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Chennai (TSIT)

Heralding a major change and scripting a new chapter in Tamil Nadu politics, the fledgling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) founder and actor-politician C Joseph Vijay was on Sunday sworn in as the 13th Chief Minister of the state, ending the nearly 60-year-long duopoly of the DMK and the AIADMK with a stunning performance at the hustings.

Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath of Office and secrecy to Vijay, along with nine members of his first Cabinet, which included a woman, at an impressive ceremony held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Multi-purpose Indoor Stadium.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted Vijay for taking oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and promised that the Centre would work with the State government in improving the lives of the people. In a social media post, Mr



Modi wrote, "Congratulations to Thiru C Joseph Vijay on taking oath as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. Best wishes for his tenure ahead". "The Central Government will keep working with the Tamil Nadu Government to improve the lives of people", he added. Reciprocating Prime Minister Modi's gesture,

Vijay thanked him for the wishes and said he was looking forward to the active support and cooperation of the union Government for TN's continued growth, which was his sole objective. The first session of the newly constituted 17th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has been summoned to meet tomorrow to enable the

newly elected members to take the oath. TVK legislator M V Karuppaiah, who was elected as the protom Speaker, was later sworn in at Raj Bhavan and will administer the oath to the new legislators.

After Vijay, his nine Cabinet colleagues—all top functionaries of the ruling TVK—approved by the Governor on the recommendations of the TVK Founder, also took oath. They were TVK General Secretaries N Anand, Aadhav Arjuna and, K A Sengottaiyan, who is also a former AIADMK Minister, Dr K G Arunraj, P Venkataramanan, R Nirmal Kumar, Rajmohan, Dr T K Prabhu, and Ms S Keerthana. All of them took their oath in Tamil and in the name of God.

After Chief Secretary M Saikumar invited the Governor to administer the oath of office and secrecy to the new Cabinet, Vijay, clad in black pants and white full sleeves with a black blazer, started taking the oath with the words...I C Joseph Vijay, when he was greeted with thun-

dering applause. Vijay was the first to take the oath and was followed by Anand, Aadhav Arjuna and others.

Senior Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, who was instrumental in Vijay mustering adequate numbers to form the government after he fell short by 11 MLAs, was seen seated next to Vijay on the dais. Minutes after taking oath as the 13th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Vijay signed the first three important files announcing free electricity for consumption up to 200 units once in every two months, creation of a special "Singappen" rapid response force for women's safety, and the establishment of anti-narcotics units across the State, while promising to release a White paper on State's fiscal health soon. Vijay signed the first three orders of his new government at the dais in full public view before addressing them.

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BY M. RAJANIKANTH

Hyderabad: Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on Sunday launched and laid the foundation stone for multiple infrastructure, railway, industrial, and connectivity projects worth around Rs.9,400 crore in Telangana during a major public programme held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC). The Prime Minister was welcomed at the venue by Governor of Telangana Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister of Telangana A. Revanth Reddy. The programme was attended by Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay

CM Urges PMO Task Force for Faster Approvals to India's Major Metro Cities

Kumar, Telangana Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, and Member of Parliament Konda Vishweshwar Reddy among others. The projects launched by the Prime Minister included the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park at Warangal, railway infrastructure projects, highway expansion works, and logistics and industrial infrastructure initiatives aimed at strengthening Telangana's manufacturing and connectivity ecosystem.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy described the event as a "celebration of development" rather than merely a Central government programme.

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Unauthorized computer operator works in Mahabubabad panchayat office for 4 years

Mahabubabad (TSIT):

Allegations have surfaced that an unauthorized computer operator has been functioning in the District Panchayat Office at the Integrated Collectorate complex in Mahabubabad for four years without any official appoint-

ment or government sanction. Local employees and activists claim the individual has held the post since 2022, despite multiple transfers of district officials and three District Collectors during this period.



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trative gaps, the individual reportedly secured a position with support from some officials, bypassing standard recruitment procedures. Employees and union representatives say the operator has exercised undue influence in the office, reportedly pressuring temporary staff and Junior Panchayat Secretaries, many of whom are still awaiting regularisation.

Questions have been raised about the use of public funds without sanctioned posts and the inaction of district authorities over the years. Critics are demanding an immediate inquiry by the District Collector, Panchayat Raj Commissioner, and state authorities to investigate the matter and take strict action if irregularities are found. The issue has sparked widespread discussion, with residents and public representatives awaiting a government response to ensure accountability and restore faith in the administration.

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Congress questions 'robust EIA' claims for Great Nicobar Project, seeks public release of HPC report



New Delhi, May 10 (UNI) Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Sunday intensified his attack on the Centre's proposed Great Nicobar Island Development Project, accusing the union Environment Ministry of relying on "grossly inadequate" environmental studies and concealing key findings related to the mega infrastructure initiative in one of India's most ecologically sensitive regions. In a detailed letter addressed to union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, the Congress leader challenged the government's assertion that the project's ecological impacts had been "comprehensively identified, assessed, and effectively managed" through a robust Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and Environmental Management Plan (EMP). Ramesh said the government's claims, reiterated in the "Great Nicobar Project: FAQs" issued on May 1, were contradicted by the project's own environmental documents and

studies. He argued that legal and scientific norms mandated comprehensive multi-season environmental assessments for port projects in ecologically fragile island territories such as the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. "The law mandates that port projects, especially those in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, are subjected to comprehensive EIA studies," Ramesh wrote, adding that the island's "unique biodiversity and ecology" required baseline studies covering at least three seasons to adequately assess environmental impacts. Citing provisions of the Ministry of Environment's 2009 Office Memorandum and sector-specific EIA manuals, the Congress general secretary said the project should have undergone extensive physical, chemical, biological and oceanographic studies across multiple seasons. He also referred to provisions under the Island Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2019, arguing that substantial portions of the Galathea Bay shore-

line had already been identified as eroding coastal stretches by ISRO's 2021 mapping exercise. Drawing on statements made in Parliament by former Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar in 2015, Ramesh noted that even rapid EIAs based on one-season data had earlier been deemed insufficient for coastal projects because they failed to capture the full range of environmental concerns. The Congress leader alleged that the final EIA report submitted in March 2022 was based largely on "one season study" conducted between December 2020 and February 2021 and included biodiversity and turtle nesting surveys lasting only a few days. He pointed to passages in the report itself that admitted the surveys were "rapid reconnaissance" exercises and acknowledged that dense forests limited the extent of scientific assessment. "These studies based on which environmental clearance has been granted are not even rapid EIAs and are based on baseline data collection over a few days and weeks at best and are grossly inadequate," Ramesh said. "These reports are an insult to science and make a mockery of the EIA process." He further questioned the Centre's decision to withhold the report of the High-Powered Committee (HPC) constituted after the National Green Tribunal's April 2023 observation that there were "unanswered deficiencies" in the environmental clearance granted to the project.

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In his maiden address to the people of the State after taking oath, Vijay, without taking any names, had a dig at the previous DMK and AIADMK regimes and alleged that the previous government (headed by DMK) had left the government treasury "empty," passing on the heavy burden to the next government. Stating that he would soon release a White paper on Tamil Nadu's financial position, Vijay said he needed some time to set things right and stabilise the administration step by step. Setting the tone for his administration, he said the document would transparently outline the financial position inherited by his government, which he alleged has left a huge burden with a loan component of nearly Rs 10 lakh crores, while promising to chart a roadmap for recovery and stability of the state's fiscal health. The Chief Minister indicated that the White Paper would provide a clear and detailed assessment of the State's revenues, expenditure, debt levels, and pending liabilities, a move seen as an attempt to build credibility and justify future policy decisions, especially if tough economic measures are required. Reiterating that he wanted to begin his tenure in a transparent manner by releasing a white paper on the state's financial health, he said women's safety was his topmost priority and would focus on roads, health, and other issues. He also delivered a strong warning to his cabinet colleagues and made it clear that his government would not tolerate corruption. "I am here not to make money, but to serve the people. I will be strict in administration. No cabinet colleague should indulge in making money," he declared, underlin-



Rahul Gandhi, senior Congress leader, sits beside Vijay after helping him secure enough MLAs to form government."

ing his commitment to provide clean and transparent governance. Stressing on inclusive governance, Vijay emphasised that his administration would work for all citizens, including critics and political opponents. "I will also care for the well-being of those who wish me negativity. After all, my people my makkal only, my people only," he added. "A new beginning, a new era of real secular social justice starts now," he said, amid thunderous applause from the crowd. Vijay, in his first stint in electoral politics, within two years of floating his own outfit, made a stunning entry, winning 108 seats, with the actor-turned-politician himself winning from two seats. As the TVK technically has 107 MLAs, he fell short of a majority by 11 members, and after

reaching out to some of the key DMK allies, he mobilised the requisite numbers, in which Rahul Gandhi was said to have played a key role. He met Governor Arlekar on Saturday evening for the fourth time in as many days, along with leaders of supporting parties, handed over their letters of support, and staked his claim to form the government, ending the week-long political deadlock, following which he was invited by the Governor, leading to the coronation of the first Vijay Sarkar this morning. After a week long drama that was marked by multiple developments the impasse ended when Vijay finally got unconditional support from the Congress, which broke ranks with the DMK and allied with TVK and pledged the support of its five MLAs, while CPI, CPI-M, VCK and IUML, with two MLAs each, offered outside support and decided to stay within the DMK alliance, by not participating in the government. With the Congress too set to join the government, Tamil Nadu would have its first-ever coalition government in its political history. Apart from Vijay's parents, father S A Chandrasekar and mother Shobha Chandrasekar, leaders of various political parties including those from who pledged their support like CPI, CPI-M, VCK and IUML, Opposition leaders, people from various walks of life, including from the Tamil film fraternity, judiciary and the police department, were present at the swearing in event, which began with the recital of Vande

Mataram, National Anthem and Tamil Thaa Vaazhthu (invoking the blessings of Mother Tamil) after which Vijay and others were administered the oath. A large number of TVK supporters lined up on both sides of the roads leading to the venue and enthusiastically greeted Vijay. The swearing-in ceremony was also beamed live in various locations near the venue by installing giant LCD screens for the benefit of the public, who could not make it to the venue due to space constraints. Police have made elaborate security arrangements with almost all top officials, including Tamil Nadu DGP and Head of Police Force Sandeep Rai Rathore, Greater Chennai City Police Commissioner Abhin Dinesh Modak, and senior officials.

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"National security and national development are our highest priorities. Our principle is India first, people next, and party later," the Chief Minister said. Revanth Reddy stated that Telangana had fully aligned its "Telangana Rising 2047" vision with the Centre's "Viksit Bharat 2047" mission and reiterated the state's ambition to transform into a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. Making a strong pitch for greater Central support, the Chief Minister urged Prime Minister Modi to expedite approvals for several pending Telangana infrastructure proposals, including the Musi River rejuvenation project, Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion, radial roads, and the proposed 12-lane Hyderabad-Machilipatnam highway. Drawing parallels with Modi's tenure as Gujarat Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy said the "Gujarat Model" had evolved with the cooperation of the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and expressed hope that Telangana too would receive similar support from the Centre. "Just as Manmohan Singh extended cooperation for Gujarat's growth, Telangana also expects your support and blessings for its development journey," he said. The Chief Minister stressed that India's future economic growth would be

driven largely by six major metropolitan cities — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad — and called for focused infrastructure support to these urban centres. To accelerate project implementation, Revanth Reddy proposed the creation of a dedicated "Single-Window Task Force" within the Prime Minister's Office to ensure faster clearances for nationally significant infrastructure projects in major metropolitan regions. He urged the Prime Minister to personally review Telangana's pending proposals concerning the Musi Riverfront development project, Metro Rail expansion, radial road connectivity, and the Hyderabad-Machilipatnam economic corridor. "Telangana knows you are large-hearted. Today, the people of Telangana wish to witness it firsthand through approvals for the state's pending development projects," the Chief Minister remarked. Revanth Reddy also said that with the Assembly elections in five states now concluded, the country's focus should shift fully toward development, infrastructure expansion, employment generation, and economic growth. Prime Minister Modi's visit marked his first major development-focused programme in Telangana after the conclusion of the recent Assembly election cycle.

Iran calls US nuke threat 'Grotesque Absurdity'; Putin backs Tehran

Tehran : Iran on Sunday sharply rebuked the United States after President Donald Trump allegedly threatened a possible nuclear strike, with Tehran's foreign ministry calling the remarks a contradiction of Washington's stated desire for peace. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baqaei said on X that it was a "grotesque absurdity" for the United States to claim it seeks peace and aims to prevent a nuclear crisis while simultaneously warning of overwhelming force by describing as "one big glow." In his post, Baqaei added: "HOWEVER... (just watch Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, 1964)," using the reference to mock Washington's



nuclear rhetoric. The remarks come amid heightened tensions following statements attributed to US President Donald Trump, who insisted that the ceasefire with Iran remains in effect despite ongoing instability in the Gulf region. While addressing reporters, Trump warned that if the ceasefire collapses, the consequences would be unmistakable.

"If there's no ceasefire, you're not going to have to know. You're just going to have to look at one big glow coming out of Iran," he said. He further escalated his warning, stating, "They better sign the agreement fast... If they don't sign, they're going to have a lot of pain." Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin, following the Victory Day

parade, described the US-Iran conflict as "very difficult," as Moscow maintains strong diplomatic ties with both Tehran and Gulf states and continues to encourage diplomatic resolution. "I hope that this conflict will be brought to an end as soon as possible," he said, adding that a negotiated compromise remained within reach. He asserted that there is no evidence that Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons while reiterating Moscow's readiness to help manage Iran's uranium enrichment programme under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency, stressing that any arrangement would be focused on peaceful nuclear use and international monitoring. Putin added that Russia has

consistently seen no indication of an Iranian effort to develop nuclear weapons, and said Moscow's proposals for joint oversight of enrichment activities remain available for consideration. The statement comes as US has been waiting for the response from Iran on the new 10-point memorandum to end the war that has some sticking points including Iran's nuclear programme, a central issue in the broader confrontation. The United States has so far rejected Russia's offer. Washington's concern centres on Iran's most sensitive stockpile roughly 450 kilograms of uranium enriched to 60 percent purity, which is considered only a short technical step away from the 90 percent threshold required for a weapon.

'Fear out, trust in': CM Adhikari promises era of trust in Bengal

KOLKATA: West Bengal's newly sworn-in Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Sunday said the "air of fear" (bhoi) in the state has ended and trust (bhorsa) has taken its place. Adhikari made the remarks while leaving his hometown Kanthi in Purba Medinipur district for Kolkata after receiving a rousing welcome from supporters following his swearing-in as chief minister a day before. "Bhoi out, bhorsa in. Prime Minister Narendra Modiji has given the assurance. West Bengal will progress with the involvement of every stakeholder in an atmosphere of hope and trust," he told reporters before leaving for Kolkata. After taking oath at the Brigade Parade Grounds in Kolkata on Saturday and completing official engagements, Adhikari travelled to Kanthi late at night after



offering prayers at the Kalighat Kali Temple. As the convoy entered the locality, supporters raised slogans and showered flowers and garlands on the chief minister. The crowd forced the convoy to slow down, prompting Adhikari to step out of his vehicle and greet supporters. Visibly moved by the reception, the chief minister folded his hands and appealed to the crowd to disperse, saying, "It is very late now, please return home." The atmosphere resembled a festival, with

locals celebrating the rise of their "son of the soil" to the state's top post. Adhikari also sought blessings of his parents after reaching home. Father Sisir Adhikari and mother Gayatri Adhikari had reportedly stayed awake till late at night to welcome him home. Local residents and childhood acquaintances described Adhikari as determined and resolute, attributing his rise to political prominence to his strong will and persistence.

Assam Guv invites Himanta to form govt

GUWAHATI: Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya on Sunday invited Chief Minister-elect Himanta Biswa Sarma to form the next government in the state, according to a statement. Rhymes like 'Johny Johny Yes Papa' teach children to lie, against Indian culture: UP minister Leaders of the NDA met Acharya at Lok Bhavan and staked claim to form the government with Sarma at the helm. "The Governor has invited Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma to form the new Government in Assam," Lok Bhavan said in the statement. Acharya will administer the oath of office and secrecy to Sarma as Chief Minister and to the members of the Council of Ministers, it added.



The ceremony is scheduled to take place on May 12, and is likely to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president Nitin Nabin and other senior leaders. "Fear out, trust in": CM Adhikari promises era of trust in Bengal This will be the NDA's third consecutive term in Assam since the BJP-led alliance first came to power in 2016

under then CM Sarbananda Sonowal. Sarma, who first took office in 2021, is set to become the first non-Congress chief minister of the state to serve two consecutive terms. The NDA secured a two-thirds majority in the assembly elections, winning a record 102 seats in the 126-member House. The BJP won 82 seats, while allies AGP and BPF secured 10 seats each.

BJP to Repeat Bengal Feat in Telangana, Will Form Government PM Modi

- Prime Minister Targets Congress, BRS; Calls BJP the Emerging Political Alternative in Telangana

Hyderabad, TSIT BUREAU: Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on Sunday asserted that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would come to power in Telangana just as it had emerged as a major political force in West Bengal, citing growing public support and enthusiasm for the party in the state.

Addressing a massive BJP public meeting at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, Modi said political conditions similar to those witnessed in West Bengal before the BJP's electoral rise are now visible in Telangana.

"The people of Telangana want BJP rule. The kind of political atmosphere that emerged in Bengal is now visible here too. The BJP will certainly form the government in Telangana," the Prime Minister declared.

He said the enthusiasm displayed by BJP workers and supporters at the rally had strengthened his confidence about the party's future in the state.

Modi said the BJP's growth across the country was driven by governance, development, and public trust rather than dynastic politics.

"The people of the country are embracing the BJP because of good governance. People no longer believe in family rule and hereditary politics; they



believe in the politics of trust," he said.

Referring to West Bengal, the Prime Minister said the BJP had transformed from a marginal force into a major political player within a decade.

"Ten years ago, we had only three MLAs in Bengal. Today, we have more than 200 representatives. The people of Bengal have rejected both the Trinamool Congress and

the Left parties," he said.

Modi also recalled Telangana's historical association with the BJP, noting that one of the party's earliest Lok Sabha seats had come from the state. "At one time, the BJP had only two MPs nationally, and one of them was from Telangana," he said.

The Prime Minister accused both the Indian National Congress and the

Bharat Rashtra Samithi of losing the confidence of the people in Telangana.

"The people of Telangana no longer trust the Congress or the BRS. The Central Government is supporting Hyderabad's development in every possible way," he stated.

Highlighting Central initiatives, Modi referred to the proposed industrial corridor at Zaheerabad and several infrastructure

projects aimed at accelerating industrial growth and connectivity in Telangana.

Launching a sharp attack on the Congress party, Modi said the party was now in power in only three states and accused it of relying on false promises and corruption.

"Wherever Congress is in power, corruption follows. Congress raises expectations with grand

promises and later betrays the people," he alleged.

The Prime Minister also accused the Congress government in Telangana of failing to adequately tackle Maoist activity in the state. "Telangana has suffered immensely because of Maoist violence. While Maoism has been eliminated from most parts of the country, it still persists here," Modi said.

He claimed that only a BJP government could completely eliminate Maoist influence from Telangana.

Addressing global economic challenges arising from conflicts in West Asia and Ukraine, Modi said disruptions in international supply chains had sharply increased global fuel and fertilizer prices.

He said the Central Government had absorbed the financial burden for the past two months to shield citizens from rising prices of petrol, diesel, gas, and urea.

Appealing to citizens to conserve resources, Modi urged people to use fuel judiciously, adopt electric vehicles, utilise public transportation, work from home wherever possible, and reduce unnecessary expenditure and overseas travel. "We must conserve our foreign exchange reserves during these difficult times," the Prime Minister said.

Mamata holds CPR outreach



Khammam (TSIT): The Department of Emergency Medicine of Mamata Medical College & General Hospital conducted a community outreach programme on "Strengthening Prehospital Care & Compression-Only Life Support" at Lakaram Tank Bund on Sunday. The programme created awareness among the public, cyclists, athletes and walkers on life-saving CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) techniques during emergency situations. The Emergency Medicine team demonstrated Compression-Only

CPR through live sessions and explained the immediate response required during cardiac emergencies. More than 150 people participated in the programme and underwent CPR training. The event was organised under the guidance of Dr. K. Mahendra Kumar. Puvvada Naren, Dr. Anuradha, Dr. B. Ramaswamy and Dr. K. Santosh Reddy extended support for the initiative. Dr. Tammineni Shruti along with faculty members, residents, interns and volunteers actively participated in the awareness drive.

Two Die After Car Crashes Into Container Truck on ORR

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) Two young men lost their lives in a fatal road accident on the Outer Ring Road near Adibatla in the early hours of Sunday after the car they were travelling in collided with a container truck. Police said the mishap occurred around 3:20 am near Exit-12 at the 111.5-km point on the ORR stretch between Bonglur and Tukuguda. The car, bearing registration number AP 40 HY 9599, was allegedly being driven at high speed when it rammed into the rear of a container truck moving ahead in the same lane.



National award to Dr. Pallepada Damodar for consumer services



Hyderabad, TSIT: Anupam Mishra, Additional Secretary, Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, was present as the chief guest at the Silver Jubilee program of Consumer Confederation of India held at Rajendra Bhavan, New Delhi and presented the award to Dr. Pallepada Damodar.

On this occasion, Dr. Pallepada Damodar said that the Consumer Awareness Bharat Yatra Program will be held from 24th December 2025 to 15th March 2026. Undertaken to protect consumer rights

and create awareness on Consumer Protection Act 2019 in all states and Union Territories of India.

Bharat Yatra program was organized in Hanmakonda district center of Telangana state on January 30.

For organizing an awareness program with around 5000 people and involving various government departments to make the Bharat Yatra program a success.

Pallepada Damodar was presented with the award at the Silver Jubilee program of the Consumer Confederation of India. The event was attended by Consumer Confederation of India National Patron Dr. Ananth Sharma, Consumer Confederation of India President Preeti Pandya, Working President Selvaraj and Damodar said that the award was presented in the presence of representatives from various states.

KITS WARANGAL ORGANISED PROJECT EXPO-2026



WARANGAL, May 10, TSIT: The Department of Computer Science & Engineering (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning)-CSM at Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science Warangal (KITSW), successfully organized "Project Expo-2026" for the B. Tech. final year students on May 9, 2026, with great enthusiasm and active participation from students and faculty members. The event was presided over by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy.

On this occasion the chief guest, distinguished industry expert, Mr. Vijay Kumar Ambadi, Senior Project Manager, Infosys, Hyderabad highlighted that The Project Expo was conducted with the objective of encouraging innovation, research, technical creativity, and practical learning among student community. The event provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their innovative projects developed in the fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), intelligent systems, smart automation, and emerging technologies.

The projects were evaluated by distinguished industry experts Mr. Vijay Kumar Ambadi, Senior Project Manager, Infosys, Hyderabad, and Mr. Sai Krishna Rao V, Project Manager, Infosys, Hyderabad. The experts appreciated the students for their innovative thinking, technical implementation, presentation skills, and real-world problem-solving approaches.

According to the guest of honor, Mr. Sai Krishna Rao V, Project Manager, Infosys, Hyderabad, there were a total of 35 selected projects displayed in the project expo technical event by the B. Tech. outgoing Batch of

2025-26 (academic year) students. Out of 35 projects two projects were selected as special recognition and prizes for their project titled "Nexis: A Multimodal AI Companion for Mental Health Monitoring," presented by team members, Anumala Sushara, Vangala Yashwanth Sukumar, Kuchana Sankrishna, Kodam Adhvaith under the able guidance of Dr. Jothi Prabha Appadurai, Head department of CSM. The project was appreciated for its social relevance, innovative methodology, and effective use of explainable artificial intelligence techniques.

Another notable selected project entitled "An Explainable AI Framework with Interactive Visualization for Predicting Adolescent Concern Over Unhealthy Food Advertisements," presented by the team of student members, Shiva Krishna Reddy Burra, Naga Tharun Yerra, Varshitha Kodam, Jayanth Chandragiri, under the able guidance of Dr. Vinay Kumar K Speaking on the occasion, Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy encouraged students to focus on innovation, research activities, entrepreneurship, and industry-oriented skill development and emphasized the importance of project-based learning in technical education. In this technical event, Head of the Department of CSM, Dr. A. JothiPrabha, faculty coordinators: Dr. K. Vinay Kumar, Dr. B. Hanumanthulu, L. Sai Rama Krishna R. Swetha, and E. Rajitha along with student coordinators Md. Shahbaaz and V. Ashreetha, with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, invited guests, and industry experts, making the event a grand success.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MAHFIN") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ("SARFAESI") Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(1)(2) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said "Act" read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties.

No.	Name of Borrower and Co-borrower / Loan account number / Branch	Description of Secured Asset in Respect of which Interest Has Been Created	Date of Demand Notice sent & Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
1	Boggu Sridevi, Boggu Suresh, MHIL00720033030/Warangal	The A.C.C. Sheets Roof House With The Open Place Property Bearing H. No. 6-37/A, Situated At Kaleswaram Revenue Village & Gramanthyathi, Mahadour Mandal, Jayashankar Shilpa Industrial District, Telangana, Pin: 505503, East-Gp Road, West-House of Gumpu Kartik, South-House of Talipally Mukteshwara, North-Open Place of Pitala Ganganna.	03-02-2026 & Rs.500490/-	07-05-2026

Date: 11th May 2026 | Place: TELANGANA | Sd/- Authorized Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd

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No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Branch	Description of Secured Asset in Respect of which Interest Has Been Created	Date of Demand Notice sent & Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
1	Singarapu Padma, Singarapu Kalpana, Singarapu Wilson, MHIL00720033030/Warangal	The R.C.C. House With Open Place Bearing H. No. 16-10-142/1, To An Extent of 88.00 Sq. Yards or 73.57 Sq. Meters, R.C.C. Roof Plinth Area 246.00 Sq. Ft. And A.C. Sheet Plinth Area 136.00 Situated At Shivanagar, Warangal City & Municipality, Mandal Fort Warangal, Warangal District, Telangana, Pin: 508002, East-10'-00 Feet Wide Road, West-80'-00 Feet Wide Road, South-H. No. 16-10-142 of S. Rajeshwari, North-H. No.16-10-143 of Ch. Sujatha	12-04-2026 & Rs.502563/-	17-04-2026 & 17-05-2026/3

Notice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, MAHFIN shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by MAHFIN at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act.

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AP CM to meet Amit Shah, discuss state-related projects

Amaravati (TSIT):

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will visit Delhi on Monday to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah and some other Central ministers to discuss various state-related

state-related projects and funding matters with the Central ministers. Representatives of the World Bank will meet the Chief Minister at 3 p.m. Later, he will attend the CII Business Summit at the Taj Palace. Later, the Chief Minister



projects. The Chief Minister will leave Hyderabad for Delhi on Monday morning and is scheduled to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah at 11:30 a.m. Later, the Chief Minister will also hold a meeting with Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil. The Chief Minister is expected to discuss various

will meet members of NITI Aayog, including Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council Chairman S. Mahendra Dev. Meanwhile, Chandrababu Naidu has expressed his delight over the government programmes in his constituency, Kuppam, which received national awards.

PM Modi visits residences of AP CM Naidu, Dy CM Pawan Kalyan in Hyderabad

Hyderabad (TSIT) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday visited the residences of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan in Hyderabad.

The Prime Minister, who is on a visit to Hyderabad, visited the residences of Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan in Jubilee Hills. Modi first visited Pawan Kalyan's residence and enquired about his health condition following his recent sinus surgery. Pawan Kalyan is currently recuperating at home, party sources said.

Later, the Prime Minister visited Chandrababu Naidu's residence, where he was warmly received by Naidu and his son, Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh. Party sources described the meetings as courtesy visits.

Before visiting the residences of Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan, Modi inaugurated Sai Sindhu Hospital in Gachibowli and reviewed the medical facilities available at the hospital.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister is scheduled to proceed to Parade Grounds, Secunderabad, where he will address a public meeting in the



evening. Following the public meeting, Modi is expected to depart for Gujarat from Begumpet Airport at around 1940 hours, party sources added.

Tight security arrangements were made during the Prime Minister's visit, and traffic restrictions were also imposed across key routes in the city.

BJP LEADER OPPOSES PROPOSED 'TIPU SULTAN JUNCTION' IN KADAPA

Tirupati, May 10 (UNI) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Board Member and BJP State spokesperson Bhanu Prakash Reddy on Sunday opposed the reported move to rename a junction in Kadapa as "Tipu Sultan Junction" and alleged that certain groups were attempting to hurt the sentiments of Hindus.

Talking to the media in Tirupati, Bhanu Prakash Reddy alleged that some "malicious forces" were trying to rename the junction after Tipu Sultan and claimed that such a move was unacceptable to Hindu organisations.

Describing Tipu Sultan as an "anti-Hindu ruler," the BJP leader made several allegations regarding historical incidents linked to him and alleged that there was a conspiracy behind the proposal to name the junction after him. Bhanu Prakash Reddy said Hindu organisations were planning to organise a Shobha Yatra Kadapa on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti and alleged that attempts were being made to disrupt the event and prevent authorities from granting permission for the procession.

Appealing to the police authorities and the State DGP, he urged them not to deny permission for the Shobha Yatra and to ensure adequate security arrangements for devotees participating in the procession.



Tirupati: Police team paying homage to the Deputy Chief Election Commissioner as he returned home after his visit to Tirumala.

PM Modi virtually inaugurated Kakatiya Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM Mitra) Park



WARANGAL, May 10, TSIT : Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park, part of the Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM Mitra) Park in a virtual manner from Hyderabad. District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada, Additional Collector Revenue G. Sandhyarani, through the LED screen set up in the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park presided over this virtual inauguration ceremony. Additional Collector Local Body YV Ganesh, ZP CEO Ram Reddy, Zonal Manager Swamy, Sangem Tehsildar Raj Kumar took part in this scene. On this occasion Zonal Manager

Swamy said that an estimate of Rs 1,695 crore has been made for the construction of Kakatiya Mega Integrated Textile Park. As a part of that, around Rs 800 to Rs 900 crores have been spent on various development works, construction of infrastructure and land acquisition works, they said. As a part of this, the central government has allocated funds of Rs 200 crore under the PM Mitra scheme. Out of that, Rs 30 crore funds were released two months ago for various development works and the remaining Rs 170 crore funds will be released in a phased manner, Zonal Manager Swamy said.

The paddy procurement process should be expedited

Bhadra d r i Kothagudem (TSIT): Collector Ankit has instructed the officials to expedite the procurement process so that farmers do not face any inconvenience at the paddy procurement centers. On Saturday, from Hyderabad, the Chief Secretary of the State Government, Ramakrishna Rao, along with the concerned senior officials, held a video conference with the collectors of all the districts and reviewed the paddy procurement, farmer registry, census and education week.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary of the State Government suggested that the officials take special steps to ensure that the farmer registry process is completed one hundred percent in all the districts. He instructed to expedite the process as there is only one day left for self-enumeration. He said that since there are more than ten lakh government employees



across the state, every employee must complete the self-enumeration. He suggested that appropriate arrangements should be made at the paddy procurement centers so that farmers do not face any

inconvenience and that steps be taken without delay in the procurement process. As part of the Public Administration Progress Plan, he asked all departments to coordinate and make the

Education Week celebrations organized from the 11th of this month a success. District Collector Ankit, who participated in a video conference with the concerned district officials from the IDOC video conference hall, spoke after the video conference and instructed the officials to move forward with a special action plan to speed up the farmer registry process in the district. He suggested that the officials of the concerned departments should work in coordination with each other to effectively manage the paddy procurement centers. He said that the Education Week celebrations should be organized strictly as per the schedule set by the government and made successful. He also suggested that the officials of the concerned departments should hold special meetings with the supervisors and enumerators on the census program and provide full guidance.

Minister Komatireddy Meets NHA Chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav, Discusses Key Highway Projects in Telangana



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy held a special meeting with National Highways Authority of India (NHA) Chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav in Hyderabad on Sunday and discussed several important highway infrastructure projects being undertaken in the State. The Minister held detailed discussions on the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR) and the expansion of the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National

Highway (NH-65). Stressing the urgent need for widening works on the accident-prone Hyderabad-Vijayawada highway, often referred to as a "death road" due to frequent accidents, the Minister urged NHA to commence the 8-lane expansion project at the earliest. During the meeting, the Minister also informed the NHA Chairman that the State Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has proposed the construction of a 7.1-km double-decker elevated

corridor from LB Nagar to Hayathnagar on the lines of the Nagpur model. He stated that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the ambitious project has already been submitted to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

The NHA Chairman informed the Minister that the tender process for the Hyderabad-Vijayawada highway expansion and Regional Ring Road projects has been completed and arrangements are being made to begin works shortly.

Minister Komatireddy also brought to the Chairman's attention several ongoing and proposed NHA projects in Telangana and requested speedy execution of infrastructure works that would play a crucial role in the State's development.

Roads & Buildings Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Special Secretary Pravinya, NHA Regional Officer Shiv Shankar, R&B Chief Engineers Dharma Reddy and Rajeshwar Reddy, along with other senior officials, were present during the meeting.

BRSV demands removal of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay over son's POCSO case

Jogulamba Gadwal, May 10, 2026: The BRSV has demanded the immediate removal of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar following serious allegations against his son, Bandi Bhagirath, in a POCSO case involving a minor girl.

Addressing the media at the district headquarters, BRSV State Leader Kurva Pallaiah sharply criticized both the Telangana State and Central Governments for their handling of the case. He alleged that despite the gravity of the charges, the state administration led by CM A. Revanth Reddy has failed to take strict legal action and has instead harassed the victim's family.

Pallaiah called the government's approach "shameful and deeply irresponsible" and demanded that the police act impartially to ensure justice without political interference. He further raised ethical and moral concerns over Bandi Sanjay continuing in the



Union Cabinet while serious allegations surround his family, urging the Central Government to immediately suspend the minister pending investigation.

Highlighting the need for protection of the victim and her family, Pallaiah accused the government of shielding politically influential individuals and questioned whether "one law

exists for Bandi Sanjay's son and another for ordinary citizens."

He warned that failure to arrest Bandi Bhagirath promptly and ensure justice would lead to statewide protests led by BRSV. The case has intensified political controversy, with opposition leaders calling for transparency, accountability, and swift legal action.



The birthday celebrations of Sri Dorababu Choudhary, President of TDP Puthalapatu Mandal, were held in a grand manner at the Puthalapatu Press Club today. The event was graced by **Sri K. Muralimohan**, Hon'ble MLA, who personally felicitated and extended warm birthday greetings to Dorababu Choudhary.

Everyone should take part in cow protection: TTD official



TIRUMALA : TTD Additional EO Sri CH Venkaiah Chowdary said that protection of cows is a sacred service in Indian culture and everyone should take part in the cow protection movement. On Sunday, around 1600 tonnes of dry fodder was donated to the Tirupati SV Goshala through 180 lorries under the leadership of TTD Board Member Sri Jyothula Nehru, Nehru Foundation and Srinivasa Seva Trust Chairman Sri T. Satyanarayana. Speaking on the occasion, the Additional EO appreciated the donors for collecting fodder from Jaggampeta in Kakinada district and bearing transportation and other expenses to make such a large-scale donation for the first time. He said service activities for cow protection and dairy development are an inspiration to society. He said the donated fodder would be supplied to TTD Goshalas located at Tirupati, Tirumala, Palamaneru and Kamalayyagaripalli near Bakarapeta. At present, a total of 2974 cows, bulls and calves are being maintained in these Goshalas. Sri Jyothula Nehru said that while 38 lorries of fodder were donated last year, this year 180 lorries were offered. He thanked the farmers of Jaggampeta for donating the fodder free of cost. On the occasion, he also donated two cows and a calf to the SV Goshala. TTD Board Members Smt. Panabaka Lakshmi, Smt. Janaki Devi, Sri G. Bhanu Prakash Reddy, Sri N. Sadashiva Rao, Sri Shanta Ram, Sri Darshan, SV Goshala Director Dr. AVN Sivakumar and others were present.

Rs.10 Lakhs Donation to BIRRD Trust



TIRUMALA : Dr. Karumuri Srinivasulu Reddy, Chairman of Karumuri Super Speciality Hospitals, Gu ntur, donated Rs. 10lakh to TTD BIRRD Trust. He handed over the DD to TTD Additional EO Sri Ch Venkaiah Chowdary in Ranganayakula Mandapam of Srivari temple at Tirumala on Sunday. TTD Board Member Sri N Sadasiva Rao was also present.

PM Modi urges citizens to remain united, save resources amid global crisis

BENGALURU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called upon citizens to remain united and patient amid global uncertainties, stating that the ongoing crisis in West Asia was impacting the entire world, including India.

Addressing a massive gathering of BJP workers and supporters here, he urged people to conserve resources and work together in the national interest. Referring to the global situation, PM Modi said: "You are witnessing the challenges across the world. The crisis in West

Asia is continuing, and the impact of the war is being felt globally. Bharat is also affected by this situation."

Appealing to the people of the country, he said: "At a time when the nation is progressing, we need to remain patient. We must collectively save resources and protect the interests of the country."

Just as we unitedly faced the challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic with a spirit of patriotism, we once again need to stand together to overcome the present crisis."The PM stressed

the importance of individual responsibility in overcoming challenges and said the country would be able to face all difficulties through unity and collective effort.

Addressing the enthusiastic gathering, he said a "saffron wave" had emerged strongly from Bengaluru and praised BJP workers for their dedication. "As an ordinary BJP worker, I know that only BJP workers can attend an early morning programme like this. Looking at the enthusiasm in your eyes, it appears that the victory in



Bengal is your own victory," he said. Highlighting the historical significance of May 10, the Prime Minister noted that the

day marked the beginning of the First War of Indian Independence in 1857. "On this day in 1857, the first spark of the freedom struggle was ignited. That spark later became a massive volcano which burnt down the chains of slavery."

The legacy of courage and valour remains our greatest strength," he stated. Drawing inspiration from that spirit, PM Modi said the country had recently celebrated the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor. He also announced that he would attend the 75th

anniversary celebrations of the reconstruction of the Somnath Temple in Gujarat on Monday morning. "These celebrations will provide new energy for building an Atmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat," he added. Continuing his attack on the Congress, the Prime Minister alleged that the party required alliances to remain politically relevant and had "betrayed" women over the issue of reservation.

He claimed that while the Congress spoke about women's reservation, its alliance partners

had opposed the legislation in Parliament.

"The BJP ended this politics and ensured the passage of the law providing 33 per cent reservation for women. But the Congress opposed the Nari Shakti Vandan Bill in Parliament," he alleged.

PM Modi further claimed that if the bill had been implemented earlier, Karnataka would have seen an increase in seats reserved for women, enabling more women from the state to become MLAs and MPs.

ED action against Sanjeev Arora politically motivated, attack on Punjabi pride: AAP

CHANDIGARH: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday termed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raid at minister Sanjeev Arora's residence here and his subsequent arrest as a politically motivated act.

The AAP strongly condemned the BJP-led central government, alleging that whenever the BJP feels it is losing political ground in elections, it conspires to suppress the opposition's voice by unleashing investigative agencies against them. They claimed that the action against Sanjeev Arora is part of a broader agenda of political vendetta.

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday arrested Punjab industries minister Sanjeev



Arora following raids in connection with an alleged Rs 100 crore GST fraud-related money laundering case involving certain entities linked to him, officials said.

According to officials, Arora (62) was taken into custody under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) following early morning raids at his official residence in Chandigarh's Sector 2.

After his arrest, the process to bring him to Delhi commenced. Arora was taken in a vehicle, which was among a cavalcade of vehicles that left his residence here following his arrest. He will be brought to Delhi, where the case is registered, and the agency will seek his remand for custodial interrogation, officials said. Punjab's Health Minister Balbir Singh alleged that 20 vehicles were mobilised for the raid, suggesting the level of resources used was

excessive, as if Arora were a "terrorist."

Punjab's Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema stated, "Just as the BJP misused the machinery of ED, CBI and other central agencies in West Bengal and other states to manipulate elections and form governments, the same dirty game is now being played in Punjab. This is not merely a raid on Sanjeev Arora, but an attack on Punjab and the pride of three crore Punjabis. Frustrated by its repeated failures, the BJP is attacking Punjab through central agencies."

Questioning the role of central agencies, Cheema said, "BJP's sole agenda is to eliminate opposition parties from the country."

Custodial death: Odisha DGP suspends inspector in charge of Dabugaon PS

KORAPUT: The inspector in charge of (IIC) of Dabugaon police station in Odisha's Nabarangpur district has been placed under suspension on charge of dereliction of duty in connection with the death of a man in police custody, an officer said on Saturday.

Earlier, three police personnel of Dabugaon police station were suspended following the custodial death of a 23-year-old accused. An office order signed by DGP Y B Khurania on Friday stated that disciplinary proceedings have been contemplated against Raghunath Majhi, the IIC of Dabugaon

police station, for alleged gross misconduct and dereliction of duty. Pending further inquiry, he has been placed under suspension with immediate effect, it said.

Earlier, on April 29, sub-inspector Bikram Sahu and OAPF personnel Karn Pujari and Budhiram Majhi were suspended after preliminary findings reportedly indicated negligence on their part in connection with the custodial suicide of Purna Kalar (23), a resident of Anchala village under Dabugaon police limits.

According to police sources, Kalar was arrested in an alleged minor girl

abduction case on April 28 and was lodged in the lock-up. He was found hanging inside the toilet of the police station on April 29, sparking tension in the area.

Nabarangpur SP Sandeep Sampad Madkar had earlier stated that prima facie evidence suggested dereliction of duty by the suspended officials, leading to the incident.

During the suspension period, Raghunath Majhi will remain under the disciplinary control of the DIG of Police, South Western Range (SWR), Koraput, and will receive subsistence allowance as per Odisha Service Code provisions, the order said.

Delhi Govt declares 673 hectare of Central Ridge as 'Reserved Forest'

NEW DELHI: In an important step towards environmental conservation, pollution mitigation and expansion of the city's green cover, the Rekha Gupta-led Delhi government has declared around 673.32 hectares of the Central Ridge area as "Reserved Forest," under Section 20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.

According to officials, the area concerned falls under the Western Forest Division of the Forest Department and covers parts surrounding Sardar Patel Marg and the President's Estate.

The Chief Minister has said that the government has already decided that large-scale plantation of native and environmentally suitable tree species will be carried out wherever suitable vacant land is available across the national capital's Ridge areas that have been declared as "Reserved

Forests." Gupta has said the decision would prove to be a milestone in strengthening Delhi's natural heritage, biodiversity, and ecological security.

According to the CM, giving legal protection to Delhi's ecologically sensitive Ridge areas had remained pending for several decades, and added that, "With commitment and determination, our government has declared nearly 673.32 hectares of the Central Ridge area as Reserved Forest."

She further stated, "This decision reflects our commitment towards environmental conservation, expansion of green cover, and securing a safe and balanced future for coming generations."

Gupta informed that despite the initial notification of Ridge areas in 1994, these areas could not receive final legal protection for a long period,



but now, with decisive steps in this direction, the present government has achieved a historic milestone in environmental conservation by notifying the Central Ridge area as Reserved Forest under Section 20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927. She said that the Central Ridge is located in the heart of the national capital and stretches along both sides of Upper

Ridge Road, adding that Delhi Ridge is an extension of the ancient Aravalli hill system and is regarded as the "green lungs" of the capital.

As per the CM, with the present notification of 673.32 hectares of the Central Ridge, the current government has so far granted Reserved Forest status to a total of 4,754.14 hectares of Ridge areas.

PM Modi congratulates Tamil Nadu's new CM Vijay over phone

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday congratulated TVK chief C. Joseph Vijay on taking oath as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister over the telephone and extended warm greetings for his new and smooth tenure. According to the sources privy to the telephonic conversation, the Prime Minister dialled newly elected Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay this evening, amidst the whirlwind tour of three states and greeted him on the beginning of his new innings as the Chief Minister.

The Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief C. Joseph Vijay took oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Sunday morning at a grand ceremony held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai.

The swearing-in of Vijay as Tamil Nadu's 13th Chief Minister marked a major political shift in the State, ending nearly six



decades of alternating rule by the DMK and AIADMK.

Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath of office and secrecy to Vijay in a colourful ceremony held in Chennai. Nine ministers were also sworn in alongside him as part of the new council of ministers.

The 51-year-old 'Thalaiva' Vijay took the political plunge just a year ago and shattered all records by securing a landslide victory in the high-stakes Tamil

Nadu Assembly elections, setting the stage for his tryst with power for the first time.

Earlier in the day, PM Modi took to his social media handle on X to congratulate the Tamil Nadu CM on his swearing-in.

The Prime Minister conveyed his best wishes for Vijay's new tenure and reaffirmed the commitment of the Central Government to work together with the state government for the welfare and development of the people of the state.

Bihar: 5000 booked, 4 held after teaching job aspirants protest delay in notifying recruitment exam

PATNA: More than 5,000 people were booked and four arrested in connection with the protest by teaching job aspirants over the delay in notifying the BPSC TRE-4 examination, police said on Saturday.

The protest march, held on Friday, led to clashes with police after demonstrators attempted to breach barricades.

SP (City Central) Diksha said the situation turned tense during the initial phase of the protest.

"Students became aggressive, broke barricades, and engaged in confrontation with the police. Some protesters and police personnel were injured in the process. A case has been registered, and four named individuals have been arrested, while others are being identified for legal action," she said.

"After the initial confrontation, protesters were allowed to continue their demonstration peacefully," she added. Police said traffic movement in several parts of the state capital remained disrupted for a considerable period, prompting the registration of the case.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Mithilesh Tiwari assured aspirants that the notification for the teacher recruitment examination



would be issued soon and appealed to them to place their demands before the government in an organised manner.

"Protests against my department erupted the day I assumed charge as education minister. It seems a bit odd to me. I want to assure students that the government itself is willing to fulfil their demands. So where is the need for protest?" Tiwari told reporters.

On the arrests, the minister said, "The law has taken its course, but I have urged the chief minister to treat those who came forward with their demands as students."

He said it was distressing for him to see future teachers running on the roads while being chased by police.

"We will soon find a solution to their problems," he added.

State Congress president Rajesh Ram accused the government of "brutally baton-charging" the aspirants instead of "listening to their legitimate demands".

"While lakhs of qualified aspirants were struggling on the streets for employment, the unemployed sons of three former chief ministers were being given ministerial posts," he quipped.

Fake video falsely links Lt Gen Minwalla to communal remarks, govt issues alert

NEW DELHI: Pakistani propaganda handles have circulated a digitally manipulated video falsely attributing communal and discriminatory remarks to Lt Gen Zubin A Minwalla, Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (OPS) in an apparent disinformation campaign linked to Operation Sindoor, prompting concerns over the spread of fabricated content aimed at fuelling communal tensions and undermining the credibility of India's armed forces.

Sharing the digitally altered video on X handle, OSINT War, claimed, "Breaking. At the press conference on the anniversary of Operation Sindoor, Lt Gen Zubin A Minwalla says, 'If you ask me about one fault that we did in Operation Sindoor and what we learnt is that we should not have Muslim or Sikh officers in our Air Force. Last time we had two and now they are under arrest because the Pakistanis did not target their planes. I am pleased that Prime Minister Modi will be changing the Sikh Air Chief. As long as we don't apply Shuddhi principles in our Indian Air Force, we are always destined for failure. We will fix that in the coming times. We have reduced 50 per cent of Sikh and Muslim

officers and the rest shall be retiring soon enough." Flagging the video as fake, the Press Information Bureau's fact check unit in a post on X stated, "Pakistani propaganda accounts are circulating a digitally manipulated video falsely claiming that Lt Gen Zubin A Minwalla has made communal and discriminatory remarks in connection with Operation Sindoor." Sharing the original clip which was taken during the press briefing organised to mark the first anniversary

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Person accused of murder or abetting it cannot inherit victim's property: SC

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has held that a person accused of committing or abetting the murder of another person cannot inherit the victim's property. A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan has said the disqualification from inheriting property would apply to both intestate and testamentary succession. The court has said the bar would apply even if the trial was still on. Intestate succession takes place according to the rules of personal law governing inheritance, while testamentary succession applies when property is bequeathed through a will.

of one from whom inheritance is claimed is disentitled from asserting rights, not only under section 25 of the Hindu Succession Act, but also on the principles of justice, fair play and equity. Strict proof is not indispensable in civil proceedings if the preponderance of probabilities points to the commission of the offence," the top court has said. Referring to section 25 of the Hindu Succession Act, the bench has noted that the provision disqualifies a person who commits murder or abets the commission of the murder from inheriting the property of the deceased. The judgment came on a plea challenging a Karnataka High Court order that had set aside a Bengaluru



civil court ruling in connection with inheritance of property.

EDITORIAL

Suvendu Adhikari And the Promise of Bengal's 'Second Renaissance'

Suvendu Adhikari takes oath as West Bengal's first BJP Chief Minister on Rabintra Jayanti, May 9, and the symbolism of the date is impossible to ignore. After a long and intense election campaign built around Hindutva, border security, Bengali identity and development politics, the choice of Rabintra Tagore's birth anniversary for the swearing-in ceremony appears to be a carefully crafted political message.

But the question many are now asking is whether this marks a genuine ideological shift towards Bengal's syncretic cultural ethos, whether it is a repackaging of a political agenda, or if the state is witnessing its second renaissance moment?

Transformation

The Bengal Renaissance was not merely a cultural movement but a period of profound social, intellectual and religious transformation in 19th- and early 20th-century Bengal. From Raja Ram Mohan Roy's campaign against Sati and his advocacy for reform within Hindu philosophy to Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's push for widow remarriage, girls' education and the simplification of the Bengali language and grammar, the period represented a significant synthesis of social reform, intellectual confidence and cultural change.

Bengal also became one of the earliest regions in colonial India to absorb Western education and engage deeply with European liberal and scientific thought, while simultaneously reinterpreting its own philosophical traditions. The Tagore family became closely associated with that intellectual churn. Dwarkanath Tagore, grandfather of Rabintra Tagore, was among the prominent Bengali reformist elites of the period and a major supporter of the Brahma Samaj founded by Raja Ram Mohan Roy.

At a time when orthodox sections strongly resisted reform, several Bengal thinkers attempted to reconcile ancient Indian philosophical traditions with rationalism, liberal thought and spiritual universalism rather than treating them as opposites. That engagement between tradition and modernity later became one of the defining features of Bengal's intellectual identity.

The later phase of the Bengal Renaissance expanded beyond social reform into spirituality, science and an emerging national consciousness. Ramakrishna Paramahansa's emphasis on religious harmony, Swami Vivekananda's attempt to combine Vedantic thought with modern education and national regeneration, and Sri Aurobindo's synthesis of spirituality and political philosophy shaped a wider cultural awakening. At the same time, scientists such as Jagadish Chandra Bose and Prafulla Chandra Ray contributed significantly to modern Indian science and industry, with Ray founding Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals in 1901. It is this layered legacy of reform, spirituality, intellectualism and modernity that the BJP now appears to be invoking while framing its own vision of Bengal's "second renaissance".

Historic Shifts

Prime Minister Modi seeks to bring this renaissance in Bengal through a blend of cultural revivalism, Sanatani civilisational identity and economic modernisation. West Bengal had already witnessed one historic political transformation in 2011, when power shifted from the Left Front to the Trinamool Congress. The state changed from "red to green". Now, Bengal has witnessed another historic shift. For the first time, the BJP is forming a government in the state, with Suvendu Adhikari as chief minister. One of his first symbolic decisions has been to shift the administrative headquarters back to the Writers' Building from Nabanna. The colonial-era structure remains deeply tied to Bengal's political memory under British rule.

Revival Of Past Glory

There was a time when Bengal represented intellectual, industrial and cultural leadership for the country. Gopal Krishna Gokhale's famous observation, "What Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow", symbolises that confidence and influence.

The BJP leadership now argues that Bengal's lost stature can be rebuilt. The party describes this political shift not merely as a change of government but as an attempt to resurrect Bengal's historical confidence and economic strength.

The Weight Of Bengal's History

Bengal's history has always been layered and complicated. It is a land shaped by repeated economic distress, famines, communal tensions, migration, ideological battles and political violence. At the same time, it remains one of the most culturally heterogeneous and socially plural regions in India. The current BJP leadership believes Bengal now wants to move beyond prolonged conflict and rediscover stability, prosperity and confidence. Adhikari himself has repeatedly said that his top priority is to build "a new Bengal". According to him, the roadmap is not impossible. Culture and corporate revival now appear to be intersecting within the BJP's idea of development for Bengal. The same Singur movement that once propelled Mamata Banerjee to power by resisting corporate industrialisation is now being reframed by the BJP as a symbol of Bengal's economic stagnation.

Since the Tata Nano project left Singur for Gujarat, Bengal has struggled to attract large-scale industrial investment. One of the biggest barriers, according to the new government, remains land acquisition. The BJP government is now expected to review and possibly relax certain policies to encourage industrialisation. The BJP has maintained that Bengal requires not only economic recovery but also a cultural and psychological reset, while preventing the continuation of a "bad CPM culture".

BJP's Bengal Approach

This election saw the BJP increasingly adapting its political language to Bengal's cultural ethos, blending symbolism around fish, Durga and Kali with promises of economic revival, women-centric messaging and its sharper focus on border security and infiltration. The party's rise reflects an attempt to localise Hindutva within Bengal's distinct cultural identity.

A society of five rupees worth of bread and superficial kindness



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

(Kindness in front of the camera, indifference towards humans)

Early in the morning, a scene often plays out in the streets of cities and towns. Someone stops their bike, takes a five-rupee loaf from their bag, throws a few pieces toward stray dogs on the roadside, then turns on their mobile camera and takes a video. A short while later, the same video is uploaded to social media, captioned, "Love animals, keep humanity alive." People comment, "Wow! Humanity still exists." The question is, is this really humanity? Has donating five rupees worth of bread and ten rupees worth of milk become the ultimate example of animal love? Or is this just a new ostentation of our times, where even sentiments are being determined by cameras and likes? It's true that kindness and compassion toward animals are hallmarks of a civilized society. A society that isn't sensitive toward animals can't be very humane toward humans either. But the problem begins when animal love becomes more of a display than a sensitivity. For many people, it's become a new way to achieve social status. They post videos of themselves feeding biscuits to stray dogs, but they don't notice the hungry human sitting on the same street. A poor child's



torn slippers don't bother them, but posting a photo of themselves feeding milk to a dog proves them "compassionate." Social media has even commodified our society's emotions. Service has become less important than performance. Transporting an injured worker to the hospital doesn't attract camera attention, so fewer people engage in that work. But a video of someone feeding bread to a dog can go viral, so sensitivity suddenly increases. This superficial compassion is gradually pushing society into a strange moral dilemma, where symbolic actions are given more importance than real problems. Ironically, those who proclaim themselves animal lovers by feeding street dogs often don't bother to provide medication for their elderly parents. They don't see the suffering of a poor family in the neighborhood. They don't have time to help a sick person, but they have all the time for Instagram

reels. What kind of compassion is this, one that's more focused on the camera than on the person? The stray dog "problem" in India is not just an emotional issue, but also a matter of public safety. Thousands of people are bitten by dogs every year. Attacks on young children and the elderly are regularly reported. Packs of dogs chasing bikers at night cause accidents. In many colonies, people are afraid to even take morning walks. But when this problem is discussed, society is divided. One side labels every dog "poor" and places the entire responsibility on the public, while the other side resorts to the language of cruelty. Both positions are wrong. What's truly needed is balance and responsibility. Simply throwing bread won't solve the problem. This often leads to stray dogs gathering in one place, increasing their numbers and causing problems for the people living nearby. If there's true ani-

mal love, there should be talk of sterilization, vaccination, shelters, and responsible care. But all of this requires hard work and responsibility. Therefore, the easy way out is chosen—throw bread, post a photo, and be called sensitive. Our society is going through a strange phase today. Human hunger has become common news, but feeding a dog a biscuit is considered "emotional content." Thousands of people can be found sitting hungry outside railway stations, bus stops, and hospitals. Children of laborers can be seen picking plastic from garbage. Poor patients can be seen suffering without medicines. But cameras rarely focus on them, because there, not just photos, but responsibility is required. This article is not against animal love. Compassion for animals is essential, but if society's sensitivity is limited to animals and begins to turn a blind eye to human suffer-

ing, it's a dangerous situation. Compassion implies balance, not pretense. True animal love is one that involves responsibility. Treating injured animals, helping with sterilization and vaccination campaigns, ensuring the safety of others, and maintaining cleanliness—these are all part of genuine sensitivity. But today, many people feed dogs simply to be perceived as "good people." In modern society, morality is becoming fashionable. Just as some people post pictures of themselves with books more than they read them, many people display more service than they actually do. By providing ten rupees worth of milk, they feel they have performed a great virtue. But to truly change society, we must move beyond symbolic sentiments. Funding a poor child's education, providing medicine for a sick person, supporting an elderly person—these are acts that require heart, not a camera. A civilized society is one where both humans and animals are safe. Where there is no cruelty to animals and no disregard for human safety. But today, the problem is that people have become less sensitive and more emotional. They don't want solutions, they only want to prove themselves compassionate. This is why, in many places, even animal love has become a social display. Milk for ten rupees and bread for five rupees are not wrong. It's wrong when they're considered the greatest proof of humanity. Society must move beyond this superficial love for animals. Humanity isn't just about showing kindness for the camera, but about making someone's life easier without making a fuss. Ultimately, the true measure of sensitivity isn't how many dogs you've fed bread to, but how many humans and creatures you've helped lead safe, dignified, and balanced lives.

CHANDIGARH IS CHANGING, BUT THE CITY STILL WORKS

Chandigarh, the "City Beautiful", widely considered among India's most liveable places, presents a paradoxical picture of striking affluence alongside persistent administrative and security concerns, as reflected in several official surveys and assessments.

Its planned layout, tree-lined boulevards, robust infrastructure and civic discipline offer a standard of urban life few Indian metros can match, even as this framework remains hampered by bureaucratic bottlenecks in governance and regulatory processes and by emerging concerns over rising crime and suicides. And, as the Union Territory of Chandigarh, which also serves as the shared capital of Punjab and Haryana, marks the diamond jubilee of its founding in 1951, data from the latest 2023-24 National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) point to higher-than-average consumption of food, water and electricity among city residents, compared with national averages. The NSSO, which undertakes large-scale socio-economic household surveys, revealed that Chandigarh's average household daily caloric intake—at 2,712 kilocalories (kcal) in urban areas and 2,410 kcal in its rural belt—is significantly higher than the national medians of 2,240 and 2,212 kcal, respectively. Both statistics are also higher than those of the neighbouring agrarian states of Punjab and Haryana.

Daily water availability of 252 litres per person is likewise well above the national benchmark of 135 litres, while monthly milk consumption of 14.2 litres per capita exceeds both national and regional levels. Electricity usage reflects the same pattern of affluence, with annual per capita consumption reaching around 1,702 kWh in 2023-24, driven by dense urban demand and widespread appliance penetration. The City Beautiful also enjoys higher income levels and substantial vehicle ownership compared with much of the country, reflecting a distinctly consumption-heavy economy. It presently has more vehicles than people—14.27 lakh for a population of 13 lakh—with more cars registered in recent years than motorised two-wheelers, underscoring the extent to which private transport has become a defining feature of the city's daily existence. Moreover, Chandigarh's rapid shift towards cleaner mobility is evident in its 12% electric vehicle penetration in 2025-26—the third highest in India after Tripura (16.9%) and Assam (14.3%). It also topped NITI Aayog's transport electrification index with a score above 90, more than three times the national average of 37.

But beneath this seemingly utopian image lies an underside that dents the city's burnished reputation, centred on concerns over law and order. In recent years, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has recorded a rise in serious offences in Chandigarh, including murder, rape, kidnapping, dowry deaths, theft and cyber fraud—many involving senior citizens. The latest NCRB data for 2024 reveals that Chandigarh has the second-highest crime rate among UTs, at 290.4 cases per lakh population, above the national average of 237.4. Crimes against women also rose to 452 cases, including 96 rapes, while suicide rates have likewise burgeoned, adding another layer of concern that contrasts with the city's carefully curated image of order and urban calm.

The First Teacher at Home: Mothers and Changing Parenting

- Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

Mother is not just a word, but the deepest feeling in life. A child's first identity, first touch, first trust, and first education in the world begin with their mother. The civilization and sensitivity of any society can be gauged by the respect and importance it gives to motherhood. While modern educational institutions, digital technology, and the pursuit of careers have changed the course of life, the truth remains as strong today: a child's first teacher is their mother.

When a child is born, they don't know the language of this world. They don't understand words, but they feel emotions. They find security in their mother's lap, a sense of belonging in her touch, and trust in her voice. This is the initial education that no book or school can provide. A mother not only teaches a child how to walk and talk, but also how to understand life. What love is, how to respect others, how to be patient in grief, and how to maintain relationships—these are the first lessons taught at home by a mother.

Schools teach children science, math, and language, but moral values come from home. A child observes his or her mother's behavior every day. He or she sees how she cares for the entire family, tirelessly worries about each member, and prioritizes the family by sacrificing her own desires. These very scenes instill in a child a sense of sensitivity, empathy, and responsibility. A child learns to observe before speaking, and these observations become part of his or her personality.

A mother is the foundation of a child's character. If the home environment is loving and respectful, the child will develop a positive attitude toward society. If the mother

shows kindness and empathy toward others, the child will learn the same. This is why the true education of society occurs in the home; schools merely extend it. But with changing times, the nature of parenting is also changing. Today's world is no longer the same. Inflation, career competition, and modern lifestyles have affected the structure of families and the nature of relationships. Previously, children grew up in joint families surrounded by grandparents, uncles, aunts, and the entire family. Now, most families have become smaller. Both parents are working, and time spent with children is becoming limited.

One of the biggest challenges facing working mothers today, especially, is balancing career and motherhood. Society often assumes that if a mother is working outside the home, she must not be devoting enough time to her children. But this assumption is incorrect. Today's mother is not limited to managing the household, but also shouldering financial responsibilities. She works in the office, returns home to care for her children, and also meets the emotional needs of her family. This dual responsibility is not easy.

Working mothers often feel guilty about not being able to devote as much time to their children as they should. However, parenting isn't determined solely by the quantity of time, but rather by the quality of that time. Even with limited time, if a mother communicates with her children, understands their feelings, and instills the right values, the impact is profound.

Today's children are becoming more self-reliant than ever before. With their parents busy, they are learning to handle even small tasks on their own. They are

learning to manage their time, live independently, and adapt to changing environments. Many children are also turning to new, creative activities during their time alone. This change can be positive if children receive the right guidance and emotional support.

But this changing parenting environment also has its risks. Today, technology has completely transformed children's lives. Mobile phones, social media, and the internet have become a major part of their lives. Sometimes, parents' busy schedules leave children emotionally isolated. Instead of sharing their problems, they lose themselves in the digital world. At such times, a mother's role becomes even more crucial. She shouldn't limit herself solely to her children's education or food, but should also understand their mental state.

Communication is what a child needs most. If a mother speaks openly to her child, listens to their problems, and provides an environment for them to express their feelings without fear, the child becomes mentally strong. However, if communication is lost at home, the child begins to feel a sense of loneliness. This loneliness can later lead to stress, depression, and behavioral problems.

Unfortunately, modern society has created an artificial image of motherhood. Social media displays images of the "perfect mother"—one who is always smiling, tirelessly works on everything, and never gets upset. But real life is different. Mothers are human, too, with their own fatigue, worries, and emotions. Therefore, it's unfair to view motherhood solely as an idol of sacrifice and self-denial. Mothers also need emotional support, respect, and rest. Mothers have always been

held in the highest regard in Indian culture. "Matru Devo Bhava" is not just a religious phrase, but a fundamental philosophy of our social life. Ironically, the labor of a mother, who is considered a symbol of respect, is often taken for granted. Housework, childcare, and family responsibilities are still not considered "work." This mindset must change. Children must be taught from childhood that a mother's labor is not merely a duty, but a wonderful example of love and dedication.

Both society and the government have a responsibility to develop policies that support motherhood. Working women need safe workplaces, adequate maternity leave, daycare facilities, and mental health support. Because stress and insecurity in mothers can affect their children.

Ultimately, it wouldn't be wrong to say that a mother doesn't just give birth to a child, she also shapes their personality. She is a child's first school, where they learn life's most important lessons. In her arms, a child learns not just letters but humanity. She teaches them the value of relationships, how to sacrifice for others, and how to maintain hope even in difficult circumstances. Even today, when the world is rapidly changing, the importance of a mother hasn't diminished. In fact, her role has become even more crucial in these changing times. Because in the hustle and bustle of modern life, if any relationship can provide a child with emotional security, moral direction, and selfless love, it is the mother's relationship. Therefore, the truth that a mother is the first teacher in the home remains as relevant today as ever, and the values she instills remain the foundation of a child's personality throughout their lives.

Bengaluru gives spirituality new heights alongside software: Modi

Bengaluru, May 10 (TSIT) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday described Bengaluru as a city that has emerged not only as India's global technology hub but also as a rising centre of spirituality and cultural consciousness, as he inaugurated the newly-built 'Dhyan Mandir' during the 45th anniversary celebrations of the Art of Living.

"The atmosphere of Bengaluru is unique. This city is known worldwide for software and services, but it has also taken India's spirituality and spiritual consciousness to new heights," Modi said, striking a contrast between the city's technological dominance and its growing spiritual identity.

Addressing thousands of followers and volunteers at the Art of Living International Centre, the Prime Minister said India's ancient traditions of yoga, meditation and service were now influencing people across the world. He praised Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, saying the organisation had grown from a small spiritual movement into a global force



touching millions of lives through social service, mental wellness and community initiatives.

Modi said the newly inaugurated meditation temple would become a major centre of peace and healing, especially at a time when the world was facing stress, conflict and social fragmentation.

Linking spirituality with nation-building, the Prime Minister stressed that India's vision of "Viksit Bharat" could only be achieved through mentally peaceful, socially responsible and sensitive youth. "The realization of Viksit Bharat will only be possible through such youth who are mentally calm, socially

responsible and sensitive towards society," he said. The Prime Minister highlighted India's rapid progress in sectors such as digital payments, startups, infrastructure and innovation, saying Indian youth were leading transformations in technology and space sectors. At the same time, he cautioned that technological advancement must be balanced with inner stability and social responsibility. He also urged citizens and spiritual organisations to actively support natural farming, water conservation, environmental protection and the reduction of single-use plastics under the government's Mission LiFE initiative.

BJP targets Siddaramaiah govt over Modi security scare

Bengaluru (TSIT) Karnataka BJP President Vijayendra Yediyuappa on Sunday accused the Congress government of a "complete collapse" of law and order after gelatin sticks were found along the route scheduled for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's movement in Bengaluru hours before his visit.

Calling it a "serious security lapse" and an "unpardonable failure", Vijayendra said the recovery of explosives on a road earmarked for the Prime Minister's convoy exposed glaring deficiencies in the state's security machinery. He demanded a thorough investigation into the incident and strict action against officials allegedly responsible for negligence in ensuring the Prime Minister's security.

The controversy erupted after police recovered a packet containing two gelatin sticks during a routine security sweep near the Art of Living Foundation centre, where Modi was scheduled to participate in the organisation's 45th anniversary celebrations. The explo-

sives were reportedly found on a footpath around three kilometres from the main venue, triggering alarm among security agencies ahead of the Prime Minister's arrival.

Despite the scare, Modi's programme went ahead as scheduled, and he later addressed a large gathering at the venue.

Following the recovery, Bengaluru and Ramanagara police launched a joint operation and detained a suspect from a residence in Koramangala based on specific intelligence inputs. The suspect is currently being interrogated at an undisclosed location.

Investigators are examining CCTV footage and mobile tower data from the area to ascertain the motive behind placing the explosives near the high-security zone. The incident has sparked intense political debate in Karnataka, with the BJP targeting the Congress government over alleged lapses in security arrangements during a high-profile Prime Ministerial visit.

10 lakh Bangladeshis in Karnataka, Cong protecting them: LoP Ashoka

Bengaluru: Karnataka Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka on Sunday alleged that more than 10 lakh Bangladeshis were illegally residing in Karnataka and accused the ruling Congress government of protecting them for "vote-bank politics."

Addressing reporters here, Ashoka launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Home Minister G Parameshwara, alleging that the state government had deliberately ignored illegal infiltration activities for electoral gains.

"Congress leaders want Bangladeshi infiltrators for votes. The government has shut its eyes to illegal settlement activities in Karnataka," he alleged.

Ashoka claimed that Bengaluru alone had several "Bangla camps" and alleged that illegal migrants had spread across districts including Mahadevapura and Kodagu, where employers were allegedly hiring them as cheap labourers.



He further alleged that Bangladeshi settlers had encroached upon nearly 10 acres of civic land in the Kogilu area of Bengaluru by constructing huts. According to him, the Siddaramaiah government had attempted to provide them housing facilities before the BJP opposed the move.

The BJP leader alleged that West Bengal had become a "gateway" for illegal Bangladeshi infiltration into India and accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of facilitating infiltrators

by allegedly providing them Aadhaar and ration cards. "Bangladeshis were using Bengal as the Gateway of India before spreading across the country. Mamata Banerjee enabled them with official documents and allowed them to move freely," he alleged. Ashoka claimed that the "gateway" in West Bengal had now been shut and said those involved in illegal and criminal activities would be forced to flee. He alleged that some infiltrators were involved in dacoity and other unlawful acts.

No chairs are wobbling in Karnataka; don't know what the Prime Minister is seeing: DCM D K Shivakumar

MINISTER SUDHAKAR SHOULD HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR THE UPPER BHADRA PROJECT INAUGURATION STEPS TO RESOLVE DRINKING WATER PROBLEM



Lingsugur : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today categorically refuted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's accusation that CM's chair was wobbling in Karnataka. Speaking to reporters at Lingsugur in Raichur district, the DCM, who is also the KPCC President, said, "No chairs are wobbling in Karnataka. All chairs are stable. I don't know what the Prime Minister is seeing." He was responding to PM's statement that the CM's chair was shaking in Karnataka, and that the same is happening in Kerala and Punjab as well.

Minister Sudhakar should have been with us for the Upper Bhadra project inauguration

When asked about the passing away of Minister D Sudhakar, he said: "He should have been with us for the Upper Bhadra inauguration. His illness prevented this from happening. Whenever he met me or the Chief Minister, he would always appeal regarding development projects for the district. He belonged to the Jain community. Even though the community is small in number, he treated people of all communities with love and affection. He was a man with a big heart. His passing is a loss to our government and to the constituency. Personally, I am deeply shocked."

STEPS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM

When asked about the discussion in the House regarding the drinking water problem, he said: "I am not aware of this. My department gives priority to providing drinking water. I will speak with our officers about this and take whatever steps are needed to resolve the issue."

Mr. Piruz Areez Khambatta Unveils Book Ashoi - The Zoroastrian Art of Success and Immortality,

Bengaluru : Mr. Piruz Areez Khambatta, Chairman of Rasna Group and Founder Trustee of the Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust and Rasna Foundation, announced the launch of his book Ashoi: The Zoroastrian Art of Success and Immortality along with the unveiling of an entrepreneurial fund aimed at fostering enterprise and leadership within and beyond the Parsi community. The book was launched at The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai, in the presence of Chief Guest Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, along with distinguished guests including Shri Milind Deora, Member of Rajya Sabha; Justice (Retd.) Shahrukh J. Kathawalla, Former Judge, Bombay High Court; Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor, High Priest, Iranshah Atash Behram, Udvada; and Mr. Berjis Desai, Member, National Commission for Minorities, and author of Modi's Mission, among prominent members of the Parsi community, civil society and business leaders.

The book Ashoi: The Zoroastrian Art of Success and Immortality presents 51 timeless



principles distilled from over three millennia of Zoroastrian wisdom, offering a framework for leadership, character, family and business. It seeks to answer enduring questions about the Parsi community's remarkable success, including their sustained business legacy, global adaptability and reputation for trust and integrity. It attributes these achievements to the foundational tenets of Zoroastrian philosophy, particularly the concept of Ashoi, which is a commitment to success in every sphere of existence, signifying purity in

thought, word and deed. Following the book launch, an entrepreneurial fund was unveiled in knowledge partnership with the World Zarthushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC). Promoted by a group of like-minded Parsi business leaders, the fund aims to foster entrepreneurship among Parsi youth through mentorship, strategic guidance, and financial support for early-stage ventures. A key objective of this initiative is to attract and empower talented youth, including both those currently in India and

those who wish to return home, to build enterprises domestically. This effort directly contributes to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat 2047.' While the fund focuses on the next generation of the Parsi community, it remains open to participation beyond the community, aligning with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's own view: "The rich culture of Parsi community is an important and integral part of country's invaluable heritage."

Speaking at the book launch, Mr. Piruz Areez Khambatta, Chairman of Rasna Group and Founder Trustee of the Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust and Rasna Foundation, said, "In today's fast-moving and constantly changing world, I believe people are searching for values and principles that can bring greater meaning, balance and direction to their lives. The principles of integrity, purpose, discipline and ethical living have played a significant role in shaping the lives of most Parsis. Through this book, I have attempted to bring ancient Zoroastrian wisdom into a modern and practical context. While it draws from this heritage, its

message is meant for one and all. This is not so much a religious book as it is a practical guide to becoming a better person, and as we better ourselves, we contribute to the vital task of nation-building. I hope that individuals and families can use these timeless teachings as a guide to build a meaningful, successful and fulfilling life." The launch event was organised by the Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust and the Rasna Foundation (the CSR arms of the Rasna Group) as part of their commitment to promoting education and knowledge dissemination.

Mr. Piruz Areez Khambatta, Chairman of Rasna Group, is a distinguished entrepreneur and industry leader with a background in biochemistry and law; he also holds a PhD in entrepreneurship. Since assuming leadership of Rasna in 1997, he has transformed it into a leading Make in India brand, generating significant employment and supporting rural economies. He is the Founder Trustee of the Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust and the Rasna Foundation, which drive impactful initiatives in education, healthcare and social welfare.

Considering naming an irrigation project after D Sudhakar in his memory: DCM D K Shivakumar

Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said the state government would consider naming an irrigation project after Minister D Sudhakar who passed away.

Speaking at his Sadashivanagar residence, he said, "Minister D Sudhakar had fought for the implementation of the Upper Bhadra project. In his memory, we will consider naming the irrigation project after Sudhakar."

"Today is a sad day for us. My close friend and minister in our government, D Sudhakar, has passed away. About a month ago, he was hospitalized due to knee pain. After surgery, he developed a lung infection and lost consciousness. He regained consciousness for a few days, so we were confident he would recover and return. Doctors were even brought from abroad for the treatment. But today at 3:15 in the early morning, he breathed his last. Every day I was in touch with his family members and getting updates about his health," he said.

"Today his mortal remains are being taken to Hiriyur, and after evening



they will be taken to Challakere. I have discussed with the District Commissioner, and the final rites will be conducted tomorrow after 3 PM according to Jain religious customs with full state honour," he informed.

"Today I will pay my respects to his mortal remains. Tomorrow I will participate in his funeral. He maintained a very close association with me. He was quite young and healthy. During S M Krishna's tenure, I had arranged a ticket for him in Ranganath's constituency. He worked as a minister alongside me. He was given the Planning and Muzrai departments. After discussion with him, the

Muzrai department was given to Ramalinga Reddy, and the CM had given approval for this," he said.

"During the Bharat Jodo Yatra, he had taken charge of responsibilities for five days. Rahul Gandhi has been informed of his passing. Rahul Gandhi will speak with Sudhakar's family members," he said.

"We remember Sudhakar's loyalty to the party and his sacrifices. We appeal to our workers and leaders to maintain peace. He had served in the cooperative sector and was the current DCC Bank President. His passing is a great loss to our party. I pray to God to give his family the strength to bear the pain of this loss," he said.

Remove Fallen Trees and Branches Caused by Rain and Wind at the Earliest: Daljit Kumar

Bengaluru: Due to the recent heavy rain accompanied by hailstorms and strong winds in Bengaluru city, several trees and branches were uprooted, causing major inconvenience to public movement. In this context, the Forest Division of the Bengaluru Central City Corporation has been continuously working on a war footing to clear all uprooted trees and fallen branches.

Trees and branches that had fallen on roads were immediately cut and moved to the roadside to facilitate smooth vehicular movement. Subsequently, all fallen trees and branches are being removed on a priority basis, stated Daljit Kumar, Development Commissioner of the Bengaluru Central City Corporation. Details of Fallen and Cleared Trees and Branches : Within the jurisdic-

tion of the Bengaluru Central City Corporation, from April 29 till date, 136 trees and 269 branches have fallen due to rain and wind. Out of these, all 136 fallen trees have been cleared, and 264 branches have been removed. Forest Department officials stated that the process of clearing the remaining trees and branches is currently underway. Instructions Issued to Remove Dangerous and Dried Trees and Branches as a Precautionary Measure

As a precautionary measure during the monsoon season, the public is requested to cooperate with the Central City Corporation by reporting dangerous or dried trees and branches found within the corporation limits to the Forest Division officials or the control room numbers for necessary removal in the interest of public safety.



Special Drive Launched to Clear Footpath Encroachments - Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar



Bengaluru: In view of increasing encroachments on footpaths, major road-side stretches, and public spaces within the jurisdiction of Bengaluru East City Corporation, a special enforcement drive has been launched to remove illegal occupations causing inconvenience to pedestrians and vehicular movement, stated Additional Commissioner Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar.

The Additional Commissioner said that footpaths are meant for safe pedestrian movement, but increasing encroachments by shops, temporary structures, street vendors, construction materials, advertisement boards, and other obstructions are forcing pedestrians onto roads, thereby creating traffic congestion and safety hazards. In the interest of public safety and conve-

nience, phased special operations are being undertaken across the city.

Team and Operational Details

To ensure effective execution of the encroachment clearance drive, dedicated teams comprising manpower and machinery have been deployed in each ward. The operations are being supervised and coordinated by the respective Ward Engineers and Assistant Executive Engineers. During the footpath encroachment clearance drive conducted between April 27 and May 10, various obstructions affecting pedestrian movement were removed, including roadside stalls, pushcarts, unauthorized parking, construction materials, shop extensions, and illegal advertisement structures.

TVK MLA Karuppiyah appointed Tamil Nadu Assembly Protem Speaker

Chennai, May 10 : Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) MLA M.V. Karuppiyah, a former AIADMK leader who joined Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay's party earlier this year after being sidelined in his old party, has been appointed as the Pro-tem Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Sunday ahead of the first session of the newly elected House scheduled to convene on Monday.

The appointment comes after TVK President Vijay assumed office as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu following the party's historic electoral victory.

The TVK emerged as the single largest party in the recently concluded Tamil Nadu Assembly elections by winning 108 seats in the 234-member House. The party subsequently formed the government with the support of the Congress, VCK, CPI, CPI(M), and the IUML, bringing an end to decades of political dominance by the DMK and AIADMK in the state. Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath of office and secrecy to Vijay at a grand cere-



mony held at the Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai on Sunday morning. Nine Ministers were also sworn in alongside him as members of the new Cabinet. Soon after taking charge as the Chief Minister, Vijay signed three key files, including the implementation of 200 units of free electricity for households, the formation of the "SingaPen" Special Task Force, and the establishment of a special anti-drug enforcement unit.

He later proceeded to the Secretariat and formally assumed charge of the administration.

Amid these developments, Karuppiyah, the MLA from Cholavandan constituency, was named the Pro-tem Speaker who will administer the oath to newly elected MLAs and

oversee the initial proceedings of the Assembly. Karuppiyah hails from Vavidamaruthur village near Alanganallur in Madurai district. A veteran politician, he had been associated with the AIADMK since 1980 and held several organisational responsibilities, including serving as secretary of a fishermen's union. He first entered the Assembly in 2011 after contesting from the Cholavandan constituency as an AIADMK candidate and winning by a margin of more than 36,000 votes.

However, he was denied a party ticket in both the 2016 and 2021 Assembly elections. Disappointed over being sidelined in the AIADMK, Karuppiyah joined the TVK earlier this year after meeting senior leader K.A. Sengottaiyan. Vijay later fielded him from the Cholavandan constituency in the 2026 Assembly polls, where he secured victory once again. His appointment as Pro-tem Speaker is being seen as a significant recognition of his long political journey and recent transition into the TVK fold.

Udhayanidhi Stalin elected DMK floor leader

CHENNAI: Former Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin was elected as the floor leader of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in the Tamil Nadu Assembly.

With the DMK emerging as the principal Opposition party in the Assembly, Udhayanidhi is set to become the Leader of the Opposition in the House.

In a statement, the party also announced that former Ministers KN Nehru and EV Velu have been elected as the deputy floor leader and party whip, respectively.

Udhayanidhi formally entered active politics after being appointed secretary of the DMK Youth Wing on July 4, 2019. He campaigned



extensively for the party during the 2019 Lok Sabha election across Tamil Nadu. He was first elected to the Assembly from the Chepauk-Triplicane constituency in the 2021 Assembly election. In December 2022, Udhayanidhi was sworn in

as Tamil Nadu's Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development and later served as Deputy Chief Minister. In the 2026 Assembly election, he retained the Chepauk-Triplicane constituency with a victory margin of 62,992 votes.

One-vote defeat: DMK's Periakaruppan seeks postal vote recount

CHENNAI: DMK's former minister for Co-operatives KR Periakaruppan has moved the Madras High Court seeking a recount of postal votes that were allegedly sent to No. 50 Tiruppattur constituency (near Vellore) instead of No. 185 Tiruppattur Assembly constituency (in Sivagangai district) during the recently concluded Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. The Assembly election results

were announced on May 4, with Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) winning 108 seats. Periakaruppan, who contested on behalf of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), lost the election to TVK candidate Seenivasa Sethupathi by a margin of one vote in Tiruppattur (Sivagangai). In this situation Periakaruppan filed a plea before Madras High Court. In his plea he sought directions to the

Chief Election Commissioner, Chief Electoral Officer, Principal Secretary to Government (Elections Department), District Election Officer-cum-Collector of Sivagangai district, and the Returning Officers of constituencies No. 185 and No. 50 to preserve the postal ballots that were allegedly dispatched to the wrong constituency and include them in the count for No. 185 Tiruppattur constituency.

Alliance with DMK will continue for general & local body polls: Selvaperunthagai

CHENNAI: The Congress party on Sunday officially reaffirmed its support for the newly formed government in Tamil Nadu, led by Chief Minister Vijay of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), stating that the decision was taken only after consulting the DMK leadership.

Speaking to reporters at the Chennai airport after sending off senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee president Selvaperunthagai clarified that the party did not extend its support unilaterally. "We did not go ahead without informing the DMK. Our party president, Mallikarjun Kharge, spoke to DMK treasurer TR Baalu, and Rahul Gandhi spoke to DMK women's wing leader Kanimozhi. Only after that was it decided to support TVK," Perunthagai said.

He added that the Congress-DMK alliance will continue for future elections, including parliamentary and local body polls. Responding to the DMK's demand for swapping seats in Parliament, he said, "That is their wish. We cannot interfere in that." On cabi-



net berths, Selvaperunthagai confirmed that Congress would be included in the second phase of ministerial inductions. "We will keep pressing for it. Which portfolios we will get will be decided through consultations," he said. Earlier, Congress's national observer for Tamil Nadu, Girish Chodankar, told reporters that while the first phase of ministers has taken oath, Congress representatives could not be sworn in today as the party's list has not yet been submitted. "In the next phase, Congress representatives will join the cabinet," Chodankar said. He noted that the party workers were enthused by Rahul Gandhi's visit to the party's state headquarters, Satyamurthy Bhavan, and floral tributes to the statue of former CM K Kamaraj.

Madras High Court seeks EC reply on postal ballot issue in Tiruppattur seat's one-vote margin

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court sought the Election Commission's response to KR Periakaruppan's plea alleging that a postal ballot belonging to the Sivagangai Tiruppattur constituency was mistakenly sent to the Tiruppattur constituency near Vellore. The vacation bench of Justice L Victoria Gowri and Justice N Senthil Kumar questioned the Election Commission for not responding to the DMK candidate's complaint regarding the wrongly sent postal ballot and directed it to file a report explaining the reason on Monday (May 11).

When the election results were announced on May 4, DMK candidate Periakaruppan had secured 83,364 votes in Tiruppattur constituency in Sivagangai, while TVK candidate Srinivasa Sethupathi had secured 83,365 votes and was



declared elected by a margin of one vote.

Alleging that a postal ballot cast for Tiruppattur constituency No 185 in Sivagangai had been incorrectly sent to Tiruppattur constituency No 50 in Tiruppattur, Periakaruppan moved the Madras High Court seeking a direction to secure and include the ballot in the vote count of the Sivagangai Tiruppattur constituency. He also sought an interim order

restraining TVK's Srinivasa Sethupathi from taking part in any proceedings of the Assembly until the writ petition is decided. When the matter came up for hearing before the vacation bench, Senior Counsels Mukul Rohatgi and NR Elango, appearing for the petitioner, argued that it was a rare situation. If a postal ballot is sent to the wrong constituency, it should be returned to the correct constituency. The

Returning Officer should not have rejected it, but should have stated that it did not belong to his constituency and forwarded it to the correct constituency. Despite representations in this regard to the Election Commission, no reply had been received.

"Suppose that vote comes here. Then the voting is equal. Then under the law and the Constitution, there has to be a draw of lots," they submitted. Senior Advocates Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Raghavachari, appearing for TVK candidate Srinivasa Sethupathi, argued that the interim plea seeking to restrain him from participating in legislative proceedings was beyond the scope of the main relief sought, namely securing and counting the postal ballot. They submitted that once a candidate had been declared elected, he must be permitted to discharge his duties and that any restraint would adversely

Senthilkumar back in CMO in first reshuffle, Laxmi Priya Secretary II

CHENNAI: In the first bureaucratic reshuffle under the newly formed government, Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Sunday moved swiftly to put in place his core administrative team, appointing senior IAS officers P Senthilkumar and G Laxmi Priya as Secretaries to the Chief Minister.

The orders, issued by Chief Secretary M Saikumar within hours of the swearing-in of the new dispensation, marked the first major administrative exercise of the Vijay government to restructure the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

Dr P Senthilkumar, who was serving as Additional Chief Secretary in the Health and Family Welfare Department, has been transferred and posted as Additional Chief Secretary and Secretary-I to the Chief Minister. A seasoned officer, Senthilkumar had earlier served in a similar role during the tenure of former Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami. G Laxmi Priya,



Secretary to government in the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, has been appointed Secretary-II to the Chief Minister. She is married to senior IAS officer Arun Roy, currently serving as the Industries Secretary. The posts carry importance within the admin-

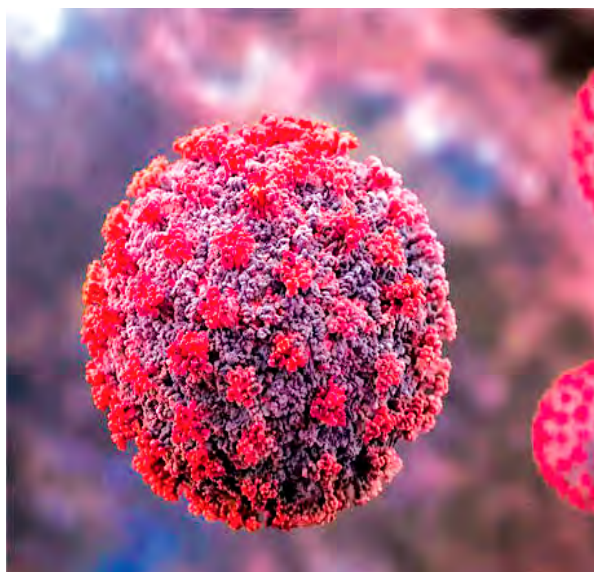
istration, as these secretaries often carry more clout in the government - and even in the ruling party - as the recent instances have shown. It may also be recalled how a petition was filed in the Madras High Court seeking to transfer one of the officials from MK Stalin's CMO.

WHO says hantavirus situation is under control, rules out COVID-like global threat

New Delhi : The World Health Organization (WHO) has clarified that the recent hantavirus outbreak linked to the expedition ship MV Hondius does not pose a threat comparable to the COVID-19 pandemic, assuring the public that the overall global health risk remains low. WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus addressed growing concerns surrounding the outbreak on Saturday, acknowledging public anxiety while stressing that the situation is being carefully managed.

"I understand why people are concerned after the experience of 2020, but this is not another COVID pandemic," he said in a public message. "The current public health risk from hantavirus remains low, and WHO experts continue to monitor the situation closely."

The outbreak aboard the MV Hondius involves the Andes strain of hantavirus. Health authorities have confirmed eight infections so far, including three deaths connected to the virus. Dr Tedros described the incident as



serious and expressed condolences to the families of those who died. However, he noted that there are currently no symptomatic passengers remaining on the vessel. A WHO specialist has been deployed onboard the ship, and adequate medical resources have been arranged to support passengers and crew members.

Spanish authorities have meanwhile prepared a detailed containment and evacuation strategy for the ship's arrival. According to

WHO, passengers will be transported ashore through a strictly controlled process at the industrial port of Granadilla in Tenerife, away from residential zones. Officials said passengers will travel in sealed and monitored vehicles through secured corridors before being repatriated directly to their respective countries.

Dr Tedros thanked Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez for allowing the vessel to dock, calling Spain's response

"an act of solidarity and humanitarian responsibility." He also stressed that WHO's request to Spain was made in accordance with established International Health Regulations and international emergency health protocols.

The MV Hondius has reportedly remained at sea for several weeks carrying nearly 150 passengers and crew members from 23 countries, many of whom are said to be under emotional stress and eager to return home safely.

WHO officials stated that Tenerife was selected because of its advanced medical infrastructure and ability to safely manage the evacuation process. The organisation also praised the cooperation of the ship's captain, Jan Dobrogowski, crew members, and the vessel's operating company for their handling of the crisis.

WHO reiterated that it currently considers the risk posed to the wider global population to be low and confirmed that international health authorities will continue monitoring developments surrounding the outbreak.

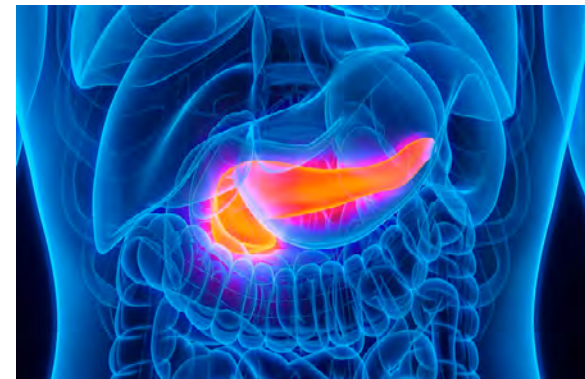
AI model may detect pancreatic cancer years before diagnosis

A new artificial intelligence (AI) model may help doctors detect pancreatic cancer up to three years before tumours are usually identified through CT scans, according to a new study published in the journal Gut.

The AI-based program analysed nearly 2,000 CT scans that had previously been declared normal and showed no visible signs of disease. Researchers said the tool successfully identified tiny structural irregularities in the pancreas that later developed into cancerous tissue.

Experts believe the breakthrough could significantly improve survival chances for pancreatic cancer patients, as early detection remains the most critical factor in successful treatment. Pancreatic cancer is considered one of the deadliest forms of cancer due to the lack of symptoms during its early stages and the difficulty in detecting tumours before the disease advances.

"The five-year survival rate in the US is about 12 to 13 per cent because of our inability to detect it at a stage where treatment can be most effective," said



Ajit Goenka, radiologist and nuclear medicine specialist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Researchers noted that while diagnostic methods for many cancers have improved over the years, pancreatic cancer detection has remained a major challenge. By the time tumours become visible through conventional scans and tissue tests, the disease is often already terminal. The newly developed model, called the Radiomics-based Early Detection Model (REDMOD), uses AI to recognise patterns invisible to the human eye. It converts CT scan images into mathematical representations and analyses the pancreas pixel by pixel after building a three-dimen-

sional image of the organ. According to Goenka, the system measures subtle differences within the pancreas and compares them with scans of healthy individuals to identify early warning signs.

The research team tested the model on 2,000 previously collected CT scans that were originally taken for unrelated medical conditions. Around one-seventh of those scans belonged to patients who later developed pancreatic cancer. The AI tool successfully identified 73 per cent of these early-stage cancer cases. On average, the scans analysed by the system had been taken nearly 16 months before the patients received an actual diagnosis.

Researchers said the AI model showed significantly better sensitivity than radiologists in identifying early cancer signs, particularly in scans taken more than two years before diagnosis. However, experts also noted that the tool still requires refinement. While the AI model identified healthy patients correctly in 81.1 per cent of cases, radiologists achieved an accuracy rate of 92.2 per cent. Goenka said the technology is intended to support doctors rather than replace them, adding that AI and physician expertise could work together for better outcomes.

The study has received praise from experts in the field. Tatjana Crnogorac-Jurcic, professor of molecular pathology and biomarkers at Queen Mary University of London, described the findings as "extremely promising".

She said early detection could transform treatment strategies, especially for high-risk groups such as people with a family history of pancreatic cancer, cancer-related genetic mutations, or new-onset diabetes.

Need Of Hour Is To Use Petro Products With Restraint: PM Modi

AGENCY New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that the need of the hour is to use petro products with restraint in the wake of the West Asia crisis. Speaking at an event during which he also virtually laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth around Rs 9,400 crore in Telangana, Modi said that the imported petro products should be used only as per need, as it will not only save foreign exchange but also reduce the adverse impact of war. Noting that India has reached a spot among the top countries in the world in terms of solar power over the past few years, he said that unprecedented work has been done in ethanol blending in petrol. First, the government is focused on 100 per cent LPG coverage, and now, it is focused on the supply of piped gas economically. The government is also promoting a CNG-based system. "But, today, the need of the hour is also to use petrol, gas, diesel and such things with great restraint. We have to use imported petro products only as per need. This will not only save foreign exchange but reduce the adverse impact of war," he

said. Referring to CM Revanth Reddy's comments that there should not be politics in development endeavour, Modi said he would also not talk politics. Assuring Centre's support to Telangana, he asked Reddy to join him in the development journey. "I would tell Revanth ji. I am ready to give you as much as the Centre gave to Gujarat during 10 years rule. But, as per my information, I will tell you. The moment I do that, what you are getting would become half. You will not be able to reach where you want to reach. That's why, it is better you join with me," he said. Noting that it is not wrong to have different party governments in a democracy, he stressed that the development of states is as important as the country's development. Country's development is not possible without the development of states, he stressed, calling for collective efforts to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047. He also said the country is implementing reforms at speed, and is also building modern infrastructure. He said he would like to assure every family in Telangana that the Centre will continue to work "with greater speed to realise

your dreams". Modi said, over the last 11 years, the National Highway network in Telangana has doubled. Taking a jab at the previous UPA government, he said, before 2014, the railway budget used to be less than Rs 1,000 crore for undivided Andhra Pradesh. However, the railway budget today only for Telangana is Rs 5,500 crore, he said. "Are you listening Revanth ji? During the undivided AP, the railway budget was less than Rs 1,000 crore. I am not talking about undivided AP today, Telangana's railway budget alone is Rs 5,500 crore," he said. About Rs 50,000 crore worth of railway projects are going on in Telangana, he said. Earlier, in his address, CM Revanth Reddy said the Centre should support the state's development initiatives, including expansion of metro rail network, Future City project and Musi rejuvenation. He sought two hours from Modi to review the development proposals of Telangana. The state government has announced

the Telangana Rising 2047 vision in line with the Centre's Viksit Bharat 2047 goal, he said. The Telangana government aims to make the state a USD three trillion economy by 2047, Reddy said. During the event, Modi virtually laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth around Rs 9,400 crore in Telangana at the HICC here. Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Union Ministers

Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and several other leaders attended the event at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC).



Corporate Actions This Week: SBI, Godrej Consumer, Manappuram Finance, Oberoi Realty In Focus

AGENCY Mumbai: Several listed companies are set to trade around key corporate action dates this week, with investors tracking interim dividends, final dividends, bonus issues, and stock split. Corporate actions such as dividends, bonus issues and stock splits are closely watched by market participants as they can influence short-term trading sentiment and shareholder returns.

Interim Dividend
Manappuram Finance Ltd. will be in focus on May 11, with the company fixing the record date for an interim dividend of Rs 0.50 per share. Godrej Consumer Products Ltd. has set May 12 as the record date for an interim dividend of Rs 5 per share. NRB Bearings Ltd. will trade with a record date of May 13 for an interim dividend of Rs 2.25 per share. Oberoi Realty Ltd. has fixed May 14 as the record date for an interim dividend of Rs 2 per share. Among other dividend-paying companies, Apts Value Housing Finance India Ltd. will be watched for its interim dividend of Rs 2.50 per share, while Kennametal India Ltd. has

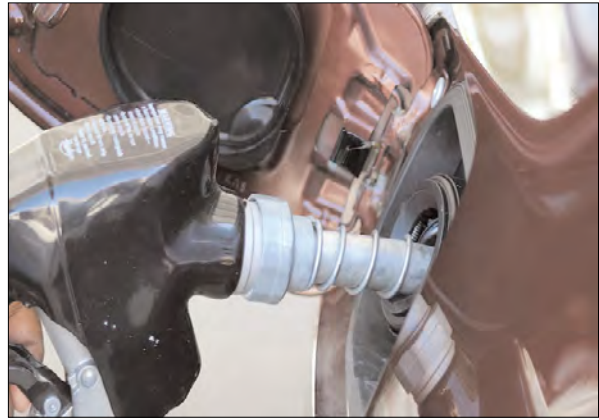


announced an interim dividend of Rs 40 per share. HBG Hotels Ltd. has set May 15 as the record date for an interim dividend of Rs 0.15 per share. **Final Dividend**
PAE Ltd. has fixed May 11 as the record date for a final dividend of Rs 0.20 per share. Anand Rathi Wealth Ltd. will be in focus on May 15 for a final dividend of Rs 7 per share. Indian Energy Exchange Ltd. has also fixed May 15 as the record date for a final dividend of Rs 2 per share. State Bank of India has set May 16 as the record date for a final div-

idend of Rs 17.35 per share. **Bonus Issue**
Aptus Pharma Ltd. has announced a bonus issue in the ratio of 3:2, with May 12 as the record date. Biogen Pharmachem Industries Ltd has fixed May 15 for a 1:6 bonus issue, while Dev Labtech Venture Ltd has set the same date for a 1:1 bonus issue. **Stock Split**
Dev Labtech Venture Ltd will also be in focus for a stock split from Rs 10 face value to Rs 5, with May 15 as the record date.

CII Seeks Phased Fuel-Excise Rollback As Private Sector Capex Up 67% To Rs 7.7 Lakh Crore

AGENCY Mumbai: India's private sector capital expenditure rose 67% to Rs 7.7 lakh crore in September 2025 from Rs 4.6 lakh crore a year ago, the Confederation of Indian Industry said on Sunday, as it unveiled a five-point industry action agenda amid the West Asia crisis and beyond, comprising a phased drawdown of the central excise cut on petrol and diesel. The Confederation of Indian Industry termed the surge in private capex the "most decisive evidence" yet of a powerful and broad-based revival in the country's investment cycle. "The Rs 10-per-litre central excise cut on petrol and diesel, taken at significant cost to the exchequer, should be progressively rolled back in tranches over six-nine months as crude prices stabilise," argued the CII. Its five-point agenda also pitches for a 45-day MSME payment guarantee; supply-chain ring-fencing with deeper import substitution; and a front-loading of private capex coupled



with voluntary price restraint and a stepped-up internship intake; among others. The CII's analysis of nearly 1,200 companies, drawn from the CMIE Prowess database, shows that private-sector investment, measured as the annual change in net fixed assets and capital work in progress, rose to Rs 7.7 lakh crore in September 2025, a 67% jump over Rs 4.6 lakh crore a year earlier, it stated. Manufacturing led the way, accounting for Rs 3.8 lakh crore or nearly half of total private capex, with metals, automobiles and chemicals at the forefront.

Services contributed Rs 3.1 lakh crore, or about 40%, driven by trading, communications and IT/ITeS. Complementary Reinforce Trend Capacity utilisation of manufacturing firms rose to 75.6% in Q3FY26 from 74.3% in the previous quarter, while new order books grew 10.3% year-on-year. Bank credit growth has rebounded sharply, averaging close to 14% in the second half of FY26 against around 10% in the first half. "Buoyed by this strengthening cycle, CII has appealed to industry to step forward and shoulder its share of the nation-

al burden during the ongoing period of global stress," CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said. The CII's five-point agenda also suggests its member companies commit to a 3-5-per-cent reduction in fuel and power consumption over the next two quarters through process optimisation, efficient logistics, fleet electrification and accelerated renewable power purchase agreements. Besides, it proposes that larger member corporations could commit to a voluntary 45-day MSME payment guarantee, backed by aggressive use of the TReDS platform and supply-chain finance, to ease working capital pressure on small enterprises during this volatile period. Indian supply chains will be ring-fenced through diversified sourcing, strategic inventory buffers and tie-ups with alternative geographies, alongside deeper domestic value addition in components, speciality chemicals and capital goods, said the CII.

Gold, Silver Seen Range-Bound For Second Week Amid US-Iran Talks: Analysts

AGENCY Mumbai: Gold and silver may remain range-bound for a second consecutive week as investors assess developments in US-Iran peace negotiations and global macroeconomic data, analysts said. Traders will track inflation data from China, Germany, and the United States, along with GDP numbers from the Eurozone and the UK, later this week, they added. "Gold prices momentum looks consolidative, while silver movement looks positive in the coming week as traders will focus again on the progress on peace talks between the US and Iran to end the war and markets are likely to react accordingly," Pranav Mer, Vice President, Commodity & Currency Research, JM Financial Services Ltd, said. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures gained Rs 1,178, or nearly 1 per cent over the past week, to settle at Rs 1.52 lakh per 10 grams. Silver climbed Rs 10,985, 4.4 per cent, to close at Rs 2.61 lakh



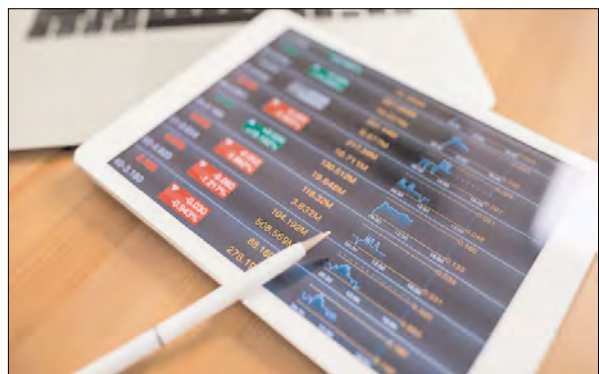
per kg. "Gold traded with a positive undertone last week, posting gains of nearly 1 per cent on MCX and closing around Rs 1.52 lakh per 10 grams," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said. He added that the correction in crude oil prices after easing geopolitical risk premiums also improved sentiment for bullion. "Lower US Treasury bond yields and a softer dollar index also helped gold remain stable despite volatility across global markets," Trivedi said. In the

international market, Comex gold futures advanced nearly 2 per cent during the past week to close at USD 4,730.7 per ounce, and silver climbed 5.8 per cent to finish at USD 80.86 per ounce. "Gold prices traded steady and moved in a consolidation range through most of the week; however, overall momentum remained positive amid a dip in the dollar and reports of progress on a likely peace deal framework to end the US-Iran war," Pranav Mer said. Silver also ended with strong gains for the second straight week,

supported by renewed buying of copper prices, a weaker US dollar, and signs of supply tightness in the global market, he added. According to the World Gold Council, the bullion was also supported by continued central bank buying and renewed inflow of funds in the global exchange-traded funds. However, precious metal prices were range-bound on Friday, as gains were capped by signs of a re-escalation in the conflict after US and Iranian forces clashed in the Persian Gulf, Mer said. Meanwhile, the United Arab Emirates came under renewed attacks, but President Donald Trump calmed markets, saying "a ceasefire was still holding." Analysts, investors will watch developments around US President Donald Trump's expected China visit and the Senate vote on new Federal Reserve Chair nominee Kevin Warsh. In the domestic market, inflation, trade numbers and rupee movement will also remain crucial for bullion prices for next week.

TRADE SETUP FOR MAY 11: NIFTY FACES RESISTANCE AT 24,330-24,350

AGENCY Mumbai: The NSE Nifty 50 finds immediate resistance at the 24,330-24,350 zone, according to analyst Sudeep Shah, head of technical and Derivatives Research at SBI Securities. The index is expected to sustain bullish momentum due to positive global and domestic cues, such as the positive performance of the Gift Nifty and US stock market indices. "On the upside, the immediate resistance for Nifty is placed in the 24,330-24,350 zone," Shah said. Going ahead, the immediate support for Nifty is placed in the 24,000-23,950 zone, as per the analyst. Any sustainable move below this zone could result in Nifty extending its weakness towards 23,800, followed by 23,650 in the short term, Shah stated.



diated support placed in the 54,900-54,800 zone, according to Shah. "Any sustainable move below this zone could result in Bank Nifty extending its weakness towards 54,500, followed by 54,100 in the short term," the analyst said. Bank Nifty traded within a descending triangle-like formation on the intraday charts before witnessing a breakdown in the second half of the session, leading to a sharp decline, as per the analyst. "On the upside, the immediate

resistance for the Index is placed in the 55,800-55,900 zone," Shah stated. **Market Recap**
Indian equity benchmarks registered gains for the consecutive week. The NSE Nifty 50 rose 0.7% and the BSE Sensex rose 0.54%. On Friday, benchmarks ended lower, tracking negative global cues. The Nifty 50 closed 0.62% lower at 24,176.15, down 150.50 points, while the Sensex ended 0.66% lower at 77,328.19, down 516.33 points.

India Is Saving More Lives Than Ever Before. But Why Are Millions Still Unable to Return to Normal Life?

Hyderabad, May 10th, 2026: India's healthcare system has made remarkable progress in emergency medicine, ICU care, trauma response, stroke management, and advanced surgeries. Conditions once considered fatal are now increasingly survivable due to stronger hospitals, faster interventions, and advances in medical science. Yet healthcare leaders say India is now entering its next major healthcare challenge — recovery. Every year, millions of Indians survive stroke, trauma, spinal injuries, traumatic brain injuries, neurological disorders, prolonged ICU stays, and major surgeries. However, for many patients, survival is only the beginning of a much longer struggle involving mobility loss, speech impairment, cognitive decline, emotional trauma, dependency, and reduced quality of life long after discharge from hospitals. Experts believe this is because India's healthcare system is still heavily designed around acute treatment and discharge — not structured recovery. In a landmark effort to address this growing gap, HCAH Rehab & Recovery Hospitals today hosted the inaugural edition of Recovery One Conference 2026 in Hyderabad — India's first dedicated



multidisciplinary conference focused exclusively on recovery care, rehabilitation, and reducing avoidable disability. Held at ITC Kakatiya, Begumpet, the conference brought together leading doctors, rehabilitation specialists, hospital leaders, policymakers, insurers, healthcare operators, academicians, accreditation experts, technology innovators, and government institutions from across India to discuss why recovery must now become a core pillar of healthcare itself — and not merely an afterthought after treatment ends.

Centered around the theme "Enabling Fastest Recovery, Reducing Avoidable Disability," the conference focused on transforming recovery from one of the most overlooked phases of healthcare into an integrated national healthcare priority. A major concern highlighted during the conference was that rehabilitation in India often begins too late, remains fragmented across providers, and is still narrowly perceived as physiotherapy instead of a multidisciplinary medical science involving neurologists, intensivists,

PMR specialists, psychologists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, rehabilitation nurses, nutritionists, digital systems, and home healthcare teams working together in an integrated manner. Experts at the conference highlighted that the early recovery window following stroke, trauma, neurological injury, or prolonged ICU care is often the most critical period for restoring function and preventing long-term disability. However, structured rehabilitation pathways remain inaccessible for a large section of patients across India. Globally, nearly 2.4 billion people live with conditions that could benefit from rehabilitation, while India alone records over 1.25 million new stroke cases annually, contributing nearly 10% of the global stroke burden. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Gaurav Thukral, President & Co-founder, HCAH, said: "India has built strong capabilities in acute and emergency care over the years. We are saving more lives than ever before. But healthcare cannot end at survival or discharge. The real success of medicine lies in whether a patient is able to walk again, speak again, regain independence, return to work, and reclaim dignity after illness or injury."

COUNTRIES AIRLIFT NATIONALS EVACUATED FROM VIRUS-HIT CRUISE SHIP

AGENCY Spain: The first passengers evacuated from a hantavirus-stricken cruise ship docked near Spain's Canary Islands have arrived in Madrid. Fourteen Spanish nationals on the chartered flight from Tenerife face mandatory quarantine at a military hospital in the capital, Madrid. They were followed by French nationals taken to Paris as other countries, including the UK, also prepared to fly their citizens home. Staff involved in the operation in Tenerife pulled white hazmat suits over the evacuees' clothes and hosed them down on the airport tarmac. Three people have died in the outbreak on the Dutch vessel MV Hondius, including two who were confirmed to have had hantavirus. Flights for Turkish, Irish and US citizens are also planned for Sunday. Health Minister Mónica García said the operation was "proceeding normally" and that all passengers on board the MS Hondius were asymptomatic.



The MV Hondius pulled into the port of Granadilla before dawn on Sunday, a month after the first passenger died on board. The sun rose to reveal it anchored offshore, with military police boats on patrol and a major operation unfolding on land to help more than 100 passengers and crew disembark. At about 07:00 (06:00 GMT), medical teams went on board to

check everyone for signs of the virus. With a long camera lens, passengers could be seen on Sunday morning wandering around on the deck of the ship, or at the windows, all in white medical face masks, as the first evacuations took place. Several sat socially distanced on the first evacuation boat, filming and taking photos as they approached land, where they were met

by officials in white protective suits. They were then taken by bus to the local airport. A plane bound for the Netherlands is expected to take 27 people, including Belgian, Greek, German and Argentine citizens. Other flights are poised to depart after that, including to the UK and US. The last evacuation flight is expected to leave for Australia on Monday. The cruise passen-

gers face having to self-isolate after leaving Tenerife, a gruelling prospect as the virus has an incubation period of up to nine weeks. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended a 42-day quarantine period for the cruise passengers from their last exposure. Passengers from the UK will be taken to an isolation facility where they will be kept for up to 72 hours. Medics will then assess whether they can isolate at home or at another suitable location based on their living arrangements. There had been meticulous preparations to receive the ship, which is not permitted to reach shore: a security perimeter of one nautical mile was enforced around it as it approached the island. Dozens of intensive care specialists were on stand-by at the Candelaria hospital in Tenerife in case anyone from the Hondius becomes seriously ill during the transfer. A strict isolation facility has one bed fully

equipped to deal with infectious diseases, complete with testing kit and a ventilator. "We are absolutely ready," chief intensive care doctor Mar Martin told me on the unit, where large numbers of protective suits, masks and gloves are already piled up for staff. "We've never seen [hantavirus] before - but it's a virus, with some complications, just like we manage every day. We are fully trained for that." The complex operation to prevent the rare Andes strain of this virus spreading was described by health minister Mónica García as "unprecedented". On Saturday, she stressed that the risk of contagion for the general population was low. "We believe that alarmism, misinformation and confusion are contrary to the basic principles of preserving public health." The WHO's head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who is in Tenerife to oversee the disembarking, said the operation was "going very well".

Bread dresses and gowns inspired by cathedrals at Nigeria fashion spectacle



AGENCY Nigeria: It is often described as Africa's biggest night in film and fashion. Celebrities, filmmakers and creators arrived at the 12th edition of the Africa Magic Viewers' Choice Awards (AMVCA) in Nigeria with dramatic trains, sculptural gowns, shimmering fabrics and heavily theatrical designs that once again transformed the event from an awards show into a spectacle of style. Held at the Eko Hotel and Suites in Lagos, the annual ceremony celebrates achievements in African film, television and digital storytelling, while also serving as one of the

continent's biggest cultural showcases where celebrities compete for being best-dressed, as much as they do for awards. This year's carpet leaned fully into an excessive display of fashion. Several celebrities walked in with entourages helping carry over-sized outfits through crowds of photographers and screaming fans. Here's a look at some of the most talked-about appearances and moments from the night. Reality TV star Queen Mercy Atang arrived in one of the evening's most attention-grabbing looks, a dress, she said, was made from more than 500 loaves of bread.

Why Canada is seeing its biggest military recruitment surge in 30 years



AGENCY Canada: For decades, Canada was seen as a global laggard in defence funding, and just two years ago, recruitment was so dire that a former defence minister warned the armed forces were in a "death spiral". Now, the Canadian army is growing at a pace not seen in decades, reaching its highest number of recruits in 30 years and potentially reversing the chronic personnel shortage that has plagued the country's military. The boost over the last two years comes as the world grapples with major armed conflicts and geopolitical uncertainty, and as Canada commits billions in new military funding after years of falling short of its Nato obligations. It also coincides with an uncharacteristic rise in nationalism that has emerged since US President Donald Trump referred to Canada as the "51st state" - remarks that many viewed as a threat to the country's sovereignty from its closest neighbour. Charlotte Duval-Lantoiné, a fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute who researches Canada's military culture, said that while there may be

a "Trump effect" behind the recent rise in enlistment, military applications had already begun spiking in 2022, around the time of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. "When people see that the world is not as safe, that their country might be at risk... we tend to see people join the military," she said. Global conflicts are not the only factor driving the increase. Canada's high youth unemployment rate - which hovered at nearly 14% in March - as well as the promise of job security and higher wages after Prime Minister Mark Carney announced the largest pay increase for military personnel in a generation, are also a factor. Duval-Lantoiné added. Since taking office last year, Carney has made the military a focus of his government, with a self-described "ambitious" plan to rapidly modernise and expand the Canadian Armed Forces. In March, he announced that Canada had officially achieved the Nato target of spending 2% of its GDP on defence for the first time since the late 1980s, amounting to over C\$63bn (\$46bn; £34bn) in a single year.

BUDDHIST MONK ARRESTED OVER ALLEGED RAPE OF TEEN IN SRI LANKA



AGENCY Dhaka: One of Sri Lanka's highest-ranking Buddhist monks has been arrested and sent to remand prison over the alleged rape and sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl. The Venerable Pallegama Hemarathana Thero holds one of the most revered positions in the Buddhist world - the chief prelate or custodian of eight sacred sites in Sri

Lanka. He was arrested following a submission from the country's child protection authority, which had previously criticised police for not arresting him despite being named as a suspect in the case. Pallegama Hemarathana has not publicly commented on the charges. He will appear in court on 12 May. The alleged victim's mother was also arrested and remanded to custody after being charged with aiding and abetting the abuse. Pallegama Hemarathana was receiving treatment at a private hospital in Colombo when he was arrested on Saturday. The magistrate determined that he should be transferred to the Colombo prison hospital.

IRAN SENDS RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS TO END WAR

AGENCY Tehran: Iran has sent its response to US proposals to end the war via mediators in Pakistan, Iranian state media report. No details have been released. The US has not made details of its proposals public, either, but reports suggest they centre on a 14-point memorandum of understanding, which could lead to negotiations on Iran's nuclear ambitions. A ceasefire meant to facilitate talks to end the war launched by the US and Israel in February has been largely observed, despite occasional exchanges of fire. However, Iran has continued to block the Strait of Hormuz - leading to a rise in world oil prices - and the US has been enforcing a blockade of Iranian ports to exert pressure on Tehran to agree to its



terms. The US naval blockade has infuriated Iran. On Sunday, President Masoud Pezeshkian said: "We will never bow our heads before the enemy." In a post on X soon after, Pezeshkian did not directly reference the proposal but said: "We will never bow our heads before the enemy, and if talk of dialogue or negotiation arises, it does not mean surrender or retreat. "Rather, the goal is to

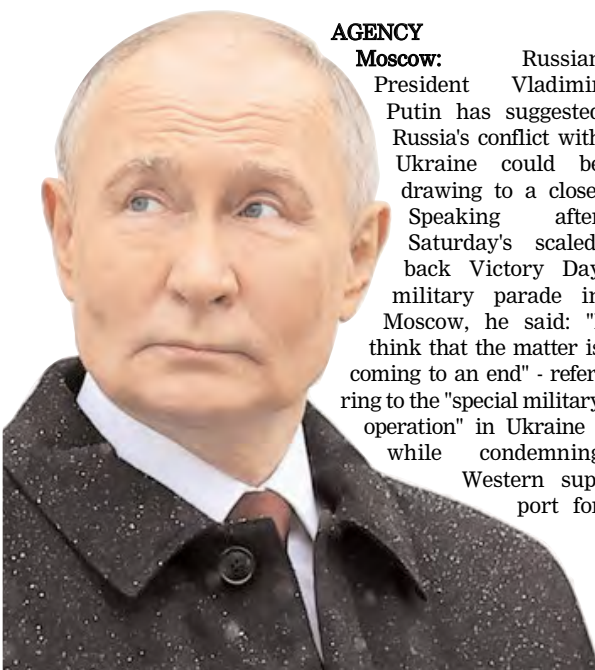
uphold the rights of the Iranian nation and to defend national interests with resolute strength." US President Donald Trump this week predicted again that the war in Iran will be "over quickly" and said that most people "understand" his goal of ending Tehran's nuclear ambitions. US news outlet Axios reported that the one-page, 14-point memo, includes provisions such as a

suspension on Iranian nuclear enrichment, the lifting of sanctions, and restoring free transit through the Strait of Hormuz. It cited two US officials and two other sources - all unnamed - whom it described as briefed on the issues. These sources were reported as saying that many of the terms laid out in the memo would be contingent on a final agreement being reached. A senior member of Iran's parliament previously dismissed it as a "wish list". Earlier, Iran warned its neighbours about complying with US sanctions. Military spokesman Mohammad Akraminia said vessels passing through the Strait of Hormuz would face "severe consequences" if they did not co-operate with Tehran first, Irna news agency reported.

Lebanon says Israeli strikes killed 39



PUTIN SAYS HE THINKS UKRAINE CONFLICT 'COMING TO AN END'



AGENCY Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin has suggested Russia's conflict with Ukraine could be drawing to a close. Speaking after Saturday's scaled-back Victory Day military parade in Moscow, he said: "I think that the matter is coming to an end" - referring to the "special military operation" in Ukraine - while condemning Western support for

Kyiv. The parade - marking the Soviet victory in World War Two - lacked the usual display of tanks and missiles, as authorities feared Ukraine might target Red Square. A US-brokered ceasefire reduced the danger of attacks and the parade passed off without incident. However Ukraine and Russia later accused each other of violating the three-day truce. Putin's comments came just hours after he used his annual Victory Day speech to justify the war. In that speech he said Russia was fighting a "just" war and called Ukraine an "aggressive force" that was being "armed and supported by the whole bloc of Nato". Later, when asked at a news conference about the West helping Ukraine, Putin

said: "They (West) promised assistance and then began fuelling a confrontation with Russia that continues to this day. I think that the matter is coming to an end, but it is a serious matter." Russian forces seized Crimea and parts of eastern Ukraine in 2014, then launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Putin said he would only meet Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky once a lasting peace deal was agreed to. "A meeting in a third country is also possible, but only once final agreements have been reached on a peace treaty for a long-term historical perspective, to take part in this event and sign (treaty), but it must be a final step," he continued.

Our relationship with food is messed up - let's sort it out, says Stanley Tucci

AGENCY Italy: There's a recurring theme in the second series of Tucci in Italy where someone tells Stanley Tucci he must eat more. Usually it's a nonna (grandmother), sometimes it's a chef, and occasionally it's an entire family placing more food on the table in spite of his protests. It reminds me of when I visit my own nonna's house in Rome; I'm immediately ushered to the dining table and presented with enough pasta, bread and favourite dishes to feed an entire family. And before I've even finished my first plate, I'm encouraged to help myself to seconds. Such moments are instantly familiar to any Italian, because being Italian means understanding that food is affection, hospitality



and identity rolled into one. Watching the new series of Tucci in Italy, which is released on Disney+ on 12 May, you might find that second portion hard to resist. The series sees the Devil Wears Prada 2 star travel across the country - from Sicily to Sardinia to northern Italy - exploring regional cooking traditions, local communities and family-run kitchens.

ISRAEL DEPORTS TWO ACTIVISTS DETAINED ON BOARD GAZA FLOTILLA



AGENCY Gaza: Two pro-Palestinian activists who were detained in Israel after sailing on a flotilla carrying aid for Gaza have been deported. Saif Abu Keshek and Thiago Ávila were taken to Israel after the Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF), made up of 22 boats and about 175 activists, was intercepted last week in international waters near Crete, hundreds of nautical miles from Gaza. All the other activists were taken to Crete and freed. The rights group representing the two activists, Adalah, said their detention was unlawful and that Israel's accusations against them were baseless. Israel had said it suspected Abu Keshek of links with a terrorist group and Ávila of illegal activity - allegations they denied. In a statement posted on X early on Sunday, Israel's foreign ministry said authorities had completed their investigation and confirmed the two activists had been deported. "Israel will not allow any breach of the lawful naval blockade on Gaza," it said. Hadeel Abu Salih, a lawyer for Adalah who co-represented the activists, said their deten-

tion "was a sham proceeding with no legal basis, intended to punish them for attempting to challenge Israel's illegal blockade on Gaza". She said the pair's transfer to Israeli custody was "a clear violation of international law" and that they had been subjected to ill-treatment while in custody. Israel's foreign ministry denied that was the case. During their week-long detention in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon, Adalah claimed the two men had been subjected to "psychological abuse", including prolonged interrogations, constant bright lighting in their cells, complete isolation, and transfers while blindfolded, even during medical examinations. Abu Keshek is a Spanish national of Palestinian origin, while Ávila is Brazilian. After they were taken from the flotilla to Israel, the two men's detention was extended for a further six days on Tuesday, with an appeal filed by their lawyers rejected the following day. In a statement released on Saturday after it was announced both activists were set to be released.



IPL 2026: CHENNAI SUPER KINGS BEATS LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS BY 5 WICKETS



Defiant Dubois sheds quitter tag to write new narrative

AGENCY

DC: The 'Don't Blink' tagline was never meant to be taken quite so literally. When Daniel Dubois crashed to the canvas within 10 seconds of the opening bell in Manchester - and again in the third round - suddenly every soul inside the Co-op Live Arena was paying very close attention. For years, Dubois has carried the label of a fighter who folds when things become uncomfortable. Opponents and fans alike have questioned his heart, mentality and toughness. During fight week, Fabio Wardley suggested that if Dubois was not a boxer, he would be a "bin-man". By the end of Saturday night, though, Dubois had produced the most brutal clean-up operation of his career. He roared back to stop Wardley in the 11th round of a British heavyweight classic and became a two-time world champion. Perhaps the most revealing moment came between the knock-



downs. After being dropped early, Dubois looked towards his corner and gave a little wink to show he was fine - he did not panic or unravel. Even the tactical knee he took later in the third felt calculated rather than desperate. Much of the 18,000-strong crowd had come to see the Wardley fairytale continue, but Dubois blocked out the noise and stayed composed. The win once again silenced critics who have spent years dissecting the character of Dubois as much as his boxing ability. "No human being on this planet could

ever question this kid - certainly don't do that in front of me," trainer Don Charles said afterwards. "Tonight he erased any doubt of all the negative talk. I'm glad the fight went that way so he could demonstrate this quitting narrative is not right." Heavyweights exist under a uniquely harsh spotlight and Dubois has absorbed more than his fair share of scrutiny. One defeat by Joe Joyce and two by Oleksandr Usyk shaped much of the public perception around him, as did persistent questions about his discipline.

Miami Dolphins' 2027 NFL Draft Strategy Gets Huge Boost With Unexpected 7th-Round Draft Pick Addition

AGENCY

Miami: The Miami Dolphins have quietly bolstered their future NFL draft strategy plans following reports that they added another pick to their ever-growing collection of picks slated to be used during the 2027 NFL Draft. Although the addition may not capture much attention like major deals or star players, it may very well end up being a significant factor in the Miami Dolphins' future team construction plans heading into what is expected to be another active off-season. It has been reported that the Miami Dolphins acquired yet another seventh-round pick from the New York Giants after fulfilling whatever conditions were attached to the Darren Waller trade. While more



information is needed on the conditions that had to be fulfilled, the end result has left the Miami Dolphins with eight draft picks set to be used at the 2027 NFL Draft. Miami Dolphins Strengthen 2027 NFL Draft Pick Collection With Another New York Giants Pick The newest addition will help further improve the draft

capital already possessed by Miami. Currently, the team has its first six rounds of the 2027 NFL Draft secured, which means that the organization can build up its talent or use these picks as leverage when trading with other teams in the upcoming drafts. While the seventh-round picks may seem irrelevant at first glance, many

valuable players can be selected in the last round of the draft according to recent trends in the NFL. Positioning Miami Dolphins for Major Moves This NFL Offseason Following their 13 rookie acquisitions this season, the Dolphins have been making clear moves in preparation for long-term success. The team has continued its trend of being active in terms of trading and making roster changes while under the current regime. The acquisition of extra draft picks adds to this by providing more avenues during future offseasons. The new draft assets can allow the Dolphins to trade up for top prospects, acquire veterans, or even continue adding to their depth at various positions.

Lucknow Super Giants Staff Member Allegedly Spotted Using Phone During CSK Game, Sparks Controversy

AGENCY

Mumbai: Lucknow Super Giants found themselves in the middle of a major social media controversy after a backroom staff was allegedly seen using a mobile phone in the dugout. During the match against Chennai Super Kings in Chennai on Sunday, the cameras pointed towards the LSG camp and a visual showed a staff member allegedly on a phone call. The social media users were quick to point out that it was a violation of the BCCI rules and it sparked a major controversy. However, it was not verified whether the visuals were from the LSG dugout or a VIP area at the venue. NDTV was not able to independently confirm the identity of the individual or the



exact place where the phone was used at the venue. According to the Player and Match Official Arena (POMA) rules of the IPL, team managers are allowed to use mobile phones but they can only use in the dressing rooms and not at the dugouts. "Mobile Phones and other electronic communications equipment are not allowed to be

used in the PMOA other than for a few members of the team. The Team Manager may use a phone in the Dressing Room area but NOT in the Dugout. The Analyst may use his computer at the analyst table. Player and support staff items i.e. phones, smart watches or any other communication devices should be turned off and given to

the team SLO for storage on arrival at the stadium. Accredited staff i.e. dressing room attendant, IPL Match Manager, catering staff etc may not take communication devices into the PMOA. Secure boxes will be available at every entrance to securely store devices," the BCCI protocol states. Chennai Super Kings ended up beating Lucknow Super Giants by 5 wickets in a thrilling encounter. Rajasthan Royals (RR) team manager Romi Bhinder was fined Rs 1 lakh and handed an official warning for using a mobile phone inside the dugout during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 clash against Royal Challengers Bengaluru at the ACA Stadium in Guwahati on April 10.

Mark Stone Injury Update: Right Winger Disrupts Vegas Golden Knights' Stanley Cup Dream

AGENCY

Vegas: While the Vegas Golden Knights were successful in defeating the Anaheim Ducks 6-2 in Game 3 on Friday, the real question arising out of their playoff match is whether or not their hopes of winning the Stanley Cup are affected by the potential injury to star player Mark Stone. The captain of the Vegas Golden Knights was seen exiting the field during the first period when he seemed to sustain either an upper leg or groin injury while trying to defend against an Anaheim Ducks attack. Mark Stone immediately grabbed his leg before walking down



the tunnel. Although the player tried his best to play in the second period, he soon returned to the tunnel, frustrated. Mark Stone's Injury May End Up Radically Altering Vegas Golden Knights' Postseason Journeys The worst possible time for Stone's injury

came. The Vegas Golden Knights depend on the captain in the playoffs and especially in special situations. Coach John Tortorella declined to give any statement after the match, fueling speculations even further concerning the seriousness of the problem. Since coming to the Golden Knights from the Ottawa Senators in 2019, the team has always played like champions when Stone was in the game. When Mark Stone was playing, Vegas showed excellent numbers, and the team always looked like the most balanced in the league. Without Stone, the level of the team traditionally drops to the level of a team trying to reach the playoffs. Stone has suffered from numerous injuries since coming to Vegas.

Steve Kerr Ends Warriors Exit Speculation With New Two-Year Deal, Remains NBA's Highest-Paid Coach

AGENCY

OklaHoma: Doubts around the future of the Golden State Warriors grew louder after a disappointing season ended without a playoff spot, but the franchise has now made its biggest offseason decision. Steve Kerr is staying in the Bay Area after agreeing to a new two-year contract extension with Golden State, ending weeks of speculation about whether one of the NBA's most successful coaching partnerships had finally reached its natural conclusion. The new agreement, as reported in ESPN and The Athletic, keeps Kerr alongside Stephen Curry as the Warriors attempt to reopen their championship window after another frustrating campaign. Golden State finished 37-45 and failed to



reach the playoffs following a play-in defeat against the Phoenix Suns, creating serious questions about the roster, the team's direction and Kerr's long-term future with the organization. Steve Kerr's Warriors return keeps Stephen Curry era alive after tough NBA Season While contract negotiations stretched across multiple weeks, reports suggested the discussions focused more on

the franchise's basketball direction than financial details. Kerr earned \$17.5 million this season and will reportedly continue as the NBA's highest-paid coach on an annual basis. The extension follows several conversations between Kerr, Warriors owner Joe Lacob and general manager Mike Dunleavy Jr. as the organization weighed its next steps after another inconsistent year. Missing the playoffs for the second time in three seasons intensified pressure on a team that once dominated the league. Kerr himself admitted after the season that the possibility of leaving had crossed his mind. Reflecting on Golden State's play-in loss, he acknowledged how quickly things can change in the NBA coaching world.

Jannik Sinner Opens Italian Open Account, Aryna Sabalenka Suffers Shock Early Exit



AGENCY

Italy: Jannik Sinner got his Italian Open campaign underway on Saturday by swatting aside Sebastian Ofner 6-3, 6-4 to start his bid to extend a record-breaking run of five straight Masters 1000 tournament victories. The world number one delighted fans in the packed centre court stands with a predictably dominant display which left Austria's Ofner little room to breathe, even in the breezy atmosphere of Rome. Sinner won his 24th consecutive match in one hour and 40 minutes, the 24-year-old barely breaking a sweat to set up a clash with Alexei Popyrin or Jakub Mensik in the third round. No Italian man has won at the Foro Italico since Adriano Panatta 50 years ago, and with Carlos Alcaraz out of action, Sinner is expected to go one better than last year when

he lost the final to his great rival. Such was Sinner's dominance that he had time to break into a smile when the match was stopped twice in the second set for spectator illnesses. "I'm very happy to be back here, it's always been a very special tournament for me," said Sinner. "I'm trying to get into a good match rhythm again even though I've played a lot in the last couple of months... I'm very happy and now let's see what's coming also in the next round." It was the third win for an Italian man on Saturday, with Flavio Cobolli, who helped his country win last year's Davis Cup in Sinner's absence, beating France's Terence Atmane 7-6 (7/1), 6-3. Mattia Bellucci, ranked 64 in the world, is in the fourth round after a 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 win over 24th seed Tomas Martin Etcheverry.

Messi's Tour Organiser's Stunning Claim: 'Regret Bringing Him To India'

AGENCY

Mumbai: Sports promoter Satadru Dutta, who was responsible for Lionel Messi's India tour, said that he regrets organising the events involving the Argentine superstar. The Messi event in Kolkata sparked a massive controversy as the footballer left the Salt Lake Stadium after just 25 minutes amid massive mismanagement and a major lack of crowd control. Dutta expressed his deep remorse regarding the incident and even expressed fear at what could have happened due to the security breakdown. "Absolutely, I regret it. I could

have sold this event elsewhere and made more money. But as a Bengali from Kolkata, I wanted to experience it. I never imagined that one immature person trying to create his own mileage would destroy the entire event," Satadru Dutta said in an interview with the Hindustan Times. Satadru was arrested by the police following the incident and even spent 38 days in custody. He has now levelled stunning allegations against the Trinamool Congress

(TMC) government and alleged that the event was sabotaged by political interference and blackmail. "Messi had close to a billion dollars in insurance coverage.

Imagine if something had happened to him on the ground, it would have become a national embarrassment. That's why Messi's team decided they could not continue because he doesn't like claustrophobic situations where people crowd around him," he said. "I've been organising stadium events for the last 15 years, and this has

never happened before. Usually, taking two or three extra pictures is normal. But here somebody turned it into a private event, calling bureaucrats, family members and others for pictures. The DG and the CP were standing there, and nobody stopped them. I kept shouting and requesting them to clear the ground, but nobody listened. There were at least a thousand police personnel inside the stadium," he added. Sports promoter Satadru Dutta, who was responsible for Lionel Messi's India tour, said that he regrets organising the events involving the Argentine superstar.



'Raakaasa' Enters Netflix Global Top 10 Non-English Films at No. 7 with 1.2 Million Views, Extending Its Audience Momentum Worldwide

After a successful theatrical run powered strongly by family audiences, Raakaasa has now carried that momentum onto the global streaming stage. The film has officially entered the Netflix Global Top 10 Non-English Films chart at No. 7, registering an impressive 1.2 million views worldwide during its debut tracking week from April 27, 2026 to May 3, 2026.

The achievement places Raakaasa among the most-watched non-English films globally on the platform this week, alongside titles from multiple international markets. More importantly, it reflects how strongly the film's audience-driven acceptance has translated beyond theatres and into the digital space. What began as a steadily growing theatrical performer has now evolved into a film with visible global reach. During its theatrical run, Raakaasa had already established itself as a clear family favourite, particularly across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, where audiences increasingly embraced it as a relaxed, laughter-filled outing. That same accessibility now appears to be driving its OTT response as well. The film's streaming performance has been especially notable because it has come through sustained audience interest rather than short-term curiosity. Ever since release, the film consistently benefited from strong word-



of-mouth, repeat footfalls, and active family participation inside theatres. Those viewing patterns have now extended onto Netflix, where the film is witnessing wide sampling across regions. A major factor behind this acceptance continues to be the film's entertainment dynamic. The Sangeeth Shobhan - Getup Srinu track, which emerged as one of the biggest crowd-response segments during the theatrical run, remains a strong conversation point among viewers discovering the film online. Similarly, Vennela Kishore's performance, widely appreciated for its comic timing and energy,

continues to add heavily to the film's repeat-watch value. The film's cross-generational appeal has also played an important role in helping it connect with streaming audiences. While children are engaging strongly with its fantasy-driven and imaginative stretches, adults are responding to its humour, character interactions and easy-flowing tone. That balance has helped Raakaasa function as a comfortable shared watch, both in theatres and now at home. Industry observers have particularly noted how organically the film has travelled. Rather than depending pure-

ly on hype or scale, Raakaasa built its identity through audience satisfaction and recommendation-driven growth. Over time, that positioned the film as a dependable entertainment option within the summer window, especially for families seeking clean, accessible humour. Its entry into the Netflix Global Top 10 further underlines the growing international visibility of Telugu Cinema on streaming platforms. Rooted stories with strong local flavour are increasingly finding resonance across markets, and Raakaasa appears to have benefited from precisely that authenticity.

'PURUSHAHA' ARRIVING AS A FAMILY ENTERTAINER THIS SUMMER ON MAY 22 - HERO PAVAN KALYAN AT PRESS MEET



Presenting by Battula Saraswathi and produced by Battula Koteswara Rao under the Kalyan Productions banner, the film Purushaha marks the debut of Pavan Kalyan Battula as a hero. The movie is directed by Veeru Vulavala. The film features Pavan Kalyan, Saptagiri, Kasireddy Rajkumar, Rayancha Kokkura, Vishika, and Hasini Sudheer in key roles. The posters, songs, glimpse videos, and teaser released so far have created strong interest among audiences. The makers recently announced that the movie will release on May 22 worldwide and organized a press meet on this occasion. Speaking at the media interaction,

HERO PAVAN KALYAN SAID:

"Thanks to everyone who supported Purushaha. The reason I am standing on this stage today is my father. I thank director Veeru for trusting me and giving me this role. Special thanks to Saptagiri and Kasireddy for supporting me in acting. We successfully completed this film. Thanks to cinematographer Satish garu for presenting all of us so well on screen. Thanks to everyone who worked for this movie. Purushaha is arriving as a family entertainer this summer on May 22. I believe my father has produced the film at the level he dreamed of, and I have done justice to my role as an actor. I hope everyone watches and supports our movie."

DIRECTOR VEERU VULAVALA SAID:

"I thank producer Koteswara Rao garu for supporting me throughout Purushaha. Thanks to our cinematographer Satish garu for standing by me during this journey. Audiences will definitely be impressed by Pavan Kalyan's performance. I also thank Saptagiri garu, Kasireddy garu, and our heroines for their performances. I previously worked on films like Malli Raava, Jersey, and Masooda. I was able to make this film exactly the way I envisioned the story. We are bringing this movie as a summer special on May 22. I request everyone to watch and support our film, and I hope the media continues to encourage us in this journey."

SAPTAGIRI SAID:

"Purushaha completely reflects our director Veeru garu's vision. He brought out excellent performances from all of us. To know how the film and screenplay have turned out, let's wait until May 22. He has definitely tried to showcase his unique mark with this movie. Best wishes to Pavan Kalyan, who is making his debut as a hero. All three heroines and Kasireddy have performed very well. We sincerely wish that director Veeru's name will be remembered for at least the next ten years with this film."

KASIREDDY RAJKUMAR SAID:

Suriya, RJ Balaji, Dream Warrior Pictures' 'Veerabhadradu' to have grand release in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on May 14th through Annapurna Studios

Suriya has joined hands with director RJ Balaji for his magnum opus mass commercial entertainer 'Veerabhadradu'. This most awaited movie is being produced on a grand scale by Dream Warrior Pictures, a production house that has made a name for itself by producing several successful

films. The film will have a grand release in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana through the prestigious Annapurna Studios. Dream Warrior Pictures, which has provided popular content in the Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi industries, is making this film with ambition, keeping in mind both scale and content. The teaser and songs of this film, which have already been released, have created huge expectations. Trisha is playing the heroine in this film. Indrans, Natty, Swasika, and Anagha Maya Ravi are playing key roles.



SARA ALI KHAN SLAYS IN ELEGANT IVORY BLAZER LOOK



HEROINES ARE THE FIRST TARGET OF PRODUCERS IN COST CUTTING?



Kriti Sanon began her career as a model and then turned a star actress. She later ventured into production as well. Interestingly, she recently opened up about the pay disparity she faced in the movie industry. The actress revealed that it is always the remuneration of an actress that gets negotiated whenever producers wanted to undergo budget cuts. "There's been some struggle around money. When the producers have to cut money, they often negotiate down the female lead's

fee, even though a large chunk of the budget goes to the male actor. Patriarchy is deeply rooted in the film industry," she said, adding there was an instance where a male star who isn't superior got a better car. Kriti stresses the fact that she is not bothered about the car but all she expects is equality in everything. Kriti is not a small heroine who started off recently but enjoys decades of experience along with a National award. Whatever Kriti revealed highlights how the female actors are always targeted first.

Dua Lipa's Rs 141 cr legal war: Why she's suing Samsung



Global pop sensation Dua Lipa has filed a Rs. 141 crores (15 million USD) lawsuit against tech giant Samsung, accusing the company of using her image on television packaging without her permission. According to reports, the lawsuit was filed in the US District Court for the Central District of California. The singer alleged that Samsung

used her photograph on TV boxes as part of a large-scale marketing campaign, creating an impression that she had endorsed the brand. The complaint stated that Dua Lipa never approved the use of her image and was not paid for it.

WHAT DOES DUA LIPA'S LAWSUIT CLAIM?

As per the legal filing, Samsung allegedly started displaying the singer's image on television packaging last year. The photo was reportedly taken backstage during the Austin City Limits Festival in 2024.

Dua Lipa's legal team claimed the company commercially benefited from the image by making consumers believe she was officially associated with the product. The lawsuit further stated that when the singer discovered the alleged use of her photograph, she asked Samsung to stop using it. However, the company allegedly refused to remove the image.

DUA LIPA SAYS HER BRAND IMAGE WAS AFFECTED

The complaint described Dua Lipa as a celebrity with a "premium brand" who is highly selective about endorsements and partnerships. Her lawyers argued that using her image without consent damaged her professional image and commercial value. The filing also included reactions from social media users. Some fans reportedly admitted they purchased Samsung televisions after seeing Dua Lipa's image on the packaging.

WHAT ALLEGATIONS HAS SAMSUNG BEEN ACCUSED OF?

Federal Lanham Act claims Samsung has not yet issued an official statement regarding the controversy. Social media reacts to Dua Lipa vs Samsung case. The case has sparked debate online. While many users supported Dua Lipa for protecting her image rights, others

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