) finance minister assured me that we will try to convince all the finance ministers.

'Yesterday, I asked Maharashtra's FM to attend the GST Council meeting and propose the reduction of GST on flex-fuel engine cars and scooters," he said.

Flex-fuel-compatible cars can run on more than one type of fuel and also on a mixture. Typically, a blend of petrol and ethanol or methanol is used.

The road transport and highways minister informed that he had requested Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to consider reducing taxes on flex-fuel vehicles.

In a separate meeting with the Maĥarashtra Finance Minister Ajit Pawar, Gadkari suggested him attend a GST meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the issue.

At present, 28 per cent GST is levied on vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, including hybrids, and 5 per cent on electric MEA AHEAD OF PM MODI'S VISIT

India-Singapore relations poised for bigger take-off

Building on "new anchors" of partnership identified under the India-Singapore ministerial roundtable framework, the relation between the two countries is poised for an even bigger take-off, the MEA said Monday ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the island nation.

Prime Minister Modi is slated to visit Singapore on September 4-5 at the invitation of his Singaporean counterpart Lawrence Wong.
Before that, he is scheduled

to visit Brunei on September 3-4 at the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in all existing sectors.

Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Jaideep Mazumdar, at a media briefing here, said India and Brunei are working towards setting up a 'joint working group in defence".

Prime Minister Modi is vis-



iting Singapore after nearly six years, he said.

His last visit to Singapore was in his first term. And an early visit on his third term is something that has been "wel-comed by the Singaporean

'Also, this comes at a time when a new leader is in Singapore and this is an opportune time to set the stage for the next stage of our vibrant bilateral relations," Mazumdar

The Secretary (East) said India-Singapore ties have "evolved" and there is a dynamic strategic partnership" encompassing various areas from shared history and people-to-people ties that form an important link between the two countries.

"Our trade and investment flows have shown a steady

Sebi places JSW Cement's

Rs 4,000-cr IPO on hold

defence cooperation and growing exchanges in culture and education. We have identified new anchors of our partnership under the India-Singapore ministerial roundtable framework," he said.

Four Indian ministers participated in the recently held second India-Singapore minis-terial roundtable.

During the roundtable, the ministers from both sides discussed "new thrust areas that we can identify in futuristic areas of cooperation", Mazumdar said.

"A number of new, forwardlooking futuristic areas of cooperation were identified in digitisation, sustainability skill, health, advance manufacturing and connectivity, and we are likely to exchange a number of MoUs during the forthcoming visit of the prime minister," he added. Singapore is India's largest trade partner in the ASEAN bloc and the country is a leading source of foreign

Govt gets Rs 2,413 cr dividend from **BPCL**

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The government has received about Rs 2,413 crore in dividends from oil PSU BPCL, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said on Monday. Government has received about Rs 2,413 crore from BPCL as dividend tranche," DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said in a post on X. In the current financial year 2024-25 so far, Rs 15,389.14 crore has been received through dividends from the CPSEs.

This includes Rs 5,091 crore from Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Rs 40 crore from Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL), Rs 554 crore from Power Finance Corp, and Rs 3,443 crore from Telecommu nications Consultants India Ltd (TCIL) as special dividend.

SEMICONDUCTOR UNIT GUIRAT

Kaynes' proposal gets Govt nod

PNS NEW DELHI

The government on Monday cleared a proposal of Kaynes Semicon to set up a Rs 3,307crore semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat, that will have the capacity to churn out 6.3 million chips a day.

Addressing reporters after the Union Cabinet meeting, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw noted that a complete semiconductor ecosystem is coming up in India under the India Semiconductor Mission, and promised that the country will take a long-term view of this "foundational" sector and increase the outlay, as needed.

He likened the semiconductor industry to steel and chemicals industries which feed into many other allied sectors, and said the sector will be

"crucial" for India's growth and the industrial production blueprint of the country.

The minister said that the

progress of Tata's fab, a complex project, has been "very good", and added that land has been allocated, and geo-technical investigations are done. "Today, the Cabinet has

approved Kaynes' plant, with a capacity of 6.3 million chips per day. The plant will come up in 46 acres, it is a big plant and large portion of the production will go for Kaynes Industries, it has already been booked," the minister said. The plant will also cater to

chips related to the power sector. The company has already acquired land in Sanand, Gujarat for the project, and construction will start soon.

Capital markets regulator Sebi has put on hold the proposed Rs 4,000-crore initial public offer-

ing (IPO) of JSW Cement. Without specifying reasons, Sebi stated that the "issuance of observations (has been) kept in abeyance," according to an update on its website on Monday.

JSW Cement, part of the diversified JSW Group, filed the preliminary IPO papers with Sebi on August 16.

The proposed issue involves a new issue of equity shares worth Rs 2,000 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of Rs 2,000 crore by investor shareholders, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) filed with the regulator.

Under the OFS, AP Asia Opportunistic Holdings Pte. Ltd and Synergy Metals Investments Holding Ltd will



offload shares worth Rs 937.5 crore each and State Bank of India (SBI) will divest shares valued at Rs 125 crore.

Proceeds from the fresh issue to the tune of Rs 800 crore will be used for partially financing the establishment of a new integrated cement unit in Nagaur, Rajasthan, while Rs 720 crore will be allocated for payment of debt and the remaining funds will be allocated for general corporate purposes.

ISW Cement, which has a manufacturing capacity of 19 MT annually, aims to achieve the capacity of 60 MTPA. It currently has manufacturing units at Vijayanagar in Karnataka, Nandyal in Andhra Pradesh, Salboni in West Bengal, Jajpur in Odisha and Dolvi in Maharashtra.

Besides, JSW Cement through its subsidiary Shiva Cement operates a clinker unit in Odisha.

JSW Group has business interests in sectors such as steel, energy, maritime infrastructure, defence, B2B e-commerce, realty, paints, sports and venture

JM Financial Ltd, Axis Capital Ltd, Citigroup Global Markets India Private Ltd, DAM Capital Advisors Ltd, Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Private Ltd, Jefferies India Private Ltd, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Ltd and SBI Capital Markets Ltd are responsible for managing the company's IPO process.

Sensex rises 194 pts to close at record high on rate cut hopes

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Logging its longest winning run in nearly a year, benchmark BSE Sensex rose for the 10th straight day to close at a fresh lifetime high on Monday, tracking foreign fund inflows and a rally in the US markets.

The 30-share Sensex rose by 194.07 points or 0.24 per cent to settle at a record high of 82,559.84. During the day, it surged 359.51 points or 0.43 per cent to reach a new intraday record peak of 82,725.28.

The index surged for the 10th straight session, which is its longest gaining streak since September 2023 when it rose for nine straight days in the first half of the month. The NSE Nifty rose for the 13th straight day, which experts said, was its longest winning run in decades.

The 50-share index climbed



settle at a lifetime high of 25,278.70. During the day, it soared 97.75 points or 0.38 per cent to hit a fresh intra-day peak of 25,333.65.

In a 13-day gaining streak since August 14, the Nifty has rallied 4.72 per cent or nearly 1,140 points. Sensex has risen by 2.65 per cent or 2,135.16 points in its 10 straight days of

Expectations of an interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve this month and renewed foreign fund inflows have fuelled the recent rally in domestic equities, traders said.

FMCG, IT and financial sector shares supported the record run in indices while metal and pharma sector shares ended in the red.

Tata Motors eyes gains in **SUV** space

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Tata Motors is looking to consolidate its position in the SUV segment as it marks its entry into the highly competitive mid-size space which is currently dominated by South Korean and Japanese carmakers.

The Mumbai-based auto major on Monday launched midsize SUV coupe Curvv with petrol and diesel powertrains with a price starting at Rs 9.99 lakh.

The company has already unveiled the electric version of the model in August. The model would be

competing with the likes of Hyundai Creta, Kia Seltos, Maruti Suzuki Grand Vitara, Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder, and Honda Elevate, among oth-

Single filing with exchange to be reality very soon: Sebi chief

she said

PNS MUMBAI

Capital markets regulator Sebi Chief Madhabi Puri Buch on Monday said a single disclosure by listed companies on one stock exchange will soon be automatically uploaded on the other bourse.

This comes after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) recently proposed sweeping changes to disclosure as well as listing requirements by listed companies based on recommendations from a committee led by S K Mohanty, former whole-time member of Sebi.

Speaking at the Special Plenary Session with Sebi on "Regulatory Landscape: What is needed for Viksit Bharat?" at the Financing 3.0 Summit organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) here.

Buch said, "a single filing with the exchange will be a reality very soon".

As part of the proposed changes, a filing made on one exchange will automatically collate on the other exchange,

A filing made on one exchange will automatically collate on the other exchange. Additionally, Buch said soon investors will be able to start SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) with as low as Rs 250 per

month. "We are on the way of Rs 250 SIP becoming a reality," she said. Buch avoided commenting on Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), but said there are regulations simplifying such

"If I utter a word on REITs, I will be accused of conflict of interest," she added.

The remarks came as US short-seller Hindenburg Research raised questions about a potential conflict of interest involving Buch and private equity major Blackstone.

'54% of IPO shares allotted to investors sold within a week' of India (Sebi) conducted an infrom listing, non-institutional guidelines on IPO financing by

PNS NEW DELHI

A study by markets regulator Sebi highlighted flipping behaviour among investors in the initial share-sale market with investors (excluding anchor) selling 54 per cent of IPO shares allotted to them by value with-

in a week. The study found a strong disposition effect (tendency to prematurely sell assets that have made financial gains) with investors showing a greater propensity to sell IPO shares that posted positive listing gains, compared to those that listed at

In light of the increasing participation of retail investors and the heightened oversubscription in recent IPOs, the Securities and Exchange Board

depth study to analyze investor behaviour in main-board IPOs. The study encompasses data from 144 IPOs listed between April 2021 and December 2023.

During the study period, 144 IPOs collectively raised a total of Rs 2.13 lakh crore. Notably, 65 per cent of the total issue size was Offer for Sale (OFS), through which the pre-existing shareholder sold their shares, instead of the company raising the money

According to the study, "About 54 per cent of IPO shares (in value terms) allotted to investors (excluding anchor investors) were sold within a week from listing".

Individual investors sold 50.2 per cent shares (in value terms) allotted to them within a week

investors (NIIs) offloaded 63.3 per cent shares and retail investors sold 42.7 per cent

Interestingly, individual investors sold 70 per cent of shares by value within a year. On the other hand, mutual

funds tend to invest for a longer period in IPO shares, whereas banks tend to sell swiftly. Mutual funds sold about 3.3 per cent of allotted value within a week, as compared to 79.8 per cent for banks. The study highlighted that

returns influenced the selling behaviour as individual investors sold 67.6 per cent of the shares by value within a week when IPO returns exceeded 20 per cent within a week. In contrast, only 23.3 per cent



of shares by value were sold when returns were negative. In terms of geography, retail

investors from Gujarat received 39.3 per cent of the allotment in the category, followed by Maharashtra (13.5 per cent), and Rajasthan (10.5 per cent). The increase in IPO participation could be derived from

growth in demat accounts Notably, nearly half of the demat accounts that applied for IPOs between April 2021 and December 2023 were opened during the post-COVID period -- 2021-2023.

Following Sebi's policy interventions regarding NII share allotment process and RBI's

NBFCs in April 2022, the study observed a reduction in the over-subscription under NII category from 38 times to 17 Also, it noted a decline in the

number of IPO applications by big ticket NII Investors" -applying for more than Rs 1 crore in IPOs -- to 20 applications per IPO in the post-policy period (April 2022-December 2023) from around 626 applications per IPO in prepolicy period (April 2021-March 2022)

Additionally, it found a reduction in the exit of big-tick-et NII Investors to about 25 per cent within a week during April 22-December 23 from about 70 per cent within a week during April 21-March 22.

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Shruti Seth: Being an actor carries extra burden of beauty



TEJAL SINHA

s magical as her show Shararat was for years, so s magical as her show Shararat was for years, so has been Shruti Seth's journey. Well, every 90s kid would remember binge-watching this fantasy sitcom on television. She has since then undoubtedly created a niche in the world of comedy by being the anchor of shows like Comedy Circus, Comedy Circus 20-20, Kahani Comedy Circus Ki, The Suite Life of Karan and Kabir, Comedy Circus Ke Ajoobe and many more. "Laughter has been something that I enjoy the most about comedy," begins the talented actress in an exclusive chat with *The Pioneer*.

For her, life is just not about taking life too seriously but rather finding humour in every little thing, which makes life more enjoyable. "There's no greater gift than being able to make people laugh because we all know that life can get very hard. It's probably one of the best things that an artist can offer to

the world."

Going quite in the opposite direction this time, her latest project, 36 Days, has seen her in a different picture and has also received a tremendous response from the audience. Much in talks for the project, the Fanaa actress enthuses, "I was put together as a part of such a fantastic ensemble cast. Every single performer in the show has just been stupendous. Then, of course, the director, Vishal, is very good in this genre. BBC and Applause kind of envisioned something very interesting while designing the world of 36 Days. They sort of contextualise it to the culture really well. It's an official remake of one of BBC's original formats called 35 Days. They took the theme from the original formats called 35 Days. They took the theme from the show and turned it for the Indian context really well. Also setting it in Goa, I think, made it an interesting backdrop."

It was a no-brainer for her to get on board for this project, having worked with BBC and Applause previously in Bloody Brothers. But again, the story always is front and centered libraries.

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Glad to have been playing the character of Radhika Jaykar in 36 Days, she further speaks of the thriller genre, which is very different from that of the comedy genre. "Bloody Brothers was somewhere in the same space; this was obviously a lot more interesting for me. My character does something that I had never done. Without revealing spoilers, I think for me to play a layered character like Radhika Jaykar was just something I've never had an opportunity to sort of see myself doing."

But guess what? Shruti was initially much keen to play the character of Lalita Shinde, which has been essayed by the extremely talented Amrita Khanvilkar. Telling us more, she shares, "I remember when I read the script, I had really liked her character. But Amrita did a remarkable job. However, I was very excited when I read her character. BBC was very

was very excited when I read her character. BBC was very keen that I played Radhika, who was also an interesting character too. There were just too many boxes being ticked for

Over the years, just like many more actors from the industry, Shruti has also been vocal about what's been termed 'age try, Shruti has also been vocal about what's been termed age shaming. "All the time," she says as we speak of whether she's been one of those targets. "I have people who watched me in *Shararat* 20 years ago telling me, 'Oh my god. You're aging. I'm like what were you expecting to happen in 20 years? But you know, I'm the least affected, to be honest. Ageism has gone into every single aspect of every kind of woman's life. It doesn't matter what you do. Being an actor carries that additional burden of beauty because you're supposed to look a certain way for your entire life, which I don't understand. When women feel compelled to go out there and sadly do things to their faces to preserve their youth or delay they get flaked for that as well. So there's no winning this argument. The fact that you're a woman means you've already lost the battle."

Well, as we shift towards a much-buzz-around talk, 'Shararat

is making a comeback, while the fans are awaiting for it, so is she because, "I won't say it's a rumour; I would just say it's a dream. We're all dreaming it together. I'm not saying yes or no. I'm just saying it's a dream. No matter what I do, no matter what heights I reach or lows I go, Shararat is like my armour. I'm just grateful. I cannot thank my lucky stars enough for putting me in that place at that time. It's timeless and not many people get an opportunity to be a part of such a legacy. I'm just glad that we all got thrown in together by Zarina Mehta, who is really the mother of it because she's the one who made it happen."

But why not a movie just like Khichdi? "We've been sort of over the years; all of us realised this way before the last 5-7 years, when the noise has been a lot more. But we did try to see the thing is that, you know, because it's owned by Disney. We need sign-off from them. They need to see it as something worth building on. We did think it would have made a really fun film, to be honest. I don't know how well Khichdi did. I don't know how well Sarabhai versus Sarabhai did. Because clearly, they were used as the options to check if there is still some steam. I don't know if they gave promising results, which is why till now we've all been waiting for our turn. I'm sure if all fans were to get together and pressurise them, I wish they would do something. We manage the best we can do. I feel even if it's in this original form, I feel it'll still work like magic

because there's just so much nostalgia attached to the show."
As an actor in India, she feels that one always has their fingers crossed for the right kind of project landing their way. "I don't think you can really exercise any control over it unless you decide to become a producer or a director. Actors are always at the mercy of casting directors. So if I say, Oh, I would love to be a part of so and so show, unless I'm producing it, there is no way for me to influence that decision."

Amit Agarwal weaves tomorrow, blending myth & modernity

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t the India Couture Week, designer Amit Agarwal launched his latest collection, Antevorta, a name inspired by the Roman goddess of the future. He describes the line as a narrative woven with threads of time, where mythology meets modernity in a way that is both unique and profound. The collection, he explains, delves deep into the concept of time itself, intertwining ancient tales with contemporary design.

"We've used intricate craftsmanship along-

side avant-garde techniques to create pieces that are both contemporary and timeless," he says, his passion evident. "Every garment tells its own story, capturing moments that are both fleeting and eternal, making this col-lection a true celebration of the past, present and future."

When asked about the revival of traditional weaves, Amit's response is both thoughtful and fervent. He sees it not as a trend but as a cultural and artistic renaissance. By infusing these ancient techniques into modern fashion, he believes they are not only honouring heritage but also the artisans who have kept these crafts alive through generations. "This isn't just about preservation; it's about introducing these traditional skills to a global audience, creating a dialogue between what is old and what is new," explains the celebrated designer.

He has observed a significant shift towards localisation in fashion, a movement he embraces wholeheartedly. He notes how fashion is becoming deeply rooted in indigenous craftsmanship and materials, with designers now delving into regional techniques and histories to craft pieces that are not only authentic but also globally appealing. "This movement supports our local artisans while also reducing the environmental impact of production. It's a beautiful blend of local heritage and global vision, ensuring that every creation carries with it a piece of our cultural

history," he reflects.

Reflecting on how the fashion industry has evolved in recent years, particularly after the pandemic, he acknowledges a profound transformation. He points out the shift towards sustainability and conscious consumerism, noting how today's shoppers are more discerning, valuing quality and authenticity over mere quantity. He observes, "This change has been beneficial for brands that prioritise ethical practices and craftsman-ship. Moreover, the digital revolution has accelerated, making online platforms indis-pensable for reaching a wider audience. The future of fashion is steering towards sustain-ability and innovation, where creativity meets commercial success in a balanced way." In the ever-present debate of fashion versus style, his preference is clear. "Style is paramount," he states with conviction. While fashion is constantly evolving, style, for him, is personal and enduring. "Fashion reflects trends, but style is about individual expression and authenticity. Our designs aim to blend these concepts, offering pieces that are trend-forward yet timeless, allowing wearers to showcase their unique style while staying fashionable."

Amit Agarwal's couture narrative is one of blending time-honoured traditions with the cutting edge of modern fashion, creating a collection that is as thoughtful as it is innovative. As he continues to champion local craftsmanship while embracing



Transform your thighs with smoother, sleeker contours

A re you tired of feeling self-conscious about your thighs? Do you struggle with stubborn fat and loose skin that refuses to budge, despite your best efforts with diet and exercise? In this article, we will share expert insights on the most effective ways to transform your thighs and unlock a more confident you.

Anatomy of thigh fat

Thigh fat is a complex issue, influenced by genetics, hormones, and lifestyle factors. Understanding the different types of thigh fat – including excess fat, loose skin, and cellulite - is

crucial to developing an effective treatment plan.

Non-surgical solutions

Before considering surgery, explore these non-invasive

1. Radiofrequency treatments: Stimulate collagen production and tighten skin with advanced RF technologies.

2. Fat-reducing injections: Dissolve excess fat with targeted injectables.



3. Customised exercise programs: Tone and strengthen your thigh muscles with personalized workouts.

Surgical solutions

For more pronounced thigh fat and loose skin, consider these surgical options:

- **1. Thigh lift:** Tighten and contour your thighs with a surgical lift.
- 2. Liposuction: Remove excess fat and sculpt your

thighs with precision.

3. Cellulite reduction: Minimize the appearance of cellulite with advanced surgical techniques.

Maintenance and aftercare

To ensure long-lasting results, prioritise:

- balanced diet and regular exercise routine.
- 1. Healthy lifestyle habits: Maintain a
- **2. Sun protection:** Shield your skin from harmful UV rays. 3. Follow-up appointments: Schedule

regular check-ins with your plastic surgeon.

By combining these expert-recommended solutions, you can achieve the smoother, sleeker thighs you deserve. You should always consult with a board-certified plastic surgeon to create a personalised treatment plan tailored to your unique needs and goals.

> (The author, Dr. Anmol Chugh, is a Consultant, Plastics and Aesthetics Centre at CK Birla Hospital and Director of Imperio Clinics.)

what's brewing?



TASK to provide free online AI training to Telangana's youth. The agreement between Mata Founder Srinivas and TASK CEO Shrikant Sinha was signed at the TASK office in Masab Tank, Hyderabad, showing interest in

Jayesh Ranjan, the IT Department's Principal Secretary, has commended the collaboration between Mata and Telangana's new government initiatives





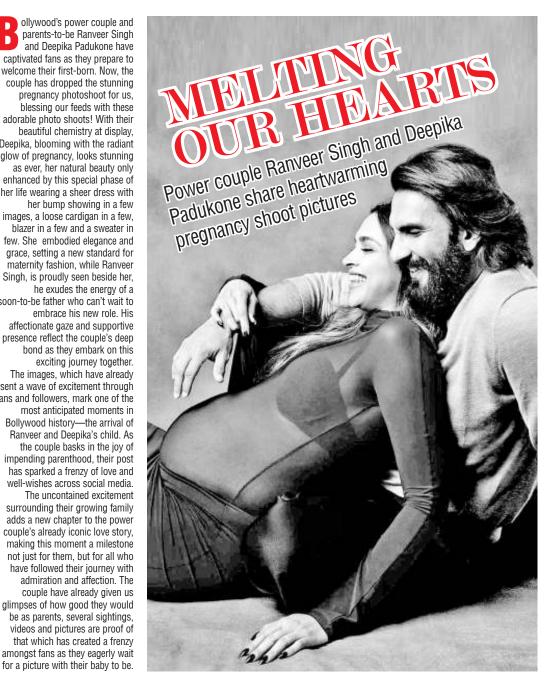
Actress Ananya Nagalla inaugurated the Rida Radiance Skin and Hair Clinic in Gachibowli. Rida Radiance offers treatments at affordable prices, making them accessible to everyone—from celebrities, businesspeople and politicians to the common person.



MAA Research Foundation, in collaboration with MAA E.N.T Hospitals, organised its 68th workshop on Live head and neck surgical workshop, at MAA E.N.T Hospitals. The workshop offered an exceptional opportunity for participants to engage in live surgical demonstrations and interactive sessions. The workshop was organised under the mentorship of Dr. K.R. Meghnath, Director. Dr. Nagarjun Reddy Head and Neck Surgeon and Professor Prathamesh Pai Surgeon HNCII, among the others had participated in the workshop.

ollywood's power couple and parents-to-be Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone have captivated fans as they prepare to welcome their first-born. Now, the couple has dropped the stunning pregnancy photoshoot for us, blessing our feeds with these adorable photo shoots! With their beautiful chemistry at display, Deepika, blooming with the radiant glow of pregnancy, looks stunning as ever, her natural beauty only enhanced by this special phase of her life wearing a sheer dress with her bump showing in a few images, a loose cardigan in a few, blazer in a few and a sweater in few. She embodied elegance and grace, setting a new standard for maternity fashion, while Ranveer Singh, is proudly seen beside her, he exudes the energy of a soon-to-be father who can't wait to embrace his new role. His affectionate gaze and supportive presence reflect the couple's deep bond as they embark on this exciting journey together. The images, which have already

sent a wave of excitement through fans and followers, mark one of the most anticipated moments in Bollywood history—the arrival of Ranveer and Deepika's child. As the couple basks in the joy of impending parenthood, their post has sparked a frenzy of love and well-wishes across social media. The uncontained excitement surrounding their growing family adds a new chapter to the power couple's already iconic love story, making this moment a milestone not just for them, but for all who have followed their journey with admiration and affection. The couple have already given us



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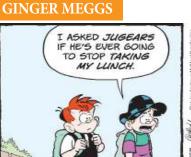






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andamuri Balakrishna completed 50 years and the Telugu Film Industry organised an event in Hyderabad on Sunday evening. Many celebrities from all the film industries, political and other had attended the event. During the event, Chiranjeevi's speech was the major highlight!

The Telugu Film Industry (TFI) had honoured actor Nandamuri Balakrishna's 50-year acting career. The golden jubilee celebration, which was held in Hyderabad, was organised by TFI. Balakrishna's wife, daughter, younger son-in-law, and sisters had also attended the event.

On this occasion, Mega Star Chiranjeevi shared his message to all the fans saying, "It's not just the cele-bration of Balakrishna, but of the entire Telugu cinema. Balakrishna achieved a rare record and just like his father,

Balakrishna has also played diverse roles and has enthralled the audience with his performance," said Mega Star.

He went on to highlight that this kind of function needs to be held regularly to show the audience that the actors are united. "Sometimes fans get into heated arguments and these functions would make them understand that we all share a good relationship," further explained Mega Star, adding that thus the fans also need to be united.

As he went ahead to speak at the event, he further spoke about his relationship with Balayya. "For any of our functions, Balakrishna is the first person to attend it and all of us enjoy it together. We are all like a family and fans should understand this and stay together," he said.

Going ahead, Mega Star expressed his desire to do a film with Balakrishna. "I took inspiration from Balakrishna's Samarasimha Reddy for my Indra film. Now, I wanted to do a faction film with Balayya and now I challenge both

Boyapati Srinu and YVS Chaudhary to make a film with us," said Chiranjeevi. He went on to wish Balakrishna a long life and also lauded his service to the people as a politician and also through his cancer hospital. "Love Live Balayya," said Mega Star.

Speaking at the event, Nandamuri Balakrishna thanked everyone who had worked with him throughout his journey. The actor said that not only did he learn acting but also a lot of things from his father. "It's not just acting I learned from my father; I learned disci-pline, punctuality and culture. I learned all the above qualities from Akkineni Nageswara Rao," said Balakrishna. The actor said that they are all competing in the film industry, but all of it is healthy competition. "I have been in multiple fields, including cinema, politics and medical services, so I am indebted to everyone who is supporting me throughout. My special thanks to my wife Vasundhara, who has supported me in everything I do," said Balakrishna.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACT WITH BALAYYA FOR FACTION FILM: CHIRANUEEM

SIDELIGHTS

- Many of the young actors including Rana Daggubati, Nani, Adivi Sesh, Siddhu Jonnalagadda, Manchu Manoj, Allari Naresh and others clicked selfies with Balakrishna.
- Late Krishnam Raju's wife Shyamala Devi felicitated Balakrishna
- Actor Venkatesh surprised everyone with a popular dialogue from Balakrishna's film Legend.
- Senior director Raghavendra Rao danced for Balakrishna's song Jai Balayya from the film Veera Simha Reddy and entertained all. Generally, a calm person like Raghavendra Rao first time does this kind of entertainment.
 - Mega Star Chiranjeevi fondly called MLA Raghurama Krishnaraju as RRR in his own style.
- The entire auditorium was under tight security due to the news of the Chief Ministers attending the event. They refused entry, causing many celebrities to be stuck outside. Most media personnel were also prohibited from covering the event, leading many to leave.
- Many criticised the Shreyas Media for not organising this event properly. They should be more organised when many celebrities from film and politics attend.

- Due to heavy rains and floods, the AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu couldn't attend. However, on behalf of him, AP Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh attended.
- Shiv Raj Kumar and Sumalatha from the Kannada film industry attended and both have worked with Balakrishna.
- Though many celebrities attended this event, everyone wondered why Nagarjuna gave a miss. There are reports that there are some differences between Balayya and Nagarjuna; that's why Nagarjuna missed
- Another person who missed this event was Allu Arjun. Though the TFI specially invited Allu Arjun and he is close to Balakrishna, he still didn't come for the event. There are rumours that Allu Arjun did not wish to encounter Chiranjeevi at this event.
- Kamal Haasan sent his wishes through a video.
- There was a lot of confusion regarding the live video of this function. Some people were going through Gemini TV and suddenly ETV telecast this event live. There are reports that both the Telugu CMs were attending, so I&PR has given a live video link. Even the organisers had no clue about it and later they found and stopped the live link. Producers, directors, actors, writers and many other people from Tollywood attended this function.



Eighth season of Bigg Boss kicks off with new rules

The Telugu Bigg Boss season 8 kicked off on Sunday evening with host Nagarjuna introducing all the housemates. This time, he has announced new rules and this time, the housemates were sent as pairs. The *Bigg Boss* show is known for its entertainment, drama, and, of course, a lot of twists.

Nagarjuna also stated that there will be no distribution of rations or prize money this time. "You have to earn them through tasks only," said Nagarjuna while hosting the show on a private television channel. He also mentioned that there will be no captain this season. This prevents one from witnessing the well-known and ridiculous debates

during nominations and also provides immunity from them.

In contrast to previous seasons, the current season lacks major celebrity figures, with the majority of housemates being well-known YouTubers, influencers, small-scale actors and radio jockeys.

Nagarjuna paired up all 14 contestants and escorted them inside the house. Yashmi Gowda and Nikhil (TV Artists), Abhay (Film Actor) and Prerna Kambham (TV Artist), Aditya Om and Soniya Akula, Bejawada Bebakka and Sekhar Basha, Kirrak Seetha and Naga Manikanta, Prithviraj and Vishnu Priya, Nainanika and Nabeel Afridi are the pairs.

'Sentiment of mother is biggest commercial element to bank on'

↑he movie *35 Chinna Katha Kaadu* will be releasing in tor abroad with the movie cinemas on September 6 and has been produced by Srujan Yarabolu. Despite being a seasoned producer, he never openly discusses his



Kanche in 2015 and has continued to distribute nearly 70 films since then. "The first film I produced was Manu, followed by Suryakantham, Thimmarusu and Panchatantram. I also produced Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi films," said Srujan. Discussing the 35-Chinna

Kishore Emani in a peculiar manner. "I had waited at a production house to meet the producer, while director Nanda Kishore and Vishwadev were also waiting to see the same producer. We were waiting in the same room and Nanda Kishore

narrated the story. Later, he accompanied me to my office, where he shared the entire story, which I found very appealing,

leading me to decide to produce the film. I became curious and briefly asked Kishore about the movie," he said about how he started this film.

Sruian mentioned that the majority of his movies are centered on concepts. "I have nearly heard 400 stories and I liked only five of them. I wanted to make a classic like Mahanti, Sita Ramam, Journey, and then I got this story. I am confident that people will talk about this one," said Srujan. He added that with this film, people will be able to relate to a few characters. "I feel that the sentiment of a mother is the biggest commercial element. Apart from this, you will also be able to see many relationships, sentiments and a lot of drama," he said. The film has a Tirupathi backdrop. "The story needed a devotional backdrop, thus we choose Tirupathi. Coming to the accent, all the actors had learned the Chittoor accent for this film," said Srujan.

"After watching my film, definitely you put this film too on the lines of K Viswanath and Bapu films," he said.

STANDALONE

Keerthy Suresh

becomes the co-

owner of the Adani

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cricket team, which is

a prominent team in

the Kerala Cricket

League run by the

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Kerala Cricket

Anushka Shetty wants the committee report to be published!



ctress Samantha had a while back Committee report released by the Kerala Government. She commends the women in the movie business and bravely speaks out about the exploitation of women in the industry. Samantha implored the Telangana government to establish a replica in Tollywood and asked for its publication similar to the Hema Committee Report.

Now, yet another top actress, Anushka Shetty, has also openly requested the government to release the subcommittee report established in 2019. She commends the Kerala women who paved the way to this point.

"We, the women of the Telugu film industry, welcome the Hema Committee report and applaud the persistent efforts of the WCC in Kerala, which has laid the path to this moment," posted Anushka on her Instagram.

She added that taking cue from the WCC, The Voice of Women, a women's support group in the TFI, was established in 2019. She desired for the subcommittee report on sexual harassment to be made public so that the gov-ernment and TFI could establish guidelines for a safe work environment for women.

"We hereby urge the Telangana government to publish the submitted sub-committee report on sexual harassment, which can help frame the government and industry policies to establish a safe working environment for women in the TFI," (sic), said Anushka in her social media page. With growing demand from Tollywood actresses, now it's on the government to publish the subcommittee report.

PARUCHURI'S GRANDSON 'S AS AN AC

⊣he Paruchuri Brothers are famous for their successful scripts and have collaborated on numerous films featuring major celebrities. Their grandson, Paruchuri Sudarshan, is ready to start his acting career with the movie Mr. Celebrity. Chandina Ravi Kishore is in charge of direct-

ing it.

Talking about the film, Sudarshan said that he initially worked as a junior artiste to get experience. "People don't know that I was Paruchuri's grandson when I worked as a junior artiste, so I got to know the work experience on the sets. I also did many theater plays before I decided to enter as an actor," said Sudarshan. "When I worked as a junior



artiste, people were unaware that I was Paruchuri's grandson, which allowed me to learn about the work experience on sets. I had participated in numerous theater plays before choosing to pursue a career as an actor," said Sudarshan.

The shooting of the movie has finished as well, and the teaser of the film was released on Sudarshan's birthday. The teaser was officially launched by Sudarshan's grandfather, Paruchuri Venkateswara Rao. In this teaser, they gave a

glimpse of the plot. "Since the time of Ramayan until today, numerous individuals have been affected by rumours and false information. Many Tollywood actors, including celebrities, have also experienced significant difficulties as a result of rumours and gossip. The film's title includes all the celebrity names for that very reason," said director Ravi Kishore. The teaser also reveals that

Mr Celebrity will be a gripping crime thriller with captivating elements in the story. The story appears to have unexpected developments with a fierce clash between the main character and the enemy. Varalaxmi Sarathkumar has a crucial part in the movie.

AAY team's noble gesture through JSP win hearts

TR's brother-in-law, Narne Nithiin, who captivated the Telugu audience with the film *Mad*, has recently brought the fun entertainer AAY to the audience. With good occupancy and decent collections, the film is performing well. Now, the team's noble gesture has become the talk of the town! Producer Bunny Vas and Geetha Arts has announced that 25% of producer's share from AAY collections from today till weekend will be donated to flood victims



through Janasena Party. It is known that heavy rains in Andhra Pradesh have led to widespread flooding, creating challenging conditions across the region. In light of this, the team has announced this decision. By supporting the flood victims, Bunny Vas and team *AAY* emphasise their solidarity with the affected communities.

Saina Nehwal reveals struggles with arthritis, to decide on retirement by end of year

ce Indian shuttler and former Olympic bronzemedallist Saina Nehwal has revealed that she is battling arthritis and will have to decide on her future in badminton by the end of this year as the ailment has made it impossible for her to train the usual hours. The 34-year-old former world No.1, who was the first Indian shuttler to win an Olympic medal with her bronze in London 2012, participated in three editions of the Games before being hampered by injuries.

The 2010 and 2018 Commonwealth Games goldmedallist said she can no longer overlook the fact that her career is in its final leg.
"The knee is not very good. I

have arthritis. My cartilage has gone to a bad state. It is very difficult to push for eight-nine hours," Nehwal said on the House of Glory podcast hosted by shooting great Gagan Narang, who was Indias chef-de-mission in the recent Paris Olympics.

"How will you challenge the best players in the world in such a state? I think I will have to accept it somewhere. Because two hours of training is not good enough to play with the highest level of players and get the desired results," she added.

Nehwal said she is still considering the impact retirement will have on her but admitted that she would eventually have to take a call. The trailblazing star, who is also a BJP member now, was last seen in action more than a year ago in the Singapore Open where she lost in the opening



because it is like a job that a her childhood dream and normal person does. Obviously, a sportspersons career is always a short one. I started at the age of 9. I will be 35 next year," she said.

"I have also had a long career and I am very proud of that. I have broken my body to a great extent. I am happy with what I have done and given it all. (I) will assess how I feel by the end of this year," she added.

"I am also thinking about it (retirement). It will be sad competing at the Olympics was

missing the showpiece for two consecutive editions has been hurtful.

"Competing at the Olympics is a childhood dream for all. You prepare to reach that level for years. Hence, at times, when you realise you will not be able to make it, it hurts a lot," she expressed.

"Because it is not like you do not want to play, but your body is telling that you are not doing well and you have injuries."

Nehwal, however, said she would look back at her run in the Games with pride. "But I have done a lot of hard work. I competed in three Olympics. I gave my 100 per cent in all of them. I can take pride in that and be happy about it," she

Nehwal also spoke about the pressure of expectations and said as a top athlete, she has faced it not just from observers of the game but also from near

"When you become a big player, your friends, family, coaches, sponsors, everyone wants you to perform. There are a lot of stakeholders involved," she said.

"With already a short career span, athletes cannot afford to take a four-year break and have to keep performing continuously. If you wish to become an international champion, you have to be strong to make decisions," she added. tough

Nagal pulls out of Davis Cup tie against Sweden due to back injury

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Indias top singles player Sumit Nagal on Monday pulled out of the upcoming Davis Cup tie against Sweden

due to a back injury.
Nagal recently lost his first round singles contest to Tallon Griekspoor at the US Open. The indoor hard-court contest in Stockholm will be played on

September 14-15. Reserve player Aryan Shah has been drafted into the main team after Nagals withdrawal while Manas Dhamne has been put on standby.

"I was really looking forward to representing in the upcoming Davis Cup tie against Sweden," Nagal wrote on social media.

"However, due to a back issue thats been bothering me for the past few weeks, doctors have advised me to rest for the next two weeks, leaving me without enough time to

prepare and compete in Sweden. This same issue also led to my withdrawal from the

US Open doubles "Im deeply disappointed to be missing this tie, but I have to listen to my body to prevent the back from worsening, so that I can finish the season strong and healthy. Good luck to the Indian team - Ill be cheering for you all from

home!" he added.

Nagal reached a career-high ranking of 68 in July but has dropped to 82 in the latest rankings. Indias highestranked singles player not being part of the Davis Cup tie is a big blow to the team.

Former national champion Ashutosh Singh has been named as new coach of the national team.

Bopanna-Ebden ousted from US

Indias challenge in the mens doubles event of Ithe US Open ended with the defeat of Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden in the third round, here.

The second seeded Bopanna-Ebden pair lost 1-6 5-7 to the 16th seed Argentine combo of Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni in 66 minutes on Sunday night.

Bopanna and Ebden had won the Australian Open early this year.

The 44-year-old Bopanna has already announced retirement from Davis Cup and it will be interesting to see if he will return to defend his Australian Open crown in January

Sumit Nagal had exited the mens singles with an opening round defeat while Yuki Bhambri and N Sriram Balaji earlier lost in mens doubles at different stages of the tournament.



Bopannas challenge is still alive in the mixed doubles event with Indonesian partner Aldila Sutjiadi and interestingly, he and Ebden will now be up against each other. Ebden and Czech Republics Barbora Krejcikova

are seeded fourth in the mixed doubles.

Juventus remains unbeaten following a 0-0 draw with visiting Roma in Serie A

 $F_{ ext{Juventus, it was a well-}}^{ ext{or} \quad Thiago} \qquad ext{Mottas}$ Mottas earned point that kept the Bianconeri unbeaten. For Daniele De Rossis it was a step right direction after a

difficult start to the season. Juventus was held to a 0-0 draw at home by Roma in Serie A on Sunday with each side producing only one shot on goal. Roma dominated the possession early on before

Juventus grew more dangerous through Dusan Vlahovic. De Rossi kept former Juventus forward Paulo Dybala on the bench at the start then sent the Argentina international, who recently turned

down an offer from Saudi Arabia, on midway through the second half. But Dybala produced little with both sides slowing down by then on a warm evening in

Juventus moved level on seven points with defending champion Inter Milan, Torino and

Udinese in Mottas first season since coming over from Bologna.
Winless Roma, which was coming off a dispiriting defeat at home to Empoli, has two

points in De Rossis second campaign after replacing Jose Mourinho in January. Having grown more offensive under De Rossi last season, Roma has produced only one goal in three matches this season.



Udinese beat promoted Como 1-0 with a first-half volley from Brenner. Como forward Patrick Cutrone forward Patrick missed a late penalty.

DISTANCE: Robin Gosens scored a late equalizer on debut for Fiorentina, which came back from two goals down for a 2-2 draw with Alessandro Nestas Monza.

Gosens, who was signed on loan from Union Berlin on deadline day, redirected in a corner with a looping header in stoppage time.

Monza went ahead with early goals from Milan Diuric and Daniel Maldini before Moise Kean pulled one back for Fiorentina before the break. It was a third consecutive draw in Serie A for Fiorentina under new manager Raffaele Palladino, who previously coached Monza.

Fiorentina was coming off a penalty-shootout win over Puskas Akademia in the Conference League. Fiorentina also drew the first leg with Puskas, and the second leg was locked at 1-1 before the shootout. Maldinis long-distance effort was his third goal

from outside the box in 2024, tied for the joint lead in Serie A over that span with Dusan Vlahovic, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, Alexis Saelemaekers and Michael Folorunsho.

Hellas Verona beat Genoa 2-0 with goals from Jackson Tchatchoua and Casper Tengstedt for its second win in three matches after defeating Napoli 3-0 in its opener.

Kylian Mbappé ends scoring drought in Spanish league and scores 2 in Real Madrids win over Betis

With two goals in less than 10 minutes, Kylian Mbappé ended his scoring drought in the Spanish league, leading Real Madrid to a 2.0 win over Peal Betis -0 win over Real Betis. Madrids biggest signing in years, Mbappé had scored once in the teams win over Atalanta in the UEFA Super Cup final last month, but he had yet to find the net in his previous three Spanish league

matches. "I was looking forward to scoring in this legendary stadium, the best in the world," Mbappé said. "But the most important thing was the victory."

He opened the scoring at the Santiago Bernabeu with a low left-footed shot from inside the area after a neat backheel pass by Federico Valverde in the 67th minute. Mbappe then added to the lead by converting a 75th-minute penalty kick after a foul on Vinicius Junior.

Madrid had drawn two of its first three games, with its lone coming against

Ending her title defense with 19 double faults

Valladolid two rounds ago, also at the Bernabeu. This win defending moved the champion four points behind leader Barcelona, the only team to win all four matches to start the season.

"After the game a Palmas we knew that we had to win and we did it," Mbappé said. "It was a tough match, but we are Real Madrid and in the end we won it."

Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said there was never any pressure on Mbappé to end his drought in the league.

"For him it was important to score, but we evaluate the work of the team as a whole, which was better than in the previous match. It was a step forward." The result kept Betis winless

after three matches. Manuel Pellegrinis team had drawn its first two games. Vitor Roque, a

Brazilian forward, was a second-half substitute for the Seville club where he is playing on loan from Madrid rival Barcelona.

Madrid has not conceded in its last five league games at



Bernabeu, going back to last season, a first for the club in the competition since 1996. Madrid is unbeaten in 26 home games in the league, with 22 wins and four draws, the best run under Ancelotti. The five points from three matches until now had meant Madrids worst start in the league since 2019-20, when it won the competition.

SEVILLA CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE: Sevilla lost 2-0 at home to Girona to remain winless after four matches. Iván Martin and Abel Ruiz

scored a goal in each half for Girona, which has now won two in a row. It will play the Catalan derby against Barcelona in the next round. Sevilla had drawn two of its first three matches, both on the road, with a loss to Villarreal at home.

OTHER RESULTS: Getafe, another team without a victory, drew 0-0 with Real Sociedad at home, while Las Palmas - also winless - lost 2-0 at Alaves. Osasuna won 3-2 against Celta Vigo, which had opened with two straight wins but now has lost two in a row.

Coco Gauff loses at the US pen to Emma Navarro

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 $T^{\text{his is pretty much all anyone}}_{\text{needs to know about defending}}$ champion Coco Gauffs 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 loss to Emma Navarro in the U.S. Opens fourth round : Gauff wound up with more double-faults, 19, than winners, 14.

It was the latest in a series of earlyfor-her exits in recent weeks, including bowing out in the third round at the Paris Olympics, then going 1-2 at hard-court tuneup events before arriving in New York. "I feel like theres 70 other players in the draw that would love to have the summer that I had, even though its (the) least, probably, (Ive) done well during this time of the year," said the No. 3-seeded Gauff, who went 18-1 during the North American swing on hard courts 12 months ago, including the run to her first Grand Slam title. "So many people want to be in the fourth round. So many people want to make the Olympics. So many people want to be flag bearer. Its perspective."

The 20-year-old from Florida did fight her way back into the match with a four-game run in which she claimed 14 of 17 points and grabbed the second set. "Had a little bit of a lull there," said the 13thseeded Navarro, an American who was 0-2 at the U.S. Open until this year, "but I was able to regroup."

After each of her past two contests in New York, Gauff headed back out onto the practice courts to work on her serve. That didnt help much on Sunday, when she tied her career high for double-faults: She also had 19 in a loss at the 2020 French Open. Against Navarro, Gauff delivered a trio of double-faults in four different games. Eleven of the double-faults came in the final set

Gauff attributed her problems to a mix of issues with her mechanics -"I go down on my left side a lot on my serve, and its something Im aware of, but its tough in the moment to, I guess, try not to do it," she explained - and in her mind. "Its sometimes more of an emotional, mental thing, because if I go out on the practice court right

now, I would make, like, 30 serves

in a row. Ive done it before," Gauff

said. "I think its also just kind of a

mental hurdle that I have to get over

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when it comes. ... But I definitely want to look at other things, because I dont want to lose matches like this anymore."

She finished with a total of 60 unforced errors - a whopping 29 on her forehand side.

The 23-year-old Navarro, who also eliminated Gauff in the fourth round at Wimbledon in July, was far steadier on Sunday, although she still did have 35 unforced errors. "It was a little bit of a battle of will there for a bit. But proud of just my effort today," said Navarro, a U.S. Teammate of Gauffs at the Paris Games. "I was able to stick in there through some tough moments.

This result follows a third-round loss by defending mens champion Novak Djokovic on Friday, meaning the lengthy droughts without anvone winning consecutive titles in New York will continue. The last woman to win at least two in a row was Serena Williams with three from 2012-14; the last man to do so was Roger Federer with five from 2004-08. Frances Tiafoe eliminated No. 28 seed Alexei Popyrin, the player who come Tuesday in New York against

stunned Djokovic, with a 6-4, 7-6 No. 26 Paula Badosa, a 6-1, 6-2 (3), 2-6, 6-3 victory on Sunday night. The No. 20 seed advanced to his third straight U.S. Open quarterfinal and will play No. 9 Grigor Dimitrov, who held off Andrey Rublev 6-3, 7-6 (3), 1-6, 3-6, 6-3 with 23-time Grand Slam champion Williams watching and offering a thumbs-up at matchs

Also moving on Sunday was No. 12 Taylor Fritz, who beat three-time Grand Slam finalist Casper Ruud 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Fritzs quarterfinal opponent will be 2020 U.S. Open runner-up Alexander Zverev, who got past Brandon Nakashima 3-6, -1, 6-2, 6-2.

"Im at the point now where Im still happy to make quarterfinals, but I wouldnt be happy with it ending here," said Fritz, who has yet to reach a Grand Slam semifinal. "I definitely am at the point where I

really want more than that." The Wimbledon win over Gauff earned Navarro, the 2021 NCAA singles champion for the University of Virginia, her first appearance in a

winner against Wang Yafan. The other womens match that day will be between No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka she was last years runner-up to Gauff and beat Élise Mertens 6-2, 6on Sunday - and either No. 7 Zheng Qinwen or No. 24 Donna Vekic.

The quarterfinals will give Navarro another chance to play at Arthur Ashe Stadium in front of a big crowd. Shed never hit a ball in the place until Sunday - and felt rather

at ease, anyway.

"Ive been out on big courts before, where I just felt totally overwhelmed and almost like its an out-of-body experience. But I didnt feel like that today," Navarro said. "I felt comfortable from the time I stepped out onto the court, which I was a little bit surprised about. I kind of had prepared myself for the worst, just in terms of feeling overwhelmed and nervous."

Sure didnt perform that way. Gauff was the one who was unable to bring her best.

"I expect better, but at the end of the day it happened," Gauff said, and I know I can turn it around.