



Resignation Politics Current Trend In Telangana?

Guarantees and the BRS has been targeting the Congress for failing to implement the same. Harish Rao added intensity to the issue and has been targeting Revanth Reddy to implement the loan waiver of Rs 2 lakhs. To this, Revanth Reddy said that the waiver will be implemented before August 15. Harish Rao is demanding Revanth Reddy to implement the scheme and said that he is ready to resign if this happens. We have seen some tense scenes with Harish Rao visiting the Martyrs' Memorial. He was accompanied by a few other leaders. The other day, Harish Rao threw a big challenge that if Revanth Reddy implements the farm loan waiver and other promises before the 15th of August then he is ready to resign as the MLA. He said that if this happens then the intellectuals in the state can submit the resignation to the Speaker. Now Revanth Reddy gave a strong response to the dare thrown by Harish Rao. The Chief Minister said that he is accepting the dare of Harish Rao and he will implement Rs 2 lakh farm loan waiver before August 15 and urged Harish to get his resignation ready. Adding further Revanth Reddy said that it would not be a big

Everyone knows that Congress and BRS are political rivals in Telangana. We have seen many times how the parties locked horns with each other. It's been ten years since the state was formed and the rivalry is still intact. While there is no change in the equations, their positions changed. The BRS slipped to opposition status while the Congress is in power. We have to say that the fight between the parties has become even more intense of late. We are seeing a war of words between the parties on many issues. The Phone tapping row can be cited as an example. Resignation politics is appearing as the current trend in the state with two leaders making sensational comments. The Loan Waiver issue is getting all the attention with two big leaders targeting each other and making explosive comments. It is known that Congress came to power with the Six



issue to give Rs 40,000 Cr if not for the losses left by the BRS government. The CM also took a dig at Harish Rao's resignation letter and asked if it was in the right format or not.



Lok Sabha Elections To Be Costly Affair In Terms Of Expenditure

India is not just a growing soft power but also a big democratic nation. India is dubbed as the biggest democracy in the world and it is no wonder that the elections are getting the attention of the world. As an example of this, the international media is also covering the elections and related issues. The Lok Sabha elections are underway and the first phase of elections has concluded already. Now an interesting thing has come out on the cost of the elections. A firm said that the Lok Sabha elections will go down as the costliest polls in the world. Centre for Media Studies (CMS) which has been tracing the elections for over three decades said that the estimated cost for the Lok Sabha elections is Rs 1.35 lakh crore. The amount which is seen as the estimated cost is quite high. There was a big jump in the estimated cost compared to the previous elections. CMS said that as much as Rs 60,000 cr were spent in 2029 polls and the same increased by over two folds for the 2024 polls. The costs include all the costs that come from various corners and parties.

The firm said that the estimated costs include the money which was spent by Election Commission, parties, government, candidates and other organisations. It is said that the estimation was changed after the electoral bonds issue came to light due to the push of money through the bonds. As a crackdown on the estimation costs, the first said that on average Rs 1400 would be spent on a single voter which is more than the US. There are as many as 96.6 cr voters in the country and the money which might be spent on the elections on various aspects would be Rs 1.35 lakh crore. Earlier it was predicted that the estimated costs would be Rs 1.2 lakh crore which was later changed to Rs 1.35 lakh crore.

Film Stars Give Political Campaigns A Miss in TS, AP



HYDERABAD: Election campaigns are not just about high-decibel sounds and passionate speeches by leaders, but they are also about star power — which

actor is campaigning for whom. In fact, in Telugu states, political parties would make a list of star campaigners before they even draw up the schedule. However, this election seems to be different. Star campaigners are clearly missing in action in the election campaign in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state. Strangely enough, top Tollywood stars have been conspicuous by their absence in the campaign trail. In the previous elections, it was not uncommon to see big names from the Telugu film industry like megastar Chiranjeevi, power star Pawan Kalyan, and Jr NTR campaign for political parties. Stars would not only draw humongous crowds, but were also capable of making or breaking the fortunes of political parties, not to mention a sense of excitement among fans.

Teenager Rescues 50 Workers from Blaze in Rangareddy

HYDERABAD: An Intermediate student, Sai Charan, 17, helped rescue about 50 workers after fire broke out at the Allen Homoeo and Herbal Products Limited unit at Nan digama in Shadnagar of Rangareddy district on Friday. Thanks to his action, only one person sustained injuries. Ch aran, who was passing by, not iced the fire and, rushed in and found a rope inside the premises. Climbing up a window sill, he



held the rope and helped 50 workers who were trapped escape. Fire personnel thanked Charan for his effort. Fire services personnel who had reached the spot by then also helped in the rescue.

SC rejects pleas on 100% cross VVPAT verification

New Delhi: As the country voted in round two of Election 2024, the Supreme Court on Friday rejected pleas seeking complete cross-verification of votes cast using EVMs with a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and said "blindly distrusting" any aspect of the system can breed unwarranted scepticism. Weighing in on the intensely debated issue that has long divided parties, a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta delivered two concurring verdicts and dismissed all the pleas in the matter, including those seeking to go back to ballot papers in elections. It also maintained that "democracy is all about striving to build harmony and trust between all institutions". The Supreme Court's long anticipated verdict quickly found echo in the politicalscape with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying at a rally in Araria in Bihar that it was a "tight slap" on the Congress-led opposition which now must "apologise" for committing the "sin of creating distrust" against electronic voting machines.

BRS Leader Says Etela Wins Malkajgiri Seat



Etela Rajender has come a long way. Earlier he was with the BRS and actively participated in the Telangana movement. After the BRS came to power he was given the Cabinet Ministry. When everything was going well, things turned tough between him and the party which led to a big gap. His Ministry was stripped and he eventually left the party and joined the BJP. He won the by-poll in Huzurabad. However, he lost the 2023 polls as Koushik Reddy won the elections. Practically speaking Etela is the political rival of the BRS. Amid this, a senior BRS leader who was the Cabinet Minister in the previous term made interesting comments. He and Etela met at an occasion and they had a friendly conversation. Interestingly, the BRS leader said that Etela will win the MP elections this time. Etela and former Minister Malla Reddy attended a wedding. The two leaders greeted each other with smiles on their faces. Malla Reddy went to Etela and hugged him and asked people to take pictures of him with his brother Etela. Malla Reddy said that he will win the MP polls. This video is a sensation in the political picture now in the wake of the elections.

Advertisement for Gollakonda TV channel. It features a collage of news and entertainment images. The main text reads "1,20,00,000 వ్యూసలతో గ్రేట్ సక్సెస్" (1.2 crore views with great success). Below this, it says "46,000 SUBSCRIBERS THANK YOU" and "అదరిస్తున్న అందరికీ Thanks" (Thank you to everyone who is watching). The channel name "గోల్కొండ TV" is prominently displayed at the bottom. A small photo of D. Kalidas is also included.

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Youths indifference to voting is unhealthy for democracy

First phase of Lok Sabha 2024 elections is over, but it appears that young voters particularly the first time voters do not seem much interested to be part of the democratic process of electing a new government which certainly is not a very healthy sign. The youth in the age group of 18-19 appear to be hesitant to exercise their right to vote if the data given by the Election Commission is any indication. One thing is certain, all political parties have failed to generate enthusiasm among the youth to go and exercise their franchise. There are very few instances where the youth had been very enthusiastic. No political party has been able to create confidence that the votes of the youth matter and that they can make a difference in creating more vibrant India. This certainly is a matter of grave concern and an issue which needs to be discussed and debated in Parliament and legislatures and find solutions rather than resort to useless activities like stalling the proceedings for days together to satisfy the ego of the leaders of opposition parties. Ruckus, pandemonium and adjournment of Parliament and state Assemblies should end at least after June 4. Whichever party comes to power, governance should get top most priority not theatrics. Data shows that less than 40 percent in this age group have registered across the country while states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Delhi have shown lower enrolment.

Approximately 18 million new voters in this age bracket have been recorded on the electoral rolls. In Bihar it was just 17 percent as against 26 percent in 2019 elections. Interestingly, Telangana emerges as more progressive state as far as the youth in the age group of 18-19 are concerned. Over eight lakh in this age group had enrolled as new voters which in terms of percentage is around 67 percent of the youngsters in the age group of 18-19. The other states where more number of youth had enrolled are Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. If we look at the poll statistics the voter turnout of the youth has mostly been on the lower side. Compared to 2019 elections the increase in the voter turnout of the GenV in the age group of 18-25 was a marginal one percent. One thing the political parties need to understand is that the youth have distinct opinion on certain issues. Employment generation is one of the main issues which they are concerned about. That is why all political parties play the job plank. Whether it is the Prime Minister the Narendra Modi or the comparatively young 53 year Rahul Gandhi all are trying their best to connect with the youth. The Congress party which felt that the failure of the BJP to generate the jobs promised in the last elections could be its weakness or vulnerability that could help the Congress to cash in on. That is why the Youth Nyay yatra was designed. Most of the youth certainly feel that unemployment in the country is a very serious issue. Realising that the PMs outreach with the youth was not enough, the BJP machinery has been meticulously connecting with young voters.

Telangana Congress to welcome back those who left party



Hyderabad: Unmoved by differences among leaders at the field level, the Telangana Congress is extending a grand welcome to leaders who quit the party during the Assembly elections, besides those from other parties. TPCC working president T Jagga Reddy said the AICC had issued cleared instructions over welcoming leaders into the party. Irrespective of their party affiliations, leaders from any party would be extended a warm

welcome, he said here on Thursday. The TPCC working president also said no conditions would be imposed on the leaders. There have been a few cases wherein, leaders, who had quit the Congress, worked against the party's interests. However, the AICC has instructed that all the leaders should be welcomed into the party without creating any hurdles or imposing any conditions. They should work in coordination with the local

MLA or party incharge leaders, he said. "Party members could have objections over the entry of a few leaders but in the interest of party, all the differences should be set aside. Leaders have been directed not to air their differences before the media," Jagga Reddy said. BRS leaders, including Warangal Mayor Gundu Sudharani and Osmania University leader Manavatha Rai joined the Congress on Thursday. In sharp contrast to the party leadership plans, group politics are surfacing in different segments in the party, especially over the entry of leaders from other parties. Opposing the entry of other party leaders into the party, Gopalpet mandal Congress leader Ganesh Goud had tried to immolate himself in front of Wanaparthy MLA Megha Reddy last Thursday. Tempers ran high at the MLA's residence when he was gearing up to welcome the entry of a few BRS leaders into the Congress party. Followers of Congress leader and Telangana State Planning Board (TSPB) vice chairman G Chinna Reddy opposed this and entered into an argument with Megha Reddy, according to reports. Amidst arguments and protesting the entry of BRS leaders into the party, Gopalpet mandal leader Ganesh Goud tried to immolate himself before the MLA.

Everyone Wants to Get Rid of Modi: Seethakka

Warangal: Entire nation wants to get rid of Narendra Modi and people are aspiring to have Indiramma Rajyam in the country, said panchayat raj minister Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka at a Mulugu constituency-level meeting held in support of the party's Mahabubabad candidate Porika Balram Naik in Mulug district on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion, Seethakka alleged that before going to elections, Modi promised that he would bring black money and deposit Rs 15 lakh into the Jan-Dan bank accounts of the people; instead he has collected Rs 54 lakh



crore from the poor people by imposing GST on every product. The BJP government, which boasted that it was a Hindu party, even imposed GST on incense sticks, she said. The Congress party has implemented welfare schemes irrespective of castes and religions. Within 100 days of

forming the government, the Congress party fulfilled six guarantees, while the BRS and BJP looted the state and country, she alleged. Later, around 200 BRS activists from Mulug, Venkatapur, Kannaigudem, Etumagaram and Mangapet mandals joined the Congress in the presence of Seethakka.



Jupally Krishna Rao takes part in Alampur rally

The Excise and Tourism minister Jupally Krishna Rao along with Mallu Ravi and Sampath Kumar has participated in rally at Alampur after having darshan of Jogulamba Devi. Later at Gandhi chok speaking to the public the excise minister Jupally has stated that don't vote for BJP party leaders who had destroyed the development of the country for ten years by foster-

ing religious hatred. And don't vote for BRS party leaders who looted the state and ran a corrupted regime. He also urged the people to for the hand and send Mallu Ravi to the parliament with a huge majority. The AICC secretary Sampath Kumar, TPCC Seksa vali and MP PPs, ZP TCs Sarpanches, and other Congress party leaders were participated in the morning on Thursday.

Vemulawada temple authorities take action on 12 staff

Rajanna-Sircilla: Officials of the Sri Rajarajeshwara Swamy temple, Vemulawada, have initiated action against 12 of its staffers and a contract employee on charges of corruption and neglecting duties. During raids carried out in the shrine in November 2022, vigilance officials had found irregularities in various wings of the temple and sent a report recommending to the State government to take action against a few staff members involved in corruption and neglecting duties. Based on the recommendation, temple authorities initiated action against three AEOs, four supervisors, a senior assistant, two junior assistants, two outsourcing employees and a barber. Increments of three AEOs were stalled for neglecting duties. Besides imposing fines on the supervisor and junior assistant working in the Laddu prasadam wing, they were also served show cause notices as to why their increments should not be cut. They were asked to pay the penalties within 15 days. A supervisor was asked to work in the godown to pay a shortfall of Rs.21,000, apart from being served a show cause notice as to why his increment should not be cut. Increments of a superintendent and junior assistant have also been cut. Increment of a senior assistant was also cut for not maintaining sanitation records properly. A barber was removed from duties for collecting additional amounts from devotees, while a superintendent was issued a memo.

Will give a month to file affidavits on KLIS, says probe panel chief



Hyderabad: Former Patna High Court chief justice PC Ghosh, who heads the judicial inquiry commission on the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project, said that a public announcement will be made on Medigadda barrage and

the structural issues concerning it, and a month will be given to people for filing their affidavits with their opinions on the project. Speaking with the media in Hyderabad on Thursday, April 25, Ghosh said that only after receiving the people's opinions, those who were involved in the project works will be summoned for questioning. He said that the judicial inquiry into the Kaleshwaram project was happening considering all the facts including the evidence, and that he would meet the NDSA (national dam safety authority), engineers, and if needed, IIT and other institutions on the matter. He said that he would also consider the CAG (comptroller and auditor general) report on KLIS at a later stage. He also informed that during his next visit to the state, he would visit the Medigadda barrage. On being asked whether he would summon former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, he said that he wouldn't go by face value and that only after gathering enough evidence and facts that those responsible will be summoned. Irrigation minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy met Ghosh during his visit.

Congress confident of securing Khammam, Mahabubabad seats

KHAMMAM: Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao on Thursday asserted that the Congress candidates will secure the Khammam and Mahabubabad Lok Sabha seats with a huge majority. The duo, along with Rajya Sabha MP Renuka Chowdhury, participated in a roadshow as part of Khammam candidate Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy's poll campaign. "People of Telangana supported the Congress in the Assembly elections. They are satisfied with the governance of Congress in the state. They have now decided to support the Congress in the Lok Sabha elections too," the ministers said. The leaders of the Left parties too participate in the rally which attracted thousands of followers from across the Khammam constituency. The rally which started at Kalvodu ended at the collector's office where Raghuram Reddy filed his nomination. Nageswara Rao said: "The BRS is conspiring against the Congress candidates. But they won't succeed in their attempts. After the Lok Saba elections, the BRS will disintegrate." Meanwhile, Raghuram Reddy thanked AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, senior leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi for supporting him. "People understood that the BRS neglected their issues. They knew how the BRS perpetrated several scams. Now, they have seen how the Congress is working to develop the state. That's why they are ready to support the Congress candidates in the Lok Sabha polls," he said.



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BJP is British Janata Party, says Revanth Reddy



Hyderabad: Dubbing the BJP as British Janata Party, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said the BJP was drawing inspiration from the East India Company to implement British agendas and abolish SC, ST, OBC and Minority reservations. The East India Company had entered India from Surat, Gujarat and in the name of business, had occupied the entire nation. Similarly, both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and union Home Minister Amit Shah, who were from Gujarat, want to abolish reservations and implement East India company policies, he said at a road show at Rajendranagar on Thursday. Earlier, Revanth Reddy said the River Musi Front development project from Vikarabad to Nalgonda would be taken up with Rs.1 lakh crore. To execute this project, the State government needs approvals from the Centre, for which Congress candidate G Ranjith Reddy would support him. It may be recalled that the Chief Minister had earlier announced the River Musi Front Development project with an estimated budget of Rs.50,000 crore. Also slamming the BJP for its anti-people policies, he asked BJP Chevella candidate Konda Visveshwar Reddy to spell out his stand on the saffron party's agenda of abolishing reservations. Meanwhile, as the Chief Minister was addressing the gathering, one person collapsed, following which Revanth Reddy immediately asked the police to shift the person into an ambulance.

12 organs of brain dead victims donated to needy patients

Hyderabad: A total of 12 donor organs from two brain dead individuals, a 43-year-old farmer Yara Yadagiri from Yacharam and 53-year-old housewife Sunkara Sulochana from Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh, were donated by their relatives to needy patients under State-run Jeevandan organ donation scheme. In the wee hours of April 19, Yara Yadagiri, while riding his two-wheeler suddenly collided with a dog and met with an accident. Family members immediately shifted him to Kammineni Hospitals, LB Nagar where he received ICU care for six-days. With no improvement in his health, the doctors on Wednesday, April 24 declared him as brain dead. Following a series of grief counselling sessions conducted by Jeevandan coordinators, the family members of the deceased farmer including wife consented to donate organs. A total of 6 organs including 2 kidneys, liver, heart and 2 corneas were donated for needy patients. On April 21, the 53-year-old housewife while travelling on two wheeler with her younger son suddenly slipped off bike, and met with an accident. Family members immediately shifted her to a private hospital in Khammam and later shifted her to Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda where she was given emergency treatment. With no improvement in her health, the hospital doctors declared her as brain dead on Wednesday. The family members of Sunkara Sulochana consented to donate her organs after a series of grief counselling sessions. In all, the surgeons retrieved 6 organs including 2 kidneys, liver, lung and 2 corneas and allocated them to needy patients based on the Jeevandan organ donation guidelines.

Tension escalates at Gun Park as Harish Rao arrives with resignation letter over farmer loan waiver



The political scene in Telangana has heated up as former minister and MLA Harish Rao and Chief Minister Revanth engage in a war of words over the issue of farmer loan waiver. The latest challenge

from Harish Rao to CM Revanth has created tension at Gun Park, with BRS ranks reaching massively to support him. Harish Rao reached Gun Park with his resignation letter in hand in response to CM

Revanth's comments, challenging the police to heavily deploy. However, the police stated that there was no permission at Gun Park for such activities. Supporting Harish Rao, former minister MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav, BRS MLAs, and public representatives expressed anger over the Congress party's broken promise on loan waiver. They demanded that CM Revanth accept Harish Rao's challenge to come to Gun Park. Harish Rao further challenged CM Revanth to come to the Martyrs' Stupa and bring his resignation letter if he dares. He stated that if the loan waiver and six guarantees promised by CM Revanth are implemented before August 15, the intellectuals will take his resignation letter and give it to the Speaker. Otherwise, he will give Revanth's resignation letter to the governor. The stakes are high as Harish Rao also mentioned that if he loses in Kodangal, he will take political asceticism. The people of Telangana are eagerly watching as this political drama unfolds.



BJP Hyd MP Candidate Election Affidavit Getting Attention

The Hyderabad Lok Sabha seat is a sensation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and there is a reason for this. AIMIM has been doing the seat for a few decades and a Congress leader recently created a sensation by alleging that Congress wants Asaduddin Owaisi to win the seat. BJP which wants to spread its wings in Telangana is keeping a special focus on the MP seat and a popular face was announced as the candidate who is having a busy time campaigning. Now the

candidate filed the affidavit announcing assets and other details. Kompella Madhavi Latha, the chairperson of Virinchi Hospitals is the Hyderabad MP seat candidate of BJP. BJP is betting high on her and this is the reason why she was given the ticket though there are seniors in the party. She is said to have declared the assets she and her family owns. As per the reports Madhavi Latha mentioned in her affidavit that her family has assets worth Rs 218.38 crore. The assets

include movable assets worth Rs 165.46 cr and immovable assets worth Rs 55.92 Cr. On the other hand the family has liabilities worth Rs 27 Cr. Madhavi Latha has shares in Virinchi Limited, Viv o Biotech Limited, and Gajwel Developers. Talking about jewellery, she owns 3.9 kg of gold. The MP candidate faces a case which was filed recently. It is known that Madhavi Latha landed in a big controversy when she shot an imaginary arrow at a mosque at a rally. This made her face a case.

Juvenile, among Two, Held for Rape and Murder of Woman

Hyderabad: Kukatpally police solved the rape and murder of an unidentified woman with the arrest of two bar attenders, including a juvenile on Thursday. The accused raped the victim when she was unconscious and left her to die in a basement of a building in Prashanth Nagar, Kutatpally on April 20 night, police said. Special teams were formed by Kukatpally police who checked the footage of 1200 CCTV cameras from the scene of offence Prashanth Nagar to Patancheru and finally identified the accused by their bike registration number and arrested them on Thursday. The accused residents of Sangareddy district and attenders at Tirumala bar confessed that on April 20 when they were returning home on a bike they spotted the 'victim' at a tea stall in Prashanth Nagar offering her a lift, ACP Srinivas Rao said. Nitesh, the main accused.

Gujarat, Uttarakhand CMs campaign for BJP candidates



Hyderabad: Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday participated in the nomination rallies of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidates in Telangana. Bhupendra Patel, and Union Minister and Telangana unit BJP chief G. Kishan Reddy joined BJP general secretary Bandi Sanjay Kumar when he filed his nomination in Karimnagar Lok Sabha constituency. He later participated in the nomination rally of party candidate P. Bharath Prasad in Nagarkurnool constituency. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami and BJP MP K. Laxman accompanied BJP candidate

D. Arvind filed his nomination in Nizamabad district. The Chief Ministers of Gujarat and Uttarakhand participated in the roadshows and appealed to people to ensure victory of the BJP candidates with a huge majority. Addressing a massive rally in Karimnagar, Bhupendra Patel claimed that people have decided to make Narendra Modi the Prime Minister once again with more than 400 seats. "After seeing the enthusiasm of people, I have no doubt that Narendra Modi will once again become the Prime Minister," he said. The Gujarat Chief Minister said the entire world has acknowledged Prime Minister Modi as the strongest

leader. Addressing a public meeting in Nizamabad, the Uttarakhand Chief Minister said he was confident that D. Arvind will win once again with a bigger majority. He said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India's stature has grown across the world and it has become the fifth largest economy of the world. He said India was marching ahead on the path of development with unity from north to south and east to west. Pushkar Dhami said that the Indian military no longer has to take permission from the government to retaliate to the firing by enemies. He accused Congress of following a policy of appeasement. He alleged that the Congress party in its election manifesto has promised to hand over people's assets to a particular community. Both Bandi Sanjay and Arvind are seeking re-election from their respective constituencies for the second term.

Sneha Mehra appointed as DCP (South) Hyderabad



Hyderabad: Sneha Mehra, a 2018 batch IPS officer, has been appointed as the Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Hyderabad by the State government. The Election Commission of India had asked State government to transfer P Sai Chaitanya, who was the DCP (south) and send a list of three IPS officers who can replace him. The State government sent list of three IPS officers to the commission and the ECI selected Sneha Mehra. The government asked the official to immediately take charge of the post and send a compliance report. Sneha Mehra, is the first woman IPS officer to be posted as the DCP of the south zone considered to be a communally sensitive zone of Hyderabad.

Will end 4% quota for Muslims in TS says Amit Shah



Hyderabad/Siddipet: "BRS and Congress are in cahoots. Both are opposed to the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya. Both had facilitated 'Muslim reservation' in Telangana. And they did not celebrate 'Telangana Liberation Day' on September 17 for fear of Majlis. The worst part is, within a short span of

coming to power, Telangana has become the ATM for the Congress," said Union minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah. On the other hand, the Modi government aims at comprehensive development of Telangana and that can happen only when the BJP government is formed at the Centre," Shah said, appealing to the people

to vote for the BJP and ensure that the saffron party gets 12 Lok Sabha seats in Telangana. Addressing a public meeting in Siddipet in support of BJP Lok Sabha candidate M Raghunandan Rao and BJP Malkajgiri candidate Eatala Rajender, the Union minister said that two corrupt parties -- Congress and BRS -- had joined hands and hence the Congress government was not probing the corruption in the construction of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) and land scam (of Dharani portal). "Congress had made lot of noise before the elections, but had failed in taking necessary action," he said. Accusing both the ruling Congress and BRS, Shah said that once the BJP comes to power for the third consecutive term at the Centre, it would end the "Muslim reservation" and make it as SC, ST, OBC quota. Listing out the achievements of the Modi government in the last 10 years, Shah said they had resolved many long pending issues that the country was facing. The people of Telangana are with Modi this time and have decided to make the BJP victorious in every seat. He added. Earlier, BJP candidate Raghunandan Rao lashed out at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for playing the BC card for seeking votes for the Congress candidate while denying BCs their due in the ministerial berths in his Cabinet.

CM announces Rs 1-L crore Musi riverfront development plan



Hyderabad: Chief minister A Revanth Reddy on Thursday, April 26, announced the state government's ambitious plan to revitalise the Musi riverfront by allocating Rs 1 lakh crore for the project. Speaking at a street corner gathering in Rajendranagar in support of Congress candidate G Ranjith Reddy for the Chevella Lok Sabha seat, Revanth pledged to spearhead efforts to combat pollution in the area, thereby enhancing the land value. He outlined plans to develop Himayath Sagar and Osman Sagar, alongside transforming Vikarabad into a prominent tourist destination. Revanth emphasised the importance of electing a reliable representative like Ranjith Reddy to Parliament to facilitate securing funds from the Centre for Chevella's development. "Chevella set a precedent for transformative changes in the country after former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy embarked on his historic padayatra from Chevella to Iechapuram. Upon assuming office, he introduced groundbreaking schemes such as crop loan waivers, fee reimbursement, and Arogyasri. That's why winning here is paramount for Congress," he remarked. During the gathering, an attendee fell ill, prompting Revanth to halt his speech. He instructed party workers to assist the individual and ensure they received medical attention. Revanth then urged the police personnel present to take necessary action.

TS HC decries absence of top Bureaucrat in Contempt Case

Hyderabad: A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court strongly disapproved the absence of bureaucrat Navin Mittal in a contempt case. The panel, comprising Justice Abhinand Kumar Shavili and Justice Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao, was dealing with a contempt petition filed by one S. Narender. Earlier the court upheld the order of a single judge granting liberty to the state government to acquire lands at Yaprall village, Malkajgiri, under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and dismissed the appeal filed by the state with exemplary cost of one lakh and said "This Court has seen many examples where private individuals have grabbed government land, but this one is a classic example of a case where the government is grabbing land of a private individual. The matter has been adjudicated way back in 2001 and has attained finality from the Supreme Court. In spite of the aforesaid fact, the state government has not taken recourse to the land acquisition proceedings under the Act of 1894..." When the additional advocate general stated before the court that a committee was constituted for the implementation of the orders of the apex court qua the controversy, Justice Shavili wondered how a committee could review or revise the verdict of the constitutional courts. At one stage the panel insisted on the presence of senior IAS officer Mittal in the court in the afternoon session. The additional advocate general saved the day for the senior bureaucrat by pleading that his absence was in view of the impending general elections. The panel pointed out that the matter was liberally adjourned at the request of the state from April 2023, the panel repeatedly quizzed the additional advocate general if the government required one year after filing the contempt case to implement its orders, in fact, the very constitution of such a 'committee' gives the impression that the government was making an effort to adjudicate an order already made final by the apex court. After some consistent efforts by the additional advocate general, the panel agreed to hear the matter after the summer vacation.

Bhatti Dares KCR to Debate Power Situation

Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday slammed former chief minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao for "spreading lies" about the power sector in Telangana and asked him if he was ready for a debate on the power situation. Bhatti, who holds the power portfolio, said in a statement that Rao was making several claims on the sector and blaming the Congress government. "He says Congress leaders were accusing the then BRS government of buying electricity from Chhattisgarh at Rs 13 per unit while it paid



Rs 3.90 per unit. The actual price that the BRS government paid was Rs 20 per unit. I am ready for a debate on this with Rao," he said. He said that Rao was also lying on other issues related to the power sector including claims that soon after the BRS lost power, electricity cuts had become a

norm. "There have been no power cuts since the Congress came to power in December. Poor quality and maintenance of lines, transformers and other assets in the last 10 years led to interruptions due to technical faults which are now being attended to by discoms," Bhatti said.

Candidates Facing Legal Scrutiny: Adilabad BRS Contender Tops List with 51 Cases

HYDERABAD: Adilabad BRS candidate Athram Sukku appears have 51 criminal cases booked against him, the most for in the Lok Sabha elections in the state, followed by BJP's M. Raghunandan Rao (Medak) with 29 and Dharmapuri Arvind (Nizamabad) with 22. According to their affidavits, Sukku indulged in trespass, threatening, cheating, assault and other cases including PD Act. Raghunandan Rao and Arvind indulged in Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and other cases.



DEO briefs election observers on polling measures



Hyderabad: Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections to be held on May 13, foolproof arrangements are being made for conducting peaceful and fair elections by the Hyderabad district election authorities. The election observers who were appointed for the Hyderabad and Secunderabad parliamentary constituencies also inspected the election arrangements. The Election Commission of India (ECI) appointed the general, expenditure, and police observers to the Hyderabad district for the general elections. The ECI appointed General Observer Dr Saroj Kumar, IAS and Expenditure Observer Amith Shukla, IRS for Secunderabad-8 Parliamentary constituency, and General Observer P I Sreevidya, IAS and Expenditure Observer Senthil Kumaran, IRS for Hyderabad-9 Parliamentary constituency. Also, Shashank Anand, IPS 2006 batch, has been appointed as a police observer for both Hyderabad and Secunderabad Parliamentary.

Three persons killed as two bikes collide in Asifabad

Kumram Bheem Asifabad: In a midnight tragedy, three persons were killed on the spot, while two others sustained serious injuries when two motorcycles collided with each other between Korthegeuda and Pothepalli villages in Bejjur mandal on Thursday night. Koutala Inspector Sadiq Pasha said that Thorrem Vengal Rao (28) from Baregudem, Athram Mahesh (26) of Arkaguda and Dunna Narasimha belonging to Elkappalli village received fatal injuries, resulting in instantaneous death for the three. Ailla Nikhil and Shanigarapu Rajkumar had critical injuries. They were shifted to a hospital in Kaghaznagar and their medical condition is learnt to be serious. While Vengal Rao and Mahesh were travelling on a two-wheeler, Narasimha, Nikhil and Rajkumar were commuting by another bike. Rao and Mahesh were returning to their native places after attending a social function at Buruguguda, while Narasimha, Nikhil and Rajkumar were on their way to take part in a reception in Baregudem at the time of the mishap. Upon learning about the accident, Pasha and Bejjur Sub-Inspector Vikram rushed to the spot and made inquiries into the incident.

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PM tears into Congress again on inheritance tax, Muslim quota



Fifty-Fifty Chances For Jagan and Babu's Alliance?

Undertaking the politics in AP has become a big task. No one is able to crack the public mind. Even the veteran observers are unable to predict who will win in AP elections due to lack of evident wave. But there is a tough fight in the political environment. The observers say that there are never before political conditions in AP. The upcoming elections are expected to be very tight. There is no clear pick of the voters in AP. Jagan became the center point of elections this time as the elections are revolving around him. Whether or not to defeat Jagan in the elections is the option which is before the people in AP. Other factors are not seen as influential. It is said that Chandrababu Naidu's ruling and his experience are not the aspects of the elections and people are not discussing them. If we can go back to 2014, the elections were held on Chandrababu Naidu's seniority and experience. These factors had an impact. This helped the TDP and the party won the elections. In the 2019, the elections revolved around Jagan's one chance and the elections became one sided. YCP won 151 seats. Talking about the 2024 elections, there are no such important aspects. Issues like the increase in essential prices, unemployment, Chandrababu Naidu, Welfare schemes implemented by Jagan in five years are not being discussed. It is said that these points are not even in discussion. An estimation says that only 25 percent people are giving points to the welfare schemes of Jagan while 25 percent people are giving points due to the fondness of YSR and Jagan. YCP has 50 percent marks. On the other hand, the TDP alliance is also getting 50 percent points. It is said that factors like TDP cadre, Pawan Kalyan being a part of alliance, community equations and Narendra Modi are the reasons behind getting the points. There are 175 Assembly seats in AP. It looks like there will be a tough fight in every seat. There would be a fight for even one vote. Almost every segment might face a tough fight. We cannot predict an easy win in any seat. On the other hand, the parties picked the candidates after a few surveys in the constituencies. Ap has become a big battle field with the elections. The votes which will be polled would become important this time. It would be interesting to see which party can guide the vote bank towards them.

BHOPAL/LUCKNOW : Taking his "inheritance tax" jibe at the Congress to another level, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that then PM Rajiv Gandhi had scrapped the tax in 1985 after his mother Indira Gandhi's death to save her wealth from going to the government. The PM's attack targeted the opposition party leader Sam Pitroda's "inheritance tax" remark. At a rally in Madhya Pradesh's Morena on Thursday, the PM said, "I want to tell you an interesting fact. When Indira Gandhi passed away, there was a law due to which half a portion of the wealth used to go to the government. There was a talk then that Indiraji willed her wealth in son Rajiv Gandhi's name. To save the money from going to the government, then PM Rajiv Gandhi abolished the inheritance tax." He alleged Congress wanted to reinforce that tax more strongly now after its four generations reaped the benefits of the wealth passed on to them. In UP's Agra, the PM accused the Congress and INDIA bloc of systematic and organised plunder, saying that they tended to loot people during their lifetime and even after it (Zindagi ke saath bhi, zindagi ke baad bhi). Addressing an election rally in Kothi Meena market of the city, Modi took a swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying, "The Shahzada's X-ray machine now seeks to scrutinise the wardrobes of mothers and sisters." He was referring to the Rahul's rhetoric over using an 'X-ray machine' to scrutinise the belongings of ordinary citizens, including their cupboards and lockers. The City of Taj is set to vote along with nine other seats of western UP in phase three of the elections on May 7. The Prime Minister also accused the opposition INDIA bloc of planning to loot people's 'virasat' (ancestral prop-



erty). "Congress looking at taking away 55 per cent of that property, leaving only 45 per cent with you. Will you allow this to happen?" he asked the gathering while asserting that the Opposition "will have to face Modi" before "usurping" people's possessions. The PM charged the Congress with hatching a conspiracy to bring in religion-based quota while denying SC/ST and OBC communities their due. He claimed that the OBC community was in the cross-hairs of Congress and the Samajwadi Party. Without taking names, PM Narendra Modi on Thursday hit out at the Samajwadi Party-Congress alliance in Uttar Pradesh and alleged that "do shehzade" (two princes) have come together for politics of appeasement. "Can you expect development from the flop pair of 'Do ladkon ki jodi' (a pair of boys)?" he asked at a rally in Shahjahanpur.

Shocking: Jagan Targets Sharmila's "Pasupu Cheera"



There's a huge war of words between the YS family members. While Jagan and Avinash are on one side, Sharmila and Sunitha are on the other side. Sharmila and Sunitha have been relentless with their attack on Jagan and Avinash over the YS Viveka murder case, but Jagan for most part remained tight-lipped. Finally, Jagan Mohan Reddy has reacted on the topic and he has hit it below the belt while reacting on Sharmila going to Chandrababu's house to invite him to her son's

wedding. Speaking at a meeting in Pulivendula, Jagan spoke about Sharmila. "She(Sharmila) wore a yellow saree and went to their house (Chandrababu Naidu) and went on her knees. She's a part of their wicked political plans." This shockingly personal comment from Jagan, the CM of AP on his own sister is leaving many puzzled. The common reaction to this comment from Jagan is that yellow is just another colour and Jagan using this colour saree talk to discriminate against his blood-sharing sister and saying she went on her knees is bemusing. Neutral people are commenting that Jagan must have refrained from such talk keeping in mind that Sharmila gave her blood and sweat for YCP before 2019 election.

Sister Asks Jagan to remove forehead bandage

After the freakish stone pelting incident on CM Jagan Mohan Reddy two weeks ago, he was adequately treated by the medical team. Interestingly, CM Jagan is still seen with a bandage over the injury and this has now led to a satire from his sister YS Sunitha who is fighting against Jagan over YS Vivekananda Reddy's murder case. Sunitha, who is a doctor by profession has now passed a satirical suggestion to her brother Jagan Mohan Reddy over his injury. In her press meet, Sunitha asked Jagan to remove the bandage on his injury as it is important for him to let the injury breathe for it to heal quickly. "The injury that happened to you(Jagan) needs to breathe if it is to heal on time. Having the bandage on it for as many days will lead to injections and pus formation which is not good for you". Sunitha had a satirical tone while giving this suggestion. Amidst the common talk from political opponents that Jagan Mohan Reddy is looking to get sympathy mileage amongst the public by carrying this bandaid on his injury, this satire from Sunitha has become a topic of discussion. But who knows, maybe the YS sister really does seek the well-being of her brother and has a genuine suggestion to him.

Chiru-Pawan-Paritala : A Perfectly Cooked Nellore Gossip



Ever since Megastar Chiranjeevi openly gave support to the candidature of businessman CM Ramesh, who is contesting as Anakapalle MP, there has been widespread criticism of the actor. Also, some of his political enemies now brought up the issue of slain TDP leader Paritala Ravi and how the Mega brothers faced injustice at his hands. Frankly speaking there was/is no single evidence that points out the so-called Pawan Kalyan incident of Paritala

Ravi. Back then, a Nellore based newspaper named Zameen Raithu published an article, saying that a land-grab issue between Paritala Ravi and Chiranjeevi led to a fight, and Pawan Kalyan faced the brunt of the former factionist leader in the same tussle. Right now, political detractors are saying that Chiru ditched Pawan at a crucial time as he gave importance to 500 square yard land. However, there seems to be no truth in all those allegations. In fact, Chiranjeevi indeed owns a piece of land next to Paritala Ravi's house in Jubilee Hills, and the latter has set up a security camp on that site after the infamous bomb attack he survived. But that issue was resolved amicably later, and no tussle has ever taken place. Sources in the know always maintained that Chiranjeevi and Paritala have never even met.



Narendra Modi to visit AP on May 3,4.

Guntur : Prime Minister Narendra Modi likely to visit A.P. on May 3,4 in A.P. for election campaign, it is learnt. He will address the public meeting in Pileru on May 3. After that he will reach Vijayawada. He will participate in the road show from Benz Circle to Kanaka Durga temple in Vijayawada connecting Vijayawada east and Vijayawada West Assembly constituencies. BJP leader Sujana Chowdary is contesting Vijaywada East Assembly constituency in the coming elections. The BJP leaders are feeling that the road show by PM is useful for his victory. On May 4, he will conduct election in favour of BJP state president, Party candidate for Rajahmundry Lok Sabha constituency Daggubati Purandeswari. BJP leaders are making elaborate arrangements to make Narendra Modi visit to A.P. a success.

SC will share cause lists, info about filing and listing of cases through WhatsApp: CJI

New Delhi: The Supreme Court will start sharing information relating to cause lists, and filing and listing of cases to advocates through WhatsApp messages, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud announced on Thursday. The announcement was made by the CJI before a nine-judge bench headed by him commenced the hearing on a vexed legal question arising from the petitions whether private properties can be considered "material resources of the community" under Article 39(b) of the Constitution, which is a part of the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP). In the 75th year, the Supreme Court launches an initiative to strengthen access to justice by integration of WhatsApp messages with the IT services of the Supreme Court," the CJI said. Now, the advocates will receive automated messages about filing the cases, he said, adding that the members of the bar will also get the cause lists, as and when they are published, on mobile phones. A cause list features the cases to be heard by a court on a given day. Tshis is another revolutionary step...." Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said. The CJI also shared the top court's official WhatsApp number and said it will not be receiving any messages and calls. "This will bring a significant change in our working habits and will go a long way in saving papers," Justice Chandrachud said. The top court under the leadership of CJI Chandrachud has been taking steps to digitise the functioning of the judiciary. He said the Centre has sanctioned Rs 7,000 crore for the e-court project. The solicitor general shared the views of the central government and said it was committed to the digitisation of the judiciary to enhance the access for common litigants and lawyers.





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IIT-JEE Mains toppers studied 9 to 12 hours



Hyderabad: IIT-JEE Mains 2024 toppers spoke of their innovative approaches and how they overcame challenges, which resulted in the 15 students scoring the maximum and topping the nation. They were joined by another seven from AP. Achievers from Telangana who scored a 100 percentile are Hundekar Vidith (Rank 5), Muthavarapu Anoop (6), Venkata Sai Teja Madineni (7), Reddi Anil (9), Rohan Sai Pabba (12), Sriyas Mohan Kalluri (13), Kesam Channa Basava Reddy (14), Murikinati Sai Divya Teja Reddy (15), Tavva Dinesh Reddy (24), Rishi Shekher Shukla (19), Ganga Shreyas (35), Polisetty Ritish Balaji (39), Thamam Jayadev Reddy (43), Mavuru Jaswith (49), and Dorisala Srinivasa Reddy (52). M.S. Divya Teja Reddy, 15th ranker, studied 12 hours a day, and found maths to be the most challenging. By specifically targeting my weaknesses, I managed to turn them into strengths," she revealed. She also highlighted the critical support from her parents. Rishi Shekher Shukla, AIR 19, knew he would score full marks after tallying his answers. My study routine of nine hours a day was split equally among the subjects. I focused on quality over quantity, dedicating extra time to particularly difficult questions." He hopes to pursue a degree in artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Nitin Bhandari, 99.92 percentile, emphasised his analytical approach. "Maths was relatively easier. I focused on grasping the concepts and practised predicting the paper through model papers," he explained. He aspires to enter the IISc Bengaluru and become a data scientist. Gurujhnavi Madana, 99.8 percentile, said she had to let go of a lot of things to be able to concentrate on her studies in the past two years and missed family time the most, having lived in a hostel. Jeevan Sagar, 99.94 percentile, said late night study hours and look back at mistakes, helped him hit the target. "Taking healthy, adequate breaks helped me become more efficient." He stayed in a hotel and talking with friends helped ease the pressure. Vishwanath K.S., 99.99 percentile, talked about his evolving confidence and strategic approach to challenging topics in physics. "I didn't expect to do so well initially, but as I understood the concepts behind integrations and differentiations, my confidence grew. Starting my preparations at the beginning of 11th grade really paid off," he said. Rithwik Perumala, 99.98 percentile, spoke about maintaining balance and overcoming difficulties in all the three papers. "Even when I was not scoring the highest marks, my parents never showed any disappointment and that touched me," he said.

Telangana leads with top ranks

Hyderabad: Students from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have made an impressive performance in the IIT-JEE Main 2024 results, announced late on Wednesday night. Out of a total of 56 candidates who scored a perfect NTA score, an impressive count of 15 are from Telangana and 7 from Andhra Pradesh. Among the achievers from Telangana, securing their top ranks amongst the nation's academic elite, are Aditya Kumar (Rank 4), Hundekar Vidith (Rank 5), Muthavarapu Anoop (Rank 6), Venkata Sai Teja Madineni (Rank 7), and Reddi Anil (Rank 9). From Andhra Pradesh, the top rankers include Chintu Sateesh Kumar (Rank 8), Makineni Jishnu Sai (Rank 19), Thota Satvik (Rank 24), Sivashankar Venkata Viswanath (Rank 28), and Patil Pranav Pramod (Rank 51). Also Read - British Council GREAT Scholarships 2024 for Indian Students Advertisement The National Testing Agency (NTA) released the JEE Mains



2024 Paper I results, an examination that saw participation from 10,67,959 aspirants across 319 cities, including 22 international locales. Session 2 of the examination was conducted over several dates in April, following which the provisional answer key was provided on April 12, allowing for objections until April 14. Subsequently, the final answer key was made available on April 21. The number of perfect scores rose significantly from the previous year's 43. This session alone had 56 candidates, including two girls —Sanvi Jain from Karnataka and Shayna Sinha from Delhi—achieving full marks. The qualifying score for JEE (Advanced) registered an uptick, pegged at 93.23 for the unreserved category, up from 90.7 the previous year. The cut-off for Other Backward Classes-Non-Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL) also saw an increase to 79.6 NTA Score from 73.6. The JEE Main exams were conducted in 13 languages, catering to a

diverse demographic of aspiring engineers. NTA said that it dispatched a final scorecard to each candidate's registered email. JEE Main was conducted in two rounds this year, in January and April. Students who participated in both the rounds will get an advantage as their best score will be considered for the final merit list, enabling them to present their optimum performance for securing a place in India's premier engineering institutions. The first session of the JEE Main was held between January 24 and February 1, where 23 students managed to score in the hundredth percentile. JEE Main is the primary test required to get admission to government-sponsored technical colleges like National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), whereas JEE Advanced is primarily required for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). A candidate must pass JEE Main exam to appear for JEE Advanced.

University Of Kent Launches New College For International Students



England's University of Kent recently announced the launch of a new college specifically for international students. It is located in the Cornwallis building on the university's Canterbury campus and is known as the UK International College (UK IC). According to Erudera.com reports ex-

pressing her enthusiasm, Karen Cox, the vice-chancellor of the University of Kent, described the move as "bold" and predicted it would offer a fresh and enriching experience for students. "This will be a tremendous opportunity for them and those who follow in their footsteps to experience student life and academic

study," she stated. According to the media reports, the UK IC, launched officially on April 19, is designed to support international students in their educational journey at Kent University while aligning with the institution's global engagement strategy. In collaboration with the Oxford International Education Group (OIEG), the college will offer various pathways for students, including undergraduate and postgraduate options. This development comes amid recent financial challenges faced by the University of Kent, resulting in the discontinuation of several courses and proposed job cuts.



AICTE Announces Modernized Curriculum For BBA Degrees, Prioritizing Practical Skills

The Chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Professor T.G. Sitharam, inaugurated the Model Curriculum Framework for Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) courses on Wednesday. This framework encompasses BBA, BBA Honors, and BBA Honors with Research programs. Members of the Expert Committee, appointed by AICTE to develop the curriculum, were present at the launch. The committee, headed by Vice Chancellor of Ambedkar University, Delhi, Prof. Anu Singh Lather, includes both academic professionals and industry experts to ensure that the comprehensive curriculum adequately prepares students for industry challenges. Professor T.G. Sitharam emphasized that the curriculum integrates fundamental management principles with global best practices. Additionally, a mandatory three-week induction program has been incorporated to enhance students' communication skills and acquaint them with current and future industry demands. AICTE aims to equip students to tackle global management challenges upon course completion. Two-course durations are being offered: a three-year program spanning 6 semesters and a four-year program spanning 8 semesters. The three-year program comprises 120 credits, while the four-year program comprises 160 credits. The course structure is designed innovatively in alignment with the National Education Policy. Upon completion, students will be awarded a BBA for the three-year program and a BBA Honors or BBA Honors with Research degree for the four-year program. Indian Knowledge System (IKS), human behaviour and organization, Indian constitution, industrial visits/workshops, and mandatory internships are the salient features of this model curriculum. This year, AICTE has expanded its purview to include BBA, BCA, and BMS courses and is actively developing curricula for them. Approximately 4200 institutions have received approval from the council thus far. AICTE has also launched a new scholarship for female students enrolled in BBA courses at AICTE-approved institutions. The council has also started a Faculty Development Program (FDP) for faculty members of AICTE-approved institutions.

Top 5 Engineering Colleges In India Apart From IITs That Accepts JEE Main Score



The results of the second session of JEE Main 2024 have been released by the National Testing Agency (NTA). Fifty-six students, including fifteen from Telangana, achieved a 100 percentile score this year. There are two female students out of the 56. JEE Mains allow students admission into engineering colleges in India. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) remain the top choice for students and many of them dream of getting admission into them. However, not everyone is aware that apart

from the IITs, there are several other top engineering institutes in the country that provide quality education to the students and also accepts JEE Mains scores. Many institutes does not consider JEE Mains Score like the Jadavpur University, Anna University, etc. These institutes have their own separate entrance exams. However, below are the list of Institutes that are top in the country and accepts JEE Mains Score apart from IITs:

1. National Institutes of Technology

(NIT), Tiruchirappalli:

NIRF Ranking - 9

NIT Trichy is another name for NIT Tiruchirappalli. The institute has nine distinct engineering departments in total. The departments of Architecture, Management, Computer Applications, Energy, and Environmental Studies are independent from one another. Thus, the institute consists of a total of eighteen departments. The institute also gives a lot of focus on research and innovation.

Notable Alumni - Shri R.Ravimohan - Managing Director & CEO of CRISIL. He is also a member of technical advisory committee for the Reserve Bank of India. Dr Meyya Meyyappan - Chief Scientist of NASA AMES Research Center USA. Winner of Presidential Meritorious award of the US Govt.

2. National Institute of Technology (NIT), Surathkal:

NIRF Ranking - 12

There are twelve distinct engineering departments at NIT Surathkal, which is located in the Karnataka district of Mangalore. In the list of NITs, this institution is ranked second overall in India. Known for its demanding academic offerings, this esteemed technical institution is among the oldest and most prominent in India. It has a long history of producing accomplished engineers. The institute also offers PhD courses.

Notable Alumni - K. V. Kamath - Board Member of IIM Ahmedabad, ISB, National Institute of Bank Management, Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Schlumberger, Lupin Laboratories. Previous to this, he was also President of New Development Bank of BRICS countries, Chairman of Infosys Ltd., Non-Executive Chairman of ICICI Bank Ltd. Adimulapu Suresh - Minister of Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh.



International News

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Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz reviews police passing out parade in uniform



Lahore: Pakistan Punjab's Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz turned up in a police uniform to review the passing out parade of the provincial police here on Thursday, as per reports. In her address on the occasion, Maryam Nawaz, the daughter of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, said she was happy to see over 650 women become part of the Punjab Police, and recalled how enthused she felt when she saw armed women police officers deployed at different public rallies and events she attends, Geo News reported. "When I saw the female police officers today, I realised that they would have taken their training seriously," she said. She also said that when the Inspector General of Punjab Police invited her to the passing out parade, she accepted it and was eagerly waiting to attend the event. About wearing a police uniform herself, the Chief Minister said when she donned the uniform, she realised how big a responsibility it is. However, she is not the first Chief Minister of Punjab who has donned a police uniform on such an occasion. A picture collage shared by her Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) on X showed that her father, Nawaz Sharif, was also clad in a police uniform when he attended a passing out parade as then Punjab Chief Minister. In her address, Maryam Nawaz, who is the first woman to become a Chief Minister in Pakistan, also spoke about the challenges she had to face and cross in the political journey that led her to the post, which did not come to her for only being Nawaz Sharif's daughter. She also urged parents to trust their girls. The Chief Minister also interacted with the police officers, especially the new women officers, many of whom were much excited to meet and talk to her, after the speech.

Hamas official says group will lay down arms if independent Palestinian state is established

ISTANBUL: A top Hamas political official told The Associated Press that the Islamic militant group is willing to agree to a truce of five years or more with Israel and that it would lay down its weapons and convert into a political party if an independent Palestinian state is established along pre-1967 borders. The comments by Khalil al-Hayya in an interview Wednesday came amid a stalemate in months of talks for a cease-fire in Gaza. The suggestion that Hamas would disarm appeared to be a significant concession by the militant group. But it's unlikely Israel would consider such a scenario. It has vowed to crush Hamas following the deadly Oct. 7 attacks that triggered the war, and its current leadership is adamantly opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state on lands Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war. Al-Hayya, a high-ranking Hamas official who has represented the Palestinian militants in negotiations for a cease-fire and hostage exchange, struck a sometimes defiant and other times conciliatory tone. Speaking to the AP in Istanbul, Al-Hayya said Hamas wants to join the Palestine Liberation Organization, headed by the rival Fatah faction, to



form a unified government for Gaza and the West Bank. He said Hamas would accept "a fully sovereign Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the return of Palestinian refugees in accordance with the international resolutions," along Israel's pre-1967 borders. If that happens, he said, the group's military wing would dissolve. "All the experiences of people who fought against occupiers, when they became independent and obtained their rights and their state, what have these forces done? They have turned into political parties and their defending fighting forces have turned into the national army," he said. Over the years, Hamas has sometimes moderated its public position with respect to the possibility of a Palestinian state alongside Israel. But its political program still officially "rejects any alternative to the full liberation of Pal-

estine, from the river to the sea"—referring to the area reaching from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, which includes lands that now make up Israel. Al-Hayya did not say whether his apparent embrace of a two-state solution would amount to an end to the Palestinian conflict with Israel or an interim step toward the group's stated goal of destroying Israel. There was no immediate reaction from Israel or the Palestinian Authority, the internationally recognized self-ruled government that Hamas drove out when it seized Gaza in 2007, a year after winning Palestinian parliamentary elections. After the Hamas takeover of Gaza, the Palestinian Authority was left with administering semi-autonomous pockets of the Israeli-occupied West Bank. The Palestinian Authority hopes to establish an independent state in the West Bank.

Thousands of flights scrapped as French air traffic controllers strike

PARIS: Thousands of flights were cancelled in France and Europe on Thursday as a strike by French air traffic controllers over pay caused stoppages not seen in decades. Airlines cut more than half of their normal flight schedules at Paris's two main airports, Orly and Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle, with many flights in the southern city of Marseille also grounded. Short- and medium-haul flights were the worst affected, while long-haul services faced the least disruption. Budget airline Ryanair reported 300 cancellations Thursday, and easyJet and Transavia each reported 200. A total of some 2,300 flights arriving at or departing from French airports were forecast for Thursday, against 5,200 the day before, civil aviation authority DGAC told AFP.

Across Europe, some 2,000 more flights were cancelled and another 1,000 forced to change routes to avoid French airspace, the Airlines for Europe trade body said.



North Korea touts ties with Russia on Kim-Putin summit anniversary

Seoul: North Korea on Thursday reaffirmed its commitment to further strengthening ties with Russia on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the first-ever summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Kim and Putin held their first summit in the far eastern Russian city of Vladivostok on April 25, 2019, and also met at Russia's Vostochny spaceport in September last year, Yonhap news agency reported. It is the consistent stand of the DPRK government to attach utmost importance to the DPRK-Russia relations and invariably develop the tradition of deep-rooted friendship," North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Im Chon-il said in an English-language statement uploaded on the ministry's website. DPRK stands

for the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The official said the two nations have strengthened their cooperation and extended full support to each other on the "common front to smash the military threats and provocations, and high-handed and arbitrary practices of the imperialists." "The DPRK-Russia relations rooted in comradeship and militant unity will steadily develop into invincible comradely relations and eternal strategic relations," Im said. Im also reiterated the North's support for Russia in its war with Ukraine and pledged to stand aside the Russian military. Ties between Pyongyang and Moscow have significantly deepened following last year's summit, spawning speculation over their arms deal for Russia's use in the war.

Looking forward to speed up greater economic cooperation with India: Ranil Wickremesinghe



COLOMBO: Sri Lanka is looking to accelerate greater economic cooperation with India with the tourism sector taking the lead, the island nation's President Ranil Wickremesinghe said on Thursday. India's status as a rising economic giant and Sri Lanka's location as a strategic logistics hub will complement each other in driving forward the two economies, he said while addressing the opening of Indian firm ITC Hotels' first overseas property, ITC Ratnadipa here. "I have no doubt

that this icon (ITC Ratnadipa) will help increase tourism into Sri Lanka, more particularly from India. Now these are part of the vision statement which Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi and I signed last year on how do we integrate our economies and we get closer," Wickremesinghe said. The economic background, the convertibility of Indian rupees, all have now been laid, he said, adding, "So this is the start. I think more than any other sector we identified this (tourism) is one which you can start." He further said, "Information technology is another area that we will be moving fast on and there are many other projects that India and Sri Lanka will have here." Highlighting how the two countries stood to gain from greater cooperation,

he said, "India is now one of the rising economic giants and we, Sri Lanka, is in a crucial location for logistics, and next to India." Specifically for the tourism sector, Wickremesinghe said, "I have no doubt that for many years, Sri Lanka will be the appropriate place to spend holiday. In time to come it would be easier for a person in Bengaluru, Chennai or Hyderabad to jump into a plane and come here than go to the northern part of India." Referring to ITC's new hotel, which is one of the biggest investments in Sri Lankan hospitality sector by an Indian firm at around Rs 3,000 crore, he said, "I hope this will encourage many other hotels, many other companies from other parts of the world to come and invest here."

Differences on trade at focus as US secretary of state visits China

Beijing: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken addressed points of difference with China regarding unfair trading practices in talks on Thursday with Shanghai Party Secretary Chen Jining, US press reports said. Blinken pressed, "Chinese officials on a wide range of issues, including its support for Russia, cheap Chinese exports that US officials say threaten American jobs, and Chinese ships' aggressive manoeuvres in the South China Sea," the New York Times reported, citing a senior State Department official. The Chinese Foreign Ministry emphasised that China had always implemented economic and trade cooperation in accordance with market rules. Beijing hoped that the US would respect the principle of fair competition, Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said in Beijing on Thursday. "We have an obligation for our people and, indeed, an obligation for the world to manage the relationship between our two countries responsibly," Blinken told Chen as reporters looked on. "That is the obligation that we have and one that we take very seriously. The direction from US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping was "to deal directly with our differences as we also seek to build cooperation," Blinken said, referring to the meeting between the two leaders in San Francisco in November. Chen responded that since diplomatic ties were launched 45 years ago, the relationship had not always been smooth but also had progressed. The constructive interactions and the stable relation between China and the US have not only advanced our cooperation and exchange in all different aspects.



London resident arrested by NIA in Indian mission attack case

LONDON: A man who was arrested for unlawful activities by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) as part of its investigations into the attack on the High Commission of India here in March 2023 had previously been detained at the Attari border while entering India from Pakistan last year Inderpal Singh Gaba, a resident of Hounslow in west London, was arrested in India on Thursday for committing offences under Section 13(1) of UA (P) Act, Section 2 of the Prevention of Insult of National Honour Act and Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), official sources here said. There were two major violent protests in front of India House in London on March 19 and 22, 2023. On March 19, a large group of protesters were found to have attacked Indian officials, damaged the High Commission building and insulted the Indian National Flag. On March 22, they chanted anti-India slogans, insulted the Indian National Flag again and indulged in unlawful and threatening behaviour, according to the reports logged by the NIA following the incidents. As part of the investigation, several suspects were examined, and seizures were made after conducting searches at 31 locations in Punjab and Rajasthan. An investigation team of the NIA had also visited London, sources said. LOC [Look Out Circular] was opened against several suspects, including Inderpal Singh Gaba. Singh was detained at the Attari border on 09.12.2023 when he entered India from Pakistan. As part of the investigation, his mobile phone was seized and data was extracted and analysed. Investigation revealed that protests on 19.03.2023 and 22.03.2023 were part of the larger conspiracy to attack Indian missions and its officials, they said. The violent protests in March last year were repeatedly raised in the British Parliament and there has since been a very visible Metropolitan Police security presence outside the High Commission of India in London.

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BUSINESS



IndiGo places order for 30 Airbus A350 aircraft to enter long-haul markets

NEW DELHI: IndiGo has placed a firm order for 30 Airbus A350-900 aircraft as the country's largest airline is all set to enter the long-haul market (to and from India) which is currently dominated by global airlines such as Emirates and Qatar Airways. Among the Indian carriers, only Tata Group airlines (Air India and Vistara) operates long-haul flights from India. IndiGo said on Thursday this order will allow them to connect various Indian cities to the world as A350s have the range to fly non-stop to destinations such as western Europe, Australia and possibly the US. IndiGo currently has a fleet of narrow-body aircraft. It will become the second airline in the country, after Air India, to induct the A350 craft. The exact configuration of IndiGo's Airbus A350 will be decided at a later stage, and the deliveries are expected to start in 2027. In addition to the 30-plane order, IndiGo has purchased rights for an additional 70 Airbus

A350 family aircraft, at its discretion, for possible future needs under certain conditions. "For IndiGo, after pioneering the Indian skies with an unprecedented journey, its fleet of 30 Airbus A350-900 aircraft will allow IndiGo to embark on its next phase of becoming one of the leading global aviation players," said Pieter Elbers, CEO of IndiGo. The Gurugram-based airline was earlier reported to be in talks with Boeing to induct wide-body planes. Owing to troubles at Boeing, the discussions could not materialise and IndiGo decided to extend its partnership with Airbus. IndiGo's A350 aircraft will be powered by Rolls Royce's Trent XWB engine. Ewen McDonald, chief customer officer, Rolls-Royce plc, said, "This substantial order from IndiGo for our Trent XWB-84 engines is a great win for Rolls-Royce... India is an important market for Rolls-Royce. Future promises to be exciting, with major infrastructure developments and further growth expected in air travel."

Vedanta profit declines 27% to Rs 1,369 crore

NEW DELHI: Vedanta Ltd's net profit declined by 27% to Rs 1,369 crore for the quarter ending March 31, 2024, due to rising finance costs and weak prices of metals such as zinc, copper, and aluminium. It had reported Rs 1,881 crore net profit in Q4FY23. Its revenue from operations fell 6% to Rs 34,937 crore in the quarter. Consolidated EBITDA fell 4% to Rs 8,969 crore in Q4FY24 from a year earlier. Vedanta reported a reduction in net debt to Rs 56,338 crore as of March 31, down Rs 6,155 crore from Q4FY23. The company said an improvement in its net debt to EBITDA ratio from 1.7 times as of December 31 to about 1.5.

Apple Unveils OpenELM AI Models for On-Device Tasks: Details

Apple has taken a significant step in the realm of artificial intelligence (AI) with the release of OpenELM, a family of four lightweight AI models now available on the Hugging Face model library. These models are designed to perform efficiently on-device, suggesting potential integration into Apple's lineup of devices, including the iPhone, iPad, and Mac. This move by Apple comes amidst growing competition in the AI space, with companies like Microsoft and Google making rapid advancements. While Apple's AI endeavours have lagged behind its competitors, recent developments signal a shift towards bolstering its AI capabilities. Talks with tech giants like Google and OpenAI hint at potential collaborations to leverage their AI models on iPhones, though these initiatives are still in progress. The newly released OpenELM models mark a notable stride for Apple's AI initiatives. Developed to handle small tasks effectively, such as email composition, these models are trained on publicly available datasets using the CoreNet library. The training data includes a variety of sources, totalling approximately 1.8 trillion tokens. The OpenELM family comprises models with vary-



ing parameters, ranging from 70 million to 3 billion, reflecting the diversity of tasks they can undertake. Parameters, crucial metrics in AI models, determine the extent of variables the model can learn from during decision-making processes. Apple's release of OpenELM aims to contribute to the open research community by granting access to cutting-edge language models and fostering innovation and collaboration in AI research. Apple's foray into AI extends beyond the release of OpenELM. The company has been actively exploring AI applications, which is evident in its development of frameworks like MLX for optimized AI performance on Apple Silicon-powered devices. Additionally, initiatives such as the MLLM-Guided Image Editing tool demonstrate Apple's commitment to integrating AI into various facets of user experience. Recent breakthroughs in AI training methodologies, showcased in Apple's research paper titled "MM1: Methods, Analysis & Insights from Multimodal LLM Pre-training," underscore the company's dedication to advancing AI capabilities. Collaboration across departments, including software engineering, machine learning, and cloud engineering, signifies a concerted effort.

India continues to be the fastest growing major economy: Finance ministry

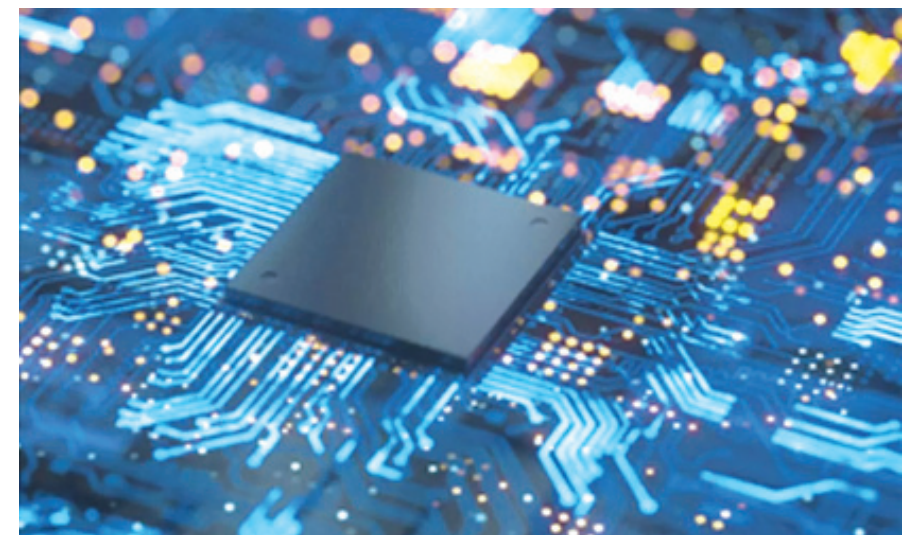
NEW DELHI: India continues to be the fastest-growing major economy, with positive assessments of the growth outlook for the current financial year for India by international organisations and the central bank, finance ministry said Thursday in its monthly economic review report. "Factors such as strong domestic demand, rural demand pickup, robust investment, and sustained manufacturing momentum have contributed to India's resilience. Projections by RBI and IMF forecast high growth rates for India, further reinforcing its positive outlook," the ministry said. In its April 2024 World Economic Outlook (WEO), the IMF increased its projection for India's real GDP growth in FY24 to 7.8%, up from 6.7% in January 2024 and 6.3% in October 2023. According to the report, the global economy is gradually recovering, with diminishing recession concerns and improving growth in key economies. Yet, regional variations exist, with certain areas facing subdued economic conditions. Despite these disparities, leading indicators point towards a general economic upswing fuelled by growth in manufacturing and service sectors. As per the report, globally, managing inflation remains crucial. In India, retail inflation in FY2023-24 dropped notably to its lowest point post the Covid-19 crisis. Consequently, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee decided to maintain current policy rates, emphasizing the need to further reduce inflation to stabilize it at the 4% target consistently. The RBI has projected retail inflation at 4.5% for FY 25. The report highlighted that India's exports narrowed on account of slowdown in demand in developed economies and decrease in global commodity prices. "The



slowing of trade has resulted in the merchandise trade deficit narrowing in FY2023-24, as exports have shown a smaller contraction than imports. However, the non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery merchandise exports have shown resilience with a sustained uptick in the last few months, growing at 3 per cent in FY2023-24," the report stated. In India, retail inflation in FY24 dropped notably to its lowest point post Covid19. Consequently, the RBI's MPC decided to maintain current policy rates, emphasizing the need to further reduce inflation to stabilize it at the 4% target consistently. The RBI has projected retail inflation at 4.5% for FY25

RBI increases minimum net owned fund for ARCs to Rs 300 cr

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday issued a master direction to the asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) increasing the minimum net owned fund (NOF) to Rs 300 crore from the Rs 100 crore now. An ARC buys non-performing loans or bad assets from banks and financial institutions for a mutually agreeable amount at an upfront payment of 15% and later recover the money from the borrower, thus cleaning up their balance sheets. The RBI said the higher NOF requirement of Rs 300 crore, which will go up on an ongoing basis, is to ensure prudent and efficient functioning of ARCs, which number more than two dozens now, and to protect the interest of investors. As per the new direction, "to commence business of securitisation or asset reconstruction, an ARC is required to have NOF of Rs 300 crore and thereafter, on an ongoing basis. Before commencing the business of securitisation or asset reconstruction.



ICEA shares blueprint for India to become a global leader in chip value chain

New Delhi: As India embarks on its ambitious semiconductor journey, providing strategic support for chip design firms, bridging the skill gap, enhancing funding mechanisms, leveraging global opportunities and investing in refurbished fabrication units will catapult the country to the forefront of the global semiconductor industry, a report showed on Thursday. In March, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for three semiconductor projects worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore. The first 'Make in India' chip is all set to arrive in December, from the Rs 22,500 crore Micron semiconductor plant in Gujarat. According to Union Railways and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the country will not only meet its demand for semiconductors by 2029 but also start exporting them, while fabricating "300 crore semiconductor chips in a year". In light of

recent developments in the domestic chip manufacturing sector, the India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) released a report here that details the strategic roadmap and actionable recommendations for the country, specifically building semiconductor design and core IP creation. "As we navigate through a transformative era in electronics manufacturing and hi-tech technology, India stands at a pivotal juncture to redefine its role in the semiconductor value chain," said Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman of ICEA, which is the electronics industry's apex body. The report emphasised the critical need to develop a holistic design ecosystem that encompasses the entire electronics value chain. This includes encouraging major Indian corporates and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to delve into semiconductor design and core IP creation, thereby ensuring a vibrant domestic semiconductor design landscape. It also advocated for significant governmental and policy support, recommending the inclusion of mask sets in the design-linked incentive (DLI) scheme. "Subsidising the cost of mask sets by up to 80 per cent for Indian design firms is proposed as a measure to facilitate the emergence of a strong Indian Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) framework," the findings showed. It also underscored the importance of innovative funding approaches to support the semiconductor design ecosystem. "With the global shift in semiconductor manufacturing dynamics, particularly due to US sanctions on China, ICEA sees a strategic opportunity for India to advance into sub-14 nm technology nodes," the report mentioned. India could leverage spare capacities, like Taiwanese giant TSMC's for 7nm technologies, to accelerate its entry into advanced semiconductor manufacturing.

'Successful conclusion of VI FPO of Rs 18,000 crore marks turning point for the telecom industry': Birla



NEW DELHI: The successful conclusion of Vodafone Idea's follow-on public offer (FPO) of Rs 18,000 crore, India's largest FPO, marks a turning point for the telecom industry, said Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman of Aditya Birla Group and promoter of Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL). Speaking at the Vodafone Idea FPO ceremony held at the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Thursday, April 25, Birla advocated for the presence of three private telecom companies in a nation of 1.4 billion people. Emphasizing the significance of a revitalized Vodafone Idea for India, he described the moment as the commencement of Vodafone Idea 2.0. "The emphatic oversubscription of the FPO - with the overall book being subscribed 7 times and the institutional book being subscribed 19 times - demonstrates the tremendous potential of the India digital story and Vodafone Idea's role in it," said Birla. Birla also mentioned that the robust engagement from both foreign and domestic investors is heartening. According to him, the full subscription of the retail portion is truly commendable, given the sheer scale of the offer. India's third largest telecom operator, Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL)'s Rs 18,000 crore FPO subscribed 6.56 times, with investor bid for 8,011.8 crore equity shares. This marks the largest FPO ever subscribed in India, surpassing previous records set by Yes Bank's Rs 15,000 crore and ONGC's Rs 10,542 crore offerings. While talking about using the fund, Birla mentioned that the proceeds from this fund raise are earmarked for a significant capital expenditure cycle. He is confident that on the back of this fund raise and continued support from banks, Vodafone Idea will stage a smart turnaround. "Vodafone Idea, today, is not just a telecom company. It is a national asset - with 215 million users, about 8000 MHz spectrum and a network that spans Kashmir to Kanyakumari," said Birla. The debt-laden telco, Vodafone Idea, has been losing subscribers to its competitors due to poor investment in its infrastructure and its delayed launch of 5G services. While its competitors, Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, launched their 5G services in 2022, Vodafone Idea is still to launch commercial 5G services in the country.

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HEALTH

Delicious oat recipes to curb cravings and lose belly fat

Oats are great for your overall health. It contains fiber, vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, all of which support your bodily functions. From supporting your digestive health to aiding your weight loss goals, oats provide several health benefits. What's wonderful about this food item is that it can be prepared in varied ways and in the simplest manner. Here's a look at 5 such recipes that can help you achieve your fitness goals.

Oats pancake :

Ingredients: 1/2 cup rolled oats 1/2 cup milk 2 eggs A pinch of salt 1 tsp vanilla extract 2 tsp sugar 1 tbsp baking powder 5 tsp cinnamon Maple syrup or vegan coconut Add oats in a grinder and blend to form fine powder. Add milk, eggs, salt, vanilla extract, baking powder, sugar, and 2 tbsp of Cinnamon.

Blend together and form a batter. Heat a non-stick pan.

Sprinkle 1/4 of cooking oil to grease the surface. Pour a spoonful batter and spread in a circular motion. Cook till it turns light brown on both sides. Serve it warm with some maple syrup to top it off.

Instant oats dosa :

Ingredients: 1 cup rolled oats 1/2 cup rice flour 1/4 cup rava 1 tsp salt 2 1/2 cup water 1 tsp cumin 1 inch ginger 1/2 onion 2 tbsp coriander Oil Add one cup of oats to a blender and grind until you get a fine powder.

Transfer it to a bowl and add salt, cumin seeds, rice flour and fine rava. Add finely chopped onions, coriander leaves, minced ginger and garlic and chopped green chilli.

Add some water and mix the

ingredients together to form a smooth batter. Heat a tawa and carefully pour the dosa batter. Sprinkle some oil and lower the flame. Cook until the dosa is golden brown and fold. Serve oats dosa with some green and coconut chutney.

Oats idli :

Ingredients: 1 cup oats (rolled oats) 3 tsp oil 1 tsp mustard 1/2 tsp urad dal 1 tsp chana dal 1/2 tsp cumin / jeera 1/2 tsp ginger paste 2 chilli (finely chopped) 1 carrot (grated) 1/4 tsp turmeric 1/2 cup rava / semolina / suji (coarse) 1/2 cup curd / yogurt 1 cup water 2 tbsp coriander (finely chopped) 3/4 tsp salt Dry roast oats in a tawa and blend them in a mixer to form smooth powder. Heat a pan, add oil, mustard seeds, cumin seeds, urad dal, chana dal and ginger paste. Next, add finely chopped onions, green chillies, grated carrots, and finely chopped coriander. Add 1/2 tsp turmeric powder and salt to taste and let it fry. Now, add the rava and

roast on low flame. Add powdered oats. Mix well with curd and create a proper idli batter. Pour the batter in greased idli steamer plates and steam for 15 minutes. Once ready, serve warm.

Oats khichdi :

Ingredients: 2 tsp ghee 1 tsp cumin Hing 1/2 onion 1 tsp ginger garlic paste 1 chilli 1 tomato 4 beans 3 tbsp peas 1 carrot 1/2 tsp turmeric 1/2 tsp chilli powder 1 tsp salt 1/2 cup moong dal 1 cup rolled oats 4 cup water 2 tbsp coriander Heat ghee in a pressure cooker, add the cumin seeds and let it crackle. Add hing, chopped onion and cook until they are translucent. Add ginger, green chillies and tomatoes and cook for some more seconds. Then add all the spices and mix well. Add the vegetables and rinsed moong dal next along with the cooking oats. Add water and salt and pressure cook for 1-2 whistles. Once done, garnish with coriander leaves and serve hot.

Oats upma :

Ingredients: 1 cup rolled oats 1 tsp oil 1 tsp mustard 1/2 tsp urad dal 1/2 tsp jeera kaju 1 inch ginger 2 chilli 1/2 onion 1/2 carrot 5 beans 1/4 capsicum 2 tbsp peas 1/2 tsp turmeric 3/4 tsp salt 1 cup water 2 tbsp coriander 2 tbsp coconut 1 tsp lemon juice Heat oil in a kadai, add mustard seed, jeera, urad dal, and cashews. Saute well and add ginger, chilli and onion. Ne xt carrot, beans, capsicum, peas, turmeric and salt. Mix well. Add wa ter and bring it to a boil. Add in roasted oats and mix well. Cover and simmer until the oats are cooked properly. Top it off with some salt, coriander, coconut and lemon juice. Your healthy oats upma is ready.



Stress urinary incontinence (SUI) is a common condition that affects millions of people around the world. It is defined as the accidental leakage of urine due to physical stress, such as coughing, laughing, or exercising. SUI can be a frustrating and embarrassing condition, but it is treatable and manageable with the right approach. In this article, we will explore the causes of SUI and the available treatment options.

What are the possible causes of stress urinary incontinence?

Dr. Ruchi Bhandari, Consultant Gynaecologist, Infertility Specialist, Director, Mishka IVF Centre, Jaipur, says,

"The main cause of SUI is a weak pelvic floor. The pelvic floor muscles help to support the bladder and control urination. Over time, these mus-

cles can weaken, leading to SUI. Pregnancy and childbirth, menopause, aging, and obesity can also contribute to the weakening of the pelvic floor muscles and increase the risk of SUI. Women are more likely to experience SUI than men, but anyone can be affected by this condition." type of surgery is known as a sling procedure and can be effective in treating SUI," says Dr. Bhandari. Another effective treatment is Laser therapy, a non-surgical, minimally invasive procedure that uses CO2 lasers to help resolve the condition. The treatment is performed by cosmetic gynecologists and aims to improve the strength and elasticity of the pelvic floor

What causes stress urinary incontinence and how to treat it?

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How to treat stress urinary incontinence?

To treat SUI, there are several options available. Pelvic floor muscle exercises, also known as Kegels, are a common and effective treatment for SUI. These exercises help to strengthen the pelvic floor muscles, which can help to prevent and manage SUI. Lifestyle changes, such as losing weight, quitting smoking, and avoiding bladder irritants, can also help to reduce the symptoms of SUI.

Exercise to strengthen pelvic floor muscles:

Sit comfortably and squeeze the pelvic floor muscles 10 to 15 times to strengthen them. Breathe normally and avoid tensing your leg, bottom, or stomach muscles at the same moment. You might try holding each squeeze for a few seconds once you grow used to performing pelvic floor exercises.

Medications and surgery for stress urinary incontinence:

"Medications, such as antimuscarinics and beta-3 agonists, can also be prescribed to help relax the bladder muscles and reduce SUI. In severe cases, surgery may be necessary to repair the pelvic floor muscles or bladder neck. This

muscles.

Additionally, the results of laser treatment for SUI can last for several years, reducing the need for bulky and uncomfortable incontinence products. By resolving SUI, women can experience improved quality of life and increased confidence.

The takeaway:

In conclusion, SUI is a common condition that affects millions of people around the world. With the right approach, SUI is treatable and manageable. Pelvic floor muscle exercises, lifestyle changes, medications, surgery, and laser treatment are all effective treatment options for SUI. If you are experiencing symptoms of SUI, it is important to consult a healthcare provider to determine the best treatment plan for your specific case.

Do you have nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)?

Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis refers to a form of NAFLD in which the liver is inflamed and damaged due to excess fat cells. NASH often remains silent and may lead to digestive complications in the advanced stages of fatty liver disease, when up to 75 percent of the liver is functionally inactive, according to health experts. Following are some of the digestive complications to note:

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) refers to a range of conditions caused by a build-up of fat in the liver. People who are overweight or obese are at a higher risk of NAFLD. The condition gradually progresses and often there aren't any apparent signs to spot the condition during early stages. However, if the condition worsens, it can manifest through a variety of gastrointestinal issues that continue to worsen over time. Without timely treatment, it can lead to serious liver damage, including cirrhosis.

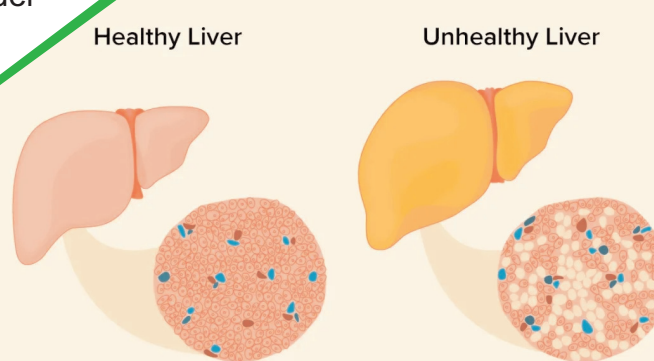
What causes non-alcoholic fatty liver disease?

Bloating : According to the World Journal of Gastroenterology, up to 80 percent of patients with cirrhosis report one or more gastrointestinal symptoms. "The most common GI symptoms reported include abdominal bloating in 49.5 percent of patients," noted one body of research published in the journal. Bloating may happen due to a buildup of fluid in the abdominal cavity. If left untreated, this fluid buildup can lead to abdominal infections.

Abdominal pain : Most patients with NAFLD are asymptomatic or have vague upper abdominal pain. It is usually a dull or aching pain. Along with abdominal pain, they may also experience nausea and loss of appetite.

Indigestion : A 2014 research titled 'Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease increases risk for gastroesophageal reflux symptoms' found a positive association between NAFLD and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) signs such as heartburn, regurgitation (when a mixture of gastric juices and sometimes undigested food rises back up the esophagus and into the mouth) and belching.

Trouble digesting and eliminating food : You may experience a feeling of fullness in the upper right side of the abdomen, along with having trouble digesting and eliminating food.





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Resignation Politics Current Trend In Telangana?

Guarantees and the BRS has been targeting the Congress for failing to implement the same. Harish Rao added intensity to the issue and has been targeting Revanth Reddy to implement the loan waiver of Rs 2 lakhs. To this, Revanth Reddy said that the waiver will be implemented before August 15. Harish Rao is demanding Revanth Reddy to implement the scheme and said that he is ready to resign if this happens. We have seen some tense scenes with Harish Rao visiting the Martyrs' Memorial. He was accompanied by a few other leaders. The other day, Harish Rao threw a big challenge that if Revanth Reddy implements the farm loan waiver and other promises before the 15th of August then he is ready to resign as the MLA. He said that if this happens then the intellectuals in the state can submit the resignation to the Speaker. Now Revanth Reddy gave a strong response to the dare thrown by Harish Rao. The Chief Minister said that he is accepting the dare of Harish Rao and he will implement Rs 2 lakh farm loan waiver before August 15 and urged Harish to get his resignation ready. Adding further Revanth Reddy said that it would not be a big

Everyone knows that Congress and BRS are political rivals in Telangana. We have seen many times how the parties locked horns with each other. It's been ten years since the state was formed and the rivalry is still intact. While there is no change in the equations, their positions changed. The BRS slipped to opposition status while the Congress is in power. We have to say that the fight between the parties has become even more intense of late. We are seeing a war of words between the parties on many issues. The Phone tapping row can be cited as an example. Resignation politics is appearing as the current trend in the state with two leaders making sensational comments. The Loan Waiver issue is getting all the attention with two big leaders targeting each other and making explosive comments. It is known that Congress came to power with the Six



issue to give Rs 40,000 Cr if not for the losses left by the BRS government. The CM also took a dig at Harish Rao's resignation letter and asked if it was in the right format or not.



Lok Sabha Elections To Be Costly Affair In Terms Of Expenditure

India is not just a growing soft power but also a big democratic nation. India is dubbed as the biggest democracy in the world and it is no wonder that the elections are getting the attention of the world. As an example of this, the international media is also covering the elections and related issues. The Lok Sabha elections are underway and the first phase of elections has concluded already. Now an interesting thing has come out on the cost of the elections. A firm said that the Lok Sabha elections will go down as the costliest polls in the world. Centre for Media Studies (CMS) which has been tracing the elections for over three decades said that the estimated cost for the Lok Sabha elections is Rs 1.35 lakh crore. The amount which is seen as the estimated cost is quite high. There was a big jump in the estimated cost compared to the previous elections. CMS said that as much as Rs 60,000 cr were spent in 2029 polls and the same increased by over two folds for the 2024 polls. The costs include all the costs that come from various corners and parties.

The firm said that the estimated costs include the money which was spent by Election Commission, parties, government, candidates and other organisations. It is said that the estimation was changed after the electoral bonds issue came to light due to the push of money through the bonds. As a crackdown on the estimation costs, the first said that on average Rs 1400 would be spent on a single voter which is more than the US. There are as many as 96.6 cr voters in the country and the money which might be spent on the elections on various aspects would be Rs 1.35 lakh crore. Earlier it was predicted that the estimated costs would be Rs 1.2 lakh crore which was later changed to Rs 1.35 lakh crore.



SC rejects pleas on 100% cross VVPAT verification

New Delhi: As the country voted in round two of Election 2024, the Supreme Court on Friday rejected pleas seeking complete cross-verification of votes cast using EVMs with a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and said "blindly distrusting" any aspect of the system can breed unwarranted scepticism. Weighing in on the intensely debated issue that has long divided parties, a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta delivered two concurring verdicts and dismissed all the pleas in the matter, including those seeking to go back to ballot papers in elections. It also maintained that "democracy is all about striving to build harmony and trust between all institutions". The Supreme Court's long anticipated verdict quickly found echo in the politicalscape with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying at a rally in Araria in Bihar that it was a "tight slap" on the Congress-led opposition which now must "apologise" for committing the "sin of creating distrust" against electronic voting machines.

Film Stars Give Political Campaigns A Miss in TS, AP



HYDERABAD: Election campaigns are not just about high-decibel sounds and passionate speeches by leaders, but they are also about star power — which

actor is campaigning for whom. In fact, in Telugu states, political parties would make a list of star campaigners before they even draw up the schedule. However, this election seems to be different. Star campaigners are clearly missing in action in the election campaign in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state. Strangely enough, top Tollywood stars have been conspicuous by their absence in the campaign trail. In the previous elections, it was not uncommon to see big names from the Telugu film industry like megastar Chiranjeevi, power star Pawan Kalyan, and Jr NTR campaign for political parties. Stars would not only draw humongous crowds, but were also capable of making or breaking the fortunes of political parties, not to mention a sense of excitement among fans.

Teenager Rescues 50 Workers from Blaze in Rangareddy

HYDERABAD: An Intermediate student, Sai Charan, 17, helped rescue about 50 workers after fire broke out at the Allen Homoeo and Herbal Products Limited unit at Nan digama in Shadnagar of Rangareddy district on Friday. Thanks to his action, only one person sustained injuries. Ch aran, who was passing by, noticed the fire and, rushed in and found a rope inside the premises. Climbing up a window sill, he



held the rope and helped 50 workers who were trapped escape. Fire personnel thanked Charan for his effort. Fire services personnel who had reached the spot by then also helped in the rescue.

BRS Leader Says Etela Wins Malkajgiri Seat



Etela Rajender has come a long way. Earlier he was with the BRS and actively participated in the Telangana movement. After the BRS came to power he was given the Cabinet Ministry. When everything was going well, things turned tough between him and the party which led to a big gap. His Ministry was stripped and he eventually left the party and joined the BJP. He won the by-poll in Huzurabad. However, he lost the 2023 polls as Koushik Reddy won the elections. Practically speaking Etela is the political rival of the BRS. Amid this, a senior BRS leader who was the Cabinet Minister in the previous term made interesting comments. He and Etela met at an occasion and they had a friendly conversation. Interestingly, the BRS leader said that Etela will win the MP elections this time. Etela and former Minister Malla Reddy attended a wedding. The two leaders greeted each other with smiles on their faces. Malla Reddy went to Etela and hugged him and asked people to take pictures of him with his brother Etela. Malla Reddy said that he will win the MP polls. This video is a sensation in the political picture now in the wake of the elections.

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GHMC kicks off summer camps



Hyderabad: The much awaited annual summer camps that covers multiple sporting activities of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) for children in the twin cities was inaugurated on Thursday. The GHMC Commissioner, Ronald Rose participated in the inaugural of sports camps at PJR Stadium in Chandanagar and Kukatpally Housing Board (KPHB) Colony ground. The summer special sports camps are being held at over 900 centres across the city spanning 37 days till May 31 for boys and girls aged between six and sixteen years. This year, coach-

ing is being given in 44 different sports including cricket, tennis, swimming, karate, basketball, kabaddi, and others. In addition to these, indoor games will also be arranged at the grounds if requested. Stating that children need to be active in playing sports along with education, the Commissioner encouraged parents to support their children pursue the sports of their choice. "These camps are organised every summer by GHMC. It is to reduce the mental pressure of children who are tired of studying throughout the year," he said, in a press statement, adding that children who

participated in camps here have grown up to be state-level and national-level players. For each sport, along with experienced coaches, quality equipment has been procured for the children. The cost for the camp is quite affordable ranging between Rs. 10 and Rs. 50. In the last leg of the camps, multiple competitions are also planned where children will be rewarded and presented certificates. Zonal Commissioner Abhilasha Abhinav, officials from the GHMC sports department, coaches, students, and their parents participated in this inaugural program.

Arjun Babuta breaches finals world record en route to commanding victory

New Delhi: Arjun Babuta breached the existing finals world record (FWR) in men's 10m air rifle on way to a commanding win in the ongoing Olympic Selection Trials (OST) 1&2 for Rifle and Pistol at the Karni Singh Range in New Delhi on Thursday. Babuta, the 25-year-old Paris Olympics quota winner, shone with a sensational tally of 254.0 in the OST T1 final. The score was 0.3 above the mark set by fellow finalist and India teammate Divyansh Singh Panwar at the Cairo World Cup earlier this year. Also registering wins in their respective OST T1 final matches were Nancy (women's 10m air rifle), Varun Tomar (men's 100m air pistol) and Rhythm Sangwan (women's 10m air pistol). Babuta's score-sheet had two perfect 10.9s, besides 13 shots which were 10.6 and above. His lowest score of 10.0 came on the 21st shot, by which time he had already established a huge lead over the field, winning by 2.8 points in the end over 2022 world champion Rudranksh Patil (251.2). Sri Karthik Sabari Raj (229.6) was third. Nancy too excelled in the women's 10m air rifle, securing a comfortable win in OST T1 final. Her tally of 253.4, missed the world mark by 0.6, but it was sufficient to ward off quota holder Mehuli Ghosh by 0.7 points (252.7). Olympian Elavenil Valarivan (230.5) was



third. The men's 10m air pistol final saw Paris quota holder Varun Tomar secure yet another comfortable victory, with a score of 244.1. Ravinder Singh (240.0) was 4.1 points behind in second, while Varun's fellow Paris quota holder Sarabjot Singh (217.4) picked up the final podium spot.

RCB Beats SRH by 35 Runs



Hyderabad: Royal Challengers Bengaluru defeated Sunrisers Hyderabad by 35 runs in their IPL match here on Thursday. Opting to bat, RCB rode on Virat Kohli's steady 43-ball 51, a quickfire 20-ball 50 from Rajat Patidar and Cameron Green's 20-ball 37 not out to post 206 for seven in their 20 overs. In reply, SRH were restricted to 171 for 8. Shahbaz Ahmed (40 not out), opener Abhishek Sharma (31) and Pat Cummins (31) tried their best for SRH. Swapnil Singh (2/40), Karn Sharma (2/29) and Cameron Green (2/12) claimed two wickets each for RCB. Brief Scores: Royal Challengers Bengaluru: 206 for 7 in 20 overs (Rajat Patidar 50, Virat Kohli 51; Jaydev Unadkat 3/30). Sunrisers Hyderabad: 171 for 8 in 20 overs (Abhishek Sharma 31, Pat Cummins 31; Karn Sharma 2/29)

There is more confidence and self-belief within the team: Ireland captain Delany



CHENNAI: Despite not facing the United Arab Emirates ever before in the T20Is, Ireland registered a win in the T20 World Cup Qualifiers opener at the Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi. In the lead-up to the tournament, captain Laura Delany spoke to This Daily about learnings from the World Cup in 2023, youngsters in the side, and how contracts have changed the way the side plays cricket. I think, there is a lot more confidence and self-belief within the team. This will probably be one of the most challenging qualifiers we have been part of looking

at the teams we are playing against. For example Zimbabwe. We won the series against them but they were missing a few key players. We have never played against the likes of Vanuatu or UAE. So there are going to be challenges that we have never faced before. I think, having gone to the World Cup in South Africa, a few players really stood out and showed that they could compete against some of the best sides in the world. You take a lot of confidence from that. You can see that the likes of Amy Hunter and Orla Prendergast have performed over the last 12 months and I hope they keep going from strength to strength. There is a lot of depth in the side and we will see that throughout the tournament. It is an incredibly exciting time for Ireland cricket right now to see these two young players show no fear whatsoever while playing such aggressive and attacking cricket in this format. They are not scared of doing it against the best sides in the world. It is a great place to be in. They have got so much time to learn about their game and gain that experience.

Indian men's recurve team reaches final

Indian men's recurve team stormed into the final of Archery World Cup Stage 1 on Thursday after beating Italy. The Indian team comprising Tarundeep Rai, Dhiraj Bommadevara and Pravin Jadhav are assured of a medal after reaching the final and beating Italy 5-1 without dropping a set to set up a summit clash against the top-seeded South Korea. India will be up against the South Korean Tokyo Olympics gold medal winning trio of Kim Woojin, Lee Woo Seok and Kim Je Deok in the gold medal clash slated on Sunday. The top-seeded Korean trio defeated their Chinese Taipei rivals Tan Chih-Chun, Lin Zih-Siang and Tai Yu-Hsuan in straight sets 6-0. In the compound event, former world youth champion Priyansh and reigning Asian Games gold-medallist Jyothi Surekha Vennam advanced to their respective individual semi-finals to also remain in the hunt for a medal. Having got a first round bye in the season-opening tournament, the second-seeded men's recurve team overcame a first set deficit to beat 15th seeded Indonesia 5-3 in their tricky opening

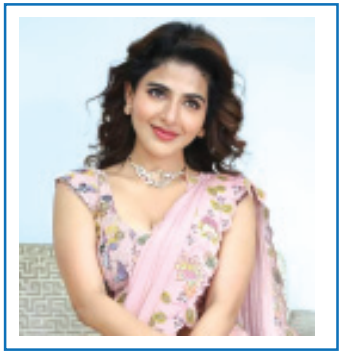


clash. They were back to their best against seventh-seeded Spain as they began by dropping just one point before cruising to a 5-1 win to make the semifinals. The Indian women's team of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Bhajan Kaur, which got the sixth rank in the qualifiers, managed a below-par show and lost a 3-1 lead to get down to Mexico in its opening clash.



Khel Ratna Awardee Ronjan Sodhi throws hat in ring for chef-de-mission of Indian contingent

Khel Ratna Award-winning shooter Ronjan Sodhi has expressed interest in filling in as chef-de-mission of the Indian contingent for this year's Paris Olympics, a position that had been occupied by boxing legend MC Mary Kom until recently. Sodhi, who has won multiple medals across ISSF World Cups, Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games, decided to throw his hat in the ring two weeks after Mary Kom stepped down from the role due to personal reasons. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had on 21 March named 2012 London Olympics bronze medallist Mary Kom as chef-de-mission and veteran table tennis player Sharath Kamal as their flag-bearer for the opening ceremony. The former, however, would re-use herself from the role in just three weeks on 12 April. Confirming the development, Ajay Narang, executive assistant to IOA president PT Usha, told PTI on Thursday that the IOA had received an e-mail and a letter from Sodhi for the post of chef-de-mission for the Games, scheduled from 26 July till 11 August. "We have received a letter and an e-mail (from Sodhi). Dr Usha and EC members will decide when that (decision to appoint a Chef-de-Mission) is going to happen." "These are sensitive issues, there are many other things involved, including accreditation and many other agencies get involved into taking such a decision. I will not be able to give a pointer because I have no idea," said Narang on when and who would be appointed the chef-de-mission. "Dr Usha is aware of it (letter and e-mail), but right now she is in Kerala preparing for elections. The decision can only be taken in May." Asked if any other names were in the fray, Narang said he had no idea. Sodhi, the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games gold medallist and two-time World Cup final winner in double-trap shooting, said he had sent his credentials to the IOA. "Being former world No 1 and world record holder and multiple World Cup medallist and an Olympian, I deem myself fit (for the post). I'm also mentoring a lot of young, budding sportspersons across different disciplines and not just shooting," said Sodhi, the Khel Ratna awardee in 2013.



Hindi Market Relying On South Flicks For Business



While Bollywood had a stellar 2023, things are not looking great this year once again. With movies like 'Pathaan', 'Jawan', 'Gaddar 2', 'Animal' and others doing great business, experts thought Bollywood cinema is back to its glory. But big movies are backfiring once again this year. People expected a lot from movies like 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' and 'Maidaan' which failed to get commercial success. Akshay and Tiger's film was a colossal failure while 'Maidaan' got critical acclaim. Shah Rukh Khan arrived with three films last year and he will not be seen in 2024. Salman Khan and Aamir Khan may also fail to arrive in theatres this year. Ranbir Kapoor too might give 2024 a miss. The rest of the heroes do not have the capacity to shake the box office. Now, the North market is relying heavily on Southern films to do well. In the second half of 2024, exhibitors are hoping that big

films from Telugu and Tamil stars will bring huge business to them. The first film to arrive is 'Kalki 2898 AD'. The movie will arrive at the end of June and it is being made on a grand budget. With stars like Deepika, Kamal Haasan and Amitabh Bachchan doing key roles along with Prabhas being the lead, there are people expecting that the collections will be on par with any other big Hindi film. 'Pushpa 2' is one of the most awaited projects in the North. The first part was a massive success and it became a sensation among North Indians. The songs, Allu Arjun's mannerisms and everything were trending on top. The second part is expected to do a business of around 300-400 crores just in the Hindi market. Apart from that, there is Ram Charan's 'Game Changer', NTR's 'Devara' and Suriya's 'Kanguva' lined up as well. Looks like South films are going to be key for the survival of the Indian box office in 2024.

Can Kajal Aggarwal Do A Nayanthara?



Despite doing only commercial films, heroine Nayanthara has become a superstar in Tamilnadu for the kind of films she has chosen. Especially some of her female-centric movies like Kolamavu Kokila have shaken up the box office and made her a dependable solo-starlet. At the same time she continued to act in films of big stars. Here is why Telugu folks are discussing this now. Back in 2009, Kajal Aggarwal became this numero uno starlet after the success of "Magadheera" at the box office. After rising to the top, she has fallen from the throne after the arrival of other big starlets. And now, at the age of 38, Kajal is trying to position herself as a 'Queen of Masses' with her upcoming film "Satyabhama" which has been in the making for a long time and hitting cinemas on May 17th. Many are wondering if this would work for her as she hasn't had any single solo hit to her name to date, while her big-ticket commercial films also didn't work in recent times. Sharwa's Ranarangam and Vishnu Manchu's Mosagallu are her last outings as the main lead, while Balayya's Bhagavanth Kesari

saw her in a cameo. Only if Satyabhama works, Kajal can lay the foundation for her 'superstar' innings, while the success of Indian 2 might also not give her such credit. Let's see what happens.

Yash Opens Up On Story Behind "Ramayana"



For a long time, it has been reported that KGF Star Yash will be acting in the epic film Ramayana, which is directed by Nitesh Tiwari. Yash recently confirmed the news and also revealed that he is producing the movie along with Namit Malhotra. Speaking in a recent interview, Yash revealed that it was his longtime dream to showcase Indian films on a

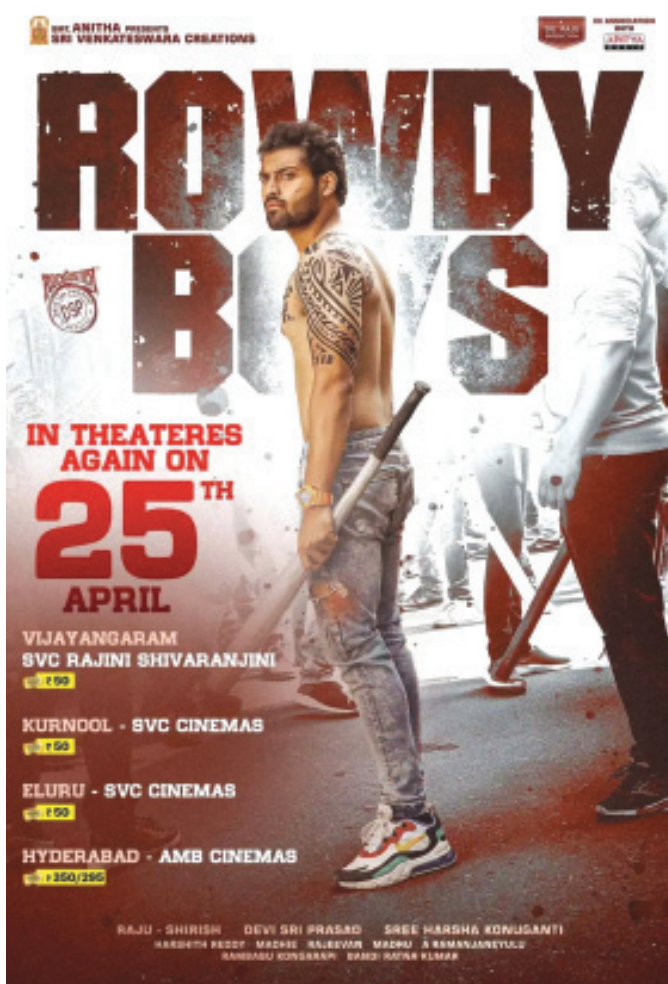
global level. In the pursuit of the same, he went to Los Angeles to collaborate with a VFX studio. He then realised that Indian Namit Malhotra ran it. That's how Yash met Namit and they together started working on something big. After brainstorming various ideas and topics, they have finalised doing "Ramayana". Yash said that Ramayana, as a subject, deeply resonates with him and he also had an approach to it in his mind. Thus, he decided to collaborate with Namit on this magnum opus. Ramayana features Yash in the role of Ravana. Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi will be seen as Lord Rama and Sita. Rakul Preet Singh, Arun Govil, Lara Dutta, Sunny Deol and Sheeba Chaddha are playing the other important roles in it.



Party Party Lyrical Video From Indrani

After releasing the chartbuster Nene Ravana song from India's First Super Woman Film, Indrani : Epic 1 – Dharam Vs Karam, makers of the film are excited to release the second lyrical video song Party Party. Music Director Sai Karthick has given a foot tapping score which will make every one rock their body and will be enjoyed by all sections of the audience in a big way. Roll Rida has written the lyrics in a simple and stylish way so that every one can easily humm them and relate lyrics with their everyday life events. Indrani is a fictional futuristic time travel based perfect cross hybrid film which is the first of its kind in Indian cinema where science fiction and commercial elements are blended perfectly as per the story requirements where future meets past. Makers are planning to release this Futuristic Sci-Fi, Action, Drama, Comedy & Commercial Entertainer Film on May 24th, 2024.

Dil Raju Showers Double Love On His Nephew



Tollywood's star producer Dil Raju, seems to be going all out for his nephew, Ashish Reddy. While his movie 'Love Me,' starring Ashish and Vaishnavi Chaitanya, has been postponed yet again from its original April 25th release date to May 25th, Dil Raju has a surprise for movie lovers. To compensate for the delay, Dil Raju is re-releasing his earlier production, 'Rowdy Boys,' also featuring Ashish Reddy, this April 25th. This move highlights Dil Raju's unconditional support for his nephew's career. Interestingly, 'Rowdy Boys' wasn't a box office success, making this re-release rather unconventional. Typically, only blockbuster films are given the re-release treatment. This dual dose of Ashish Reddy on the big screen in a month's time showcases Dil Raju's dedication to launching his nephew in Tollywood. However, it remains to be seen if the re-release of 'Rowdy Boys' will generate interest among audiences, but it certainly puts the spotlight back on Ashish. Looking ahead, Dil Raju is producing the highly anticipated movie 'Game Changer,' starring none other than global star Ram Charan. This upcoming project promises to be a major crowd-puller.

Rakul Preet Singh Oozes Charm



Rakul Preet Singh is an actress working predominantly in South. However, in the recent times, she is not very active and her films count has come down. Moreover, she got married and is busy enjoying the marital life. But, the actress is also active on Instagram. She constantly keep her followers engaged by posting pictures from latest photoshoots. "Feel the wind in the hair and freedom in the air" wrote the actress while sharing the pictures on the social media. She looked like fire in the outfit and the poses she has given to the camera are addictive. One can not turn away their eyes from the actress and she is all set to mesmerize everyone with her charm. Rakul preet Singh is super successful in her career with a lot of interesting projects to her kitty. She won a South Indian International Movie Award, in addition to four nominations at the Filmfare Awards South. She is also the most followed celebrity on social media.