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Himanta claims 'dhurandhars' inside Congress 6 MLAs will back BJP in prez polls

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Assam: Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has claimed that the BJP wields significant influence inside the Congress party in Assam, asserting that 30 Congress candidates in the recent Assembly elections shared cordial relations with the BJP, of whom 19 won, with 18 being Muslims. "Those who share cordial relations



with us, Muslim, Hindu or Christian, are allotted tickets by the Congress," claimed Himanta in an interview, adding that the party had a say in its opposition's working. "We operate within the enemy camp" Speaking ahead of his swearing-in for a third

consecutive term, Himanta drew a striking parallel to the Bollywood spy thriller Dhurandhar, referencing how operatives function within enemy lines. "Just as you saw in Dhurandhar, we too have our own 'dhurandhars' inside the Congress," he said. Six Congress MLAs expected to back BJP Himanta went further, claiming that six of the newly elected Congress MLAs would vote in favour of the BJP candidate in the upcoming presidential

Farmers are falling prey to middlemen's exploitation: MB Balakrishna

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Jadcharla: BJP Kisan Morcha state leader MB Balakrishna expressed his deep anger that the condition of farmers in the Bادهpally agricultural cotton market has become miserable and that the government has completely cheated the farmers. He was furious that the government, which had told farmers to sow dry crops, is now showing its face by not being able to buy the harvested grain. He said that when farmers bring their hard-earned maize and rice to the market, there is a situation where there are no buyers and they have to leave it in the market yard for days. He expressed his concern that due to the lack of remunerative prices, farmers have finally reached the pitiful state of selling it to private middlemen at low prices. He said that



on the one hand, the shortage of gunny bags and on the other hand, the problem of porters filling the grain is causing serious trouble to the farmers. He said that despite working hard to fill the bags, the movement of grain is coming to a standstill due to the lack of lorries. They alleged that exploitation is being done by charging up to a thousand rupees per lorry in the name of shortage of lorries. They were angry that priority was given to the grain of those who had paid and other farmers were being neglected. On the other hand, they said that farmers were leaving their homes day and night and guarding the market yard due to the fear that the grain in the market would get wet due to the clouds in the sky. They criticized the officials for being negligent by not moving even the weighed grain for days. "Where are the leaders who claim to be a farmer's government now..? Can't you see the hardships of the farmers..? The ruling class has completely failed," said MB Balakrishna in a strong tone. They demanded that the government and the concerned officials respond immediately and move the grain in the market

Political earthquake in Tamil Nadu..!

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Chennai, May 8 (Bharat Samachar) TVK chief Vijay is ready to form the government..! TVK, which has reached the magic figure, is receiving a steady stream of support..! While the Congress has already announced its support.. the Tamil political equations have suddenly changed with the recent VCK, CPI and CPI(M) also standing behind Vijay. Vijay, who emerged as the largest force with 108 seats, initially seemed like an unattainable number of 118 to form the government. The Governor also backed down after the Congress added 5 seats but it was not enough.. The tension in state politics has reached its peak. Speculations are rife about the possibility of a DMK-AIADMK merger.. Now with the support of the Communists and VCK, the path has been paved for Vijay.

MLA Vijayudu sheds light on Alampur development

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Alampur: Blowing new light on the development of Alampur town, Alampur MLA Vijayudu inaugurated the modern center lights installed as part of the municipality beautification program. The local people expressed happiness as the main center of the town was decorated with new electric lights. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Vijayudu clarified that Alampur town will be developed in all sectors and made a source of pride for the peo-

ple. He said that the beautification work is going on rapidly towards completely changing the face of the municipality. The government's goal is to provide a beautiful atmosphere along with safety to the people at night through the installation of modern center lights. "If everyone works together, Alampur will become an ideal municipality in the state. Public representatives and officials should work in coordination and work for the development of the town," the MLA called. He assured the councilors that he will always be available to solve



the problems of the people of the constituency. A large number of municipal chairman, vice chairman, ward councilors, co-option members, BRS party leaders, activists, municipal officials and staff participated in the program. The people of the town thanked MLA Vijay as the Alampur main road became more attractive with the lights of the center lights.

Conspiracy against Telangana votes with SIR.. CM Revanth Reddy

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Hyderabad: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has made serious allegations that a conspiracy is being carried out in Telangana to remove votes on a large scale in the name of Special Amendment of Voters (SIR). He made it clear that attempts to damage democracy in Telangana as happened in other states will not be tolerated under any circumstances. He called on all minorities to be vigilant and fight together for the protection of democracy. The Chief Minister flagged off the buses of pilgrims leaving for the Haj pilgrimage. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the welfare of minorities is the top priority of his government. Even though the air fares have increased drastically due to the Iran-Iraq war, the government is bearing the additional burden without imposing it on the pilgrims. He reminded that compensation of Rs. 5 lakh each was provided to the families of 44 people who died in a horrific bus accident during the Haj pilgrimage last year. EV form for Hy-

derabad autos The CM said that currently there is a huge demand for blue-collar jobs worldwide rather than white-collar jobs. He said that employment opportunities are more in Germany and Japan than in the US. That is why ITIs are being converted into modern ATCs and skill training is being provided to the youth. Stating that the number of minorities driving autos as a livelihood is high in Hyderabad, the CM revealed that a huge plan is being prepared to convert all autos running within the ORR area into electric autos for free. The aim is to retrofit diesel and petrol autos with EV engines and make fuel cost burdenless for auto drivers, he said. Special encouragement for minorities The CM, who conducted a review of the Minority Welfare Department at the Secretariat, issued orders to the officials to set up special degree colleges for minorities in the joint district centers. He suggested that instead of traditional courses, focus should be placed on skill development and artificial intelligence (AI) training that are useful for livelihood. He suggested that special incentives be given to the minority youth select-



ed in Group-1, Group-2 and Group-3 and that they be made partners in the activities of the Minority Welfare Department. He instructed the officials to pay honorarium to Imams and Maujams on time. Musi Riverfront as a symbol of Ganga-Jamuna culture The CM ordered the construction of a temple, mosque, church and gurdwara as part of the development of Musi Riverfront. He stated that these structures should showcase the Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb of Telangana to the world. He hoped that they should become centers for studying the cultures of different religions. Minister Azharuddin, MP Owaisi, Government Advisor Shabbir Ali and others participated in these programs.

TODAY: TVK CHIEF VIJAY TO SWEAR IN AS TAMIL NADU CM

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Chennai: The suspense that had gripped Tamil Nadu politics has finally come to an end. TVK chief Vijay—who has garnered millions of fans as a film actor—is now set to be sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Having entered the political arena only recently, Vijay quickly challenged the dominance of the Dravidian parties and came remarkably close to power; he is now poised to ascend the seat of authority. A sudden sensation swept through state politics when Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar personally invited Vijay to form the government. With the support of the Congress, CPI, CPI(M), and VCK parties, Vijay successfully reached the requisite "magic figure" to form a government. Celebrations erupted within the TVK camp immediately after the Governor issued the

invitation from the Raj Bhavan, following the submission of letters of support from these allied parties. "I will be sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at 11:00 AM," Vijay announced, sending his fans into a frenzy of boundless joy. Across the state, TVK cadres plunged into jubilant celebrations. In the 234-seat Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, the "magic figure"—the minimum number of seats required to form a government—stands at 118. In the recent elections, the TVK emerged as the single largest party, securing 108 seats. However, as Vijay had won from two separate constituencies, he was required to resign from one seat, resulting in the party's strength dropping to 107. Consequently, the party fell 10 seats short of a majority. Governor Arlekar's initial hesitation to grant TVK an opportunity to form the government sparked a major political storm in the state. Opposition parties lashed out,

accusing the Governor of acting in a manner that denied them the chance to prove their majority. A wave of criticism ensued, alleging that the Governor was acting against the spirit of the Constitution under pressure from the BJP. The Congress party brought about a pivotal turning point in this political crisis. By setting aside the DMK and declaring its support for TVK, the political equations shifted dramatically overnight. Subsequently, with the CPI, CPI(M), and VCK parties also rallying behind Vijay, the coalition's numerical strength reached 118. This left the Governor with no alternative course of action. While the CPI(M) issued an official statement declaring that "the people of Tamil Nadu require a stable, secular, and democratic government," the CPI announced that it was extending conditional support solely in the interest of the public good. Furthermore, reports suggest that Vijay is now prepared to



allocate ministerial portfolios to the parties that played a pivotal role in the formation of the government. Political circles are abuzz with speculation that the Congress party will be allotted two ministerial posts, while the CPI, CPI(M), and VCK will each receive one. Since independence, political power in Tamil Nadu has largely remained confined to the Congress, DMK, and AIADMK parties. However, the current scenario—marking the first instance where no single

party secured a clear majority, and a new entrant, TVK, has ascended to power—stands as a sensational and historic chapter in the annals of Tamil Nadu politics. While fans are already comparing Vijay to MGR, political analysts discern the political acumen of Karunanidhi within him. Vijay, who dazzled as a hero on the silver screen, has now scored a massive hit in the political arena as well. At the very heart of Dravidian politics, there is now but one topic of discussion

Another huge project rush in the name of Musi. Government green signal for the first phase of Rs. 7,055 crore!

Hyderabad, May 8

Another huge project rush in the name of Musi.. Government green signal for the first phase of Rs. 7,055 crore! Work to start in August itself.. Ministers' orders to move forward without affecting people's lands The Telangana government has accelerated the Musi revitalization project, saying that it will change the face of Hyderabad city. The latest cabinet sub-committee has taken key decisions on this project, which has already led to intense political and social debate. The government is ready to undertake work at a cost of Rs. 7,055 crore in the first phase. The ministers have instructed the officials to start the work by August. Ministers Sridhar Babu and Ponnamp Prabhakar participated in the cabinet sub-committee meeting held under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka at Praja Bhavan. On this occasion, the officials submitted the

DPR related to the Musi project. It was revealed that development work will be carried out in five phases over a total of 55 kilometers. As part of the massive project to transform the Musi coast, cleaning of the Musi River, garbage removal, river bed profiling, construction of huge retaining walls for flood control, roads on both sides, main sewers, and barrages for water storage will be constructed. In addition, a plan has also been prepared for the construction of an elevated corridor of 55 kilometers from Narsingi to Gourelli. Officials said that development work will be carried out over a 21-kilometer stretch from Himayat Sagar and Usman Sagar to Bapughat in the first phase. The ministers made it clear that work should be started immediately within a five-kilometer stretch that does not cause any inconvenience to public property. Negotiations with ADB completed.. Huge fund raising Officials

HYDERABAD - TELENGANA

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Public Policy doesn't just have jobs

Every year, hundreds of young graduates enter public policy classrooms across India carrying equal parts hope and unease. Hope, because public policy promises proximity to power, intellectual engagement, and the opportunity to contribute to nation-building. Unease, because they quickly encounter a familiar refrain from seniors, relatives, and sometimes even well-meaning academics: "Public policy has jobs, but not a career." Delivered as advice, it often lands as a warning. Beneath it lies a deeper question: Does public policy offer only short-term roles, or is this belief a myth shaped by our limited imagination of what a career should look like? The anxiety is understandable in a society that still equates success with stability, linear progression, and institutional permanence. Public policy, with its short-term contracts, shifting titles, and cross-sector mobility, appears to defy this expectation. Many early-career roles in think tanks, NGOs, foundations, and even government advisory units are project-based or fixed-term. Titles change quickly, vertical mobility can seem opaque, and lateral movement becomes common. For families accustomed to traditional career narratives, this fluidity feels risky. The conclusion often follows that policy may provide work, but not a lifelong profession. Yet this view frequently mistakes organisational structure for professional substance. A Young Profession Judged by Old Standards Public policy as a professional field outside the civil services is still relatively young in India. Unlike medicine, law, engineering, or the bureaucracy, it lacks a single, clearly demarcated ladder where one starts as a junior and retires at the top. There is no universally recognised "partner track" or uniform promotional hierarchy. Instead, policy careers can look fragmented — consultant here, fellow there, project manager somewhere else —, shaped by funding cycles, political transitions, and shifting priorities. Politics But judging public policy by the standards of much older professions is misleading. Those fields had decades, even centuries, to institutionalise career pathways. Public policy is evolving alongside a rapidly changing state that increasingly relies on external expertise. Central ministries, State governments, city administrations, regulatory bodies, multilateral agencies, philanthropic foundations, consulting firms, political parties, and civil society organisations all now require policy talent. Urban governance, climate action, digital public infrastructure, health systems, education reform, social protection, and gender policy are no longer peripheral concerns; they are central to governance and growth. What appears like instability is often a field still in formation, not a profession without a future. Jobs Are Visible, Careers Are Built Over Time Policy careers are rarely built within a single organisation. They are constructed across institutions, sectors, and levels of governance. A professional may move from a State government advisory role to a multilateral agency, then to a research think tank, and later to a political consulting firm. To an outsider, this looks like job-hopping. In reality, it is career-building through the accumulation of experience, networks, and domain expertise. A career is not defined by staying in one place; it is characterised by a coherent purpose and the progression of responsibility over time. Policy careers are rarely built within a single organisation — they are shaped across institutions, sectors, and levels of governance. Health A helpful way to understand this is through the policy cycle itself. Agenda setting, policy formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation are usually taught as stages of policymaking, but they are also distinct career pathways. Some professionals build careers shaping agendas through research, advocacy, and public debate. Others specialise in design and formulation within governments or consultancies. Many find long-term roles in implementation, working closely with state capacity and service delivery. Monitoring and evaluation offer another trajectory, rooted in data, accountability, and learning. Seen this way, public policy does not lack careers; it provides multiple, overlapping ones that together make up the policy ecosystem. Why the Career Path Feels Unclear Part of the issue is that careers in public policy are rarely linear. They are cyclical, much like the policy process itself. Professionals often move from implementation to design, from evaluation to advisory roles, or from research into government and back again. To those expecting a straight promotional ladder, this movement seems like a drift. In reality, it reflects the accumulation of policy capital: experience across different stages of the policy cycle, sectors, and scales. Education India is still learning how to formally recognise and reward this kind of professional growth outside bureaucratic hierarchies. Unlike countries where policy professionals routinely rotate between government, academia, and industry with institutional recognition, India is still building this architecture. Until it fully matures, mid-career professionals must actively shape their trajectories rather than inherit them. This can feel uncomfortable, but it is a transition in a maturing field, not a structural weakness. Skills, Not Labels, Sustain Careers Ultimately, long-term careers in public policy are anchored in skills rather than job titles. Transferable capabilities: policy analysis, data literacy, programme design, stakeholder management, political economy understanding, writing, communication, travel across organisations and sectors. Professionals who continuously sharpen these skills remain employable and influential regardless of institutional shifts. The strongest policy careers combine domain depth with functional strength. Careers stagnate not because policy lacks opportunities, but because individuals stop investing in their own skill evolution while the field continues to change. Politics Policy schools and institutions also shape this narrative. Too often, they train students for their first job rather than for a 20-year professional journey. Career conversations focus on placements, not pathways. Students graduate knowing where they

FIXATION ON TEACHERS' HOLIDAYS DISTRACTS FROM REAL ISSUES

India's school teaching workforce has crossed 10 million, with government schools employing the majority and private schools steadily expanding, according to UDISE+ (2024-25). AISHE (2024-25) reported about 1.5 million faculty members in higher education, split almost evenly between public and private institutions. Yet every summer, as schools close, a familiar refrain echoes: "Teachers have it easy—they get so many holidays." This dismissal trivialises their role. Vacations are not indulgences but part of a system designed for students, while teachers use the time to prepare, update lessons, and recalibrate methods. As Émile Durkheim reminded us, education is how society reproduces itself—teachers are agents of social continuity. Gurukul to Global Educator The story of Indian teachers is as old as civilisation itself. In the Gurukul system, teachers were revered as acharyas, custodians of knowledge and morality. The dictum *matru devo bhava, pitru devo bhava, acharya devo bhava* placed teachers next only to parents and gods. Their role was not merely to impart literacy but to shape character, instil discipline, and transmit traditions. Over centuries, this role

evolved. From the Brahmin monopoly over education to the democratisation of learning through social reform movements, teaching shifted from privilege to right, from being restricted to the dwij castes to embracing Bahujan communities. Payment too transformed — from kind and cash offered by kings and elites to structured salaries under modern governments. Today, teachers straddle two worlds: the idealistic legacy of moral guardianship and the pragmatic demands of democratic equality. Paulo Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed reminds us that teachers must be both facilitators of critical consciousness and challengers of oppressive structures — a dual role deeply resonant in India's journey from Gurukul traditions to globalisation. Teaching is not only an art and a science but also a passion and a profession. As S Radhakrishnan once observed, "The true teachers are those who help us think for ourselves." This passion for shaping minds has been the enduring thread across centuries. Debating Salaries and Status in Telangana Telangana tourism guide The Telangana Education Commission's 2026 report sparked heated debates by highlighting the "high

salaries" of government school teachers. Instead of addressing the chronic underpayment of private school teachers, the report indirectly questioned whether government teachers deserved their pay scales. This narrative is dangerous. It shifts the spotlight away from exploitation in private institutions and creates resentment against government teachers who, in reality, shoulder immense responsibilities. Market structures often determine private school salaries, with demand and supply dictating pay. But education is not a commodity to be traded like grain or steel. Basil Bernstein, the British sociologist, warned that when education is reduced to market logic, its symbolic and cultural functions are eroded. When private school teachers are denied decent wages, it is not just an economic injustice — it is a social betrayal. By targeting government teachers rather than supporting private ones, policymakers risk discouraging talented youth from entering the profession altogether. The long-term consequence is clear: a decline in quality education, where nurturing the 21st century skills in the next generation becomes secondary to cost-cutting. The Missing Merit in Teaching Empiri-

cal studies confirm what anecdotal evidence has long suggested: bright, meritorious students rarely choose teaching as a career. The reasons are manifold — low salaries, lack of social prestige, bureaucratic hurdles, and the perception that teaching is a "soft option." Yet teaching is anything but easy. It requires patience, empathy, and the ability to balance tradition with modernity. A teacher must be idealistic in values — honesty, integrity, discipline — while pragmatic in practice, ensuring equality, inclusivity, and the dismantling of outdated social hierarchies. Telangana Education Commission's 2026 report questions government teachers' pay, ignores private school underpayment, and risks fuelling resentment against overburdened educators. Pierre Bourdieu's theory of cultural capital is instructive here. Students from privileged backgrounds often avoid teaching because the profession does not confer the symbolic capital associated with high-status careers. Unless teaching is revalorised socially and economically, it will continue to repel those with the highest academic merit. The irony is stark: society worships teachers in rhetoric but undermines them in re-

ality. We call them "nation builders" yet deny them financial security. We expect them to embody democratic ideals and still subject them to undemocratic working conditions. As APJ Abdul Kalam reminded us, "Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, calibre, and future of an individual." If society ignores this nobility, it risks compromising its own future. Empowering India's Architects Whether in a village school or a metropolitan university, teachers are architects of India's future. They treat every child as their own, nurturing minds with patience and affection. The occasional negative incidents within educational institutions — often amplified by media sensationalism or attributed to "westernisation"—are exceptions, not the rule. The overwhelming majority of teachers remain committed to their vocation, despite systemic neglect. To safeguard this commitment, India needs rigorous, updated, and holistic tests for teacher recruitment. But equally, it needs to ensure that once recruited, teachers are empowered — financially, psychologically, and socially. Missionary institutions that provide meals to staff after exam results are published exemplify how small gestures of

dignity can make a big difference. Teachers are human beings, not machines. Treating them with respect is not charity; it is a necessity. As Ivan Illich cautioned in *Deschooling Society*, education is dehumanised when institutions reduce teachers to bureaucratic cogs instead of recognising them as living guides. Krishna Kumar has argued that teachers are central to democratising education in India, bridging the gap between elite knowledge and everyday learners. A Call to Think Beyond Vacations The fixation on teachers' holidays distracts from the urgent question of how society supports them. Beyond the classroom calendar, teachers shoulder invisible work — preparing syllabi, evaluating results, and planning for the year ahead. They take pride in their students' growth, second only to parents, though society rarely acknowledges this devotion. What deserves debate is not the length of vacations but whether teachers return to classrooms motivated, respected, and adequately compensated. Without this support, holiday discussions become a diversion from the reforms India's education system urgently needs. India stands at a crossroads. Globalisation demands

INDIA'S ELECTORAL CRISIS — WHERE VOTES MATTER, NOT VOTERS

The recent Rajya Sabha elections across multiple States have once again laid bare a disturbing reality: India's electoral democracy is increasingly shaped not by ideology or public mandate, but by inducement, manipulation, and raw financial power. Cross-voting by opposition MLAs, invalid ballots, and strategic abstentions ensured comfortable victories for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in States like Haryana, Odisha, and Bihar. These events are not isolated aberrations — they are part of a larger pattern that is steadily eroding the foundations of participatory democracy in India. India has entered an era where political defections are no longer exceptions but instruments of power. The anti-defection framework, once envisioned as a safeguard against opportunism, has been systematically undermined. Legal loopholes, delayed decisions by presiding officers, and the tactical use of resignations have rendered the law increasingly ineffective. Politics Striking Example The fall of the Indian National Congress government in Madhya Pradesh in 2020 — triggered by the defection of over 20 MLAs led by Jyotiraditya Scindia — remains one of the most striking examples. A similar script unfolded in Karnataka in 2019, where mass resignations of legislators brought down a coalition government. In both cases, the defecting legislators were later accommodated politically,

reinforcing the perception that defection carries rewards rather than consequences. In Maharashtra, the 2022 rebellion led by Eknath Shinde split the Shiv Sena and realigned the State's political landscape. The subsequent split in the Nationalist Congress Party under Ajit Pawar further illustrated how internal dissent can be converted into regime change with remarkable speed. These developments have blurred the distinction between electoral mandate and post-election political engineering. The fall of Congress government in Madhya Pradesh in 2020 — triggered by the defection of over 20 MLAs led by Jyotiraditya Scindia — remains a stark reminder of how electoral outcomes can be overturned, diluting the very idea of a public mandate. Even smaller States have not been immune. In Goa, repeated defections have reduced opposition parties to near insignificance, often within a single legislative term. In Arunachal Pradesh, entire groups of legislators have switched allegiance en masse, while in Manipur, political instability has frequently been resolved through defections rather than democratic consensus. In Uttarakhand and Jharkhand episodes of political realignment have raised persistent questions about the sanctity of mandates. In Assam, too, the trend is visible. The joining of former Assam Congress chief Bhupen Bora and Member of Parliament Pradyut Bordoloi in the BJP just before elections,

and shifting loyalties by some senior figures, reinforce the perception that ideology has increasingly taken a backseat to political survival and access to power. Force of Money Behind this culture of defection lies the undeniable force of money. Elections in India have become extraordinarily expensive, effectively excluding candidates without deep financial resources. Tickets are often distributed not merely on merit or grassroots support but on a candidate's financial strength and capacity to sustain a high-voltage campaign. The rise of corporate funding has exacerbated this imbalance. Mechanisms such as electoral bonds, introduced under the pretext of transparency, have instead deepened opacity by concealing the identity of donors. This has created an uneven playing field where the ruling party, with greater access to financial resources, enjoys a disproportionate advantage in mobilising voters, shaping narratives, and dominating media space. This phenomenon mirrors trends in the United States, where corporate lobbying and Super PACs (Political Action Committees) exert enormous influence over elections. However, unlike the US, where at least partial disclosure norms exist, India's system has often shielded donors from public scrutiny. In Brazil, corruption scandals such as Operation Car Wash exposed the deep nexus between corporate funding and political power.

India risks moving in a similar direction, albeit through more institutionalised channels. Politics The systematic induction of opposition leaders into the ruling party has become a deliberate political strategy. By attracting influential figures, the BJP has not only expanded its organisational strength but also weakened its rivals psychologically and structurally. The steady erosion of the Congress across States is not merely an electoral decline but also a consequence of sustained political attrition. Personality-driven This strategy also reshapes voter perception. When prominent leaders frequently switch sides, ideological distinctions blur, and politics becomes personality-driven rather than principle-driven. Voters are then encouraged to align with perceived power rather than policy alternatives, further entrenching the dominance of the ruling establishment. Globally, similar patterns can be observed. In Russia, opposition figures have often been co-opted or marginalised, consolidating the ruling establishment's grip. In Japan, the long dominance of the Liberal Democratic Party has been attributed to its ability to absorb dissent and maintain a broad coalition of interests within a single political framework. These examples demonstrate how democratic systems can gradually become less competitive without formally abandoning electoral processes. Perhaps the most worrying consequence of

these trends is the diminishing role of the voter. When elections are driven by money, media optics, and engineered defections, the average citizen's vote risks becoming symbolic rather than decisive. Electoral outcomes appear increasingly predetermined by resource asymmetry rather than genuine public choice. The reality is stark: a small, affluent segment of society — those who fund and influence politics — exercise disproportionate control over electoral outcomes. The remaining majority participates in a system where choices are increasingly constrained, and meaningful alternatives are limited. This undermines the very essence of democracy as a system of equal political participation. If Indian democracy is to remain meaningful, urgent reforms are non-negotiable: State funding of elections to level the playing field. Complete transparency in political donations. Stronger anti-defection provisions with time-bound enforcement. Strict and enforceable limits on campaign expenditure. Institutional safeguards against misuse of state machinery. Greater independence of election oversight institutions. Without these measures, elections will continue to drift away from fairness and towards financial and political monopolies. India's democracy stands at a crossroads. The repeated instances of defections, the overwhelming influence of money, and the strategic weakening of opposition

Chief Secretary instructs PHH Inclusion, Assures Coordinated Redressal on Issues Raised by Panun Kashmir Delegation

Srinagar, 08/05/2026: A delegation of Panun Kashmir today met the Hon'ble Chief Secretary of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and submitted a comprehensive memorandum highlighting serious concerns relating to the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), deteriorating civic infrastructure in migrant camps, and several long-pending administrative and welfare issues affecting displaced Kashmiri Pandits. At the very outset, the delegation reiterated the demand of Panun Kashmir for withdrawal of the present NFSA implementation framework in respect of displaced Kashmiri Pandits, asserting that the community cannot be treated through a routine welfare template owing to its separate historical classification, prolonged displacement, and exceptional circumstances arising out of genocide and exile. The delegation maintained that the peculiar socio-political condition of the community requires a distinct and sensitive administrative approach rather than mechanical application of generalized welfare norms. The delegation comprised Bhusan Lal Bhat, Coordinator Grievance Cell; M.K. Dhar, Media and Press Secretary; Bebooji Zutshi, senior leader of Panun Kashmir; Hari Krishen Kaul, social activist; and Bitooji Bhat, Coordinator Jagti Unit. During the meeting, the delegation presented a detailed account of the hardships being faced by the displaced community in the wake of the ongoing NFSA implementation process. The representatives pointed out that widespread discrepancies have emerged in official records, including errors relating to age, gender, family composition, category classification, and residential details. According to the delegation, these anomalies have resulted in exclusion of deserving beneficiaries, denial of entitlements, and severe distress among displaced families already living under difficult socio-economic conditions. Particular concern was expressed over irrational ration depot tagging, wherein several relief-holder families presently residing in Jammu and adjoining migrant camps have allegedly been mapped to far-off ration depots situated in other districts, making access to essential food supplies practically impossible for many beneficiaries. The delegation emphasized that such administrative distortions have further deepened the sense of uncertainty and neglect within the displaced community. Taking cognizance of the concerns projected by the delegation, the Chief Secretary issued instructions to the Relief Commissioner for immediate and appropriate action on the issues raised. Directions were specifically issued for inclusion of all registered relief-holder families under the Priority Household (PHH) category, a demand consistently projected by the displaced community in view of its prolonged displacement and vulnerable socio-economic circumstances. In a significant administrative step aimed at streamlining grievance redressal, the Chief Secretary further directed that officials from various concerned departments, including the Food and Supplies Department and the Relief Organization, be stationed at designated common locations for integrated data coordination and verification. The purpose of the exercise, it was indicated, would be to facilitate on-the-spot correction



of discrepancies, streamline records, and ensure time-bound resolution of beneficiary-related grievances. The delegation also raised several pressing civic and infrastructural concerns confronting migrant camps and settlements. These included the urgent need for restoration of the Engineering Wing with the Relief Department, which the delegation stated had earlier ensured accountability and timely execution of developmental and maintenance works in camps. The absence of such a mechanism, the representatives observed, has led to delays, neglect, and deterioration of basic civic facilities. The issue of pre-monsoon repairs in migrant camps was strongly emphasized during the discussions, with the delegation warning that recurring infrastructural damage during the rainy season continues to expose camp residents to unsafe and unhygienic living conditions. The representatives sought immediate restoration of non-functional borewells and installation of motors to ensure uninterrupted water supply in relief camps where acute shortages persist. Road connectivity issues also figured prominently in the memorandum. The delegation specifically urged priority macadamization of the Kandoli road and improvement of internal roads within migrant camps, stating that poor road conditions adversely affect mobility, emergency access, and everyday civic functioning. Attention was additionally drawn towards the neglected condition of parks, playgrounds, and stadiums situated within genocide-victim camps. The delegation observed that such spaces are not merely recreational assets but essential civic institutions that contribute towards social well-being, community engagement, and the psychological health of younger generations growing up in exile. The long-pending issue concerning promotion prospects of PM Package engineers was also raised before the Chief Secretary. The delegation urged the administration to address the matter without further delay and ensure that employees serving under the package are not subjected to prolonged professional stagnation. While the interaction remained administrative in tone, the proceedings reflected substantive movement on several critical issues projected by the delegation, particularly those concerning welfare coverage, data integration, civic infrastructure, and institutional coordination. Though no formal policy announcement was issued immediately after the meeting, the directions passed during the deliberations indicated a responsive approach at the highest administrative level. The delegation expressed hope that the instructions issued during the meeting would translate into swift and effective implementation on the ground and provide long-awaited relief to the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community, which continues to live in exile more than three decades after its forced displacement from the Valley.

A New Dawn in Bengal :Shri Rajnath Singh

"Hey nuton, dekha dik aarbaar, jonmero prothomo shubhokshon" — O new one, show yourself once more, in the auspicious first moment of birth. Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore wrote these words as an invocation — a prayer to the perpetually renewing spirit of Bengal. It is traditionally sung on his birth anniversary, honouring him and the joy of a renewal, an awakening that a birthday signifies. Gurudev understood that this land does not simply change. It is continually reborn. It is a happy coincidence that less than a week before the 165th birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, West Bengal has witnessed a historic change. On May 4, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured a historic victory in the West Bengal Assembly elections. Yet, for the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this election was never merely a political contest. It was an opportunity to restore the lost glory of this great land, a civilisational calling that transcends electoral considerations. Today, it is worth pausing, setting aside the noise of political argument to ask a deeper question: what is Bengal, truly? And what does it mean to restore her? To understand Bengal's present, one must first descend into her past — not the past of decades, but of centuries. Long before Bengal became a byword for intellectual refinement, she was a holy land. In the 15th century, on the banks of the Ganga in Nabadwip, a young man named Nimai — whom the world would come to know as Chaitanya Mahaprabhu — began to sing. His kirtan was not merely music. It was a social reform movement dressed in devotion. He embraced the untouchable, danced with the scholar, and declared that the name of the divine was available to all without the burden of any ascriptive identities. The Vaishnavism he ignited became the spiritual architecture of Bengal and Bharat's soul: joyous and inclusive. Two centuries later, that same spirit found its worldly complement in the Baul tradition — wandering mystics who wore no caste, carried no scripture, and sang of "maner manush," the man of the heart. Among them, none shone brighter than Lalan Fakir, a man whom no religion could claim and every tradition embraced. A Hindu or a Muslim? No one could tell, and need not have bothered. This syncretic genius was Bengali, an identity that can only be lived.

*Public Auction of Seized Vehicles Scheduled in Anakapalli on May 19



May 08: The Transport Department in Anakapalli district will conduct a public auction of seized vehicles on May 19 at 3 p.m., according to District Transport Officer G. Manohar. The vehicles were seized during various enforcement inspections for non-payment of taxes and penalties. As there was no response from the vehicle owners despite repeated notices, the department decided to proceed with the auction. Officials stated that individuals interested in participating in the auction must submit an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of ₹10,000 along with Aadhaar and GST documents by the evening of the previous day. Vehicle owners have been given an opportunity to clear the pending dues and reclaim their vehicles before the auction date. Failing this, the vehicles will be auctioned as per departmental procedures. For further details, interested persons may contact the Anakapalli Transport Department office.

In the previous three centuries, Bengal did not merely participate in India's moral awakening — she anchored it. Raja Rammohan Roy looked at a society that had grown rigid and corrupt in its customs and chose neither to abandon tradition nor to surrender to it blindly. He reformed it — fighting for sati abolition and insisting on looking within to resurrect oneself. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar carried that torch further, turning education into an act of liberation, especially for women. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay gave the nation its first great novel, which included Vande Mataram, the war cry that would echo from the mouths of freedom fighters for a century and continues on every Indian's lips today. Bengal also gave India its first woman physician, Dr Kadambini Ganguly, who inspired women towards self-reliance and freedom. Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee, a staunch nationalist, sacrificed his life for the unity of India. Perhaps among all the extraordinary minds and great souls that Bengal has given birth to, Swami Vivekananda stands as the most radiant, enlightened and electrifying mind. Swami Vivekananda, in his historic speech at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions, introduced to the world the greatness of Hinduism and called for religious tolerance and an end to fanaticism. But when he returned home, he told his own people something harder to hear — that spirituality without strength is sentimentality, that a hungry man cannot be taught philosophy, that the goddess must be worshipped not only in the temple but in the woman, in the poor, in the nation itself. This is what Bengal is. This is what she has always been. And this is how Prime Minister Narendra Modi sees Bengal. Not looking back to become something she was; certainly not becoming any other alien land, but looking forward to reawakening Bengal from its civilisational slumber and achieving her fullest potential. For too long, some sections of Bengal's intellectual and political class treated their own civilisational inheritance as an embarrassment — something to be transcended, explained away, or replaced with colonial ideologies. The result was decades of arrested development, institutional decay, and the silencing of those who dared to speak of dharma, of culture that did not contradict but completed Bengal's pluralist soul.



Shri Rajnath Singh

The result of the recently concluded assembly elections in West Bengal should not be seen merely as an electoral verdict. It represents a public mandate against those who distanced Bengal from its very roots and values. For Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the West Bengal Assembly election was never a battle for power. It was a sacred endeavour — a 'yajna' to restore the lost glory. PM Modi's deep affinity with Belur Math, his reverence for Swami Vivekananda, his framing of good governance as seva — service as a form of worship — these are not political statements. They provide Bengal with the impetus to recover her past glory and move ahead into a glorious and secure future. They are an example of a 'Pradhan Sevak' performing his 'Pradhan Dharma'. To restore Bengal is to build world-class infrastructure alongside the ghats where Chaitanya Mahaprabhu sang. It is to fund the schools that Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar dreamt of. It is to build universities of eminence in the land which led India in education for centuries. It is to provide dignity to all tribal brothers and sisters of West Bengal. It is to respond to the aspirations of the people of hilly areas, who have long suffered stepmotherly treatment at the hands of the ruling parties of Bengal. Hey nutan. O new one — reveal yourself once more. This is the prayer with which the first BJP government in Bengal, under the guidance of PM Modi and the blessings of each of Bengal's sons and daughters, will perform its 'seva' from now onwards. For a while, in the last half-century, it looked as if Bengal's best days were past it. Today, she has been reborn with the promise of a vibrant new life of prosperity and peace which lies ahead.

Protests Enter 14th Day Demanding Removal of Tank Encroachments



May 9 Nandigama: Protests, organized under the aegis of the Committee for the Protection of Hindu Temple Properties, have reached their 14th day as demonstrators continue to demand the removal of encroachments from the local temple tank (Koneru) and its subsequent handover to the Endowments Department. In this context, protesters staged a 'Rasta Roko' (road blockade) on Friday evening in front of the Lakshmi

Prasanna Theater in Rythupeta. A large number of Hindu devotees and activists associated with the 'Koneru Pushkara Movement' participated in the event. They demanded that the government immediately clear the encroachments surrounding the tank and commence construction work on the Pushkarini (sacred tank). The activists warned that if their demands are not met, they would call for a 'Nandigama Bandh' (town shutdown) and continue their highway blockade protests.

Thunderstorm alert for 11 districts while heatwave intensifies in Bhopal, Indore, and Jabalpur



MP weather update: The Meteorological Centre in Bhopal has reported a sharp contrast in weather conditions across Madhya Pradesh. While thunderstorms and rainfall were recorded at isolated places in the Gwalior, Chambal, and Jabalpur divisions over the past 24 hours, most other regions remained dry. The weather office in Bhopal has predicted that moderate thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and wind speeds of up to 60 kmph are

likely over Sheopur Kalan, Kuno National Park, and southern parts of Morena district during the evening hours on Thursday. Light thunderstorms accompanied by lightning are also likely over Betul, Chhindwara, Pandhurna, Pench, southern parts of the Seoni district, western parts of the Gwalior district, Shivpuri, and northern parts of the Guna district. Maximum temperatures showed little change but remained significantly be-

low normal in several divisions. Gwalior and Rewa districts recorded departures of up to 5.8 degrees Celsius below normal, while the Bhopal, Indore, and Jabalpur divisions reported temperatures ranging from 1.6 to 2.9 degrees below average. Minimum temperatures also dipped, with Bhopal recording temperatures 5.3 degrees below normal. The lowest minimum temperature was recorded in Amarkantak at 16.1 degrees Celsius, while

Sheopur registered the highest minimum temperature at 26.2 degrees Celsius, according to the weather bulletin issued on Thursday. Narsinghpur recorded the state's highest maximum temperature at 42.2 degrees Celsius, while Amarkantak remained the coolest place at 33 degrees Celsius. Rainfall was recorded in Gohad (9.5 mm), Balaghat (9.4 mm), and Waraseoni (7.2 mm). Gusty winds reached 67 kmph at Gwalior Airport and 30 kmph in Betul. Looking ahead, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued alerts for thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds with speeds of 40-50 kmph in 11 districts, including Gwalior, Morena, Bhind, Datia, Niwari, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur, Panna, Satna, Rewa, and Mauganj. These regions are expected to experience spells of rain and strong winds on Thursday. The department attributed the turbulent weather conditions to the combined impact of a western distur-

bance, cyclonic circulation, and a trough line. Meanwhile, heat conditions continue to trouble residents in most other districts. Daytime temperatures are expected to rise to 42-43 degrees Celsius in 44 districts, including Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, and Jabalpur. A rapid rise in temperatures has specifically been forecast for Niwari, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Namadapuram, Ratlam, Neemuch, and Mandsaur districts. Meteorologists have warned that while thunderstorms and light rain may persist in northern and eastern districts for the next two days, the intensity of heat is likely to increase significantly from May 9 and 10. A fresh weather system is likely to become active from May 10, with its impact becoming more visible over the subsequent two days. Residents have been advised to remain cautious, stay hydrated, and avoid prolonged exposure during peak afternoon hours as the state braces for a mix of thunderstorms in some regions and intensifying heat in others.

DNA decodes Agni-6: The missile that can put entire world within India's reach



One year ago, India sent a clear message to Pakistan through Operation Sindoor. That message came through BrahMos missiles. It said that if terrorism is supported from Pakistani soil, then no place in Pakistan is beyond India's reach. Now, one year later, India is preparing to send an even bigger message. This time, the message is not only for Pakistan but for every possible adversary in the world. That message is called Agni-6. On the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor, two major signals suggested that India may soon test its most powerful missile ever. The first signal came from an official BJP social media post. The post claimed that Agni-6, with a strike range of more than 10,000 kilometres and MIRV technology, is ready to create history. It also said the missile would make India's security much stronger and place the country among the world's most powerful nations. The second signal came through a NOTAM, or Notice to Airmen, issued for the Bay of Bengal region from May 6 to May 9. Such notices are often released before missile tests or major military exercises. Because of the timing, many analysts believe India may be preparing for an Agni-6 test. This belief became even stronger after a recent statement by DRDO Chairman Samir V Kamat. Just a week ago, he said that DRDO is fully ready to test a missile with a range of more than 10,000 kilometres. According to him, only government approval is pending. Pakistan reacted quickly after this statement. Islamabad launched a propaganda campaign, showing how seriously it views the Agni-6 project. Pakistan's most advanced missile, Shaheen-3, has a range of around 2,750 kilometres. India already has Agni-5, which can strike targets up to 7,000 kilometres away. But Agni-6 belongs to a completely different category.

plained in simple
What makes Agni-6 so important is not only its long range but also its advanced technology. The missile is expected to carry MIRV technology, which stands for Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicles. This means a single missile can carry several nuclear warheads at once. The missile first carries these warheads into space. Then the warheads separate and travel toward different targets. In a single launch, multiple cities or military bases can be attacked at the same time. These warheads return to Earth at hypersonic speeds, between Mach 20 and Mach 24. That means they travel 20 to 24 times faster than the speed of sound. At such speeds, interception becomes extremely difficult for any modern air defence system. Agni-6 is also expected to use MaRV technology, or Manoeuvring Re-entry Vehicles. Unlike traditional warheads, MaRV warheads do not travel in a straight line during descent. They can change direction suddenly, zigzag, and avoid interceptor missiles. Because of this, experts believe stopping an Agni-6 strike would be extremely difficult. Reports also suggest that India may later develop a submarine-launched version of Agni-6. This would allow India to deploy the missile deep inside the oceans, making it hidden and difficult to destroy before launch. This is an important part of nuclear strategy known as second-strike capability. In simple terms, even if an enemy attacks India first, India would still be able to retaliate with devastating force. This capability acts as a strong deterrent against any first strike. At present, only a few countries possess MIRV-capable intercontinental ballistic missiles. These countries include the United States, Russia, China, France, and Britain. If Agni-6 becomes operational, India will join this exclusive group. With a

range of 10,000 to 12,000 kilometres, Agni-6 would place almost the entire world within India's strategic reach. All of China would fall within range. Europe, Africa, Australia, and even parts of North America could also come under its reach.

India's drone force and future military strategy
At the same time, India is also rapidly strengthening its drone warfare capabilities. On the anniversary of Operation Sindoor, India announced the creation of a dedicated Drone Force. Around 50,000 soldiers are currently being trained for drone operations. Over the next three years, 15 advanced drone training centres will be established. These centres will use virtual reality systems to simulate real combat situations. By 2027, the Indian Army plans to equip each of its 14 corps with thousands of drones. Altogether, the Army aims to build a network of nearly 100,000 drones. Every battalion has already started deploying Ashni Platoons. These are specialised drone units made up of 20 to 25 soldiers trained in surveillance and attack missions. India has also formed a new Bhairav Battalion, where every soldier is trained in drone warfare. In the future, border forces such as the BSF and ITBP are also expected to become part of this drone network. India's progress in domestic drone manufacturing has also been significant. In 2015, only 15 percent of India's military drones were made within the country. Today, that number has risen to 72 percent. These indigenous drones can carry out surveillance, drop grenades, perform kamikaze attacks, and destroy enemy bunkers and vehicles. One year after Operation Sindoor, India's strategic message appears stronger than ever. BrahMos delivered a warning to Pakistan. Agni-6 is meant to demonstrate India's growing global reach and deterrence capability.

Nida Khan arrested: End of 25-day manhunt for key suspect in Nashik TCS harassment and religious sentiment scandal

Nashik TCS case: A significant development in the ongoing case of sexual harassment and religious conversion at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has occurred with the arrest of Nida Khan, a suspended employee. Khan, who has been avoiding the law for the past 25 days, has finally been caught after her anticipatory bail petition was denied by the court. This arrest comes as a turning point in a case that has caused ripples in the IT industry, involving allegations of workplace harassment, religious conversion, and conspiracy beyond the state's boundaries.

Manhunt and arrest using technical methods
Since Khan had been absconding since the day these allegations were brought to light in a TCS-connected BPO unit based in Nashik. Escaping law enforcement: Even after the police raided her hideout and questioned her husband, Khan remained elusive because she and her relatives kept their phones turned off. Denial of bail petition: Khan's legal repre-

sentatives sought bail for her, citing that she was pregnant and residing in Mumbai. However, the prosecutors successfully countered that her interrogation was necessary to find digital evidence and probe further into the allegations of connections with Malegaon and Malaysia.

Serious allegations: Conversion and coercion
The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has leveled grave charges against Khan, describing her role as "pivotal" in the harassment ring. Religious inducement: Investigators allege Khan pressured a complainant to adopt Islam, encouraged the wearing of the hijab and burqa, and shared religious mobile applications with victims. Document suppression: The SIT informed the court that co-accused individuals had allegedly taken possession of victims' personal documents with plans to change their names. Protecting predators: Khan is also accused of discouraging survivors from filing complaints and assisting primary suspects in cases of rape and sexual exploita-



tion.

Inside the 'Nasha Mukta' workplace scandal
The controversy centers on a BPO unit where women aged 18 to 25 have come forward with harrowing accounts of abuse spanning several years. Sexual misconduct: FIRs include detailed allegations of molestation, stalking, unwanted touching, and sexual exploitation under the pretext of marriage. Religious harassment: Complainants allege they were coerced into performing namaz, forced to eat non-vegetarian food, and

subjected to offensive remarks regarding Hindu deities and religious practices. Workplace intimidation: Victims described a culture of fear where senior colleagues used intimidation to establish sexual relationships.

Expanding probe: The SIT and corporate response
The Nashik Police Commissioner directed the formation of an SIT due to the complexity of the case. The suspects: At least nine FIRs have been registered against multiple employees, including Danish Sheikh, Tausif Attar, Raza Memon,

and Shahrukh Qureshi, all of whom are currently in judicial custody. POSH failure: Notably, Ashwin Chainani, a member of the POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) committee, was also arrested, raising questions about internal safety mechanisms. TCS oversight: While TCS stated that no formal complaints were initially received through internal ethics channels, the company has since constituted an oversight committee and appointed independent experts to conduct a comprehensive internal probe.

'Meri Party Sabko Pata Ho': TVK MLA S Keerthana's VIDEO Speaking In Fluent Hindi Impresses Internet



The 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly election results have reshaped the state's political landscape, bringing several fresh faces into the spotlight. Among the most talked-about newcomers is S. Keerthana, a 29-year-old MLA from actor-turned-politician Vijay's party, Tamil Nadu Vetri Kazhagam (TVK). A recent interview featuring Keerthana has gone viral online, with viewers prais-

ing her confident communication style, progressive political views, and unexpected fluency in Hindi.

Fluent Hindi moment wins internet attention
During the interview, Keerthana switched between Tamil and Hindi while addressing national audiences, instantly drawing attention on social media. When questioned about her Hindi skills, she openly explained that language should never become a bar-

rier in public service or governance.

Her ability to communicate beyond regional boundaries was widely interpreted as a signal of TVK's attempt to position itself within broader national political conversations while remaining rooted in Tamil Nadu's regional identity. Speaking about her electoral success, Keerthana credited voters' desire for change rather than

traditional political advantages. "There is no need to be afraid of money and caste," she said, emphasising that people are now willing to support candidates who represent integrity, accessibility, and fresh thinking. According to her, young leaders are finding space in politics because voters want representatives who understand contemporary social issues rather than relying on legacy politics.

Responds calmly to alliance criticism
Keerthana also addressed criticism from the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), which accused TVK of political "betrayal" over its alliance decisions, including cooperation with the Indian National Congress. She dismissed the allegations, stating that alliances are formed with the goal of governance and public welfare. According to her, multiple parties coming together reflects a

shared hope for political renewal rather than opportunism.

Open to ministerial responsibility
When asked whether she aspired to hold major portfolios such as Women and Child Development or Finance, Keerthana responded with humility. She said she would accept any responsibility if entrusted by "Vijay Anna," the party leadership, and the people. She stressed that positions within the government should be determined by merit and public expectations rather than personal ambition. Speculation about the new government's priorities intensified when she was asked about the first cabinet decision if Vijay assumes office as Chief Minister. Keerthana chose not to reveal details, saying with a smile, "You will know soon. I want it to be a pleasant surprise for the public."

'Will Work Under Guidance Of My Father, Leadership Of CM': Nishant Kumar

Patna: Nishant Kumar, son of former Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, was among the 32 ministers of Bihar who took oath on Thursday. After being sworn-in as a minister, he told the media that he would work under the guidance of his father and leadership of chief minister Samrat Choudhary. He said that he would try to live up to the expectations of senior leaders of JD(U) and would try to work with full honesty. Nishant had formally joined the JD(U) on March 8. After taking oath as a minister, he also visited the state JD(U) office. Addressing party workers, he reaffirmed that under the guidance of Nitish Kumar and the leadership of the chief minister, he would discharge his duties with absolute honesty, integrity,

and dedication. He also pledged to remain ceaselessly committed to fulfilling the unfinished resolutions of his father. He also expressed his unwavering commitment towards building a prosperous and developed Bihar. Nishant, who was earlier reluctant to join the cabinet, gave his consent to become a minister after a host of senior JD(U) leaders like Sanjay Kumar Jha, union minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh aka Lalan Singh and deputy chief minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary, persuaded him to reconsider his decision. Earlier, there was speculation that Nishant might assume the role of the deputy chief minister of Bihar. He, however, refused to accept it. It was rumoured that Nishant would contest from a seat in Nalanda district in

the last assembly election but it did not happen. Nishant Kumar had earlier made it clear that he was not interested in a political career. In 2017, he told reporters that he had neither interest in politics nor any knowledge about this field as his first love was spiritualism, and as of now, he was proceeding on the path of spiritualism. Born on July 20, 1975, in Bihar, Nishant is the son of Nitish Kumar and Manju Sinha. He is their only child. His mother died in 2007 of acute pneumonia. Nishant spent his early years in Bihar and did his schooling from St. Karen's in Patna before moving to Manava Bharati India International School, Mussoorie. He then graduated from the Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra in software engineering.

Suvendu Adhikari To Become West Bengal's 9th Chief Minister As BJP's Legislature Party Elects Him Leader



SUVENDU ADHIKARI TO BECOME 9th CHIEF MINISTER OF WEST BENGAL

Suvendu Adhikari, who emerged as a giant slayer not only in the recently concluded West Bengal Assembly elections but also in the previous one, is set to become the ninth Chief Minister of the state after being elected leader of the BJP legislature party on Friday. Suvendu defeated outgoing Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on both occasions, first in the Nandigram seat in 2021 and this time in the Bhabanipur

seat. The decision regarding West Bengal's next Chief Minister was taken during the BJP legislature party meeting in Kolkata in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who was appointed by the party as the central observer to oversee the election of the leader. Shah made the announcement to the media after the conclusion of the legislative party meeting. "I announce the name of Suvendu Adhikari as the

elected Leader of the West Bengal BJP Legislative Party," he said. Before the crucial meeting, Shah visited the Dakshineswar Kali Temple to offer prayers before heading to the Novotel Hotel, where the BJP legislature party meeting was held.

Gov dissolved state Assembly

West Bengal Governor RN Ravi on Thursday dissolved the state Assembly, formally bringing an end to

Mamata Banerjee's 15-year tenure and paving the way for the Bharatiya Janata Party to form its first government in the state after securing 207 seats in the 2026 Assembly elections.

However, Banerjee declined to step down and alleged that the polls were influenced through intimidation and unfair practices. She also accused the BJP of taking control of more than 1,500 TMC offices and claimed she was heckled and shoved in the tense post-election atmosphere.

Swearing-in tomorrow

The oath-taking ceremony of newly elected BJP government in West Bengal will take place at the Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata on Saturday, on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti. PM Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president Nitin Nabin, along with several Union ministers and chief ministers of NDA ruled states, are expected to attend the swearing-in ceremony.

'Tamil Nadu Political Crisis May Be Resolved In 2-3 Days': Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy

Hassan: Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy said on Friday that the political crisis in Tamil Nadu may be resolved within the next two to three days. He also stated that he does not believe long-time rivals DMK and AIADMK will come together to form a coalition government. Kumaraswamy spoke to the media after offering prayers at Mavinakere Ranganatha Swamy Hill in Hassan district this morning. "The political crisis that has arisen in Tamil Nadu may be resolved in the next two to three days. I do not think the DMK and AIADMK, which have fought as political rivals for decades, will join hands to form a government just for power, leaving out the TVK, which has emerged as the largest party. Such a possibility does not seem likely," he said. He noted that the Governor of Tamil Nadu is currently making decisions based on the prevailing



situation in the state. "The Governor is acting on the advice of legal experts there and taking steps regarding government formation. We will have to wait and see what happens next," Kumaraswamy said. "The Governor has asked Vijay to come with a list of signatures from MLAs who support him. The Governor is proceeding in line with the political situation in the state. There is no question of the Central government interfering here," he said in response to a question. Criticising the freebie promises, Kumaraswamy said, "Only God can save Vijay.

Tamil Nadu's budget size is ₹3.5 lakh crore. But the freebies they have promised will require at least ₹6 lakh crore. Where will they get that much money from?" he questioned. Vijay's TVK has been working to garner support from other parties to form a government in Tamil Nadu since the verdict delivered a fractured mandate. Congress has offered conditional support to the TVK's Vijay to form a government in Tamil Nadu and severed its ties with the DMK. Vijay's TVK has been working to garner support from other parties to form a government in Tamil Nadu

since the verdict delivered a fractured mandate. With the support of five Congress MLAs, the alliance stands at 113, still five short of the majority mark of 118 in the 234-member assembly. Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) chief Thol Thirumavalavan has said the party's high-level committee would meet in the evening to discuss the current political situation in Tamil Nadu, including an invitation from TVK seeking support for government formation. VCK's two seats will help Vijay reach closer to the majority mark. Meanwhile, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the Communist Party of India (CPI) also held an executive meeting to discuss whether they would support Vijay. They both have two seats each. If CPI (M), CPI and VCK come together, along with Congress, Vijay's TVK will cross the majority mark, forming the government in his first attempt.

'I Have No Son': Retd Major General Rajiv Narayanan Threatens Legal Action After Viral Post Claims His Son Was Caught In 'Paedophile-Hunting' Sting In UK

Retired Indian Army officer Rajiv Narayanan on Friday issued a strong clarification denying viral social media claims linking him to a man allegedly caught in a pedophile-hunting sting operation in the United Kingdom. The controversy erupted after an X user named Baba Thoka shared a video clip showing a man being interrogated and claimed that the individual was the son of Major General Rajiv Narayanan. The post further alleged that the retired officer had sent his son to the UK on a business visa and described the incident as an "international embarrassment for India." Responding to the allegations, Narayanan categorically denied the claims and termed them "false, baseless, and malicious." In a detailed statement, the retired officer said he does not have a son and accused the social media user of attempt-



ing to defame him. "I, Major General Rajiv Narayanan (Retired), AVSM, VSM (V), a former senior officer of the Indian Army with over 37 years of distinguished service, wish to issue the following unequivocal statement: I have no son. I have never had a son," the statement read. He further said that any attempt to associate him with the individual seen in the viral clip was a deliberate act of "defamation and character assassination" without any evidence.

Narayanan clarified that he has no familial or personal connection with the person featured in the video circulating on platforms such as X and TikTok. He added that the spread of such misinformation had caused distress to him and his family and undermined the reputation he had built during decades of military service. The retired Major General also warned of possible legal action against those responsible for spreading the claims. He demanded that all indi-

viduals and social media platforms sharing the content immediately remove it, issue public corrections, and stop further dissemination. "Failure to do so will compel me to pursue appropriate legal remedies, both in India and the United Kingdom, against those responsible for originating and amplifying this misinformation," he said. Narayanan also urged media organisations and social media users to verify facts before sharing unverified and potentially defamatory content online.

Assembly elections see high turnout, women voters outnumber men

The recently-concluded assembly elections witnessed exceptionally high voter participation across states, with women voters outnumbering men in turnout percentages, according to Election Commission data. West Bengal recorded the highest voter turnout among states, with 93.71 percent polling in 293 constituencies where counting has been completed. The state saw over 6.38 crore votes cast, including postal ballots, against a total of more than 6.81 crore electors. Women voters recorded a turnout of 93.8 percent in the West Bengal assembly polls, slightly higher than the 92.06 percent participation among men. The data for West Bengal does not include the figures for the Falta assembly constituency, which is scheduled for repolling. Tamil Nadu registered an 85.01 percent turnout, with nearly 4.8 crore votes polled from an electorate of 5.74 crore. Women voters recorded a turnout of 86.2 percent, higher than the 83.77 percent among men. Assam also witnessed robust participation, with the final turnout touching 85.74 percent. More than 2.15 crore votes were cast in the



state, while female turnout at 86.53 percent marginally exceeded the 84.95 percent recorded among male voters. Kerala registered a turnout of 78.11 percent, with over 2.12 crore votes polled. Female voter participation stood at 81.17 percent against 74.9 percent among men. Puducherry recorded a turnout of 89.82 percent, with women voters again leading participation at 91.39 percent. More than 8.5 lakh votes were polled in the Union territory. Yet, women's representation among elected candidates remained modest. Tamil Nadu elected 23 women MLAs (9.83 percent) out of 234 members, West Bengal elected 37 women legisla-

tors (12.62 percent) out of 293, while Kerala returned only 11 women MLAs (7.85 percent) in the 140-member House. Only two third-gender candidates contested the elections - one each from Tamil Nadu and Kerala, and both lost, forfeiting their deposits. The elections also reflected extensive electoral mobilisation infrastructure. West Bengal had the highest number of polling stations at 85,092, followed by Tamil Nadu with 75,064 and Assam with 31,490. In terms of candidates, Tamil Nadu saw the largest contest with 4,023 candidates in the fray across 234 constituencies, averaging 17 candidates per seat and peaking at 79

contestants in one constituency. West Bengal pitted 2,920 candidates for 293 constituencies, while Kerala had the fewest contestants among the major states, with 883 candidates for 140 seats. The data also showed relatively low NOTA votes across states. Tamil Nadu recorded the lowest NOTA share at 0.4 percent of total votes polled, while Assam recorded the highest at 1.23 percent. In West Bengal, 0.78 percent of the total votes polled were NOTA, while it 0.77 percent and 0.57 percent of the electorate opted for None of the Above (NOTA) in Puducherry and Kerala, respectively.

On Camera: Man Attempts To Behead Wife In Bengaluru; Passersby Thrash Him, Rescue Her

A disturbing video has surfaced from Bengaluru showing a man riding a scooter, suddenly stopping, and attacking a woman walking on the road with a sharp weapon. According to reports, the attacker was the woman's husband. The incident reportedly took place at Dasanapura near Nelamangala on the outskirts of Bengaluru. The attack was captured on CCTV, and the video has since gone viral on social media. The footage shows locals rushing to the spot and intervening immediately to save the woman's life. The accused, identified as Sanjay, is a native of Bihar. He allegedly arrived on a scooter wearing a helmet and attacked his wife Sonali, who had just stepped out of her house on Wednesday afternoon. According to reports, Sanjay grabbed Sonali by the neck



with one hand and pulled out a knife with the other. He then held the knife to her throat while she struggled to free herself from his grip. Hearing her screams, passersby rushed to the scene. Instead of recording videos, the locals began thrashing the man, forcing him to release the woman from his hold. Their timely interven-

tion reportedly saved her from what could have been a fatal attack. Initial investigations suggest the couple had been facing marital problems for the past few months. Sanjay and Sonali, both reportedly in their second marriage, had moved to Bengaluru hoping to start a new life together. However, tensions between the two had allegedly escalated in recent

weeks due to Sanjay's growing alcohol addiction. According to sources, Sonali had recently decided not to continue the relationship after repeated arguments, a move that allegedly enraged Sanjay and prompted him to plan the attack. Police have registered a case and launched a further investigation.

BPSC TRE 4.0 Protest: Police Resort To Lathi Charge On Aspirants Demanding Release Of Notification



Patna: A day after the swearing-in ceremony of new ministers in Bihar, police reportedly resorted to a lathi charge against BPSC aspirants staging a protest. The protest was reportedly over the delay in the Teacher Recruitment Examination (TRE) 4.0 notification. Recruitment Examination (TRE) 4.0 aspirants had gathered in large numbers, demanding the release of

the official recruitment notification by the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC). Protesters raised slogans against the Bihar government over the delay in the TRE 4.0 notification and sought a clear update on the recruitment process, reported ABP News. As the crowd continued to grow and the protest intensified, police stepped in and allegedly resorted to a lathi

charge to disperse the protesters. Thousands of candidates demanding the release of the Teacher Recruitment Examination (BPSC TRE 4.0) notification reportedly took to the streets within 24 hours of the cabinet expansion. The protest march began at Patna College and moved towards Dak Bungalow Chowk, bringing traffic movement across the city to

a standstill. The protest was led by student leader Dilip Kumar. Aspirants alleged that the government is unnecessarily delaying the TRE 3 recruitment process while lakhs of candidates continue to wait for the TRE 4 notification. The protesters also demanded that the government publicly disclose the exact number of vacancies and announce a clear deadline for the recruitment notification. Another demand raised during the protest was the strict implementation of a domicile policy giving priority to local youth from Bihar in teacher recruitment. Aspirants are also questioning why they must clear the same demanding sequence of prelims, mains, and interview as PCS officers for a job that offers only Rs 40,000 a month, reported News 18. Newly appointed Education Minister, Mithilesh Tiwari, has assured them that a resolution will be found.

National Health Authority convenes Day 1 of AB PM-JAY Auto-Adjudication Hackathon Showcase 2026; AI-driven innovations in claims adjudication take centre stage

- India among first in Global South to develop Health AI benchmarking platform: Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal, CEO, NHA
 - "Robust AI-enabled adjudication to enhance transparency, efficiency and programme integrity under AB PM-JAY"
 - From OCR to deepfake detection: AI innovations showcased to strengthen claims management under AB PM-JAY



New Delhi, May, 8 (PIB): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), in collaboration with the National Health Authority (NHA), IndiaAI Mission, and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, today inaugurated the AB PM-JAY Auto-Adjudication Hackathon Showcase 2026, marking the commencement of a two-day national event focused on leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to strengthen health claims management under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). The inaugural day brought together policymakers, technology innovators, insurers, Third Party Administrators (TPAs), healthcare providers, academia, and AI startups to deliberate and

demonstrate cutting-edge AI-enabled solutions aimed at enhancing efficiency, transparency, and integrity in claims adjudication. Speaking at the Inaugural Session, Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Authority, stated that the initiative presents a significant opportunity not only to strengthen healthcare delivery under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, but also to enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the healthcare ecosystem through technology. He emphasized that innovation is distributed across society—spanning institutions, academia, startups, and industry—and initiatives such as hackathons help harness this collective potential to solve complex

healthcare challenges. Dr. Barnwal highlighted that NHA has been actively promoting AI in healthcare, including the development of BODH, an Open Benchmarking and Data Platform for Health AI at IIT Kanpur, launched during the IndiaAI Impact Summit. He noted that India is among the first countries in the Global South to establish such a platform for validating AI solutions against India-specific datasets, as a digital public good. He further highlighted that robust and transparent claims adjudication is central to building trust among empanelled hospitals, ensuring timely settlements, and improving programme integrity. He added that the vast and diverse data generated under AB PM-JAY

offers immense potential for leveraging AI to further strengthen efficiency, transparency, and outcomes. A major highlight of the showcase was the presentation of advanced AI/ML-based solutions developed under the hackathon across three critical problem statements, each addressing core challenges in claims adjudication and programme integrity under AB PM-JAY. The first problem statement focused on Clinical Document Classification and Compliance with Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs). Winning teams demonstrated sophisticated solutions capable of automated classification of diverse healthcare documents, coupled with multilingual Optical Character Recognition (OCR) applied to low-

quality and heterogeneous scans. These systems were able to extract structured clinical and billing data with associated confidence scores and provenance tracking. Additionally, the solutions exhibited the ability to identify mandatory visual markers such as institutional stamps and authorised signatures, while generating explainable adjudication outputs aligned with Standard Treatment Guidelines and policy compliance frameworks. The second problem statement addressed Radiological Image-Based Condition Detection and Report Correlation. The winning teams showcased assistive AI tools capable of interpreting complex radiological data, including X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs. These solutions enable adjudicators to better understand imaging outputs, correlate radiological findings with hospital-submitted clinical reports, and validate claimed diagnoses, disease staging, and treatment timelines in accordance with established Standard Treatment Guidelines, thereby enhancing both speed and accuracy in decision-making.

The third problem statement focused on Document Forgery and Deepfake Detection. Participating teams presented robust AI/ML-driven systems designed to detect anomalies and fraudulent patterns in medical documentation submitted during claims processing. These included identification of tampered discharge summaries, manipulated billing records, ghost beneficiaries, and synthetically generated or altered medical reports. Such solutions are expected to significantly strengthen digital claims adjudication frameworks and safeguard programme integrity under AB PM-JAY. The programme also featured a high-level panel discussion on "Building AI for Indian Healthcare", chaired by Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The panel brought together distinguished representatives from government, healthcare technology enterprises, academia, and the broader AI ecosystem to deliberate on practical pathways, policy considerations, and operational strategies for the adoption and scaling of AI solutions within India's healthcare system.

NHAI Successfully Defends Arbitration Claim, Safeguards Public Funds in a National Highway Project

New Delhi, May, 8 (PIB): Securing a significant arbitration win, NHAI successfully defended an arbitration matter related to the six-laning of the Kamrej-Chalthan section of NH-48 in Gujarat, leading to substantial savings of public funds. Against claims of around Rs. 174.49 crore raised by the contractor, the Arbitral Tribunal awarded only Rs. 54 lakh to settle the case, underscoring the importance of digital project monitoring, robust documentation and evidence-based contract management by NHAI. The matter pertained to the National Highway project for widening of 15 km long Kamrej-Chalthan Section of NH-48 from four lane to six lane, that included implementation of long-term remedial measures for four black spots on Kamrej-Bharuch Section. The project was awarded to the contractor M/s SCIW-Unique Construction (JV) for development in Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) mode in June 2016 at a bid cost of Rs. 241.41 crores. The appointed date for commencement of work was declared on 21st March 2017 with 87.75% land availability. During execution, the contractor repeatedly cited land-related constraints, demonstrated slow progress and failed to execute the work in accordance with the contract provisions. Only simple work related to road and drainage were carried out, development of major structures and flyovers were not taken up for development. Owing to continued deficiencies in performance, the contract was mutually foreclosed on 11th May 2020 at a physical progress of around 49.79%.

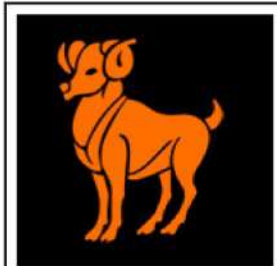
At the time of foreclosure, both parties had agreed that all claims were fully and finally settled and the contractor had expressly undertaken not to raise any future claims. However, in 2022, the contractor initiated arbitration proceedings claiming around Rs. 174.49 crore against NHAI which was contrary to the terms of the Foreclosure Agreement. During the arbitration proceedings, NHAI presented detailed documentary and digital evidence before the Arbitral Tribunal. This included drone videography, digital project records, and technical documentation demonstrating that sufficient land was available for execution of the six-laning works and that substantial drainage work along the edge of the Right of Way has already been completed. The evidence further established that the contractor had not undertaken key and challenging components of the project, including major structures and flyovers, which significantly contributed to the foreclosure of the contract. Based on the submissions and evidence presented the Arbitral Tribunal, in its award dated 10th March 2026, virtually rejected all claims made by the contractor. Against claims amounting to approximately Rs. 174.49 crore, the Tribunal awarded only Rs. 54 lakhs in favour of the claimant. The case highlights the critical role of digitization and technology-driven project monitoring in infrastructure development and dispute resolution. The outcome also underlines NHAI's steadfast commitment to fix contractor accountability, prudent contract management and protection of public funds in the implementation of National Highway infrastructure projects across the country.

Workshop on Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality) under the State Support Mission of NITI Aayog

New Delhi, May, 8 (PIB): NITI Aayog, in partnership with IIM Ahmedabad, Gates Foundation and the Government of Gujarat organised the Workshop on SDG 5: Gender Equality at IIM Ahmedabad under the State Support Mission (SSM). The purpose of the workshop was to launch the State and District Reports on SDG 5 and disseminate their findings to accelerate women-led development. The Workshop brought together senior government officials from States and Union Territories, representatives from various Ministries of the Government of India, UN and international agencies (UNDP, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, World Bank, etc.), along with NGOs and other experts working in the field to share insights to drive evidence-based action at the district level. The technical sessions focused on strengthening SDG 5 monitoring and evidence systems, women's economic empowerment and social empowerment of women. The inaugural session was graced by Smt. Annpurna Devi, Minister of Women and Child Development, Dr. Manisha Vakil, Minister (WCD), Government of Gujarat, Dr. M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog, Mr. Stefan Priesner, United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC), India and Prof Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM-A, among others.

During the Inaugural session, Smt. Annpurna Devi, Minister for Women and Child Development, Government of India launched SDG 5 State and District Reports and highlighted the importance of good data, robust ecosystems with tech-enabled monitoring and time-bound evaluations, for dynamic policy making. Dr. Manisha Vakil, Minister for Women and Child Development, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Government of Gujarat, stressed the importance of implementation, deepening convergence and targeted interventions that are responsive to local needs and realities. Dr. M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog emphasised that the report will help identify achievements and priority areas at the district level, support progress towards the 2030 targets and enable the sharing of success stories across States and globally. Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM-A highlighted the programs implemented by IIM-A for women entrepreneurs. Mr. Stefan Priesner, United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC), India underscored that locally driven SDG progress reaching women and girls in every district and panchayat will directly contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. State and District reports on SDG 5 are policy briefs, encouraging data for development to generate insights and monitor progress across time, enabling more targeted interventions and budget alignment on gender equality. The technical sessions of the workshop focused on strengthening evidence-based policymaking, advancing women's economic empowerment and promoting community-led approaches for accelerating progress towards SDG 5. Discussions highlighted the need for stronger gender-disaggregated data systems, district-level monitoring frameworks, gender-responsive budgeting, financial inclusion, care economy support and improved access to quality employment and enterprise opportunities.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

Spend some time with close friends in order to relax. Improvement in finances will make it convenient for you to pay your long-standing dues and bills. Time spent with relatives will be to your advantage. Do not doubt the fidelity of your beloved. Your competitive nature will enable you to win any contest you enter. With just little efforts, the day might become the best day of your married life. A perfect day to plan your future, as you may be relatively free; but try to keep your plans as practical as possible and avoid building castles in the air. Remedy :- Feed green fodder to a cow or give it in a cow shelter, this will take away the feeling of being alone.



Taurus

Avoid high calorie diet and stick to your exercise. Surplus money should be invested in real estate. If you are planning to have a party then invite your best friends- There will be lot of people who will be cheering you up. You will catch the eye of a special someone-if you move about within your group. Your magnetic- outgoing personality will put you into the limelight. The day is really romantic. With nice food, fragrances, happiness, you will spend an amazing time with your better-half. Sleeping a bit too much today may make you feel beraft of energy. Keep yourself active throughout the day. Remedy :- Often wear red clothes to stay active.



Gemini

Your swift action will motivate you. To achieve success-change your ideas with time. This would broaden your vision-widen your horizon-improve your personality and enrich your mind. You will make good money today- but try not to let it slip through your fingers. Auspicious day to start a new family venture. Take the help of other members to make it a great success. Give tiny bits of kindness and love to make it a special day. Your personality is slightly different from others, and you like to spend time alone. Today, you will get time for yourself, but will be occupied by office work. Remedy :- Don't look at other women in a bad way to maintain a good character.



Cancer

Today you might have to face several tensions and difference of opinion that will make you feel irritated and uneasy. You will possess a considerable amount of money today, and with it there will be peace of mind. Think before sharing your confidential information with your spouse. If possible, try to avoid as she might reveal it to someone else. Don't clamor loud about love affair. Travel will be beneficial but expensive. You might feel suffocated in your married life due to lack of comfort today. All you need is to have a good talk. Meeting a beautiful stranger on the trip can make you gain good experiences. Remedy :- Pour water in money plant



Leo

You will have enough time to yourself today so, go out for a long walk for the sake of your good health. You should not invest your money today without consulting anyone. Evenings with friends will be good for pleasure as well as some holiday planning. You will be in the mood for love- and the opportunities would be plenty. Your free time will be wasted today because of any unnecessary work. You and your spouse will create the best memory of your married life today. Today, either your father or elder brother can scold you for any mistakes. Try to understand his words and implement for improvement. Remedy :- Help a disabled person, to feel the presence of God.



Virgo

Your tremendous intellectual potential will help you to fight the disability. Only by keeping positive thoughts you can fight this problem. Finances will definitely get a boost- but at the same time expenditures too will be on the rise. Give priorities to the needs of family members. Involve yourself to share their joy and sorrow to realize them that you care for them. Your day today will be immersed in the colors of love, but you can argue with your beloved over something old during the night. Today, you will plan to spend time with your spouse and take them out somewhere, but won't be able to do so due to his/her ill-health. Remedy :- Feed a black dog to get rid of your inactiveness.



Libra

Health can bloom by sharing happiness with others. Money will help you remain afloat during dark times in life. Hence, consider investing and saving your money from today, or else troubles can occur. Fashion a sublime rhythm in your life and learn the values of surrender and art of walking straight with love and gratitude in heart. It would make your family life more meaningful. Marriage proposal as your love life may turn into life long bond. You need to take extra care of your luggage if you are travelling today. You and your spouse will create the best memory of your married life today. Nothing can be worse than being bogged down with office work, isn't it? However, every coin has a flip side. You can hone your skills if you do your work with focus. Remedy :- Apply red vermilion on your forehead before venturing out to better your financial status.



Scorpio

Your confidence and energy will be high today. People who had bought land and now want to sell it can come across a good buyer today and acquire a good amount for it. Evenings with friends will be good for pleasure as well as some holiday planning. Don't allow your romantic views to be aired. Children of this zodiac sign will spend their entire day playing sports. Parents should pay attention to them, as they may get injured. Your days' planning might get disturbed due to your spouse's urgent work, but at last you will realize that it happened for good. Rather than getting bored entire day, either read a good book or write a blog post. Remedy :- Offer sweets (ladoos) made of green grams at Lord Ganesh's temple and distribute among children for memorable moments with your lover.



Sagittarius

Blood pressure patients should be extra careful about their health while travelling in a crowded bus. Simply ignore those who approach you for temporary loans. Family members will hold a special place in your life. Likely to face disappointment as date program may fail. Those who were very busy for the last few days will finally get to enjoy their own time. You or your spouse might get hurt in bed today, so be gentle with each other. You should have complete information about the work you are assigning to someone. Remedy :- Apply white sandalwood mark on the forehead and financial life will thrive.



Capricorn

Likely to face some setback as you are unable to go in an important assignment due to health problem. But use your rationale to propel you. Due to the placement of the Moon, your money can be spent on unnecessary things. If you wish to accumulate wealth, then talk to your spouse or parents about it. Your harsh treatment to children would annoy them. You need to restrain yourself and remember that it would only create a barrier between you. You will tease your romantic partner by prolonging your call. If you are married and have children, then they can complain to you regarding you not being able to give them ample time. Surprise your better half on a regular basis; otherwise he/she might start feeling unimportant. Remedy :- Offer black grams, black sesame seeds, and coconut in flowing water to reap the benefits of good health.



Aquarius

Your generous attitude would be a blessing in disguise as you are likely to be liberated from many vices like doubt, disloyalty, depression, lack of faith, greed, attachment, egoism, and jealousy. You will have problems hanging on to your money today- You are likely to overspend or misplace your wallet- Some losses due to carelessness are certain. Proper dialogue and co-operation will improve relationship with spouse. Don't lose heart- failures are quite natural they are the beauty of life. Before starting any new task or project, talk to those who have gained ample experience in that field. If you have time today, meet them and seek their suggestions and advice. Rude behavior of your spouse might take a toll on you today. Sleeping a bit too much today may make you feel beraft of energy. Keep yourself active throughout the day. Remedy :- Make your financial life strong by honouring sister, daughter and aunt (both maternal and paternal).



Pisces

Don't exert yourself beyond a point and remember to take proper rest. Investment concerning your residence will be profitable. Enjoy the evening with your family in a candle light dinner to make it a special day. You need to spend time with your beloved to know and understand each other better. Construction work undertaken today will finish to your satisfaction. It is the day to experience the brighter side of marriage. Playing any musical instrument today can brighten up your day. Remedy :- Health will get better by taking care of a dog with multi-coloured spots.

"Kris Srikanth Loved Smoking": Riyan Parag's Vaping Row Gets Unfiltered Reaction From Sanjay Manjrekar

Rajasthan Royals captain Riyan Parag was embroiled in a controversy recently after being caught on camera vaping inside the dressing room during an IPL match against Punjab Kings in Mullanpur. Riyan Parag was fined 25 per cent of his match fee and has also accumulated one Demerit Point for breaching Level 1 of the IPL's Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials. The Indian government had banned e-cigarettes back in 2019, prohibiting their production, sale, and distribution. As per the law, the offender faces imprisonment of up to one year and/or a fine of up to Rs one lakh for a first-time offence. Former India star Sanjay Manjrekar said the scrutiny that current players face shows there is no privacy for stars. "In our time, there was a player called Krishnamachari Srikanth. He loved smoking. It was something he did as a way to unwind - you got out, felt frustrated, and had a smoke. Shane Warne used to do that as well. But cameras weren't this intrusive. Now, with the kind of coverage we have, even a silhouette of someone like Mahendra Singh Dhoni somewhere private can be picked up and shown. There is virtually no privacy for these people," he told Sportstar. Manjrekar advised moving on from the incident. "That's something I'm strongly against - stomp mics, too. That used to be our space on the field. You might whisper something near the stumps, knowing it wouldn't go beyond that moment. But the game has changed. The scrutiny is a lot more. It's actually against Indian law. I think after Riyan



Parag, they must find out who the supplier is and take action against him. The right thing was done, and now we must quickly move on," he said. Riyan Parag was made Rajasthan Royals (RR) captain after the departure of Sanju Samson, and his stint as permanent skipper has started off well. Under Parag, RR have six wins from their first 10 IPL 2026 games, and are firmly in the playoffs race. Despite this, former India cricketer and reputed commentator Sanjay Manjrekar has stated his perplexity over RR choosing to make Parag the captain. Manjrekar explained his confusion over the decision, concluding that it made little cricketing sense. "From a cricketing point of view, I don't think it makes any sense at all. I think it's a bit harsh to say this, but he's just got too much as a reward, not having really worked hard for those re-

wards," Manjrekar said, speaking to Sportstar. Manjrekar elaborated that Parag's performances over the years haven't been impressive enough for RR to back him with the role of captaincy. "After the kind of performances that I've seen over the years, I find it a little strange that Rajasthan Royals have backed him so much," he said. Riyan Parag endured a number of inconsistent seasons through the early 2020s, but emerged as a potential star in IPL 2024, when he smashed 573 runs in 14 innings. In IPL 2025 and 2026, Parag has shown flashes of his extraordinary talent, but has been unable to find a consistent run of form. In IPL 2026, Parag's best effort came against Delhi Capitals (DC), when he slammed 90 off 50. "It is a case I've never understood. The only conclusion that I can draw is that the franchise and its management really like him as a talent and as a personality.

They also saw some leadership qualities and backed him," Manjrekar further said. Despite his questions over RR's decision to make him captain, Manjrekar also admitted Parag's exceptional talent. "We should also accept that when he plays like he did the other day, when he scored 90-odd, you can see the obvious talent he has," he said. "What catches your eye with Riyan Parag is the unbelievable self-confidence that he shows. Even when he was not delivering, if you saw him in the field and the kind of stuff that he did, it was a lot of sort of doing things to get the attention. It was just almost arrogance for somebody who was struggling to fit in or deliver. So, it tells me about a person who has this confidence and it seems to be genuine. It doesn't seem to be a put-on," Manjrekar concluded. Parag has played one ODI and nine T20Is for India.

Mamata Banerjee "Didn't Even Give Me 20 Seconds," Alleges Ex-India Star Cricketer, Blames Trinamool For Lionel Messi Fiasco



Manoj Tiwary, former India cricketer and outgoing Trinamool Congress MLA, on Tuesday made some explosive allegations against the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress. In an interview with news agency PTI, Tiwary said the "TMC chapter is over" for him, alleging that the party denied him a ticket from Howrah's Shibpur constituency for refusing to pay Rs 5 crore. On Wednesday, Tiwary uploaded another video on his social media accounts detailing what he went through during his time as Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs in West Bengal. "In this video, I want to explain how my work has been hindered over the past five years. I want to share this. Aroop Biswas (TMC leader and former minister) prevented me from working. I come from the sports world and wanted to do a lot for sports. In the sports department, I had nothing to do except have tea and biscuits. They made sure I could not work," Tiwary said. "I wanted

to work for many talented youngsters in athletics, football, and other sports. I wanted to build good infrastructure. They just wanted to use me and ensure I could not work. Through my connections, I had made plans and facilitated world-famous athlete Yohan Blake to build a Centre of Excellence in West Bengal. But Aroop Biswas rejected the proposal. Only Rs 5 crore was needed to bring him. In fact, a Rs 700 crore sports budget was thrown away. I was dejected." Tiwary added that Aroop Biswas, who resigned as West Bengal sports minister after the Lionel Messi fiasco - wherein the football great had to leave Yuva Bharati Krirangan early following a security threat - was insecure of him. "I wasn't invited to any events. I was even on the field during the Durand Cup, but I wasn't invited because Aroop Biswas couldn't tolerate my image. I wasn't present at Messi's event because of the repeated insults. I felt something serious was

about to happen. You must have seen that all the sports lovers in the state were embarrassed by Aroop Biswas. Everybody remembers the Messi event. Messi left the event within 5-10 minutes just because of Aroop Biswas," Manoj Tiwary said. "You can imagine what I've faced in the Sports Department over the past five years. I want to say that whatever God does, He does for good. This narrow-minded government was removed. They worked for themselves, not for the public. There was a lot to be done for Shibpur, which I tried to explain repeatedly, even raising my voice in cabinet meetings. One day, when I raised this issue with the Chief Minister after a cabinet meeting, she said to my face, 'Don't I have anything else to do?' She didn't even give me 20 seconds to explain what I wanted to say. This government was based on false promises. I realised that very day that this government wouldn't last long," he added.

Hardik Pandya Not Travelling With Mumbai Indians Squad, Says Report. Speculations Rife



Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya missed the side's previous Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 fixture against the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) due to back spasms. Although the official reason cited for his absence from cricketing duties is his health, the spasms were not expected to keep him out of the upcoming match against Royal Chal-

lengers Bengaluru (RCB) in Raipur. However, as the team departed for their next assignment, Hardik was nowhere to be found. According to a report in Cricbuzz, Hardik couldn't be spotted among the members of the Mumbai Indians squad at Terminal 1 of Mumbai airport on Wednesday. There was no update on whether he will meet his team at a later point. With

the bat Hardik has struggled this season, scoring only 146 runs in eight games for MI at a modest strike rate of 136.45. The skipper has been equally ineffective with the ball. Consequently, speculations are rife that there is more to his absence than a mere injury. After the all-rounder missed the clash against Lucknow, an official statement from MI read: "Hardik Pandya is unwell with back spasms; hence, Suryakumar Yadav is captain for today's game." when asked about the extent of Hardik's injury, teammate Ryan Rickelton admitted he did not have much information. "I don't know when he's expected to be back. I only found out this afternoon that he had back spasms. So, I'm not aware of the extent of it. I wouldn't even call it an injury or how serious it is or what he's feeling. But I'm sure he'll be back with the group as we head to Raipur this week," he said on Monday. Just weeks after lifting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, Suryakumar Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, and Hardik Pandya have found themselves at the centre of a season that has unravelled alarmingly for the

five-time champions. **What Has Gone Wrong With Mumbai Indians?** Placed 9th in the points table with 3 wins in 10 matches, Mumbai Indians have had a forgettable campaign. At the heart of Mumbai's struggles lies a familiar yet unresolved question - what changed? The answer traces back to a pivotal shift in leadership. The decision to move on from Rohit Sharma as captain and reinstall Hardik Pandya at the helm was meant to usher in a new era. Instead, it disrupted a structure that had long thrived on stability and clarity. Rohit's tenure was defined by calm authority and tactical assurance, qualities that had become synonymous with Mumbai's identity. The transition, however, has been anything but seamless. Hardik's return was expected to bring dynamism and all-round impact. But this season, he has struggled to influence games either with the bat or the ball, while also grappling with the demands of leadership. His inability to close out matches or provide breakthroughs in crucial phases has compounded Mumbai's problems, leaving the side without a clear on-field driver.

Who Is The Best Indian Opener In IPL? Ex-Batting Coach Names His Pick. Not Virat Kohli Or Rohit Sharma

Who is the best Indian opener in the IPL? Former India batting coach Sanjay Bangar believes it is Abhishek Sharma. "In terms of the order, it will be Abhishek Sharma, then Virat Kohli. At three, we have Shubman Gill and KL Rahul at four. Rohit Sharma at five, Shikhar (Dhawan) at six, Viru (Virender) at seven, and Gambhir at eight," Bangar said. "I think based on how T20 has evolved, that would be the right mix and the right way to go about it." Abhishek Sharma is currently second in the IPL 2026 top run-getters list with 475 runs in 11 innings. While Abhishek has scored three half-centuries and one century, on Wednesday the Sunrisers Hyderabad star could not convert his good start. He scored 35 off 13 balls as SRH posted 235/4 in 20 overs. World No. 1 T20I batter Abhishek Sharma has opened up on the transformative impact of training under former India all-rounder and his idol, Yuvraj Singh, saying the experience helped him develop a stronger mindset focused on delivering in high-pressure matches for the national team. Speaking on JioStar, Abhishek recalled how working closely with Yuvraj Singh during the lockdown period became a turning point in his development as a cricketer, both technically and mentally. "Training with Yuvi paaji (Yuvraj Singh) was a huge moment for me. I had looked up to him since I was a child. He was my idol. He gave me some guidance early on, but we didn't have much time together. Then



came the lockdown. I think Yuvi paaji saw it as an opportunity to work closely with a few players. I was lucky to be one of them," Abhishek said. The left-handed batter further highlighted a key message from Yuvraj Singh that significantly shaped his approach to the game and belief in his abilities. Abhishek credited the mentorship for helping him focus on performing in crucial moments rather than just accumulating experience at lower levels, saying the guidance instilled a long-term vision for success at the international level. "When our camp began,

he said something that truly changed my belief. He told me that the training and mindset we were building was not just for domestic cricket or IPL, and not just for playing a few games for India. He said that he was preparing me mentally to win big matches for India, to play impactful innings, and to deliver with the ball when it matters most," he added. Sharma also opened up about the early inspiration behind his cricketing journey, crediting his father and iconic India matches for motivating him to pursue the sport professionally.

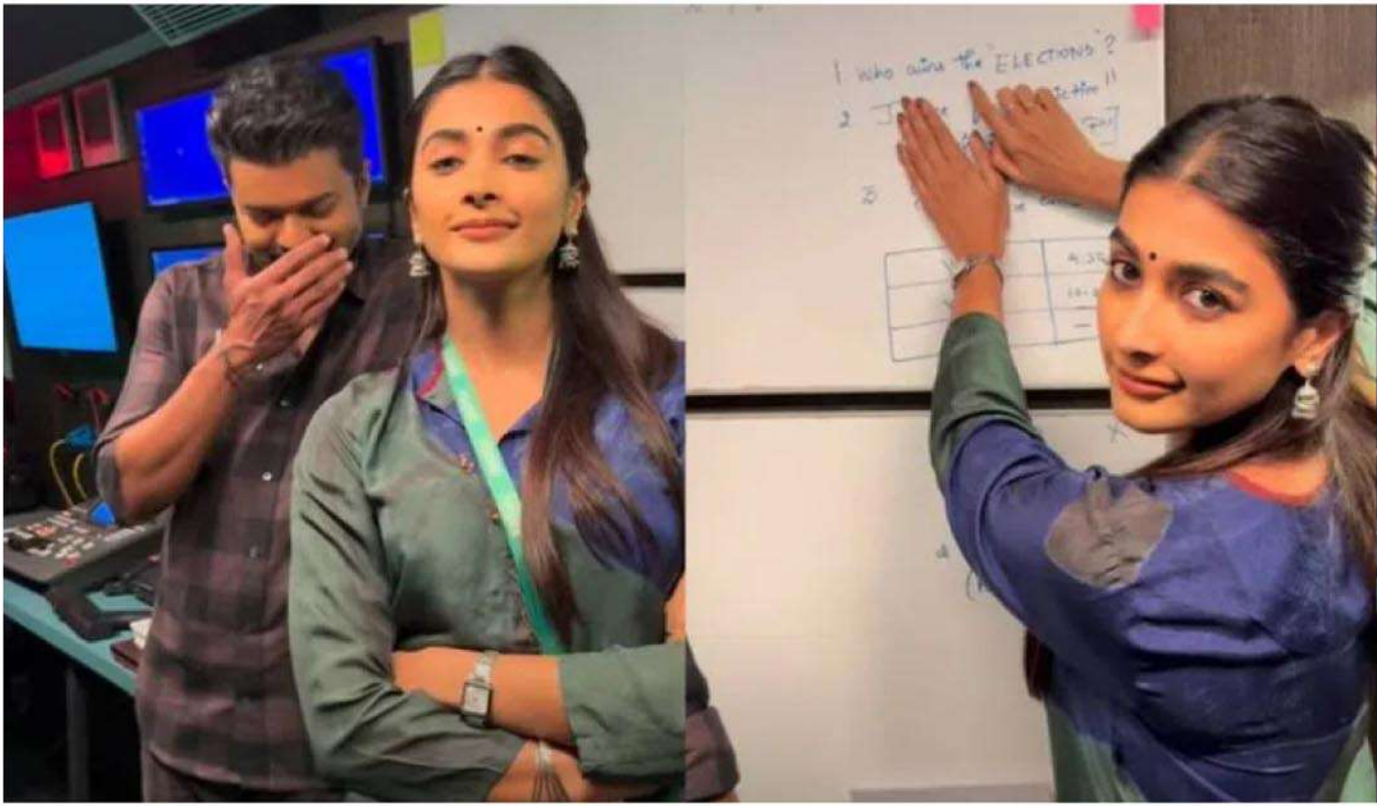
Sharam Karo": Yuvraj Singh Calls Out Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma In Hilarious Video After Rishabh Pant's Gift

"Legendary India cricketer Yuvraj Singh made a humorous post on social media after receiving a gift sent by star India wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant. Yuvraj mentored Pant in the lead-up to IPL 2026, and the latter thanked him by gifting him a premium golf club. However, in a hilarious twist, Yuvraj took to Instagram to not only

thank Rishabh Pant, but also take a playful dig at some of his other mentees. In a video that has gone viral, Yuvraj called out the likes of Abhishek Sharma and Shubman Gill. Pant sent a touching message to Yuvraj along with the gift - "Dear Yuvi paaji, thank you for your support and guidance. See you on the golf course. Love RP."



Jana Nayagan actress says she predicted Vijay's Assembly election win



Congratulatory messages have not stopped pouring in ever since TVK chief Vijay Thalopathy's impressive win in the recently held Tamil Nadu Assembly Election. The fact that this is the actor-turned-politician's first election made the win even more special. However, his 'Jana Nayagan' co-star Pooja Hegde claimed that she had predicted Vijay's win in advance. Taking to her official Instagram handle, Pooja dropped a behind-the-scenes video from the set of "Jana Nayagan", where she was seen fully suggesting that Vijay

would win the election.

The 'Deva' actress pointed to a question on a whiteboard in front of Vijay and winked at him, suggesting he and his party would win the election. This adorable gesture made Vijay blush. Embarrassed, he covered his face and walked away. "Guess I called it before it happened? Here's to dreams turning into reality, Vijay sir @actorvijay (sic)," Pooja captioned the post.

Before this, Pooja published a photo featuring herself with

Vijay on her Instagram Stories, along with the text, "Congratulations actor Vijay sir. This Thalopathy Kacheri is just getting bigger and bigger. Onwards and upwards only. Party time. Let's gooo." For the unversed, Vijay managed to win not one, but two constituencies where he chose to contest, Perambur in Chennai and Tiruchirappalli East. Besides Pooja, many members from the entertainment world decided to send their wishes to Vijay through social media posts.

Actor Riteish Deshmukh congratulated Vijay, saying,

"The verdict is out!! Huge congratulations to @actorvijay on this incredible and monumental victory. May the force be with you, may you tirelessly work for the good of the people." Keerthy Suresh added, "You don't get here by just being loved, but by also being hated. Through the noise & all that hatred, you never gave up & always showed up. This is pure hard work, commitment and passion for the people. Like I've said before, you're an emotion & this win is a testament to that very statement; the start of a new legacy!"

Rajamouli Should Not Let a Vacuum Build for Varanasi

Visionary filmmaker SS Rajamouli's globe-trotting action adventure 'Varanasi' is undoubtedly the next highly anticipated movie from Indian shores and the box office milestones will be much bigger this time because of the mammoth expectations. And he seems to be very much up to the task as the mind-numbing title glimpse has proved why he is called the master craftsman.

The Mahesh Babu starrer is less than a year for a grand global release. But, there is no single update from the makers after the announcement of official release date earlier this year. It has been more than six months since the team unveiled the first glimpse of the film amid huge fan fare and international media presence. Since then, there is absolutely no major update on Varanasi.

It is true that Rajamouli is a strategist like no other. He knows the pulse of audiences and how to promote his films before release. But, the prolonged silence for a behemoth like Varanasi is creating a big vacuum between moviegoers and the movie itself. As the release is just 11 months away, the team should at least plan to



release some content to create hype well in advance.

Varanasi is aiming for an International release in multiple languages with ambitious box office targets. So, it requires more hype than Rajamouli's previous outings and well planned marketing strategies.

But, content will always be

driving factor for big-ticket films beyond any other aspect. Hence, Rajamouli and team should plan to unveil some exciting content to build more anticipation than what it commands now.

Mahesh Babu is believed to portray multiple roles including Rudra, Lord Rama, and others



in the world-spanning mythological epic. Priyanka Chopra, Prithviraj Sukumaran, and Prakash Raj play significant roles. The first look posters of all these leading actors were unveiled in the run up to title glimpse last year.

Varanasi is slated for release on April 7, 2027.

Trained Hard For Auto Race Episode In GG: Sumanth Prabhas

After making an impressive debut with Mem Famous, Sumanth Prabhas is now set to entertain audiences with the rural drama Godari Gattupaina, directed by Subhash Chandra under Red Puppet Productions. As the film gears up for its release on May 8th, the team has begun aggressive promotions. Sumanth says it almost feels like a second debut since Godari Gattupaina is arriving three years after his first film. He adds that this movie is completely different from his debut. "Mem Famous was a youth-centric Telangana village story. Godari Gattupaina is a super cute film set against the Godavari backdrop. It carries strong emotions. The love track and



the father-daughter sentiment will resonate with everyone." The actor revealed the effort he put into mastering the Godavari slang. "I was born and brought up

in Telangana. So, I rehearsed for nearly four months to perfect the Godavari dialect. I wanted people from that region to feel like someone from their own area is

speaking." Sumanth plays an auto driver in the film. "My character values friends and family. It's a very good role. There's also an auto race episode, and I trained hard specifically for it. The film has fun and emotions, and every character is beautifully written." He clarified that he didn't involve himself in the making of the film despite having directorial experience. "Subhash Chandra worked very hard on this script. He wanted to present it in his own style. The moment I heard the story, I surrendered completely. I only told him to leave the promotions to me." Sumanth also revealed that he personally designed the promotional strategy for the film.

Shilpa Shirodkar shares 90s throwback with Madhuri Dixit



Actress Shilpa Shirodkar used social media to rewind the clock and relive some precious moments from the 90s. Taking to her official Instagram handle, Shilpa dropped a couple of photographs of herself attending a live show in Indore. The pictures had Shilpa posing with the 'Dhak Dhak' girl, Madhuri Dixit. "Back in the 90s for a live show in Indore! #GoodOldDays (sic)," Shilpa penned on the photo-sharing app. In one of the photos, both Shilpa and Madhuri are posing with bouquets in their hands. In the other one, the two are seen sharing a warm laugh. The 'Bigg Boss 18' contestant also dropped a couple of solo

shorts of herself from the event. For those who do not know, Shilpa and Madhuri have shared screen space in multiple movies such as "Kishen Kanhaiya" (1990), "Mrityudand" (1997), and "Gaja Gaminii" (2000). Talking about Shilpa's professional commitments, she will soon be seen in the forthcoming web series "Shankara The Revolutionary Man". Inspired by the life and teachings of the saint and philosopher Adi Shankaracharya, the project has been backed by Modi Studios in association with Rajarshi Bhupendra Modi. The core cast of the drama will include Abhishek Nigam, Rati Pandey, Rajesh Shringarpure,

Farnaz Shetty, and Manoj Joshi in pivotal roles, along with others. Previously, Shilpa revealed how Shankar - The Revolutionary Man took her on a spiritual journey. She shared that the experience helped her achieve personal growth while exploring a deeper sense of purpose beyond the screen. "I have always been spiritually inclined. I enjoy learning, listening, and exploring different kinds of knowledge. So, when this show came my way, it felt like a life-changing moment for me. I thought to myself that if I were to be a part of this project, it would offer so much more for me to learn, both professionally and personally," explained Shilpa.

Rakul Preet Singh says working with friends makes filming 'easier' in Pati Patni Aur Woh Do

Mumbai: Actress Rakul Preet Singh has spoken about reuniting with actor Ayushmann Khurrana and director Mudassar Aziz for "Pati Patni Aur Woh Do" and said it's just easier when working with friends. Rakul first worked with Ayushmann in the medical comedy-drama titled "Doctor G" in 2022. The film, which also stars Shefali Shah, revolves around Ayushmann's character Uday, a struggling medical student interested in orthopaedics, but ends up becoming a gynaecologist.

The actress worked with Aziz in the 2025 film Mere Husband Ki Biwi, which featured actors Arjun Kapoor and Bhumi Pednekar. The film told the story of a divorced man, Ankur, who gets a second chance at love when his college crush re-enters his life. However, chaos ensues when his amnesiac former wife also returns.

Talking about working with the two again, she explained how the comfort shaped her experience on set. Rakul said in a statement: "I think what felt different this time reuniting was that there was an ease of working because obviously it's not your first time and you know the way an actor or a director approaches the film and their scenes and I think that comfort and ease really helps in having a good time on set so absolutely yes familiarity does change your approach of as it



makes it simpler and more fun and you know you're already friendly with everybody, so I think it's just easier when you work with friends."

Alongside Rakul, the film also stars Sara Ali Khan and Wamiqa Gabbi in key roles. The film is set in Prayagraj, where a wedding takes a chaotic turn when one decision leads to a

chain of misunderstandings and comedic suspicion.

Gulshan Kumar, B R Chopra and T-Series present a T-Series Films and B R Studios Production, Pati Patni Aur Woh Do, directed by Mudassar Aziz, produced by Bhushan Kumar, Renu Ravi Chopra, and Krishan Kumar and creatively produced by Juno Chopra.

Dhurandhar's Rahman Dakait For Salman Khan?

The upcoming action entertainer starring Salman Khan and Nayanthara, directed by Vamshi Paidipally, is currently making headlines due to ongoing casting discussions for its main antagonist. While the film has already completed its initial shooting schedule, the makers are yet to lock one of the most crucial roles, the villain. Earlier, reports suggested that Arvind Swamy was being considered for the negative role. However, the latest developments indicate a shift in plans, with new names now in contention. According to industry buzz, the team is actively considering Fahadh Faasil and

Dhurandhar fame Akshaye Khanna for the part. Sources reveal that the filmmakers are



keen on casting someone who can match Salman Khan's strong screen presence. Both Fahadh and Akshaye bring distinct acting styles and proven

versatility, making the decision a challenging one for the team. The film, tentatively titled SVC63, is progressing at a steady pace, with upcoming schedules planned in multiple locations. Meanwhile, the delay in finalizing the antagonist highlights the importance of the role in shaping the film's narrative. With casting discussions still underway, expectations are rising around who will ultimately face off against Salman Khan. The final choice could significantly influence the film's overall appeal and anticipation ahead of its release.