



Actress Neha Joshi advocates natural skincare regimen for summer radiance

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Neha disclosed her reliance on organic and natural skincare products, including face oils and aloe vera gel, to shield her skin from the sun's harmful effects.

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Mumbai Indians end 3-match losing streak

Romario Shepherd's 10-ball 39 not out outmuscled Tristan Stubbs' courageous 71 off 25 balls as Mumbai Indians ended its three-match losing streak in the Indian Premier League with a 29-run win against Delhi Capitals here on Sunday.

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Mental health challenges among youth have become increasingly prevalent in recent years, prompting a critical need for effective strategies to address and overcome these issues.

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An image of a Tanpura. The sitars and tanpuras of Miraj, a small town in Sangli district in Western Maharashtra, known for its sitar making craftsmanship, have been awarded coveted GI (Geographical Indication) tagging

Mehbooba pitted against Ghulam Nabi in Anantnag



SRINAGAR: Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti will contest the Lok Sabha polls from the Anantnag-Rajouri seat against DPAP president Ghulam Nabi Azad, making the newly carved out constituency the most high-profile contest in Jammu and Kashmir in these elections. The National Conference has fielded influential Gujarat leader Mian Altaf Ahmad from the seat and the AP party has named Zaffar Iqbal Manhas.

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Karnataka reels under severe hot weather

BENGALURU: Several parts of Karnataka have been experiencing extremely hot weather, of which Kalaburagi district recorded the highest temperature in the state at 42.7 degree Celsius on Sunday. Kalaburagi had recorded 43.1 degree Celsius on Saturday and 43.3 on Friday. Bengaluru on Sunday recorded 37.2 degree Celsius. The capital city, which is known for its salubrious weather had registered 37.6 on Saturday, which was the highest in the past eight years. Districts that are facing severe hot weather are Bagalkote, Koppal, Chamrajnagar, Chikkamagaluru, Davangere, Hassan, Mandya and Vijayapura district.

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KHARGE'S COMMENT ON ARTICLE 370
LANGUAGE OF TUKDE TUKDE GANG: MODI

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched a counterattack on Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's comments on the removal of special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution.

Kharge, during a political event in Rajasthan's Jaipur, had shot back at a question on scrapping special status to Jammu and Kashmir. "Arre bhai, yahan ke logon se kya wasta hai (what has it got to do with the people here?)"

Kharge was heard replying to a question. He also incorrectly referred to Article 371, instead of Article 370, which the Congress later acknowledged that it was a slip of tongue.

Referring to Kharge's comment, Modi questioned the Congress chief over why he thinks the Jammu and Kashmir matter was not relevant. "The Congress' national president - and it's not a small post - said what is the use of talking about (Article) 370 after coming to Rajasthan? I feel ashamed in hearing that. Is Jammu and Kashmir not part of India?"



PM Narendra Modi with Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and others during an election meeting in Nawada on Sunday

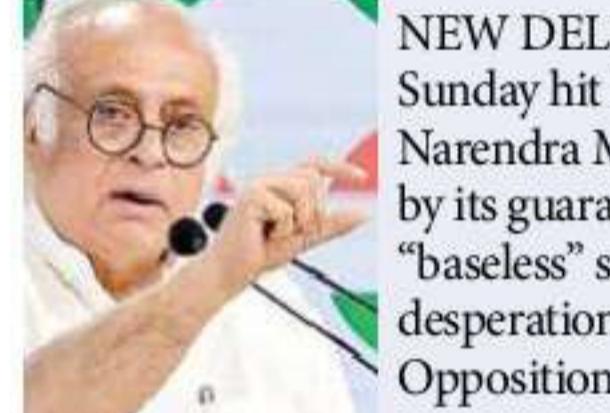
Modi said at an election rally in Bihar's Nawada.

"The Congress should listen carefully. Many young and brave people have made huge sacrifices for the motherland. How many young people have returned home, wrapped in the national flag, in their effort to

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'PEOPLE'S GUARANTEE'

Long leave for Modi after June 4: Cong



NEW DELHI: The Congress on Sunday hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he is "rattled" by its guarantees and is making "baseless" statements against it in desperation to "save his chair". The Opposition party's reaction came as

PM Modi launched a blistering attack on the Congress, charging that its poll manifesto bore the imprint of the Muslim League and utterances of its leaders showed hostility towards national integrity and Sanatan Dharma.

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PM Modi slams TMC for attack on NIA officials

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched an all-out attack on the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress over the attack on National Investigation Agency (NIA) officials in East Midnapore district of West Bengal.

"TMC wants its corrupt leaders to get free license to commit crimes. So, when central investigations agencies arrive here, they attack and threaten the team. TMC is the govt which is hell-bent on destroying the law and order,"

The Prime Minister said at a rally in Jhalpaiguri. "The TMC is disregarding the law and the constitution of the country," he said. Modi's attack comes a day after a team of NIA officials was allegedly attacked by a mob in East Midnapore district when it had gone there to probe a 2022 blast case.

According to the agency, a team member suffered a minor injury and the NIA's official vehicle was also damaged as some miscreants in the crowd attacked them. However, the TMC rejected the allegations with chief minister Mamata Banerjee accusing the NIA officials of attacking the villagers at Bhupatinagar in East Midnapore. "The attack was not perpetrated by the women of Bhupatinagar, but rather by NIA team," she had said at an election rally in South DinaJPur district's Balurghat.

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'Completely unprovoked'
NIA on Bengal attack

NEW DELHI: The country's top anti-terror agency NIA has strongly refuted allegations of assaulting residents in West Bengal's Bhupatinagar, where its team had gone as part of its searches into a blast case that killed three people in December 2022. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) in a statement said its team came under "violent attack by an unruly mob" when they had gone to conduct searches in Naruabila village. "The attack was completely unprovoked and uncalled-for, and an attempt to obstruct NIA from carrying out its lawful duties," the NIA said. It said the searches were conducted at five locations in the presence of independent witnesses, and under the security cover provided by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), which included women constables.

'Oppn dropped all catches'
Failed to stop BJP juggernaut: KishorHANS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI

POLITICAL strategist Prashant Kishor on Sunday said the Opposition parties had missed three distinct and realistic chances of stopping the BJP juggernaut because of laziness and misplaced strategies.

He predicted, "BJP will either be the first or second party in Telangana which is a big thing. They will be number one in Odisha for sure. You would be surprised as, in all likelihood, to my mind, the BJP is going to be the number one party in West Bengal." In Tamil Nadu, he said, BJP's vote share may hit double-digit percentage.

Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Kerala

together account for 204 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha but the BJP couldn't cross 50 seats in all these states put together either in 2014 or 2019 when it won 29 and 47 constituencies, respectively. He, however, asserted that the BJP is unlikely to win 370 seats, its target set for the polls. Speaking of the Lok Sabha polls starting from

April 19, he said the BJP will feel the heat only if the Opposition, especially the Congress, can ensure that it loses at least around 100 seats in its strongholds of north and west India. And that's not going to happen, he says. "By and large, the BJP will be able to hold its ground in these regions," he said.

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No vision for the country: Sitharaman

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman came down heavily on Congress manifesto saying: "Do you have a vision for the country?" and "Do you have a hope about how technology and education will help the youth of the country?" The manifesto of the Congress was reactionary, she said, adding: "The promises made by the Congress are 'difficult' to implement if elected to power at the Centre." She asked the Congress leaders that "Do you fund it from the National Herald" over its assurance to give Rs 1 lakh to the poor women of the country if voted to power?"

'Step aside... no harm in taking a break'
PK's advice to Rahul

AHEAD of the next month's Lok Sabha elections in Telangana, the exodus of leaders from Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) continued as another MLA joined the ruling Congress party on Sunday. Tellam Venkat Rao, BRS MLA from Bhadrachalam, joined the Congress in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.



CONGRESS INTENSIFIES 'OPERATION AKASH'

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Canada accuses India of interfering in its polls

NEW DELHI

Canada who has been interfering in their internal affairs.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) summary points to concerted efforts by India and Pakistan to influence Canada's electoral processes. India, however, vehemently denies these allegations, dismissing them as baseless and redirecting the focus to what it perceives as Canada's meddling in its internal affairs.

The CSIS documents allege that in 2021, the In-

New Delhi refutes claims, assures its commitment to non-interference



dian government targeted specific electoral districts believed to harbour Indian origin voters sympathetic to the Khalistani movement or pro-Pakistan stances.

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The agency alleged that a government proxy agent may have attempted to sway democratic processes through illicit financial support to favored candidates, potentially remaining undisclosed to the recipients.

Similarly, in 2019, officials from the Pakistani government purportedly engaged in clandestine activities aimed at advancing Pakistan's interests within Canada's political landscape.

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Consider weather while planning 'one-nation one-poll': IMD

NEW DELHI

AUTHORITIES should consider weather and climate conditions when planning massive exercises like "one nation, one election", according to Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, chief of the India Meteorological Department. His comments come ahead of the Lok Sabha elections that are scheduled

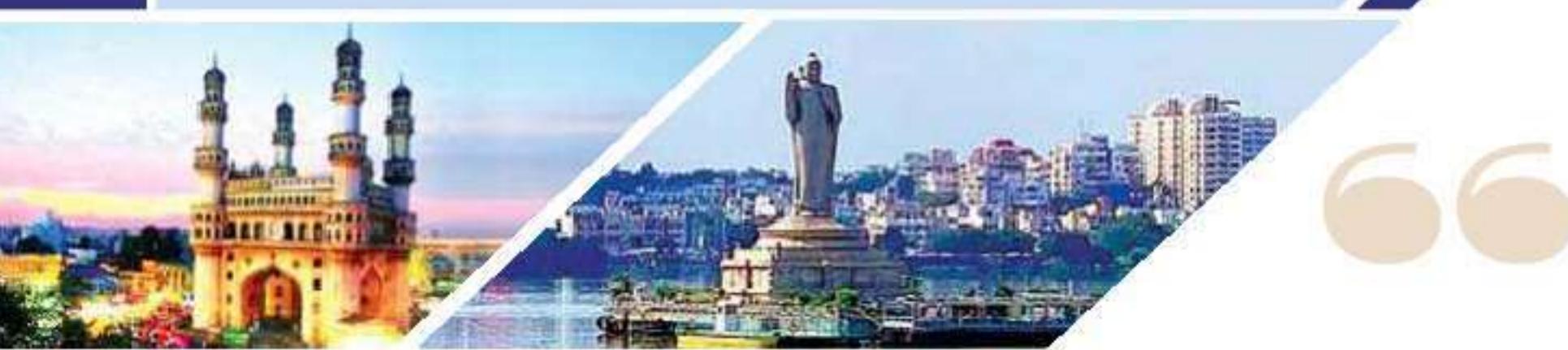


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that they [poll body] can make a judicious decision on which part and at what time they should conduct the elections," he said. Four to eight heatwave days are expected in different parts of the country in April as against a normal of one to three days, Mohapatra said. Ten to 20 days of heatwave are expected as against a normal of four to eight days in the entire April-June period

days in the entire April-June period, he said. The weather department, which is also relying on artificial intelligence and machine learning to enhance weather forecasts, said that MP, Gujarat, Odisha, AP, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Bihar and Jharkhand will see more heatwave days.

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The phones of mine, my family member, my driver and my cook's phones have been tapped. I am in this situation today because of phone tapping.

- BJP MP candidate from Malkajgiri Eatala Rajender

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City Hans

Festive spirit pervades all over city ahead of Ugadi

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A festive mood filled the air on Sunday as the people of Hyderabad geared up to celebrate Ugadi, which marks the beginning of the Hindu Lunar New Year. Just a day ahead of the festival, people thronged to marketplaces and shopping centres. However, this year, the prices of flowers and other raw materials used in the spring festival celebration are slightly higher than last year.

As the Ugadi celebration approaches, vendors have set up shop along the narrow lanes of Hyderabad, including Monda Market, Bowenpally, and Kukatpally, offering sacks of neem flowers, raw mangoes, tamarind, and jaggery—the essential ingredients for Ugadi pachadi. Despite slightly higher prices this year, with small raw mangoes being sold for Rs 25 to 35 compared to Rs 15 last year, the demand remains high.

Additionally, flower prices have surged, with Chamanthi (Chrysanthemum) fetching Rs 150 per kg and Marigold priced at Rs 200,



Photos: Srinivas Setty

- Marketplaces busting; prices slightly higher than last year
- Increase in demand and despite price hikes; flower prices surge
- Neem flowers now Rs 25-30 due to lower yields
- Sec'bad sees 85-90 per cent foot traffic
- Cloth vendors offer discounts

as traders cite reduced yield due to unfavourable weather conditions, including a drastic rise in temperature and a decrease in rainfall, said Raju, a flower merchant from

Monda Market. "Previously, neem flowers were priced at just Rs 5 to

Mercury to hover around 41 to 43 degrees in Telangana

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THE sun is scorching in Telangana. The temperature is expected to be between 41 and 43 degrees Celsius across the State for the next couple of days. The IMD has issued a heatwave warning for the State along with severe heat wave conditions for two days Sunday and Monday.

The IMD has warned people not to venture out from 11 am to 4 pm. Now, an orange alert has been issued for several districts today due to the intensity of the heat wave. The IMD has issued an orange alert for Bhadrakothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Wanaparthi and Jogiulamba Gadwal districts in the wake of the heat wave conditions. A yellow alert has been issued in Wanaparthi-Jogiulamba Gadwal district on Monday as there is a possibility of heat wave conditions at isolated places in the State. On



The vegetable vendors in Monda market set up plastic sheets as roofs to escape from scorching heat on Sunday. Photo: Srinivas Setty

Nirmal, Vikarabad, Jagtial and Kamareddy districts today with thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds with a speed of 30-40 kmph.

A yellow alert has been issued in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem, Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu Medak, Kamareddy district on Monday with thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds of 40-50 km per hour.

Meanwhile, the party on Sunday announced in charges

Nivedita to contest in Sec'bad Cantt bypoll

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THE BRS Chief K Chandrashekhar Rao has finalised the name of Lasya Nivedita as the candidate for the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly segment for the bye election.

Nivedita is the sister of Cantonment MLA Lasya Nandita, who passed away recently in an accident, which led to bye-election for the constituency. The decision was taken after a meeting of the party leaders at KCR's farmhouse on Sunday. Party leaders Harish Rao and Working President KT Rama Rao attended this meeting.

The party has to take a decision on the Warangal candidate after the exit of Kadiyam Kavya. Along with her father Kadiyam Srihari, Kavya left the party and joined Congress and also got the ticket.

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10, but this year, due to lower yields, we've had to raise the prices. Now, a small bunch is selling for Rs 25 to Rs 30," explained a vendor at Kukatpally.

According to a member of the Secunderabad Cloth Merchant Association, business has seen remarkable growth this Ugadi season, with foot traffic in shops reaching around 85 to 90 per cent.

Additionally, numerous cloth vendors are offering enticing discount offers to attract customers. Furthermore, various electronic showrooms have also launched intriguing offers and discounts to draw in more customers.

"Ugadi holds immense significance for us. I've been busy cleaning and decorating our home since last week. We start our day with pachadi and offer prayers for good health, wealth, and prosperity," said Shanti Reddy, a resident of Kukatpally.

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra community celebrates Gudi Padwa, the Kannada community celebrates Yu-gadi, and the Telugu community celebrates Ugadi.



Guv takes part in Yuva Sangam programme at Raj bhavan

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THE Governor of Telangana, CP Radhakrishnan, on Sunday actively participated in phase-4 of the Yuva Sangam Programme hosted at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad. This collaborative initiative was orchestrated by the University of Hyderabad in conjunction with NIT Patna.

In his address, the Governor underscored the imperative of national cohesion, citing India's remarkable ascent as the world's 5th largest economy, a feat made possible by our rich unity in diversity. Emphasizing the pivotal role of education-driven progress, he articulated its potency in surmounting life's myriad challenges.

Addressing concerns over production dynamics, the Governor elucidated the

symbiotic relationship between production and distribution, asserting that the former underpins the latter. He issued a resonant call to self-sufficiency, and around development stems from diligent earning.

Drawing a fine distinction between happiness and monetary wealth, he advocated for individual and familial prosperity alongside societal and national contribution.

Prior to his discourse, students engaged in a spirited dialogue, sharing their Telangana experiences and innovative visions for national advancement with the Governor. B Venkatesham, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Governor, faculty from the University of Hyderabad and NIT Patna, alongside students hailing from diverse regions of Bihar participated in the event.

Sahara Stats Welfare Association walks to spread 'Water Crisis Awareness'

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TO address the water crisis, the Sahara Stats Welfare Association, in collaboration with the Igniting Minds-Walk for Water organisation, conducted a Water Crisis Awareness Walk in the Sahara Stats gated community, LB Nagar, on Sunday. Around 75 residents participated in the walk from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. The primary aim was to raise awareness about conserving water resources and reducing wasteful practices. Participants discussed the importance of



using water judiciously, particularly given the challenges of sourcing water from over 180 kilometers away. As a symbolic gesture, all attendees collectively pledged to consume water wisely and prevent wastage. They also pledged to

spread awareness among their families, friends, and neighbours to adopt responsible water usage habits.

Srikanth, President of the Sahara Estate Welfare Association, stressed the importance of valuing water resources,

cautioning that neglecting them could result in a looming water scarcity. He emphasised the collective effort required and advocated for making small changes in daily routines to secure a sustainable future for generations to come.

Karunakar Reddy, founder of Igniting Minds, said, "Every individual has a role to play in safeguarding our precious water resources. The event concluded with a call to action for continued commitment to water conservation and an open invitation for other communities to join this vital movement."

DCA seizes overpriced tablets

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THE Telangana State Drugs Control Administration (DCA) officials seized 'CYLET-2.5' tablets (letrozole tablets IP 2.5 mg) in a raid for an overpricing issue at a firm in the city.

Letrozole tablets IP 2.5 mg sold under the brand name 'CYLET-2.5 tablets' are under price control as per the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, and the price of the product shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

"CYLET-2.5 tablets manufactured by Stepan Life Sciences Pvt Ltd, Gurugram, Haryana, and marketed by Cynak Life Sciences (a division of Cynak Healthcare), Sonipat, Haryana, bear the MRP of Rs 199 for five tablets on the label of the product, which is a violation of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013," V B Kamalasan Reddy, DG DCA.

The ceiling price fixed by the Central government, including the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the product

manufacturing license. According to DCA, Narasapally Ramudu, director of Ovoid Pharmachem Pvt Ltd, was involved in creating a forged drug manufacturing licence for certain drug products not authorised for the company by the Telangana Drugs Control Administration. Verification of the DCA, Telangana licencing database on the Online Drug Licencing System (ODLS) portal confirmed that Ovoid Pharmachem Pvt Ltd created a fake drug licence for certain drug products.

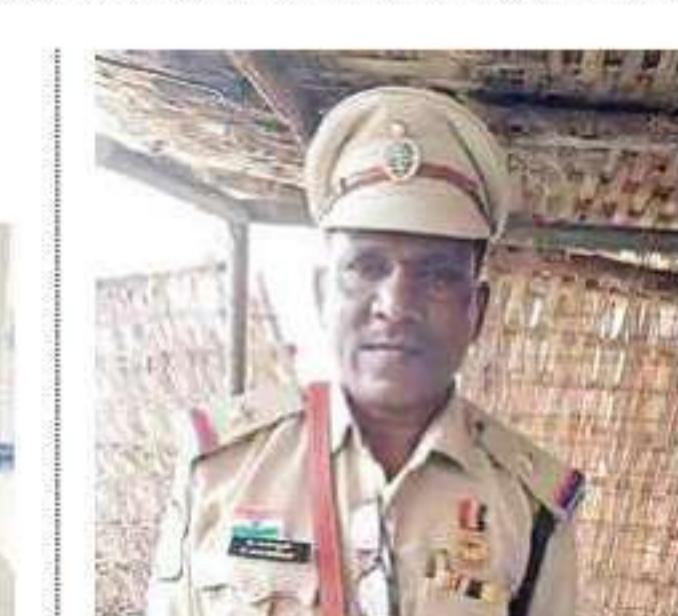
The DCA also found that the firm manufactured and sold certain drug products under this fraudulent license. A complaint was registered with the Jeedimetla police station under Sections 420 (cheating) and 468 (forgery) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

A police constable was killed after a suspected gun misfire in the old city of Hyderabad on Sunday. Baleswar (52) was found dead while on duty near Katabur Khan under the limits of Hussaini Alam Police Station. Two rounds were fired from the constable's gun. The police were investigating if it was a case of misfire or he died by suicide.

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Last-minute Eid shopping frenzy grips city markets

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HYDERABAD

WITH the holy month of Ramzan slated to end in a few days, markets were abuzz on Sunday ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr as Hyderabadi braved the summer heat to indulge in festive shopping. Families were seen making last-minute purchases for the upcoming festivities at markets across the city.

The vibrant ambience of the city markets during Eid ul-Fitr not only showcases the rich cultural heritage of Hyderabad Deccan but also highlights the spirit of unity and togetherness that defines this auspicious occasion.

Eid-ul-Fitr to be celebrated on Wednesday or Thursday, depending on the moon's sight, the city markets are picking up the vibrancy amid hustle and bustle, with shoppers in large numbers thronging the markets. Hyderabad has transformed into a spectacle of celebrations, echoing the joy and amity that permeate every corner during this atmosphere of festivity.

The heart of Hyderabad, the Charminar-Madina building stretch, and Lad Bazar, where over 5,000 temporary installations emerged as a focal point of the Eid preparations, were adorned with decorative market streets, where shoppers indulged in different kinds of purchases to mark the joyous occasion.

In the last days of Ramzan, known as the 'Akhir dahan,' the

- Hyderabadis brave summer heat for last-minute purchases

- Markets busting with shoppers as Ramzan nears its end

- Charminar-Madina stretch adorned with decorative market streets

- 'Akhir dahan' sees traditional charm, vibrant atmosphere

- Prolonged traffic jams reported in areas like Abids, Sultan Bazar



Charminar-Madina stretch to be closed for vehicles for shopper comfort

activity started to pick up and the markets are reflecting the traditional charm and vibrant atmosphere, transforming into a hub of cheer and festivity. For some, shopping on the last days of Ramzan, especially on the day of the upcoming Chand Raat, is a practice. Several thousands of Muslims throng the markets in the city, especially in the Old City, on the last days. These days, housewives

are busy with Ramzan shopping, as with the start of Holy Month, they cook Sehri-Iftar for family members. Now they throng markets to purchase clothes, sandals, bangles, and accessories. Toufeeq Fatima at Lad Bazar said, "Shopping during the month of Ramzan and the prevailing heat wave conditions is itself a difficult task. So, I am shopping late at night. And for us, shopping in the last days is a

different joy."

Meanwhile, apart from the Charminar stretch, at several places like Abids, Mallepally, Tolichowki, Musheerabad, and Sultan Bazar, the huge crowds are leading to prolonged traffic jams along the busy streets, giving a tough time to the commuters.

In the coming days, the rush is likely to increase more, and the Charminar-Madina stretch will be closed

for vehicles to make it more comfortable for shoppers. "The atmosphere has gripped the festive fever in view of Eid. These days' markets are filled with people buying clothes, and Eid essentials. It marks the beginning of celebration and togetherness," said Majid, a shopkeeper at Tolichowki.

All shops and markets are decorated with lighting and remain open until dawn. The Ramzan season has the maximum sale of clothing, crockery, attars, perfumes, bangles, footwear, and artificial jewellery. Shakeel Imran said, "From clothing to home furnishing, we use everything new; shopping for ladies takes at least three to four days. Even though people shop at other places across the city, at least one trip to the Old City is a must to enjoy the festival shopping," he added.

Moreover, the non-Muslim communities are also enjoying the festive season, indulging in shopping, and having mouth-watering delicacies. Non-vegetarian dishes are attracting attention in shops as they are part of the Ramzan food menu.

Muslims who fast during the day come to the market after Iftar, gathering with their families to buy various items. It is special that, along with local people, shoppers from neighbouring districts are also visiting Charminar market. After 7 pm, the business gets brisk and continues even up to the early morning hours.

Man held for theft at Iftar party in Rajendranagar

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THE police in Rajendranagar arrested a man for involved in theft during an Iftar dinner attended by big VIPs. An Iftar dinner was held at SMC Convention in Sivarampalli at Rajendranagar. Chevelle MP candidate Ranjith Reddy was the chief guest in this programme. Along with him, Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender, MLC Balamuri Venkat, Minority Board Chairman Paimuddin, Work Board Chairman and senior party leaders participated.

During the event, an unidentified person committed

theft in the Iftar dining hall in the VIP section. The leaders who were there caught the accused and handed him over to the police. The police arrested the suspect who committed the theft and checked his pocket. A mobile was found and he immediately returned it. Also, in the

course of checking, the police found that he had cash ranging from Rs.50 thousand to one lakh rupees. The security personnel immediately informed the Attapur police about it. The police reached the function hall and detained the man and are investigating.

Man thrashed by roommates to death for not cooking rice

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IN a bizarre incident, a 38-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death by his roommates in Jeedimetla for not cooking rice.

This incident took place on Tuesday, April 2 and came to light lately. The victim identified as Hansram from Rajasthan has previously lived in a rented house in Qutubullapur. His persistent alcohol addiction led to continuous harassment of his wife. Unable to endure the torment any longer, she moved to her mother's place, prompting Hansram to vacate their house and relocate

to Binay Singh's room. Binay Singh was employed by a local granite merchant and he had offered Hansram to stay with him at Jeedimetla. The accused Sonu Tiwari from Bihar and Sandeep Kumar from Uttar Pradesh were his colleagues and lived nearby.

On Tuesday, upon returning from work, the accused, who were intoxicated, allegedly assaulted Binay Singh for not cooking rice. They beat up Hansram as well, who died on the spot. The accused fled the scene. After the incident, Binay Singh informed his employer, who alerted police. A case has been registered into the incident and investigation is underway.

5-YEAR-OLD SETS ABLAZE 4-YEAR-OLD GIRL

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HYDERABAD

IN a shocking incident, a five-year-old boy allegedly set ablaze a four-year-old girl while playing with a matchstick at their house in Mangalhat. According to the police, the boy and the girl were neighbours and on April 1, the boy came to victim's house and took her to play at their house located in the same building. A few minutes later, the girl's mother heard loud cries from the boy's house and rushed to find her daughter lying on the floor with burns. "The girl told her mother that the boy while playing in their house had thrown a lit matchstick on her due to which her clothes got burned. The girl was shifted to Osmania General Hospital (OGH) where she died while undergoing treatment," said Mangalhat sub inspector, G Ambica. The police registered a case under Section 174 of CRPC citing the Section 82 of IPC which states that anything done by a child under seven years of age will not be an offence.

Criminal charges on poll officials for skipping training: Ronald Rose

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HYDERABAD

DISTRICT Election Officer Ronald Rose on Sunday has stated that the government officials, including teachers, who did not attend the electoral training session on Saturday will face legal action.

This move has marked a significant departure from past leniency by district election authorities towards such defiance.

The GHMC commissioner and district election officer, Ronald Rose, has directed the authorities to press criminal charges against 2,037 assistant polling



officials and 1,773 polling officials who were not present at the training session.

These training classes were designed to equip poll workers with the necessary knowledge to carry out their tasks on election day and to prepare them for the Lok Sabha elections.

Toddler dies after falling from 2nd floor of building in Kachiguda

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HYDERABAD

IN an unfortunate incident a baby girl accidentally fell from a building in the jurisdiction of Hyderabad Kachiguda Police Station. According to the sources, a one-and-a-half-year-old girl named V Priyanshi accidentally fell from the second floor of a building in Nimboligaddawhen she came out playing in the evening while her parents were at home. The girl got on the chair and slipped

from the wall and fell on the adjacent building, sustaining head injuries. The child was immediately rushed to the hospital where she died while undergoing treatment.

On receiving the information, the police registered a case and shifted the body to Osmania General Hospital for post-mortem. On Sunday, the police handed over the dead body to the family members. This incident came to light very late. Kachiguda SS Ravikumar has registered a case and is investigating.

Food samples from Pista House restaurant collected

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AS a part of surveillance of food quality, samples were lifted under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Rules, 2011 from Pista House, Uppal on Sunday. The action was taken after a complaint was made online on X (formerly Twitter). Along with collecting samples of Plum Cake, Sponge Cake, and Milk Bread, Food Safety Officers inspected the premises and found certain defects.



Telangana AAP joins to observe fast against Kejriwal's arrest

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THE Telangana Aam Aadmi Party (TAAP) leaders have joined in observing the nationwide fast at Dharma Chowk at Tank Bund against the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister and party convenor Arvind Kejriwal.

"We are protesting at Dharma Chowk as part of the nationwide protests in support of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal. Parties that are part of the IN.D.I.A. bloc alliance—CPI, CPI(M), RSP, Congress, TJS, and Liberation Party—took part in the

fast," a local AAP leader said. The development comes after top leaders of the AAP gathered at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi to call a collective fast to protest against the Kejriwal's arrest, on Sunday.

The AAP's Delhi unit convener Gopal Rai appealed to people to join the fast to protest against

Kejriwal's arrest. He alleged that Kejriwal's arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a case linked to the Delhi excise policy-linked scam was part of the BJP's conspiracy to finish the AAP.

Meanwhile, similar

protests have been held in other states as well as by Indians abroad, including at the Hollywood Sign in Los Angeles, Harvard Square in Boston, outside the Indian Embassy in Washington, DC, in the New York Times Square, and London, Toronto, and Melbourne, among others. Arvind Kejriwal is in judicial custody till April 15.

METRO CARD FOR STUDENTS TO END ON APRIL 30

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THE L&T Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited announced that the Student Metro Card will be valid till April 30. Other cards such as the Super Saver Holiday Card, the Metro Student Pass, and the Super Offer Peak Hour officially concluded on Tuesday.

These metro cards provided added discounted fares and other benefits to daily commuters, enhancing affordability.

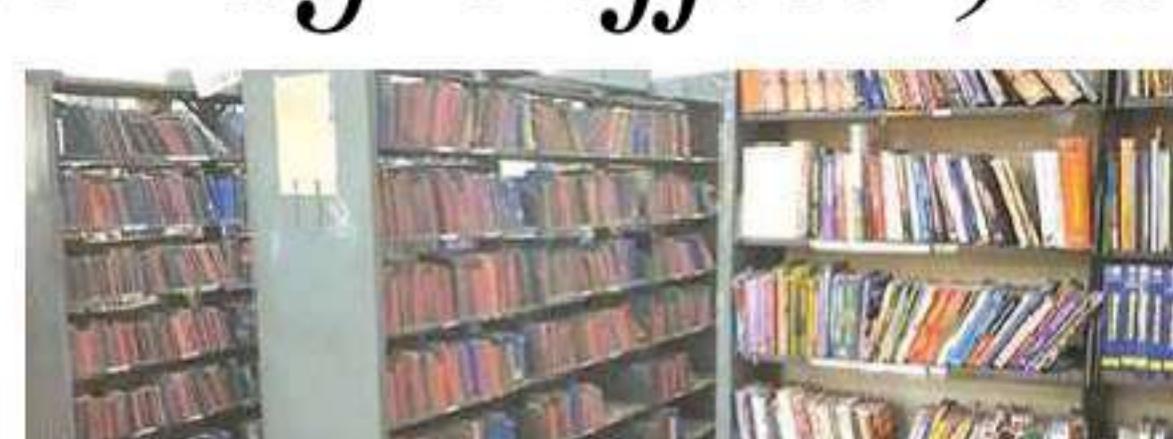
The Metro Student Pass was introduced on July 1, 2023. With this card, a student can avail 10 extra free trips after purchasing 20 trips. It is applicable across all fare zones.

TSPSC issues certificate verification process for agri officer, lab technician posts

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THE Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) certificate verification process for the post of Agriculture Officer and Lab Technician will start from April 15 onwards, the government agency said in a press release.

Agriculture Officer



Candidates who have been chosen for the post of Agriculture Officer in the Agriculture and Co-operative Department vide Notifica-

tion process will be held at 10:30 am onwards at the Telangana State Public Service Commission office in Nampally.

Lab Technician
Similarly, certificate verification of candidates chosen for the post of lab technician Grade II recruitment will be held between April 15 and April 19.

The certificate verifica-

Candidates can choose their district preferences by logging on to the TSPSC website available between April 10 and April 16. They are requested to bring a copy of the web option declaration form at the time of certificate verification.

A total of 783 Group II vacancies were notified by the TSPSC and 5,51,943 candidates were registered.

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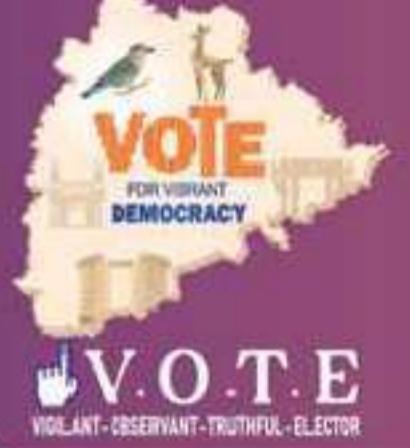
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Congress manifesto just a bunch of lies, say BJP leaders

- TS BJP sees Congress LS manifesto a shot in its arm
- Finds Congress manifesto a potential rallying point to intensify its electioneering
- TS BJP leaders demand CM Revanth first implement six guarantees

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Rani Rudrama



Dr Laxman



G Kishan Reddy

THE Telangana State BJP finds the Lok Sabha manifesto released by Congress MP Rahul Gandhi a potential rallying point to further intensify its election campaign.

After Union Minister and Telangana State BJP chief G Kishan Reddy, the BJP MP Dr Laxman lashed out at the Congress party for misleading the people with false promises on Sunday.

Earlier, Kishan Reddy in a no-holds-bar criticism

termed the Congress which could not deliver on its promise of Rs 2,500 financial assistance to women in Telangana. Making fresh promises of Rs 1 lakh to women and other guarantees in its manifesto released in Tukkuguda requires establishing currency printing machines at the homes of Congress MPs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, and State Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. Besides, alleging Rahul Gandhi praising China and Chinese products, he said that the Congress is frustrated with its electoral uncertainties in

the ensuing Lok Sabha elections and giving guarantees, assurances and promises left and right. The Congress party that could not implement its guarantees in Telangana but promised to implement them in the entire country is a bunch of lies.

Dr K Laxman has come down heavily on Sunday, saying that there is no sign of the Congress-led state government in Telangana implementing its promise of Rs 2,500 to women in the state. But, assuring Rs 1 lakh to women across the country is misleading people. Congress

talking about social justice is meaningless. Congress used Dr BR Ambedkar against whom it had conspired to defeat him in elections. He recalled while Congress insulted former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, the BJP government has recognised the services of him and former PM Chowdary Charan Singh with Bharat Ratna.

BJP official spokesperson Rani Rudrama termed Congress released a meaningless manifesto in its Tukkuguda public meeting. Earlier, the Congress fooled people in Telangana with six guarantees

and now it has come with five guarantees.

She said that Congress imposed conditions for implementing the earlier six guarantees and the freshly promised five guarantees. "Provided, if Rahul Gandhi becomes the Prime Minister of the country and if the Congress wins 14 Lok Sabha seats in Telangana. Neither Congress wins 14 seats nor Rahul become PM to implement the promises," she added.

She dared CM Revanth Reddy to come for a public debate on the creation of employment opportunities by the Centre.

She listed out various initiatives of the Centre and created new job opportunities. Rani Rudrama further questioned the Congress government on implementing its electoral promises of farm loan waiver, RythBharosa, Rs 500 bonds per quintal on paddy, and Rs 4000 unemployment allowance to the youth in Telangana.

Senior BRS leader T Harish Rao, in an open letter

Cong's anti-defection law move comes under BRS fire; termed GoP 'hypocrisy'

- Leaders from BRS such as Harish Rao and Jagdish Reddy alleges Congress has habit of cheating people

- Says the Congress promises to implement guarantees without fail and later ignores it

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written to Rahul Gandhi, said it was the habit of the Congress party to make promises and later ignore them. He said it was ridiculous to say that an Act will be passed to make sure elected members do not switch over at a time when a MLAs who won from the BRS party was admitted to the Congress party and given MP tickets to them.

The BRS working president KT Rama Rao said that this was the hypocrisy of a party called Congress. Talking to Twitter, Rao said, "Yesterday Rahul Gandhi waxed eloquent about party defections and amendments to the 10th schedule for automatic disqualification. Today, his party shamelessly poached one BRS MLA. When you don't mean it, Why this Naukti and Drama Rahul Ji?"

Senior BRS leader T Harish Rao, in an open letter

country. They have already cheated people of Karnataka by promising big. "When anyone from the state is questioned, they said they have believed that there will be change and hence voted but finally they got cheated. They never thought that the situation prevalent before 2004 will come back once again," said Jagdish Reddy.

The BRS leader said that the party chief K Chandrashekhar Rao will never stop the Rythu Bandhu if the government provides it to the farmers. "KomatiReddy Venkat Reddy says he was not the contractor for Mid Manair works. If he was not the contractor, he should tell who was that," said Jagdish Reddy.

Veerlapalli Shankar launches EuroKids Preschool in Shadnagar

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TO enhance educational standards right from the formative years of children, Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar has inaugurated the EuroKids International Preschool branch in Tirumala Colony, Shadnagar.

EuroKids International Preschool is a renowned name in the realm of early childhood education, known for its quality programmes and comprehensive approach to nurturing young minds. The launch of the Shadnagar branch marks a significant step towards providing accessible and high-quality preschool education in the region.

As part of its offerings, EuroKids Shadnagar has in-

duced a summer club catering to children aged 2 to 6 years, slated to run until the end of May.

This initiative aims to engage children in constructive activities during the summer break, setting the stage for their future academic endeavours.

Formal classes for children

aged 2 to 6 years are scheduled to commence in June 2024, providing them with a structured learning environment conducive to their overall development. Former MLA C Pratap Reddy, ZPTC Vishala Shravan Reddy, Dr Dilip Chander, Councillor Krishnaveni, and others were also present.

Illegal abortion: RMP held, clinic seized

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DISTRICT Medical and Health Officer Sudhakar Lal said that the officials seized an RMP clinic run by a woman in BC Colony after she was caught red-handed performing an illegal abortion. She was taken into custody. The officials, along with cops, received a tip-off about the operation being conducted at night and that feticide was being committed at the clinic.

On Friday night, a four-month pregnant woman from Dattaram village in Lingala mandal was found to have undergone abortion and she is currently being treated at the general hospital in the town. The scanning reports brought the issue to light. The DMHO strongly

warned the RMP doctors against flouting the rules and performing surgeries on pregnant women to commit feticide. He said a complaint was lodged at the police station in the town against the RMP doctor. In the presence of Tehsildar Chandrasekhar, the clinic was seized by the officials concerned. District Deputy Medical Officer Dr Venkat Das, Mandal Primary Health Officer Narayanaswamy, SI Goverdhan, RI Khaza and others participated in the operation, Lal added.

Praja Deevena Sabha held at London

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IN collaboration with TPCC NRI Cell, the Praja Deevena Sabha, an election campaign meeting was organised in London on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, TPCC NRI Cell Convener Gampa Venugopal said the democracy and human rights need to be protected in India and the country can be strengthened only when the constitution is protected.

He alleged that many violations are taking place under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in India and electoral bond policy is the biggest corruption in the history of the world.

Venugopal stated that the attempts are being made strategically to damage the prospects of Congress party in the country and a strange defamation has been filed against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. TPCC NRI Cell Convenor Sudhakar Goud said the Congress party is going to win 14 seats in Telangana in the Lok Sabha elections and the BJP will not get power for the third time at the Center.

BJP state council member and former president of Bar Association Munnur Ravinder said MLA Megareddy

BJP slams Cong for fuelling defections

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BJP district president D Narayana said the people of the town are vexed with the hate politics of the Congress and the BRS parties following turncoat politics in the civic body during the last four months. After alleging corruption by the chairman and the vice chairman of municipality belonging to the BRS, the Congress party roped them into the party and was seeking their election on its tickets, he flayed.

They demanded that BRS and Congress should turn their attention to resolving the long-pending grievances

of Wanaparty people regarding the roads. BJP would launch an agitation should the ruling party continue to ignore the plight of people, they said. BJP district vice presidents Ramana Venkateswara Reddy and P Vishnuvardhan Reddy, district secretary Chittari Prabhakar, town president Bachu Ramu, mandal president Naveen Reddy and others participated in the meeting.

Cong will win 14 of 17 MP seats in TS

IT WILL REPEAT ASSEMBLY SHOW IN LS POLLS AS WELL: KOMATIREDDY



Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy along with congress Bhongir MP candidate Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy took part in election campaign at Advi Vemula village in Arvapally mandal in Suryapet district.

was built, and no ration card was issued during the 10-

were closed by the previous government, he criticised.

In contrast, soon after forming the government, the Congress party announced Group 1 notification along with that of the DSC, making 30,000 posts available for the recruitments, he said.

Taking exception to KCR politicizing drought conditions in the state, Reddy took a dig at him, saying that KCR was reaching out to the people in the name of 'Polam Bata' after confining himself to his farm house for the last 10 years.

He claimed KCR took up the campaign to divert public attention from the arrest of his daughter Kavitha in the Delhi liquor scam. He denied that farmers were taking their lives over drought conditions. He as-

sured that the government would enumerate crop losses and provide compensation to the farmers suitably.

The minister also hit out at the BRS for neglecting the housing needs of people. They could not build a single house even after looting Rs 7 lakh crore, he alleged. Whereas, the Congress would embark on providing 3,500 houses to the poor in each Assembly constituency from June 4 under the 'IndiraMama Indlu' programme from the holy city of Bhadrachalam.

He said that in South Telangana, the Congress won 32 out of 36 seats. All 11 assembly seats in Khammam district fell into Congress account by the joining of the only one BRS MLA in Congress, he added.

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Revanth Reddy conducts review of Sec'bad, Wgl constituencies

URGES LEADERS TO BACK THE PARACHUTE CANDIDATES

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WITH two of the key constituencies including Secunderabad and Warangal having Parachute candidates who have recently joined the Congress, the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy during separate review meetings held on Sunday urged the key leaders to back the candidates without any reservations. According to sources, Revanth Reddy urged the leaders to back the choices made by the party High Command towards achieving the target of 14 seats. He who wanted to ensure that there remains no further foot-dragging



within the rank and file of the party, particularly in constituencies where the party has fielded parachute candidates, brought the leaders for reconciliation and urged to put up a unified struggle for the ensuing Lok Sabha polls. Besides this, the meetings also drew strategies to counter the narrative by the BRS

with regard to water crisis, farmers issues at grass roots and mobilising the crowds to public meetings and translating them into votes. In view of the BJP also likely to give a tough contest in the Lok Sabha polls, Revanth discussed driving home the message of Rahul Gandhi and Manifesto amongst the voters and countering BJP's narrative.

The review meeting on the preparedness of the Secunderabad Lok Sabha was attended by key leaders including the party candidate Danam Nagender, besides Mayor Gadwal Vijayalaxmi, Assembly contested candidates Feroz Khan, Mohammad Kadiyam Kavya, former Minister Kadiyam Srihari and others MLAs.

Reddy, Kota Neelima, Rohin Reddy and others.

The meeting of Warangal constituency was attended by leaders including Minister Konda Surekha, CM's advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Warangal candidate Kadiyam Kavya, former Minister Kadiyam Srihari and others MLAs.

Tellam Venkat Rao, BRS MLA from Bhadrachalam, joined the Congress in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

He is the third MLA from the main opposition party to join Congress in less than a month.

Venkat Rao was elected from Bhadrachalam in the erstwhile Khammam district in the recent Assembly elections. This was the only seat held by BRS among the 10 seats in the district.

Venkat Rao had quit BRS and joined Congress along with Srinivas Reddy in July last year in the presence of

Cong intensifies 'Operation Akarsh'

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AHEAD of the next month's Lok Sabha elections in Telangana, the exodus of leaders from Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) continued as another MLA joined the ruling Congress party on Sunday.

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at a public meeting in Khammam. He, however, later returned to BRS after the Congress party fielded the sitting MLA from Bhadrachalam, Podem Veeraiyah.

The MLAs who are likely to switch loyalties include Bandari Lakshma Reddy (Uppal), Maganti Gopinath (Jubilee Hills), Kaleri Venkatesh (Amberpet), Muta Gopal (Musheerabad), K Manik Rao (Zaheerabad), T Prakash Goud (Rajendranagar), D Sudheer Reddy (L B Nagar), Kova Laxmi (Asifabad), Arikepudi Gandhi (Serilingampally), Gangula Kamalakar (Karimnagar), Kale Yadaiah (Chevella).

**CLOSE TO DOZEN
MLAs TO FOLLOW SUIT**

According to party sources,



Another jolt to BRS as five Boduppal corporators decide to join Cong

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AS the Lok Sabha elections are approaching near, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has received another jolt as five corporators of Boduppal Municipal Corporation have resigned from the party.

BRS corporators Singireddy Padmareddy, Kottha Chander Goud, Seesa Ventesh Goud, Bukya Suman and Lavanya Shekhar Reddy on Sunday submitted their resignation letters to the party leadership. All of the corporators led by former MLA Malipedi Sudhir Reddy are going to join Congress soon.

In the meanwhile, the BRS party faced another shock in Peerajiguda Municipal Corporation of Medchal district after the Deputy Mayor Kurra Sivakumar Goud along with 11 corporators and three co-option numbers joined the Congress.



Shabbir Ali slams Modi for divisive remarks

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CONGRESS senior leader and Advisor to the Telangana Government Mohammed Ali Shabbir has strongly condemned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks alleging that the Congress' election manifesto bears resemblance to the Muslim League.

Shabbir Ali expressed deep disappointment at PM Modi's divisive rhetoric, which discriminates against people based on their religion. He found it perplexing that despite ten years of governance claims, PM Modi feels compelled to resort to Hindu-Muslim rhetoric to bolster his chances in the upcoming elections.

He reminded that historically, it has been the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that has supported Muhammad Ali Jinnah, not the Congress. He emphasized that the Congress has consistently opposed the Muslim League, unlike the BJP, which has shown support. Therefore,

lenged PM Modi to explain why Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Jana Sangh's founder and Hindu Mahasabha's president, formed a coalition government with the Muslim League in Bengal, Sindh, and the North West Frontier Province. Furthermore, he urged Modi to clarify whether or not BJP leaders L.K. Advani and Jaswant Singh had indeed praised Jinnah.

He criticized PM Modi for his contradictory stance, pointing out that while he advocates for 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', he simultaneously targets the Muslim community.

He demanded clarification from Modi regarding whether he intends to target an organisation, the Muslim League, which became defunct in India after independence, or the entire Muslim community merely because of the term "Muslim" in its name. He raised questions about PM Modi's treatment of Indian Muslims as equal citizens and whether he harbours aversion towards their ideas and contributions.

In a media statement on Sunday, Shabbir Ali highlighted the BJP's historical fondness for Mohammed Ali Jinnah and his Muslim League, citing instances where senior BJP leaders such as Lal Krishna Advani and Jaswant Singh openly praised Jinnah. He chal-

I was first victim of phone-tapping: Eatala Rajender

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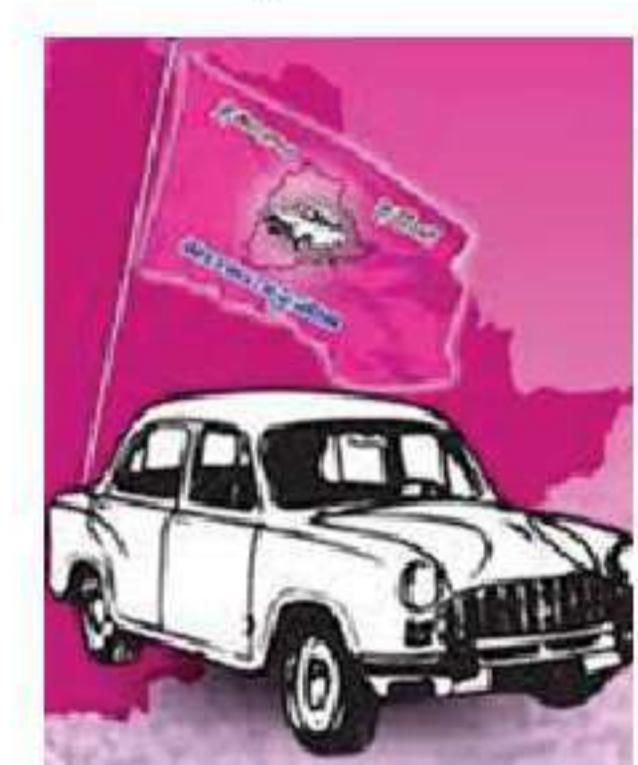
FORMER minister and BJP MP candidate from Malkajgiri Eatala Rajender has made sensational comments on the phone tapping case that has created a sensation in the Telangana state. A meet-the-press event was held on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, he said.

"I am the first victim of phone tapping in the state. Everyone's phone was tapped. The phones of mine, my family member, my driver and my cook's phones have been tapped. I am in this situation today because of phone tapping," he said.

He claimed that former CM KCR did not even trust the 17 ministers in his cabinet. He said that KCR also allegedly heard their phones and conversations including the conversations between husbands and wives. He said some people's homes had collapsed due to the phone tapping issue and added

that it was very painful in a democracy. He demanded a thorough probe into the phone tapping case.

He alleged that the inauguration ceremony was held with the defeated MLAs in the BRS party's rule and added that the Revanth Reddy government was doing the same now. "BRS leader Patnam Narender Reddy defeated Revanth Reddy in Kodangal. Now Revanth has fielded his family members in Malkajgiri. After being dropped from the cabinet and expelled from the BRS with my necks, the BJP was the party that took me in" he said. He expressed confidence that the BJP would win more than 12 MP seats in Telangana in the upcoming elections.



Jolted by desertions, BRS may skip plenary this year

● BRS doubtful of holding Plenary meeting on April 27

● Senior leaders opine that party will hold Plenary meeting only after retrieving back to TRS from BRS

● The BRS takes up its annual plenary and a big public meeting on April 27 to mark the Formation Day of the party

● As many as three sitting MLAs and several other MPs have left the party and joined the BJP and Congress in recent times

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be taking place. As many as three sitting MLAs and several other MPs have left the party and joined the BJP and Congress in recent times. "Presently, the party leaders are busy in campaigning for the Lok Sabha and in such a case, it will be difficult to ask the leaders to come down to the city to attend the meeting," said a senior BRS leader.

The party chief K Chandrashekhar Rao had renamed the party from TRS to BRS on the occasion of Dussehra on October 5 two years ago. After the drubbing in the Assembly elections, the party leaders have been demanding getting back to the old name of TRS. In several meetings of the party, the party leaders and activists wanted the BRS chief to reconsider renaming the party as TRS. "There is sentiment attached to TRS and there have been suggestions from the cadre. The party would take a decision after the Lok Sabha elections," said the BRS leader.

The party had earlier cancelled the plenary meetings in the year 2020 and 2021 because of the Covid pandemic effect. The party's plenary and 20th Formation Day was taken up with limited members of guests at HICC in Hyderabad during the previous year.

PM Modi showers praise on BJP's Hyderabad candidate Madhavi Latha

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has showered praise on the BJP candidate from Hyderabad Lok Sabha constituency, Kompella Madhavi Latha.

PM Modi was impressed by the points she raised during the programme 'Aap Ki Adalat'. "Madhavi Latha Ji, your

'Aap Ki Adalat' episode is exceptional. You've made very solid points and also done so with logic and passion. My best wishes to you," PM Modi posted on X on Sunday.

"I also urge everyone to watch the repeat telecast of this programme. You all will find it very informative," he added. Madhavi Latha was elated over the praise from PM Modi. She took to X to express her gratitude, say-

ing: "It is you who have given me the courage to speak the truth fearlessly and our party's ideal Sab Ka Sat Sab Ka Vikas is my inspiration. We will follow your path till our last breath and ensure the BJP's victory in Hyderabad Lok Sabha this time."

The BJP last month

named Madhavi Latha, a businesswoman and philanthropist, as its candidate from Hyderabad Lok Sabha

from Hyderab

against



triple talaq.

The 49-year-old is a trustee of Lathamma Foundation and Lopamudra Charitable Trust and also runs a small fund for destitute Muslim women. She also runs a 'gaushala'. The AIMIM has never lost an election in Hyderabad since 1984.

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In fact, reliance of physical force by the police to unearth the truth will also come down drastically by using scientific methods of investigation.

This also result into torture-free investigation of offences and save the entire police from the ignominy of being too cruel to the suspects. This will also result into reduction of incidents of custodial deaths. Indeed, in

a civilised society every human being has a right of fair treatment. The concept of fair treatment also extends to the suspects and the accused equally. Even a convict on the death row deserves the lesser painful method of death. The barometer of how much a society has become civilized is in the extent how civilized modes the society applies in different situations.

BOMBAY HC ON TRADE MARKS ACT

Justice G S Kulkarni of the Bombay High Court, while hearing a trademark restoration petition directed the registering authorities to decide and act upon the applications made for the renewal and restoration of trademark in which no notices were issued u/s 25(3) of the Trademarks Act for its removal. The bench referred to the case of Motwane Private Ltd. v. The Registrar of Trade Marks in which the same bench held that notice for removal is mandatory before removal. Following its precedent the court issued directions in the present case i.e., Indi Pharma Pvt. Ltd. v.

Registrar of Trade Marks & Anr., which are to be followed in all the similar cases in order to reduce the claims regarding the removal and restoration of the trade-

marks with the registry of trademarks

DELHI HC CLARIFIES ON BAIL

The single-judge bench of the Delhi High Court ruled that the accused when opts for the private hospital for his medical treatment than a government hospital, when both the hospitals provide the same facilities, that itself would not become a ground to grant him bail. The ruling came out in the case of Ashok Kumar v/s The State N.C.T Delhi delivered by Justice Neena Bansal Krishna in an appeal filed by the husband against the family court granting divorce, has held that if a wife frequently leaves her husband's home for no fault of husband, then it amounts to cruelty.

BAI HOLDS NATIONAL SEMINAR ON NEW CRIMINAL LAWS

The Bar Association of India (BAI) recently held a two-day national seminar in New Delhi on newly enacted Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagar Suraksha

Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam which are slated to come in force from July 1 this year.

Bar leaders, jurists and academia from all over the country participated.

WIFE FREQUENTLY LEAVING HUSBAND'S HOME AMOUNTS TO CRUELTY: DELHI HC

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LAWYERS' BODY PAYS TRIBUTES TO FALI NARIMAN

The premier body of the legal fraternity paid rich tributes to late Fali Nariman at the event, titled, Rule of Law convention held under the auspices of the Bar Association of India at New Delhi.

Among those who attended the event were apex court judges, Attorney General of India and bar leaders from across the country. Advocate Subhash Sharma, a close confidant of Fali Nariman for over 38 years, Dr. Lalit Bhasin, former President of BAI who had worked with Nariman, Janak Dwarka Das and other leading lawyers paid rich tributes to Nariman.

Fali Nariman who breathed last recently lived a happy and prosperous life for 95 years. He was awarded Padma Vibhushan by the nation and made an M.P from Rajyasabha. He was an internationally acclaimed lawyer. He had held prestigious position as the President of the Lawasia and International Bar Association.

Tall claims, anti-feminist rant take centre-stage

THE poll heat is picking up faster than day temperatures. Jibes are becoming shriller. Everyone claims that their manifesto reflects the aspirations of the people. Well, polls are held every five years and every time one keeps hearing parties that they will reduce prices and that their manifestos are specially crafted, keeping in view the aspirations and needs of the people. But the irony is that even 75 years after Independence, no party can claim that they had been able to fulfill at least 60% of the aspirations of the people which they claim to have identified.

It is very unfortunate all the parties continue to vie with one

another in announcing freebies. It is surprising to hear Rahul Gandhi claim that the Congress party, if voted to power, will deposit Rs 1 lakh per annum in the accounts of poor women and unemployed youth. It is just peanuts. Moreover what is required most is not DBT but empowering youth and women. Hardly any party speaks on those lines. We will undo what the present government has done and that is our promise is the quintessential part of Rahul's speeches. That is not what the country wants. It seeks practical solutions which those sitting in ivory towers can never think of.

The focus of campaign is not people's welfare; it is on who is

bad and who is worse. It is also surprising to hear Rahul Gandhi speak about electoral bonds. For that matter, why Rahul alone? No party has the right to say that electoral bonds are a scam because all of them benefitted from the bonds. It is natural that any party in power would get maximum funds as compared to the opposition parties. If the opposition feels the bonds are a scam, why did they accept the funds in the first place? Ok, let's us give them benefit of doubt and believe that they did not know it was a scam. Now that they feel it is scam why don't they come together and return the money to the banks and prove their honesty? Whom are

the leaders cheating?

Leaders, instead, indulge in making sexist comments. This cuts across all parties and is a pan-country phenomenon, which is again at play in 2024 as well with BJP's star candidates Kangana Ranaut and Hema Malini and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee getting slighted.

Recently, Congress leader Randeep Surjewala was in the dock for a derogatory remark against Hema Malini. It is not the first time that such low comments were made against her. Many years ago, the maverick leader Lalu Prasad Yadav had claimed he would make Bihar roads as smooth as her cheeks. Recently

When Kangana's name was announced, a Congress woman spokesperson said, "Mandi me Kya Bhav hai?" (What is the market rate?).

Then we hear comments like India should have a PM who would wear Hijab. Well, no one even in Pakistan or Bangladesh raised such an issue. When Benazir Bhutto was the PM of Pakistan she was not in Hijab. Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina wears Indian sarees and was never in Hijab. Why can't our leaders think big and act big? How long will these narrow-minded thoughts prevail and take centre-stage of electoral politics? It's time for the voters to think and act.

AI WHISPERERS

Reshaping global communication

DEEPSHIKA KUMAR

In the vast expanse of human history, communication has always been the cornerstone of progress, innovation, and societal cohesion. Language and communication have been the biggest contributors to Homo Sapiens evolving to be intelligent beings.

From the invention of written language to the advent of the internet, each technological leap has transformed the way we connect and interact with one another. Today, as we stand on the precipice of a new era, artificial intelligence (AI) emerges as the harbinger of yet another communication revolution.

Thus, the way we communicate is undergoing a metamorphosis.

AI is poised to revolutionise global communication with its ability to mimic human cognition. AI-driven applications, ubiquitous in daily life, reshape how we exchange information and build relationships.

From personalised recommendations to seamless language translation, AI is integrating itself into our digital landscape, transforming connectivity. This article explores AI's transformative power in communication, highlighting its impact, ethical considerations, and paving the way for responsible integration of AI, which promises innovation and inclusivity in global communication.

AI's Efficiency Engine: At the core of AI's influence lies its ability to automate and streamline communication processes. Imagine a world where scheduling meetings,

summarising complex documents, and filtering irrelevant emails are handled by intelligent algorithms.

Take, for instance, virtual assistants like Siri and Alexa. These AI-powered tools allow hands-free communication, simplifying tasks like setting reminders, making calls, and even translating languages on the fly. Hohenstein et al. (2023) examined the impact of AI on language and social interactions, focusing on "smart replies" like those in Gmail.

"We find that using algorithmic responses changes language and social relationships. More specifically, it increases communication speed, use of positive emotional language, and conversation partners evaluate each other as closer and more cooperative."

The Power of Personalisation: Beyond efficiency, AI personalises communication on a global scale. Machine learning algorithms analyse vast amounts of data, allowing businesses to tailor their messages and interactions to individual customers. For example, e-commerce platforms can use AI to recommend products based on a user's purchase history and browsing behaviour. This targeted approach fosters a more engaging customer experience and potentially leads to higher conversion rates.

Breaking Down Language Barriers: One of the most significant contributions of AI in communication is its ability to bridge the gap between languages. Real-time translation tools powered by AI are revolutionising cross-border communication. This would be a world where



While the benefits of AI in communication are undeniable, ethical considerations cannot be ignored. Algorithmic bias can lead to unfair targeting and discrimination.

Transparency in AI development and deployment is crucial to ensuring responsible use; governments and policymakers should dwell more on this aspect to ensure AI is being used ethically for communication

business negotiations, international conferences, and casual conversations across cultures can happen seamlessly, without the limitations of language. This not only fosters collaboration but also opens doors to new markets, global partnerships, and cross-cultural expression.

Accessibility for All: The impact of AI extends to individuals with disabilities. Text-to-speech and speech-to-text technologies powered by AI empower those who struggle with traditional communication methods.

This not only improves their daily lives but also fosters greater inclusion and participation in a globalised world. If done correctly, this could be a huge step towards contributing to diversity, equity and inclusion.

AI-Human Collaboration: The future of com-

munication lies not in AI replacing humans, but in a collaborative approach. AI excels at tasks demanding speed and accuracy, while humans bring their creativity, emotional intelligence, and nuanced understanding of context to the table. This potent combination can lead to more effective communication strategies across various fields. Nevertheless, it is crucial to remain mindful of certain considerations.

Lack of trust and transparency and the discrepancy between perception and reality: Transparency about the use of AI-generated messages could mitigate misunderstandings and foster trust in communication. The study by Hohenstein et al. (2023) highlights a critical consideration for humans engaging in AI-mediated communication: the poten-

tial for misinterpretation and misalignment between perception and reality.

"Despite these negative perceptions of AI in communication, we find that as people actually use more algorithmic responses, their communication partner has more positive attitudes about them. Even though perceived smart reply use is viewed negatively, actual smart reply use results in communicators being viewed as being more cooperative and affiliative. In other words, it seems that the negative perception of using AI to help us communicate does not match the reality." As AI becomes more integrated into our daily interactions, it's essential for users to recognise and address the opacity surrounding AI assistance.

The Ethics of AI Communication: While the benefits of AI in communication are undeniable, ethical considerations cannot be ignored. Algorithmic bias can lead to unfair targeting and discrimination. Transparency in AI development and deployment is crucial to ensuring responsible use; governments and policymakers should dwell more on this aspect to ensure AI is being used ethically for communication.

Additionally, the overreliance on automation could lead to a decline in essential communication skills like active listening and critical thinking.

The Emotional Conundrum: Human communication thrives on emotional connection. Can AI replicate human empathy in communication? The consequences of AI on emotional

connection remain uncertain. Relying too heavily on AI-generated messages risks disrupting human interaction.

Striking a balance between AI efficiency and preserving human touch is crucial.

Hohenstein et al. (2023) points towards AI's influence on emotional tone, "AI has the potential to help people communicate more quickly and improve interpersonal perceptions in everyday conversation, but our findings caution that these benefits are coupled with alterations to the emotional aspects of our language, and we do not know the effects that such changes could have on communication patterns over time." The transformative potential of AI in reshaping the future of global communication is undeniable.

By harnessing AI responsibly and collaboratively, we can unlock new possibilities for innovation, connectivity, and inclusivity. From advancing cross-cultural understanding to fostering empathy and collaboration, AI holds the promise of creating a more interconnected, resilient, and empathetic world.

As we embrace the opportunities and navigate the challenges of AI-mediated communication, let us strive to build a future where communication transcends boundaries, fosters understanding, and empowers individuals and communities to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world, probably even making the earth metaphorically flatter.

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LETTERS

Attack on NIA team not in good taste

A team of National Investigation Agency (NIA) was attacked by locals in West Bengal's Bhupatnagar area during an early morning raid in connection with investigation into a bomb blast. An NIA official suffered minor injuries in the attack. The NIA team was visiting the area in connection with investigation in the Bhupatnagar blast case of December 2022. The explosion due to crude bombs on December 3, 2022, had claimed three lives. West Bengal Chief Minister is trying to defend errand TMC leader and the people, who attacked the NIA team. This is not in good taste and gives a scare for national security as well.

C K Ramani, Mumbai

Manifestos rich in promises, poor in delivery

The Congress manifesto has promised waiver of ₹ 1 lakh education loan to each student. In the same vein, it promised to fill 30 lakh jobs soon after voted to power. But in reality it is very difficult to fill 30 lakh jobs. But it can waive education loan by destroying the ways and means of the banking system in the country. It announced enthusiastically that it would remove 50% cap on reservation to SCs, STs and BCs. It also promised to one-third reservation to women as per 106th constitution amendment. It also created hype among farming community by promising legal protection to MSP to their produce as per the Swaminathan formula. But it conveniently forgot about OPS for employees which it promised during Assembly elections to various states. The 47 page manifesto is giving more promises but it is doubtful to get a mandate to implement the same.

Pratapa Reddy Y, Tiruvuru, NTR district, AP

Save schoolchildren from oppressive heat

TELANGANA is reeling under intense heat wave conditions with temperatures reaching 44°C in some places. Hyderabad is also recording high temperatures around 42°C. In such oppressive conditions, schools are working in half-day shift and children are reaching their homes in the hot afternoon under hot sun. Moreover, exams for Classes I to 9 for the State schools are starting from April 15. Schoolchildren are complaining of exhaustion and fatigue due to extreme heat and the risk of sunstroke is very high. In view of this situation, the State government should order closure of all schools with immediate effect. For students of higher classes, online Classes can be conducted.

Parimala G Tadas, Hyderabad

Dragon out to interfere in Indian polls

CHINA, the dragon country, true to its nickname, would go to any lengths in order to achieve cherished goals, one by one. Already it is using the Internet to influence the Indian voters through a misinformation campaign with the help of its cronies within the country. With access to the latest in technology, China is bound to misuse Artificial Intelligence during the next couple of months in connection with the seven-phase general elections in India. Obviously, it wants the L.N.D.I.A alliance to win and for this it would do anything under the sun. The Indian voters are easily swayed by sustained campaign. As such Indians in general should be alert to the machinations of China in this regard and defeat the same.

Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

'My Health, My Right' but who'll ensure it?

THE theme of the World Health Day for 2024 is "My health, My right". Health services in the country are provided by the government as well as the private sector. Government is implementing several health schemes at central as well as state level to enhance easy accessibility to everyone such as Ayushman Bharat, Central Government Health Schemes, hospitals, Mohalla clinics etc. The question to be asked is whether they are really benefiting the common man and fulfilling their objectives. In the private sector, health care has become a business. Health insurance companies are proliferating in the country and are supporting growth of private healthcare business. Environmental degradation is becoming a major cause in increase of ailments. In this situation, "Your health is your responsibility, not a right".

Dr O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Tap sun's energy to beat the heat

THE solar power is freely and abundantly available in many states across our country. Our Prime Minister proposed the rooftop solar Yojana or the PM Surya Ghar Mufti Bijli Yojana. By installing the solar power generation units, the hectic burden on thermal and hydel power generation units comes down drastically. As the festive season too has started and the summer is at its peak, the government, the private and the social organizations are requested to install panels with solar power panels as many as they can across the state. Thus they serve a lot by all means. Why curse that there are power cuts when the summer is hot?

G Murali Mohan Rao, Secunderabad

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BENGALURU ONLINE

'Thank you Sitharaman for admitting injustice to K'taka'

BENGALURU: Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Sunday thanked the Union Finance Minister for acknowledging injustice to Karnataka in drought relief.

Speaking after a meeting with apartment owners in Rajajeshwari Nagar, DCM Shivakumar said, "Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the announcement of general elections delayed drought relief funds to Karnataka. What is the connection between elections and drought relief? By saying this, she has admitted that drought relief is delayed and Centre has done injustice to Karnataka. She was accusing the State of not doing enough for drought relief."

"We submitted our drought relief appeal four months ago. There was no Model Code of Conduct for four months after our appeal. Now she is giving the pretext of code of conduct. People are aware of the injustice of the Centre. This justified D K Suresh's 'Our tax our right' campaign, thanks to her," he said. Asked about Kumaraswamy's comment on the Mekedatu project, Shivakumar said, "Kumaraswamy is talking about Mekedatu and Mahadai now, but he didn't do anything about it when he was in power. When we were on a padayatra for Mekedatu, he had ridiculed that we were taking out the yatra to eat kababs."

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<https://epaper.thehansindia.com>

NEW DELHI: In 2012, India had just one registered startup in the space sector -- Dhruva Space from Hyderabad. The country now has close to 200 space startups.

This exponential growth in the space sector is due to the government's transformative policies under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India's quantum leap in the space sector became possible after PM Modi took the courageous decision to "unlock" this sector from the "veil of secrecy."

India's private space sector saw tremendous growth in the last decade and catapulted the country into the league of elite spacefaring nations, with the potential to become a \$100 billion market in the years to come. From building launch vehicles or rockets to designing advanced satellites these startups also cater to working on space situational awareness (SSA) solutions or constructing applications based on space technology, among others.

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he added. "In the last 10 years, we have launched 400 satellites. However, before these 10 years only 33 satellites were launched. Now, India has more than 200 startups working in the space sector," he said.

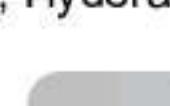
Recently, PM Modi promised that India would have its own space station by 2035 that will study "unknown expanses of space." "In this period of Amrit Kaal, Indian astronauts will land on the surface of the Moon on our own rocket,"

ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Station in February, announced the names of four astronauts who have been chosen for India's historic Gaganyaan Mission.

The selected astronauts are currently going through intense training for the country's first human space flight mission, slated for 2025. By 2035, ISRO plans to set up its own 'Bharatiya Antariksha Station' and has also prepared a timeline to send the first Indian to the Moon by 2040. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) recently approved the Chandrayaan-3 landing site name 'Shiva Shakti'. The approval came on March 19 after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement following the success of the mission on August 26, 2023.

"IAU working group for Planetary System Nomenclature has approved the name station 'Shiv Shakti' for the landing site of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander," the Gazetteer of Planetary Nomenclature, which provides detailed information about planetary names by IAU said.

PM Modi, on a visit to





Warangal Lok Sabha BJP candidate Aroori Ramesh speaking at the party's preparatory meeting in the run up to Lok Sabha polls in Warangal on Sunday

BJP has done a lot for Warangal: Aroori Ramesh

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"WARANGAL benefited a lot with the Central funds," Warangal Lok Sabha BJP candidate Aroori Ramesh said. Speaking at the party's preparatory meeting in the run up to Lok Sabha polls here on Sunday, Ramesh said that the BJP-led Central Government released Rs 250 crore to develop the infrastructure in Warangal under the Smart Cities Mission.

"Warangal also got Rs 32 crore under the National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY). The Centre also released Rs 273 crore under the Atal Mission for Rejuve-

nation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)," Ramesh said. "The Centre sanctioned 7,096 houses for low and moderate-income people under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana," he added.

Narendra Modi Government doubled the national highways in the State. From independence till 2014, Telangana had only 2,500 kms of national highways. In the last 10 years, another 2,000 kms of national highways were added in Telangana with a whopping Rs 25,000 crore," Ramesh said. He said that the Modi Government also provided 5.15 lakh electricity connections under the Saubhagya Scheme or Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har

Ghar Yojana in Telangana. The BJP also established a multi-speciality hospital on the Kakatiya Medical College (KMC) and developed Warangal railway station as a model one. More importantly, the Centre's initiatives helped the historic Ramappa Temple to figure in the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Sites list, Ramesh said.

BJP Warangal Lok Sabha Prabhari V Muralidhar Goud, district president Ganta Ravi Kumar, former MLA Vannala Sriramulu, Warangal Urban Cooperative Bank chairman Errabelli Pradeep Rao, T Kumaraswamy and Srinivas Gupta were among others present.

I WILL NEVER USE HINDUISM FOR POLITICS: BANDI SANJAY

In an interaction with The Hans India, BJP candidate for Karimnagar, Bandi Sanjay asserts his confidence in winning the Karimnagar seat; responds to 'claims' of doing politics on 'Ram Naam'; and tackles the accusations of the Opposition, and more

TIRUNAGARI
VENKATESWARA SWAMY
KARIMNAGAR

THE BJP national leader and candidate for Karimnagar Lok Sabha seat, Bandi Sanjay Kumar displays unbeatable confidence when it comes to his performance in the upcoming elections. The stage is set for a competitive electoral battle in Karimnagar, and Bandi is charging ahead with his signature mix of confidence, accountability, and ideological commitment; merely a couple of weeks fresh after his Prajapita Yatra.

In a recent interaction with The Hans India, Bandi expressed his confidence in winning the Karimnagar Lok Sabha seat. "The Prajapita Yatra received positive responses from villagers. I visited almost all the mandals of my parliamentary constituency. This trip gave me the opportunity to go into majority of the villages and meet the people. The Yatra has given a reply to Congress and BRS parties who are lying that Bandi



File photo

Sanjay failed to bring funds. That's why those two parties are angry and trying to throw mud back at me," says the BJP leader.

"Many people who met me during the trip said they did not know these facts for so many days until I told them. They blessed me by saying that they all vote for me and are with me. We got a great response," he claims with content.

Responding to claims by

open his mouth if KCR diverted the funds from the Centre? Isn't it true that the Centre blamed the then government for the irregularities in the Karimnagar Smart City works?" It was me who brought KCR's corruption and diversion of funds to the notice of the Centre," he says.

du can understand this and what is wrong if Sri Ram's cutouts are placed," he claims proudly.

Regarding accusations of provoking Hindus, Sanjay criticised parties like MIM for their divisive rhetoric and reiterated his commitment to protecting Hindu interests without exploiting religion for political gains.

"The Hindus of Karimnagar know someone who has spoken against them. I cannot remain silent if the sentiments of Hindus are hurt. I will fight for the self-respect of Hindus. I will never use Hinduism for politics. My responsibility is to side with Hindus. We are not false secularists like Congress and BRS," he asserts.

Sanjay expressed optimism about BJP's electoral prospects in Telangana, aiming for 17 seats while highlighting the challenges faced by his opponents in candidate selection.

Finally, when asked about potential ministerial roles if elected, Sanjay affirmed his dedication to the party's directives and expressed readiness for any responsibilities assigned by BJP leadership.

DEER CARCASS FOUND



A deer was found dead by some motorists in the forest area on the outskirts of Wanaparthy. It was found along the road from Wanaparthy to Pebbar on Sunday. The district forest department was informed about the discovery. Many people opined that the deer could have died due to extreme heat exposure or due to water scarcity.

Details of those encountered should be revealed: Naik

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THE BJP Mahabubabad Parliament candidate and former MP Sitaram Naik questioned the meaning of the message conveyed by the Congress government

after details of the encounter deaths at the Chhattisgarh border were not released.

Speaking at a press conference organised at the center of Venkatapur mandal of Mulugu district on Sunday, he said that it is wrong to encounter

in a democracy and it is a wicked act to commit such atrocities without punishing them. He also questioned whether similar incidents had occurred in the past when the Congress government was in power in Mulugu district.



Consider weather while planning 'one-nation one-poll': IMD

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Some places may record over 20 days of heatwave, Mohapatra said. "If people are in the queue, they should have sufficient water to drink," he told the news agency. "There should be a provision for first aid and health workers to help if people faint or suffer from sunstroke and there should be shade. This is the minimum requirement in terms of preparations."

The weather department is also providing feel-like temperature forecasts that combine the effect of temperature, humidity, and wind speed to give a better understanding of how the weather would feel outside.

"If the temperature is at least three degrees Celsius above normal and relative humidity is above normal, we are issuing a warning for that particular district or a particular area," he said.

The death of at least 13 persons at a Navi Mumbai rally in April last year due to high heat and humidity prompted the meteorological department to issue a special warning combining heat and humidity, Mohapatra said.

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The Rashtriya Janata Dal, which was under fire from Kumar, reposted a viral clip of the Chief Minister's speech that had the caption,

PM Modi slams TMC for attack on NIA officials

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"Will the women sit back if they (NIA) go to their houses at night? They will try to defend themselves?" Banerjee asked.

Her nephew and TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee alleged a BJP-NIA nexus in Bengal. "Experience the unfolding alliance between the @NIA_India and @BJP4Bengal, orchestrating conspiracies against Trinamool leaders and the Model Code of Conduct. While this collusion persists, the ECI stands by conspicuously silent, neglecting its duty to ensure fair play," Banerjee posted on social media platform X.

NITISH KUMAR PREDICTS '4,000 MPS' FOR NDA

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The Rashtriya Janata Dal, which was under fire from Kumar, reposted a viral clip of the Chief Minister's speech that had the caption, "Defeat is visibly seen on BJP leaders' faces as the NDA is clueless about the number of MPs in the country. The people of Nawada know how to drive away people who backtrack after making promises. Where is the special package meant for Bihar? Where is the special status to Bihar?"

Long leave for Modi after June 4: Cong

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Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "The people of India are now tired of the Prime Minister's lies. After June 4, he will have to go on long leave. This is the guarantee of the people of India!" The counting of votes in Lok Sabha elections is on June 4.

Ramesh said the Congress' 'Paanch Nyay Pachees Guarantee' is awakening a new hope among the people of India after 10 years of "injustice".

The Congress' guarantees are the need of the hour and

this is the voice of the suffering people of the country, he said in a post in Hindi on X. "Rattled by this guarantee card, the Prime Minister is saying baseless things in his desperation to save his chair," Ramesh said.

Addressing a rally in Nawada district on Sunday, his second in Bihar in 72 hours, Modi said: "The manifesto that the Congress has released bears the imprint of the Muslim League.

It has not released a poll manifesto but a declaration of appeasement (tushti-karan patra)."

'Step aside...no harm in taking a break'

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"This according to me is also anti-democratic," said Kishor while speaking to a news agency. "When you are doing the same work for the last 10 years without any success, then there is no harm in taking a break... You should allow someone else to do it for five years. Your mother did it," he said, recalling Sonia Gandhi's decision to keep away from politics following her husband Rajiv Gandhi's assassination and let P V Narasimha Rao take charge in 1991.

'Oppn dropped all catches'

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The BJP has made a major and visible push to expand in south and east India over the years as its top leaders like Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have frequented these states. On the other hand, the Opposition has made little effort in these states.

"Your fight is in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh but you are touring Manipur and Meghalaya. Then how you will get success," he said in an apparent swipe at Rahul Gandhi.

He further said that Opposition Congress should win in UP, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh otherwise winning Kerala alone will not help the Opposition in any way. He felt that the Congress had committed a strategic mistake by giving space to the BJP in Amethi. He noted that Modi had chosen to contest from Ut-

World Health Day observed

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"THE need of the hour is to focus on the fundamental human right, access to quality health care, education and information," Dr Ramaka Srinivas, renowned cardiologist, social worker and whistleblower said. Speaking on the occasion of World Health Day, the founding day of the World Health Organisation (WHO), in Hanumakonda on Sunday, he emphasised the need to raise awareness about global health issues and highlight the importance of well-being.

Stating that 'My Health, My Right' is the theme of 2024, Dr Srinivas said that it emphasises the role of the public and governments in a human rights approach to improve health of the people. He said that human rights are universal regardless of race, colour, sex, language, religion, nationality origin etc. "It's pathetic that around 4.5 billion people nearly half the world population do not have access to proper health services," he added.

In this context, the Srinivas Heart Foundation will focus on the issue of cardiac arrest as a local health issue and give a message to the

government authorities to improve awareness on cardiac arrest and CPR in the community.

Dr Srinivas urged the government to make available the Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at all public places and residential buildings.

Dr Srinivas demonstrated the Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on the occasion. It may be noted here that the Srinivasa Heart Foundation has been providing CPR training to all sections of the people. The attendees included Dr Samashiva Rao, retired Director of Health.

Language of tukde tukde gang: Modi

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"Now they are saying what is the relevance of one corner of the country to another. This is the language of the tukde-tukde gang. Can you forgive such people?" The Prime Minister asked the crowd, which responded loudly, "No".

"Tukde-tukde gang" is a term often used by right-wing parties to criticise Left-backed groups and their supporters. It was coined after anti-national slogans were raised at an event in Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has also said it

Canada accuses India of interfering in its polls

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February. While India refuted the claims and assured its commitment to non-interference in other nations' democratic processes, Canada's inquiry into foreign meddling has escalated tensions in already strained ties between the two countries.

In January, Canada announced its intention to investigate allegations of foreign interference in its national elections, with a particular focus on India, according to a Bloomberg report. "We have seen media reports about the Canadian commission enquiring into ... We strongly reject all such baseless allegations of Indian interference in Canadian elections," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in

China, Russia, and other governmental and non-governmental entities during both the 2019 and 2021 election cycles.

Trudeau's previous allegations of Indian involvement in the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil have become a flashpoint in bilateral relations between the two nations.

Despite India's dismissal of these allegations as absurd, the fallout resulted in diplomatic repercussions, including the temporary suspension of visas for Canadians and a reduction in diplomatic presence. In February, India's designation as a "foreign threat" by Canadian intelligence, alongside China and Russia, intensified the diplomatic rift.

The appointed commissioner for the inquiry was mandated to probe potential interference by various actors, including India,

tar Pradesh in addition to his home state Gujarat in 2014 "because you cannot win India unless you win the Hindi heartland or have a significant presence in the Hindi heartland."

Kishor said Opposition parties, especially the Congress, failed to capitalise whenever the ruling party was on the back foot after 2014. He said the BJP had a long barren phase electoral in 2015 and 2016 when it lost several Assembly polls.

The BJP had a poor run post-demonetisation after its win in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls in 2017 when it almost lost power in Gujarat and was defeated in several states in 2018, but the Congress "blundered" in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. "If you keep dropping catches, the batter will score a century, especially if he is a good batsman," Kishor said.

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CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday

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said the biggest issue in the Lok Sabha elections is the unemployment "imposed by the BJP", claiming the youth are struggling to find jobs and the country is staring at a "demographic nightmare".

Kharge said the Congress' 'Pehli Naukri Pakki' guarantee under 'Yuva Nyay' would remove the barriers that separate work and learning, thereby opening fresh avenues for career growth. "The biggest issue in these Lok Sabha elec-

tions is unemployment, imposed by the BJP. Our Youth are struggling to find jobs, and we are staring at a demographic nightmare," the Congress president claimed.

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in IITs and IIMs, then one can imagine how the BJP has destroyed the future of our Youth across the country," he said. The rate of youth unemployment under the Modi government has tripled since 2014, he said.

"The ILO's recent India Employment Report showed that each year, India adds around 70-80 lakh youths to the labour force, but between 2012 and 2019, there was almost ZERO growth in

employment - just 0.01%!" Kharge said in his post on X.

"Modi Ki Guarantee about providing 2 crore jobs reverbates as a bad dream in the hearts and minds of our Youth!" he said.

The Congress released its Lok Sabha poll manifesto, focusing on five "pillars of justice" and 25 guarantees under those, at the Congress headquarters here in the presence of party president Mallikarjun Kharge and former

Delhi riots case

Got letter with disturbing facts from DLSA: Court

NEW DELHI

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DURING proceedings related to the victim impact report (VIR) being prepared by the Delhi Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in connection to a case linked to the 2020 northeast Delhi riots, a court here observed that it received a letter with "very disturbing" facts from the authority's secretary.

The judge forwarded a copy of the letter to the deputy commissioner of police (DCP) to take "immediate necessary action" on it. The court in a previous hearing on the matter had termed the delay in preparation of the VIR as "unfortunate".

When the matter came for hearing around 10.30 am on Saturday, the court said there was no response from the

DCP and the DLSA. Issuing a reminder letter to both the DCP and the DLSA to ensure that a VIR was filed in the case, the court posted the matter for further proceedings on April 20.

At 11 am, the court said

it received a sealed envelope containing a letter by the DLSA secretary. "I have gone through the letter of the secretary. The facts mentioned therein are very disturbing and hence a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the

DCP to take immediate necessary action, in view of facts mentioned therein under intimation to this court," Additional Sessions Judge Purnima Pramachala said.

The Delhi High Court has laid down the procedures for preparing VIRs after conviction of the accused for assessing the quantum of loss suffered by the victims of crime, including their physical, emotional and financial hardships. The VIR has to be filed by the DLSA before the trial court in every criminal trial after conviction. On Saturday, Additional Sessions Judge Pramachala was hearing arguments against one Joni Kumar, who was sentenced for rioting and arson, when he directed the DCP to take action based on the DLSA's letter.

CPM, Cong spar on CAA, BJP slams them

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

WEEKS before the single-phase polling to Kerala's 20 Lok Sabha seats, the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) continues to take centre stage in the election campaign of the state's two traditional political rivals - who are part of the INDIA bloc at the national level but fierce competitors in the state.

A reason why the CAA is now one of the most discussed and debated poll issues between the ruling CPI-M-led



Left Democratic Front and the Congress-led United Democratic Front is the state has nearly 24 per cent Muslims in its over 3.30 crore population.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan took up the issue right after the CAA was passed by the Parliament in 2019, asserting that it would not be implemented in Kerala.

On the last day of 2019, his government, with the support of the Congress-led opposition, got a resolution demanding the scrapping of the provision passed nearly unanimously by the Assembly, with the lone BJP legislator O. Rajagopal being the only one opposing it.

But the Congress is hitting back at Vijayan, with acting state Congress President M.M. Hassan accusing the Chief Minister of attacking Rahul Gandhi and the Congress to keep Prime Minister

Narendra Modi "happy" as he has grave cases against him and his family.

State BJP President K. Surendran contended that times have changed and the people of Kerala have now understood that the CPI-M and Congress are two sides of the same coin and both these parties have just one agenda of garnering the Muslim votes and will go to any extent for this. "They hug in Delhi and they fight in Kerala. This tactic will not work anymore," he said.

7 foreign students in Guj asked to leave hostel

SURAT

SIX students from Afghanistan and one from East Africa have been asked to vacate the Gujarat University's hostel rooms for overstaying, an official said on Sunday, in a move coming weeks after some foreign students were attacked for offering namaz on the premises.

An Afghan and a Gambian delegation had visited the university days after



the March 16 attack and held a meeting with the vice-chancellor over safety measures. Talking to PTI, the university's vice-chancellor Neerja Gupta said,

"Six students from Afghanistan and one from East Africa were asked to vacate their hostel rooms after they were found overstaying." These persons had completed their studies and were staying in the hostel as ex-students due to some pending administrative work, she said.

The university has ensured that they are no longer required to stay in the hostel and arranged for them to return to their respective countries, Gupta said.

GRT Jewellers brings Swarna Ugadi

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ON the occasion of Ugadi festival, GRT Jewellers announced Swarna Ugadi to add sparkle to the festivities with irresistible offers and exclusive collections. The customers will get Rs 50 less per gram on gold jewellery purchase, 10 per cent off on diamonds and uncut diamonds (except Solitaires), 25 per cent off on making charges for silver articles and a 10 per cent on MRP for silver jewellery.

Celebrating the cultural richness and diversity of South India, Ugadi marks the beginning of the traditional New Year. This is a time of renewal, reflection, and joyous gatherings with loved ones. GRT Jewellers recognises the significance of these celebrations and sure takes delight in being a part of this cultural tapestry. GR Anand Ananthapadmanabhan, Managing Director of GRT Jewellers, said: "Swarna Ugadi is a cherished occasion that resonates deeply with our customers."

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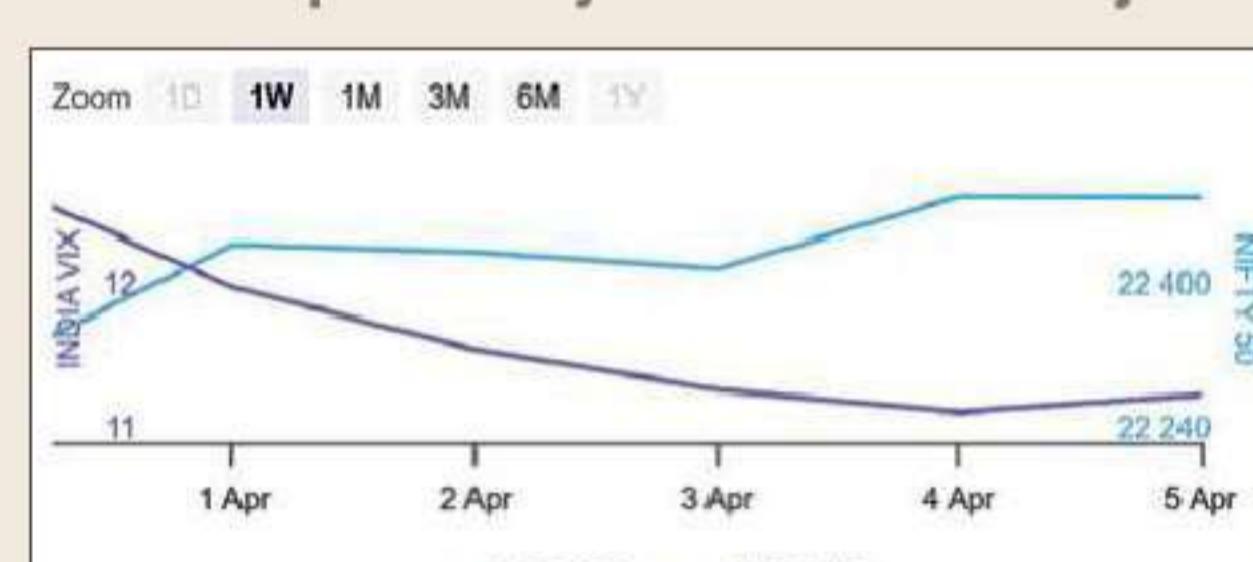
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DERIVATIVES OUTLOOK

OI build-up moving to higher bands

March settlement recorded sharp volatility that caused a major adjustment in the options

SCREENIVASA RAO DASARI



Coming to the Put side, maximum Put OI is seen at 22,500PE followed by 22,400/ 22,000/ 22,300/ 21,800/ 21,500/ 21,900 strikes. Further, 22,500/ 22,400/ 22,000/ 21,500/ 21,400 strikes witnessed reasonable addition of Put OI. Call OI increasing at ITM/OTM strikes on both sides of the options chain.

Dhirender Singh Bisht, associate vice-president (technical research) at SMC Global Securities Ltd, said: "From the derivatives front, in Nifty options, the hefty Call Open Interest was observed at 22,800 and 22,500 strikes, while the highest Put Open Interest was at the 22,500 strike." Both Call and Put writing

versely, the FMCG sector lagged behind," remarked Bisht.

BSE Sensex closed the week ended April 5, 2024, at 74,248.22 points, a net gain of 596.87 points or 0.81 per cent, from the previous week's (March 28) closing of 73,651.35 points. For the week, NSE Nifty also moved up by 186.80 points or 0.83 per cent to 22,513.70 points from 22,326.90 points a week ago.

Bisht forecasts: "This week, Nifty is expected to oscillate within the range of 22,200 to 22,700 levels with some volatility on the cards. Traders are advised to use dips for creating fresh longs."

India VIX rose 1.05 per

cent to 11.34 level. Positions by Call writers witnessed a sharp closure in the last monthly settlement. India VIX did not rise much and closed the week below 13 level once again. Going ahead, stock-specific movement will be the key ahead of upcoming quarterly results.

"Implied Volatility for Nifty's Call options settled at 10.80 per cent and Put options concluded at 11.27 per cent. The India VIX, a crucial market volatility indicator, ended the week at 11.22 per cent.

The Put-Call Ratio of Open Interest stood at 1.20 for the week," observes Bisht.

Nifty began April new series with relatively low OI of 1 crore shares. FIIs also closed most of their short positions as they commenced the new series with less than 24,000 net shorts, which is the lowest short position seen in more than a month.

However, apart from retails, the rest of the participants remained in shorts at the start of the new series.

Range-bound consolidation likely

T BRAHMACHARY

The equity benchmark indices traded with high volatility and registered a new high close weekly. NSE Nifty gained 186.80 points or 0.84 per cent, after trading in the 315-point range. BSE Sensex also gained by 0.80 per cent. The Midcap-100 and Smallcap-100 indices outperformed by four per cent and seven per cent, respectively. The mid-cap index hit a new high. The Nifty Metal and Realty indices were the top gainers with 5.3 per cent and 4.3 per cent. Bank Nifty also registered a new high close on a weekly basis with a 2.9 per cent gain. All other sectoral indices closed higher. During the first week of the new financial year, the FIIs sold Rs3,835.75 crore worth of equities. The DIIs bought insignificantly Rs2 lakh worth of shares.

The Nifty's performance last week was marked by the formation of a five-week base or 18-day cup pattern. This pattern, along with the higher volumes recorded, validates the breakout. The index also formed a small body candle that resembles an evening star. On Thursday, it registered a highly volatile session and hit a new lifetime high. However, the very next day, it traded within a narrow 101-point range, with the lowest volume in the last month. The index closed negatively for three days in a four-day week, indicating some market indecisiveness. The index is making new highs, but concerns remain, as there are minor incremental highs and major declining moves. Since January 16, the index is advancing with low volume and declining with higher volume, a character that typically indicates a topping formation. The most important concern is the VIX. It declined by

11.65 per cent last to 11.34, the lowest since November 24. Normally, the low VIX is not for an uptrending market. But recently, it lost relevance after its lowest level last November; the index moved impulsively upside, which is not a character.

The Nifty is now 1.54 per cent above the 10-week average, which acted as a support. Out of 11 weeks, it took support for eight weeks in the recent past. Last December, the distance between the index and this key moving was 7.65. The narrower the distance means reversion.

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FPIs offload ₹325 cr in April so far

NEW DELHI

FPIs have turned cautious as they pulled out Rs325 crore from Indian equities in the first week of this month owing to relatively high valuations and the upcoming general elections.

The net outflow came after a staggering investment of Rs35,000 crore in March and Rs1,539 crore in February, data with the depositaries showed. Going ahead, Geojit Financial Services Chief Investment Strategist VK Vijayakumar said the US 10-year yield has spiked to 4.4 per cent, which will impact FPI (foreign portfolio investor) investment flows into India in the near term. However, FPI selling will be limited despite the high US



back from aggressive investments in the equity markets at this juncture," Appala said.

On the other hand, FPIs have made a net investment of Rs1,215 crore in the debt market during the period under review. Indian government securities (G-Sec) 10-year yield standing at 7.1 per cent and the US 10-year at 4.3 per cent present a compelling case for FPIs. The risk-reward ratio is prompting them to shift their focus from equities to the higher yields offered by bond instruments in the US and India.

Moreover, FPIs have been pumping money into the debt markets for the past few months, driven by the upcoming inclusion of Indian government bonds in the JP Morgan Index. "Relatively high valuations and the looming general elections have made FPIs cautious, leading them to hold

the year. There was a rampant in corporate earnings growth with the 23-24 per cent YoY EPS forecast for the Nifty50 index, he said.

Retail inflows remained robust, supported by direct investments as well as investments through MFs. The number of trading accounts held by domestic investors reached 16.7 crore, underscoring increased market participation. Additionally, FIIs exhibited improved net buying activity, buoyed by India's economic outperformance relative to other EMs experiencing slowdowns, he added.

In the coming first week of April, there is a flurry of significant data releases expected, like PMI in the US and India, factory orders, and unemployment data in the US.

Additionally, market participants will closely monitor signals regarding policy rates, particularly from the RBI. Moreover, attention will be on India's Q4FY24 result forecasts, which are expected to indicate a healthy performance, he said.

"As we move into a new financial year, we express optimism towards sectors

such as Pharma, Capital Goods, and Infra, as we see them as key growth drivers, supported by both domestic and external demand," he said.

Although some sectors like FMCG and IT are facing challenges due to subdued demand at present, we anticipate a turnaround, driven by expectations of a normal monsoon and increased US demand following the Fed's rate cut. However, the focus is on large caps, as the premium valuation of mid-caps could have a hiccup in the short to medium term, he added.

Impressive show by small-cap stocks

They rise 63% as against large-caps' 33%, mid-caps' 56% in FY24

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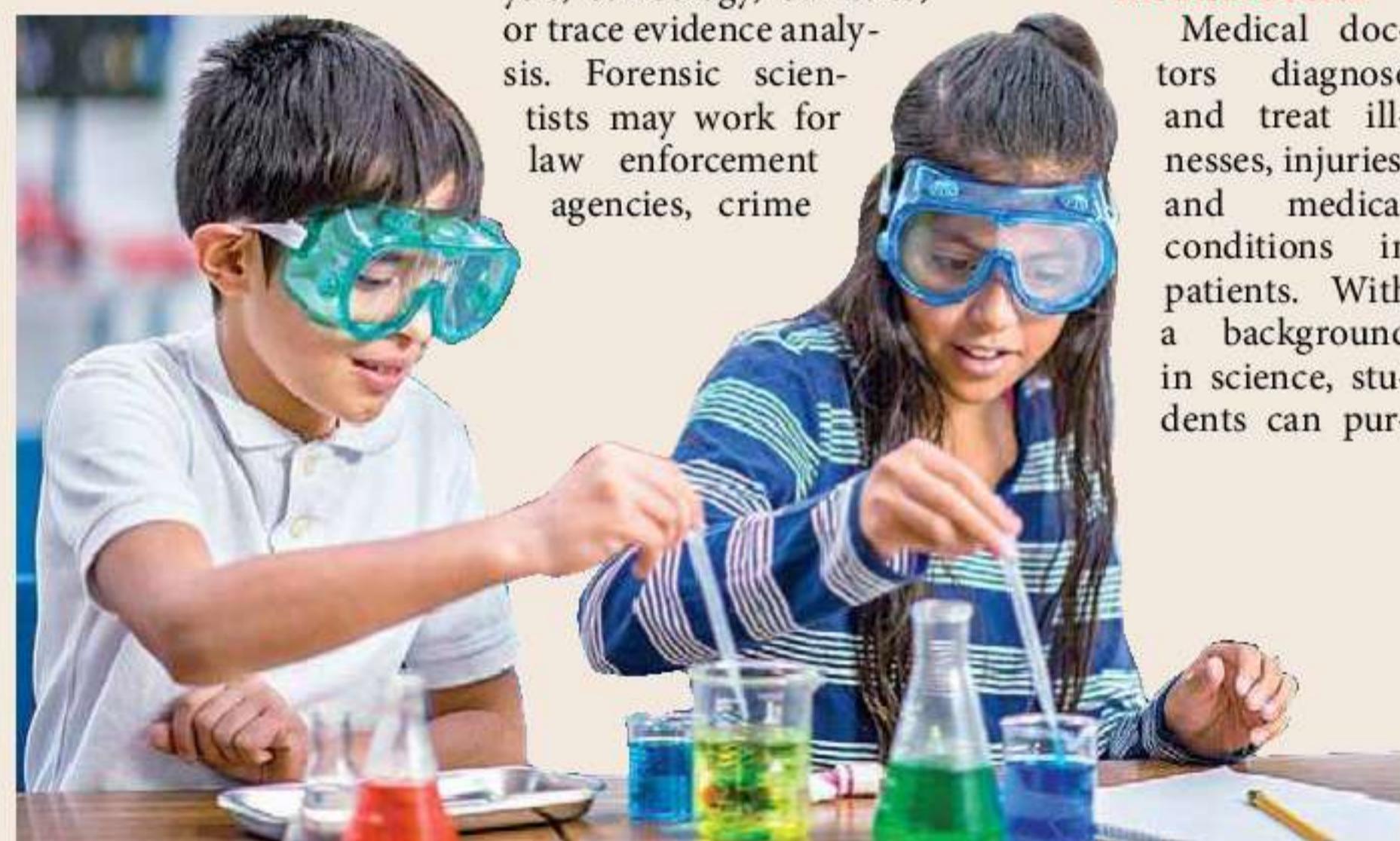


However, the year ended on a subdued note, with substantial selling pressure till the 20th of March. Nevertheless, there has been some relief in the market in recent trading sessions as the pressure from leveraged selling has eased and buying activity has improved, albeit at lower volumes, he said.

CAREER OPTIONS FOR SCIENCE STUDENTS

Choosing a career stream or science line job is one of the most path-breaking moments of an individual's life. Science students have a vast array of career options available to them, ranging from traditional scientific research and academia to emerging fields such as data science and biotechnology. With a strong foundation in scientific principles and critical thinking skills, science students are well-equipped to pursue diverse and rewarding career paths.

Environmental scientist
Environmental scientists study the natural environment and assess the impact of human activities



on ecosystems, air quality, water resources, and soil. Science students can pursue a career in environmental science, conducting fieldwork, collecting samples, and analyzing data to address environmental challenges such as pollution, climate change, or habitat destruction. Environmental scientists may work for government agencies, consulting firms, non-profit organizations, or research institutions.

Forensic scientist
Forensic scientists apply scientific techniques to analyze evidence from crime scenes and assist in criminal investigations. Science students can specialize in forensic science and work in areas such as DNA analysis, toxicology, ballistics, or trace evidence analysis. Forensic scientists may work for law enforcement agencies, crime

laboratories, medical examiner offices, or forensic consulting firms.

Research scientist

Research scientists conduct experiments, analyze data, and investigate scientific phenomena to advance knowledge in their field. They may work in various industries, government agencies, or academic institutions, conducting research in areas such as biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, or biomedical science.

Medical doctors may work in hospitals, clinics, private practices, or research institutions, providing patient care, conducting medical research, or teaching medical students and residents.

Pharmacist

Pharmacists dispense medications, counsel patients on the proper use of medications, and collaborate with healthcare providers to optimize patient care. Science students can pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree and become licensed pharmacists. Pharmacists may work in retail pharmacies, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, or regulatory agencies, ensuring the safe and effective use of medications.

Biomedical engineer

Biomedical engineers apply principles of engineering and biology to design and develop medical devices, equipment, and systems used in healthcare. Science students with an interest in engineering can pursue a career in biomedical engineering, working on projects such as prosthetics, medical imaging devices, or tissue

engineering. Biomedical engineers may work in hospitals, research labs, medical device companies, or government agencies.

Data scientist

Data scientists analyze large datasets to extract insights, identify patterns, and make data-driven decisions. With a strong background in mathematics and statistics, science students can pursue a career in data science, applying their analytical skills to solve complex problems in various industries such as healthcare, finance, or technology. Data scientists may work for tech companies, consulting firms, research institutions, or government agencies.

Science teacher

Science teachers educate students about scientific principles, theories, and concepts at the elemen-



zines, museums, or science organizations.

Biotechnologist

Biotechnologists apply principles of biology and technology to develop new products, processes, and therapies in areas such as healthcare, agriculture, or industry. Science students can specialize in biotechnology and work on projects such as drug development, genetic engineering, or biofuel production. Biotechnologists may work for pharmaceutical companies, biotech startups, research institutions, or government agencies.

Science students have a wide range of career options available to them, spanning various industries and sectors. Whether they pursue a career in scientific research, healthcare, engineering, education, or communication, science students can leverage their knowledge, skills, and passion for science to make meaningful contributions to society and advance knowledge and innovation in their chosen field

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per cent), ease of use (74 per cent), affordability (57 per cent) and offer digital capabilities. Indians spend an average of three hours daily on calls (87 per cent), alarms (72 per cent), and texting (62 per cent). One-third utilise apps like weather (47 per cent), news (34 per cent), and social media (24 per cent), the study found.

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Science writer or communicator

Science writers and communicators translate complex scientific concepts and research findings into accessible and engaging content for the general public. Science students with strong writing and communication skills can pursue a career in science journalism, science communication, or technical writing, working for media outlets, science maga-

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TECH-TALK

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LUCKNOW

To check teacher absenteeism and the use of proxies in Uttar Pradesh, the photographs of all teaching staff will

now be displayed on the walls of public schools. The Uttar Pradesh government has issued directives to all district basic education officers in this regard.

These directives mandate the display of photographs for all teachers, including instructors ('anudeshak') and para-teachers ('shiksha Mitra'), within classrooms. The displays should also include each teacher's educational qualifications, date of joining the school, mobile number, assigned class and subject, and any achievements like state or national teacher awards. Displaying photographs of teachers in schools will allow students and the administration to easily distinguish between real teachers and substitutes," said an official. "Implementation shouldn't be difficult

Empower youth to navigate & conquer their mental health challenges



Mental health challenges among youth have become increasingly prevalent in recent years, prompting a critical need for effective strategies to address and overcome these issues. With the pressures of academic performance, social media, and societal expectations, young individuals often find themselves struggling to maintain their mental well-being. However, by implementing targeted interventions and fostering a supportive environment, we can empower youth to navigate and conquer these challenges. First and foremost, fostering open communication is paramount in addressing mental health issues among youth. Encouraging young individuals to express their feelings and concerns without fear of judgment creates a safe space for them to seek support. Schools, families, and communities play pivotal roles in fostering these conversations by providing platforms for dialogue and actively listening to the needs of youth.

Promoting mental health literacy is essential in equipping youth with the knowledge and skills to recognize and manage their mental well-being.

Introducing mental health education in school curriculums helps reduce stigma and increase awareness surrounding various mental health conditions. By teaching coping

mechanisms, stress management techniques, and the importance of seeking professional help when needed, we empower youth to take proactive steps towards maintaining their mental health.

In addition to education, access to mental health resources and support services is crucial for youth facing mental health challenges. Schools should provide on-site counselors or psychologists who can offer guidance and support to students in need.

Community organizations and mental health clinics can also offer accessible resources, such as support groups, therapy sessions, and crisis hotlines, to ensure that youth have avenues to seek help when they need it most.

Furthermore, promoting healthy lifestyle habits can significantly impact youth mental health. Encouraging regular physical activity, adequate sleep, balanced nutrition, and mindfulness practices can help alleviate stress and improve overall well-being.

By incorporating these

habits into daily routines, youth can build resilience and better cope with the challenges they encounter.

Fostering supportive relationships and social connections is crucial in combating feelings of isolation and loneliness often associated with mental health issues.

Encouraging participation in extracurricular activities, volunteer opportunities, and community events helps youth develop a sense of belonging and connectedness.

Ultimately, overcoming mental health challenges among youth requires a multifaceted approach that addresses various aspects of their lives.

By fostering open communication, promoting mental health literacy, providing access to resources and support services, promoting healthy lifestyle habits, and fostering supportive relationships, we can empower youth to navigate and conquer their mental health challenges, ensuring a brighter and healthier future for generations to come.



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Mumbai Indians end 3-match losing streak

All-round performance
hands hosts 29-run
win over Delhi Capitals

DEVARUCHIT VERMA
MUMBAI

ROMARIO Shepherd's 10-ball 39 not out outmuscled Tristan Stubbs's courageous 71 off 25 balls as Mumbai Indians ended its three-match losing streak in the Indian Premier League with a 29-run win against Delhi Capitals here on Sunday.

Conceding as many as 51 runs in the last two overs proved catastrophic for Delhi Capitals, whose bowlers remained wayward and batters lacked the spark in the initial overs to go after MI bowlers, even though Stubbs went ballistic to make 25-ball 71 not out.

The right-handed Stubbs smacked as many as seven sixes and three fours but his effort could only reduce the margin of defeat for Delhi, who lost a flurry of wickets towards the end to finish at 205 for eight in reply to Mumbai Indians' 234 for five. Once again poor quality of domestic talent in DC set-up proved to be their undoing. Save Abhishek Porel, none of the other young uncapped Indians have measured up. While Mumbai Indians managed to open their account

IPL TABLE					
TEAM	M	W	L	PT	NRR
RR	4	4	0	8	1.120
KKR	3	3	0	6	2.518
LSG	4	3	1	6	0.775
CSK	4	2	2	4	0.517
SRH	4	2	2	4	0.409
PBKS	4	2	2	4	-0.220
GT	5	2	3	4	-0.797
MI	4	1	3	2	-0.704
RCB	5	1	4	2	-0.843
DC	5	1	4	2	-1.370

in the points table after three losses upfront, the win also helped them leapfrog both Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Delhi Capitals to jump to the seventh spot while also improving their NRR to -0.704. On their part, a fourth loss in five matches resulted in Delhi Capitals slipping down to the bottom of the table and they now also have the worst NRR of -1.370 among all teams. Shepherd hurt Delhi Capitals the most, clobbering four sixes and two fours off Anrich Nortje's 20th over to collect 32 runs and returned with the ball to get the prized scalp of David Warner (10).

Later in the game, Shepherd was on the receiving end too, ending as the costliest of

all bowlers by giving away 54 runs among all those who finished their four-over spells for Mumbai. Shepherd's onslaught featuring four sixes and three fours topped a collective effort which Mumbai Indians came up with in the first half of the game to register their highest-ever score at their homeground.

When DC started its chase, Prithvi Shaw came up with a 40-ball 66 with three sixes and eight fours but the asking rate kept soaring beyond its reach. The No 3 Porel hit a few attractive strokes but failed to make the most of a lifeline he got while batting on 30.

The left-hander eventually perished for a 31-ball 41 with five fours, and following

'Shepherd won it for us,' says Pandya

MUMBAI

FINALLY not heckled and booed by fans in an Indian Premier League 2024 match, Mumbai Indians skipper Hardik Pandya singled out brilliant power-hitting by Romario Shepherd for special praise and said the West Indies all-rounder, who blasted 32 runs in the final over, won them the match against Delhi Capitals on Sunday.

Pandya was booed and heckled by fans after the franchise surprised everyone by dethroning Rohit Sharma as captain and installing Pandya, who has moved from Gujarat Titans to MI, as the skipper. They did not help themselves with some poor cricket in the first three matches too. But on Sunday, things fell into place for Mumbai Indians and Pandya

and the skipper said he would. After making a brisk start through Rohit Sharma (49) and Ishan Kishan (42), Mumbai Indians were pegged back by Delhi Capitals before Shepherd ended the innings in a flourish by hammering four sixes and two fours off the final over.

"That was some hitting from Romario, he won us the game. The difference was his innings. I like him, he always has a smile on his face, doesn't run away, very proud of the way he played, proud of the team," said Pandya after the match praising Shepherd, the 29-year-old West Indies all-rounder who was brought into the squad on Sunday in place of South African pacer Kwena Maphaka.

Pandya said he would like to enjoy the winning feeling

more often than not and said everything fell in place for his team on Sunday. Pandya also said that MI have identified the nucleus of their playing XI. Though there will be a few changes once in a while, this will be their XI, he said, adding that they backed themselves despite losing three games as they felt one win would put them back on the rails. He also pointed at the superb start provided by Rohit Sharma and Ishan Kishan and said the way everyone chipped in was fantastic.

23 balls), Hardik Pandya (39 off 30) and Tim David (45 not out off 21 balls, 2 fours, 4 sixes) also made merry in batting-friendly conditions at the Wankhede Stadium. *(ptt)*

Brief scores:

Mumbai Indians 234/5 in 20 overs (Rohit Sharma 49, Ishan Kishan 42, by 29 runs.

Hardik Pandya 39, Tim David 45 not ut; Romario Shepherd 39 not out; Axar Patel 2-35, Anrich Nortje 2-65) beat Delhi Capitals 205/8 in 20 overs (Prithvi Shaw 66, Tristan Stubbs 71, Abishek Porel 41; Gerald Coetzee 4-34, Jasprit Bumrah 2-22) by 29 runs.

23 balls), Hardik Pandya (39 off 30) and Tim David (45 not out off 21 balls, 2 fours, 4 sixes) also made merry in batting-friendly conditions at the Wankhede Stadium. *(ptt)*

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Hyd to host Pan India games

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K.Jagdishwar Yadav, Secretary State Olympic Association, releases wall posters and brochures of 1st Pan India Federation Cup National Masters Games. D.A.Natraj, General Secretary Pan India, Hemaprabha Laila, Treasurer Pan India, Rama Rao, Organising Secretary and P Jagan Mohan Goud, Secretary Telangana Pickleball Association are also seen.

Competitions will be held in various disciplines like athletics, volleyball, basketball, swimming, badminton, lawn

tennis, pickleball and table tennis. The national level meet will be the selection trial for

the forthcoming as Pan-Pacific Masters Games-2024 to be held in Australia.

Thakur stars as LSG defeat Gujarat by 33 runs

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YASH Thakur's five for 30 and Krunal Pandya's three scalps helped Lucknow Super Giants beat Gujarat Titans by 33 runs in Match 21 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) at Ekana Cricket Stadium, here on Sunday.

Chasing 164 to win, Lucknow had a steady start with Sai Sudarshan picking up a brace of boundaries in the second over off Naveen-ul-Haq. Mayank Yadav came to bowl the third over and left the field straightforward after completing his first over as he suffered a side strain. Things aren't going smoothly for LSG on Sunday night and Sudarshan helps

himself to two more fours - driven down the ground and whipped through midwicket - before Shubman Gill gets going with a ramp wide of deep third. Mayank's pace barely got above 140kmph in the first over as he left the field straight after completing his first over. When it seemed like this chase would be simple, Yash Thakur fires one through Gill and into the timber. Full, straight, and cross-seam, it continued to skid as the captain of the Titans tried to flick across the line and got out at 19. Gill's team was in a good position at 54 for 1 at the conclusion of the powerplay. G GM Siddharth struggled

to bowl as he crossed the bowling line three times in his second and fifth over of the inning, but managed to give only 12 runs. Sudarshan appeared to be in excellent form as he scored 29 from 18 after the end of the seventh over.

LSG was still in the match, but Ravi Bishnoi had a great return catch to dismiss Titans' impact sub Kane Williamson, who chipped one back to the bowler and was out for one from four deliveries. Bishnoi leaped to his right and held out one arm, just hanging on as he banged into the turf. Williamson was undoubtedly the one targeted to lead a modest pursuit on a sticky surface, but he left on a cheap note.

This game took a radical turn as Sai Sudarshan and BS Sharath both holed out in Krunal Pandya's opening over. Wicketkeeper Sharath, who came in place of Wridhiman Saha top-edged a sweep to a deep backward square, Bishnoi took another catch, a much simpler catch was on the deep square boundary to remove Sudarshan. Sudarshan departed after scoring 31 off 23 deliveries and was the highest scorer of his side.

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Bishop apologises for saying Kohli took 'just' 39 balls for reaching 50

JAIPUR

FORMER West Indies fast-bowler-turned-acclaimed commentator Ian Bishop apologised on social media for saying talismanic batter Virat Kohli took "just" 39 balls to reach his fifty while making an unbeaten 113 against Rajasthan Royals.

At the Sawai Mansingh Stadium on Saturday evening, Kohli took 39 balls to reach his fifty and later brought up his eighth IPL century in 67 balls on his way to making 113 not out in 72 balls, laced with 12 fours and four sixes.

Interestingly, Kohli's 67-ball ton is the joint-slowest century in IPL, leveling with a hundred made by Manish Pandey in same number

of balls against DC in 2009, which reignited the debate of him playing with a lower strike-rate on social media.

While some felt that Kohli was unable to get a move on against spinners, others thought that RCB's rest of batting line-up failing to give him desired support also played a part in him carrying his bat throughout the

innings. "Bish says on air Kohli completed his fifty in just 39 balls. You disappointed me," wrote a fan on X. To this, Bishop replied, "I take an 'L' on that one. I am very aware of what T20 batting entails, and my insertion of that word was inaccurate. My choice of words and language in keeping with the format of the game needs to be more accurate and it will be going forward. Apologies."

When another fan also said the similar thing, Bishop responded, "Believe you me, I am very aware of what batting in this format entails. I was inaccurate in my choice of words. That's on me. I am not the devil, not yet. But thanks for your feedback. It's appreciated."

Having said that, the personnel in the KKR batting order allow them to bat at the same tempo throughout the innings. Making Sunil Narine open again has proved to be a master stroke.

Back-to-back defeats would not create panic in the forever calm CSK dressing room but the management will be keen to fix the flaws going ahead. Skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad and the highly rated Rachin Ravindra need to up their game to provide CSK the start they need in the powerplay.

Gaikwad is striking at 118.91 while Ravindra will be itching to make an impact after not doing much in the previous two games.

CSK's leading run scorer

has been Shivam Dube who has tallied 148 runs at an impressive strike rate of 160.86. It remains to be seen if the young Sameer Rizvi is brought back into the team. The 20-year-old uncapped batter displayed promising intent in his six-ball 14 versus Gujarat Titans but a duck against Delhi Capitals in the subsequent game led to him being dropped against SRH.

Pacers Mustafizur Rahi

Verstappen seals dominant win at Japanese GP

SUZUKA (JAPAN)

fending F1 champion is again this season's points leader and now has won 22 of the last 26 races dating from the start of the 2023 season. Only two other drivers have won in that span — Red Bull teammate Perez and Sainz,

His abrupt breakdown two weeks ago in Melbourne, Australia, looks like a blip in his total command over F1. He was out on the fourth lap when he rear brakes caught fire. Nothing like that this time. Verstappen basically led from start to finish except briefly after a pit stop. He was followed across the finish line by Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez — 12.5 seconds behind — and Carlos Sainz of Ferrari.

Sainz was 20 seconds off the pace. The three-time de-

the winner in Australia two weeks ago. Responding to a question, Sainz suggested that Verstappen and Red Bull are so dominant that the season might already be over after just four of 24 races.

CSK bank on home advantage against unbeaten KKR

AYUSH GUPTA
CHENNAI

DEFENDING champions Chennai Super Kings would expect a lot more from their top-order as they aim to get their campaign back on track against a power-packed Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL here on Monday.

Back-to-back defeats would not create panic in the forever calm CSK dressing room but the management will be keen to fix the flaws going ahead. Skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad, alongside spinners Moeen Ali, Ravindra Jadeja, Ajinkya Rahane, Shaik Rasheed, and Santner, Nishant Sindhu, Deepak Chahar, Tushar Deshpande, Mukesh Choudhary, Mustafizur Rahman, Matheesha Pathirana, Simarjeet Singh, Prashant Solanki, Shardul Thakur, Maheshesh Theekshana, and Sameer Rizvi.

Having said that, the personnel in the KKR batting order allow them to bat at the same tempo throughout the innings. Making Sunil Narine open again has proved to be a master stroke.

Being the team's highest run-scorer this season, Narine is expected to give a tough time to the CSK bowlers. His opening partner, Phil Salt, has also aided the Trinidian to a good extent.

Overall, KKR's performance across departments has been flawless and they would not want to fiddle with their playing XI for this encounter. Given the unusual pitch behaviour at Chepauk

Kolkata Knight Riders' Phil Salt during a practice session in Chennai on Sunday

Match starts at 7.30pm



Lucknow Super Giants batters KL Rahul and Marcus Stoinis run between wickets during the IPL match against Gujarat Titans

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Designing Your Dream Kitchen

Expert tips to create an Instagram-worthy space

In today's digital age, social media platforms like Instagram have become essential tools for sharing and showcasing lifestyle choices, including home decor and culinary adventures. With a surge in home cooking and interior design enthusiasts, creating an Instagram-worthy kitchen

has become a popular aspiration for many. To help individuals achieve their dream kitchen aesthetic, thinKitchen, a leading provider of kitchenware and home decor solutions, has curated expert tips to elevate kitchen design and functionality while catering to the Instagram audience.



Crafting a unique kitchen vibe

Embracing diversity in design is key to creating a visually appealing kitchen that stands out on Instagram. thinKitchen advises daring to mix and match styles, textures, and materials to achieve a harmonious yet eclectic look. By combining vin-

tage elements with modern fixtures and blending various textures like marble, wood, and metal, individuals can infuse their kitchen space with personality and character, ensuring it captivates viewers scrolling through their Instagram feed.

Investing in stylish cookware and drinkware

Upgrade your kitchen's aesthetic by investing in stylish and functional cookware and drinkware. thinKitchen suggests opting for sleek stainless steel pots and pans, colourful cast iron skillets, and elegant ceramic baking dishes that serve as both cooking tools and decorative pieces. Additionally, curating a collection of sophisticated glassware or trendy copper mugs adds a touch of sophistication to your kitchen and enhances its

From mixing styles to curating culinary corners, learn how to elevate your kitchen's design and functionality to captivate viewers on social media. Dive into the world of stylish cookware, curated corners, and captivating culinary stories to create a space that's both visually stunning and highly functional.



Instagram appeal.

Curating culinary corners

Transform your kitchen into a hub of culinary creativity by curating dedicated corners for specific purposes. Whether it's a coffee nook adorned with a stylish espresso machine and artisanal mugs or a baking station featuring vintage mixing bowls and whimsical cookie jars, creating designated areas for different culinary activities adds functionality and visual interest to your kitchen. These curated

corners also provide ideal settings for Instagram-worthy snapshots of your culinary creations.

Organizing with style

Maintain a clutter-free kitchen by organizing cookware, drinkware, and dinnerware with style. Utilize sleek storage solutions such as open shelves, glass-front cabinets, or decorative hooks to showcase your collection while keeping everything easily accessible. thinKitchen recommends investing in storage solutions like

drawer organizers and under-shelf containers to maximize space and maintain a tidy kitchen, enhancing its Instagram-ready appearance.

Cultivating culinary stories

Infuse your kitchen with character and charm by incorporating elements that tell a story. Display cookbooks passed down through generations, showcase artisanal spices from exotic travels, or feature heirloom utensils with a rich history. These curated artefacts not only

add depth to your kitchen decor but also invite conversation and nostalgia, making your space a true reflection of your culinary journey and personal narrative.

With these expert tips, individuals can transform their kitchen into an Instagram-worthy haven that combines style, functionality, and personality. Whether you're a passionate home cook or a design enthusiast, crafting a dream kitchen that resonates with your audience on social media has never been easier.

Sanjana Sanghi embraces nature's tranquility

As the world commemorated World Health Day, actress Sanjana Sanghi took a moment to appreciate the restorative power of nature for both mental and physical well-being.

The 'Kadak Singh' star, Sanjana, shared sun-drenched snapshots on Instagram, adorned in a sky blue satin co-ord set, immersed in the serene beauty of a garden alongside a furry companion. Basking in the sun's warmth amidst vibrant blossoms, Sanjana exuded natural charm in the candid captures.

Accompanying the picturesque post was a caption echoing sentiments of gratitude towards nature's therapeutic essence. Sanjana expressed, "Life in technicolor. This #WorldHealthDay and every-



Sanjana Sanghi

Actress Neha Joshi advocates natural skincare regimen for summer radiance

Amidst the scorching summer heat, actress Neha Joshi, famed for her role in 'Drishyam 2', divulged her skincare secrets, emphasizing the significance of adopting an organic and natural skincare routine to keep skin radiant and moisturized.

Portraying the character of Krishna Devi Vajpayee in the show 'Atal', Neha shared her holistic approach to skincare. "Maintaining healthy skin is paramount, especially during the summer months," she affirmed. Neha stressed the importance of hydration, revealing her personal practice of consuming a minimum of three liters of water daily and carrying a water bottle during her outdoor shoots to combat the relentless heat waves.

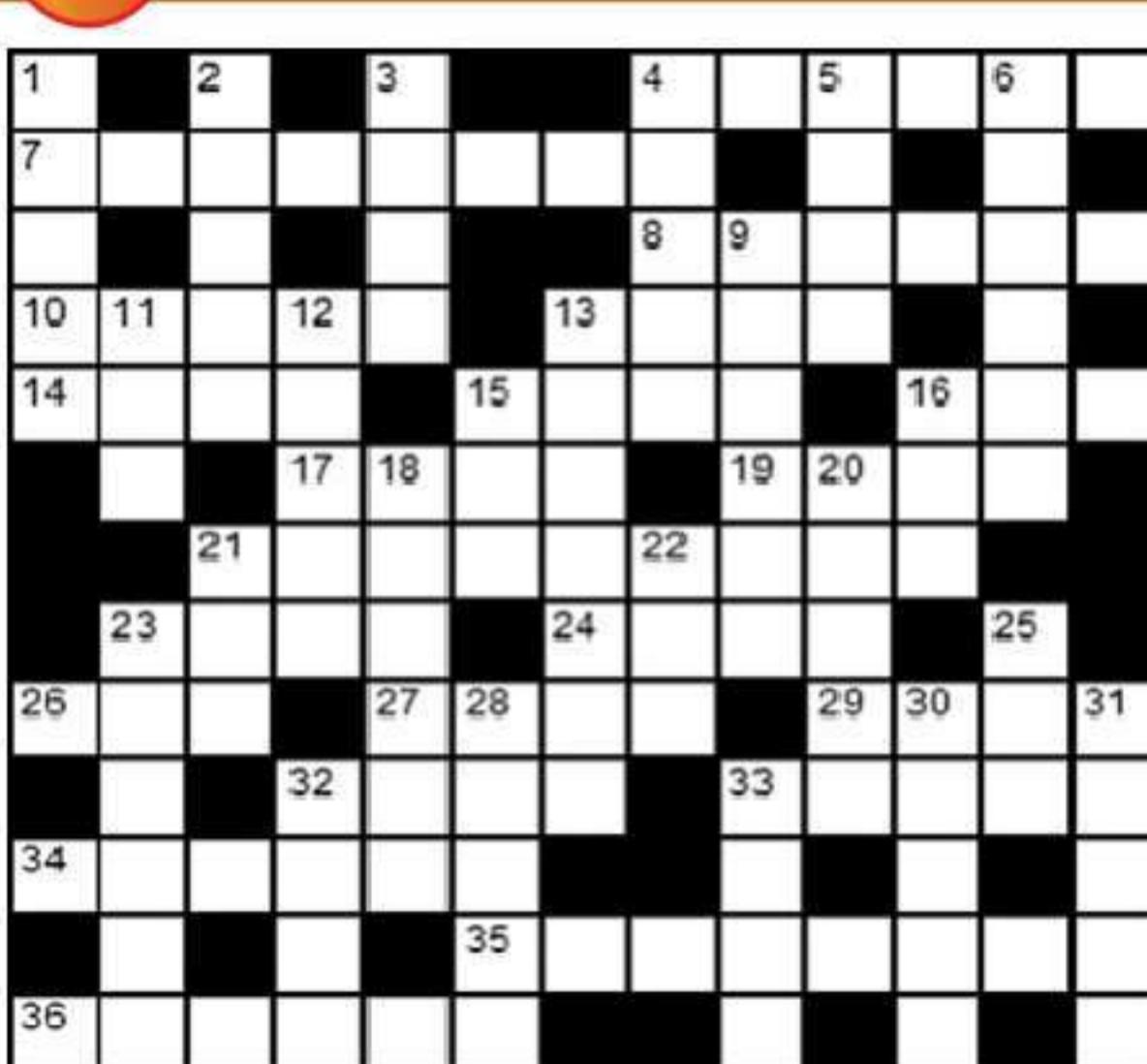
Neha disclosed her reliance on organic and natural skincare products, including face oil and aloe vera gel, to shield her skin from the sun's harmful effects. "I opt for homemade face packs composed of milk, turmeric, honey, and scrubs to rejuvenate my skin," she added, advocating for the efficacy of curd in reducing tan naturally, a remedy she incorporates twice weekly into her skincare regimen.

Encouraging others to follow suit, Neha underscored the importance of protecting the scalp from sunburn by donning wide-brimmed hats or scarves. Furthermore, she cautioned against excessive heat styling, urging individuals to refrain from using flat irons, curling irons, and blow dryers to prevent hair damage and dehydration during hot summer days.

Neha's dedication to natural skincare resonates with her commitment to holistic well-being, setting an ex-



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Thalapathy Vijay and Venkat Prabhu's 'The GOAT' resumes shooting in Russia



THE highly anticipated Tamil film "The Greatest of All Time" (The GOAT), starring Thalapathy Vijay and directed by Venkat Prabhu, has resumed shooting in Russia. This exciting development was confirmed by producer Archana Kalpathi, who shared a behind-the-scenes picture from the set on her Instagram Story.

While specific details about the shooting schedule in Russia are yet to be disclosed, fans are eagerly anticipating updates on the film's progress. With Thalapathy Vijay in the lead role and Venkat Prabhu at the helm, expectations for "The GOAT" are sky-high.

Joining Vijay in the star-studded cast are acclaimed actors such as Jayaram, Sneha, Laila, Yogiabu, VTV Ganesh, Ajmal Amir, Mic Mohan, Vaibhav, Premgi, Ajay Raj, and Aravind Akash. With such a talented ensemble, the film promises to deliver an unforgettable cinematic experience.

Produced by Archana Kalpathi, Kalpathi S Aghoram, Kalpathi S Ganesh, and Kalpathi S Suresh under the banner of AGS Entertainment, "The GOAT" benefits from the backing of a prestigious production house known for delivering quality films.

Adding to the film's allure is the musical genius of Yuvan Shankar Raja, who is composing the soundtrack. Known for his soulful melodies and captivating compositions, Yuvan's collaboration with Thalapathy Vijay and Venkat Prabhu is expected to elevate the film's entertainment quotient.

As shooting progresses in Russia, fans eagerly await further updates on "The Greatest of All Time." Stay tuned for more details about this highly anticipated project, which is poised to make waves in the Tamil film industry.

EXCITEMENT is reaching a crescendo among cinephiles worldwide as the much-anticipated film "Vettaiyan," starring iconic actor Rajinikanth, gears up for its grand global premiere in October 2024. Directed by acclaimed filmmaker TJ.Gnanavel, known for his impactful work in "Jai Bheem," the movie promises to redefine cinematic brilliance with its captivating narrative and star-studded ensemble.

The buzz surrounding "Vettaiyan" has been steadily escalating, fueled by the tantalizing prospect of witnessing Rajinikanth in an unprecedented role. Adding to the anticipation is the reunion of Rajinikanth with legendary Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan, marking their first collaboration in over three decades. The presence of versatile actors Fahadh Faasil and Rana further elevates the film's allure, promising audiences an unforgettable cinematic experience. In a powerful update, the makers of "Vettaiyan" have announced its release date for October 2024, setting the stage for a global spectacle like never before.

The unveiling of the latest poster has only intensified the anticipation, with Rajinikanth's commanding presence and fierce demeanor captivating audiences worldwide. Filmed across picturesque locales spanning Thiruvananthapuram, Tirunelveli, Chennai, Mumbai, Andhra Pradesh, and Hyderabad, "Vettaiyan" is

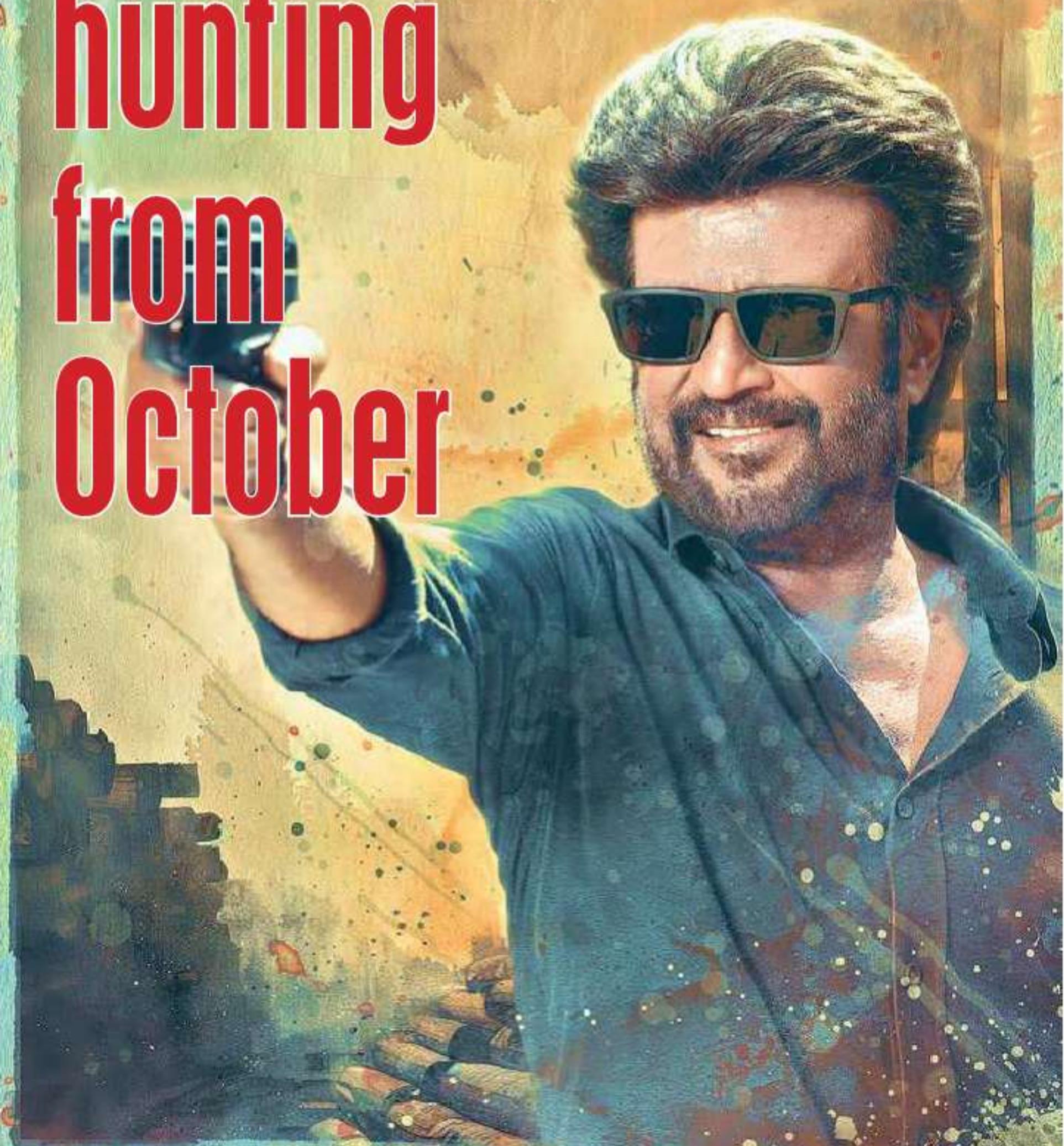
poised to deliver a visual extravaganza of epic proportions. With acclaimed musician Anirudh Ravichander on board for the music, cinematography by S. R. Kathir, and editing by Philomin Raj, the film boasts top-notch technical prowess to complement its gripping storyline.

The ensemble cast of "Vettaiyan" comprises a stellar lineup of talents, including Manju Warrier, Kishore, Ritika Singh, and Dushara Vijayan, among others. Each actor is set to bring their unique essence to the narrative, further enriching the cinematic experience.

Produced by Subaskaran under his banner Lyca Productions, "Vettaiyan" is a testament to the commitment of its makers to deliver a cinematic masterpiece that transcends geographical boundaries. With meticulous planning and extravagant production values, the film aims to captivate audiences across the globe and solidify Rajinikanth's legacy as a cinematic icon.

As the countdown to the global premiere of "Vettaiyan" begins, anticipation continues to mount, with fans eagerly awaiting the opportunity to witness Rajinikanth's unparalleled charisma and on-screen magic. With its blend of action, intrigue, and star power, "Vettaiyan" is poised to make waves in the world of cinema and leave an indelible mark on audiences worldwide.

Rajinikanth's 'Vettaiyan' to start hunting from October



Quirky comedy-drama 'Dear' trailer entertains with Naga Chaitanya's voiceover

THE much-anticipated Tamil and Telugu film "Dear," starring GV Prakash Kumar and Aishwarya Rajesh, is gearing up for its theatrical release on April 11th and 12th, respectively. Directed by Anand Ravichandran, the film promises to offer audiences a delightful blend of quirky humor and heartfelt family drama.

Produced by Varun Tripuraneni, Abhishek Ramisetty, and G Pruthviraj under the banner of Nutmeg Productions Pvt. Ltd., "Dear" has generated significant buzz ahead of its release. The recently unveiled theatrical trailer, featuring a compelling voiceover by actor Naga Chaitanya, offers a glimpse into the unconventional narrative of the film.

The story revolves around a newlywed couple portrayed by GV Prakash Kumar and Aishwarya Rajesh, whose relationship is tested by the wife's unusual habit of snoring. This unique premise sets the stage for a series of comedic situations and heartfelt moments, promising audiences an entertaining cinematic experience.

Jagadeesh Sundaramurthy's exceptional cinematography captures the essence of the film, while GV Prakash Kumar's background score adds depth to the come-

dic elements. With high production standards and engaging performances, "Dear" is poised to captivate viewers across Tamil and Telugu audiences.

Distributors Annapurna Studios and Asian Cinemas will ensure the film's wide release in the Andhra and Telangana re-

gions, respectively. Alongside GV Prakash Kumar and Aishwarya Rajesh, the film also features a talented ensemble cast including Kaali Venkat, Ilavarasu, Rohini, Thalaivasal Vijay, Geetha Kailasam, and Nandini.

As anticipation mounts for the release of "Dear," fans eagerly await the opportunity to witness the unique storytelling and stellar performances that promise to make this film a standout in the realm of comedy-drama.

Varalaxmi Sarathkumar set to mesmerise audiences with 'Sabari'

RENOWNED actress Varalaxmi Sarathkumar is all set to grace the silver screen in the upcoming pan-Indian film "Sabari," which is slated for release in multiple languages including Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam. Produced by Mahendra Nath Kondla under the banner of Maha Movies, with Maharshi Kondla presenting the film, "Sabari" marks the directorial debut of Anil Katz and is scheduled to hit theaters on May 3rd.

In a recent interaction with the media, producer Mahendra Nath Kondla expressed his excitement about the film, highlighting its innovative storyline and screenplay. He emphasized that "Sabari" blends strong emotional depth with gripping thriller elements, promising audiences a cinematic experience like never before. Kondla also praised Varalaxmi Sarathkumar's exceptional acting prowess, stating that her performance in the film will leave viewers in awe.

"We are thrilled with the response to the prelude video 'World of Sabari,'" Kondla remarked, further affirming his confidence in the film's success. He revealed that while the Telugu and Tamil versions have received positive feedback, work on dubbing the film into other languages is currently underway. With the film set for a pan-Indian release on May 3rd, Kondla expressed his gratitude for the team's hard work and dedication in bringing "Sabari" to life. As anticipation builds for the release of "Sabari," fans of Varalaxmi Sarathkumar and cinema enthusiasts alike eagerly await the opportunity to witness the actress's stellar performance and the captivating storytelling that the film promises to deliver across multiple languages.

Parvathy Thiruvalothu's character poster from 'Thangalaan' unveiled

RENOWNED director Pa Ranjith's highly anticipated period action film, "Thangalaan," starring Chiyaan Vikram, has been making waves in the industry. Produced by KE Gnanavel Raja under Studio Green banner, in collaboration with Pa Ranjith's Neelam Productions, the film boasts a stellar cast including Parvathy Thiruvalothu and Malavika Mohanan as the heroines. Set against the backdrop of the historic Kolar Gold Fields, "Thangalaan" is inspired by true events and promises to be a gripping cinematic experience.

On the occasion of talented actress Parvathy Thiruvalothu's birthday, the makers unveiled the first look of her character, Gangamma, in "Thangalaan." The poster offers a glimpse into her role as a female farmer, captivating viewers with its eye-catching visuals. With Parvathy Thiruvalothu's reputation for delivering powerful performances, her portrayal in "Thangalaan" is expected to be another standout role in her illustrious career.

The film, which is set for a grand theatrical release soon, has already generated buzz with its intriguing posters and teasers. Director Pa Ranjith aims to present Chiyaan Vikram in a new light, showcasing him in a distinct character against the backdrop of a compelling narrative.

As fans eagerly await further updates on "Thangalaan," the unveiling of Parvathy Thiruvalothu's character adds to the excitement surrounding the film. With its talented cast, captivating storyline, and visionary direction, "Thangalaan" is poised to be a cinematic masterpiece that will leave a lasting impact on audiences.

