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Andhra Cabinet Discusses YSRCP Remarks on 'Kotha Paluku' CM Issues Warning



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 10 : The comments made by YSR Congress Party leaders on the "Kotha Paluku" column in Andhra Jyothy were discussed in the AP Cabinet meeting. Minister Nimmala Rama Naidu raised

the issue. He informed the cabinet that former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy had allegedly said, "Not just 'Kotha Paluku'... there will be no 'voice' at all." Reacting strongly, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said, "They are say-

Comments made by YSRCP leaders about the "Kotha Paluku" column were discussed in the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu responded strongly (angrily).

The Chief Minister stated that criminals will be dealt with firmly under any circumstances. He criticized that such people are trying to intimidate others through threats. He advised ministers to stay alert about such political behavior and to inform the public about all developments. He added, "This is how criminals do

politics. Their games should not be allowed to continue. It is enough to tell the truth to the people. They are used to diversion politics." The meeting also discussed the issue of cabinet agenda leaks. The CM said, "Cabinet agenda is getting leaked. Everyone must act responsibly. These are very important matters that come to us first."

He recalled that in the past, when a budget leak occurred, 30 ministers resigned and N. T. Rama Rao ran the government alone for 15 days. He also mentioned that G. M. C. Balayogi had resigned in a paper leak case. He added that with current technology, it is easy to identify the source of leaks and stressed that ministers and secretaries must act responsibly.

Systems are becoming increasingly complicated over time: CM criticizes officials

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April 10: An AP Cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. After completing the agenda items, the CM discussed various issues with the ministers. Minister Nadendla Manohar pointed out that although the cabinet meeting had begun, the agenda had not been provided to the ministers in advance. He said that if the agenda had been shared earlier, they could have studied it before attending the meeting. Following this, the Chief Minister expressed dissatisfaction with the functioning of departmental secretaries. He criticized officials, stating that instead of becoming more efficient over time, systems are becoming increasingly complicated.



He noted that compared to other states, Andhra Pradesh has fewer deemed universities. The Chief Minister instructed ministers to take ownership of key programs such as: Jaladhara,

Suryaghar, PMKusum, Distribution of Pattadar Passbooks, Swachha Andhra initiatives. He directed that each minister should participate in at least four programs related to the distribution of Pattadar passbooks and said that coalition MLAs should also follow the same. He further instructed that Jaladhara works should be linked with employment guarantee funds. For Suryaghar and PM Kusum schemes, he emphasized maximizing the number of connections provided. He also ordered the implementation of Swachha Andhra programs to keep villages clean and prevent diseases.

YSRCP leaders are engaging in cunning, deceitful politics: Union Minister Ram Mohan

From Our Staff Reporter Srikakulam, April, 10 : Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu stated that Srikakulam district is agriculture-based and that the coalition government's goal is to ensure irrigation security for its people. He said they are committed to utilizing Vamsadhara waters effectively to make the district prosperous and fertile. The minister criticized the five-year rule of YSR Congress Party, alleging that the irrigation system in Srikakulam was neglected during that period. He noted that the Vamsadhara Tribunal was established in 2010 and that efforts have been ongoing since then to resolve issues with Odisha regarding the Neradi barrage. Ram Mohan Naidu stated that in 2024, with co-ordination between the central and state governments, focus was placed on resolving the Neradi barrage issue. He expressed happiness that with the Bharatiya Janata Party coming to power in Odisha as well, the path for resolution became smoother. Based on the tribunal's verdict, a gazette notification was issued, resolving a long-pending issue. He questioned why YSRCP leaders are not speaking about this now. He clarified that despite being a Union Minister, his first priority remains the development of his district.



from Srikakulam. He also mentioned that a Kendriya Vidyalaya has been established in Palasa and that GI tagging has been achieved for Ponduru Khadi. He added that he is ensuring all possible support from the central government for the district. The Union Minister expressed anger that YSRCP leaders are unable to tolerate development in the district. He said that leaders who truly work for the people should appreciate the work done with central government support. He described the passage of the Amaravati Capital Bill in both Houses of Parliament as a historic moment. He noted that even the Indian National Congress supported the bill, while the YSRCP walked out of Parliament during its discussion.

He praised N. Chandrababu Naidu for his efforts to secure legal status for Amaravati, stating that the people of the state gave full support to Amaravati as the capital through elections. **"YSRCP Still Hasn't Learned"**

He criticized Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, saying that while in power, he played "three-capital politics" and continues similar tactics now. He alleged that YSRCP fears that if Amaravati is completed, Chandrababu Naidu's name will be remembered permanently. He said Chandrababu

Naidu has a special recognition at the national level. He added that while YSRCP's agenda is to prevent investments in the state, Naidu's agenda is development. He remarked that even after public rejection, YSRCP has not learned and may be remembered negatively in history.

He also accused YSRCP leaders of land scams under the pretext of making Visakhapatnam the capital. He concluded by stating that Bhogapuram Airport and Mulapeta Greenfield Port will be completed soon, and that steps are being taken for state development with central support.

If anyone targets women, that will be their last day: Minister Savita

From Our Staff Reporter Kadapa, April, 10 : The incident of a student's murder in the district has created a sensation across Andhra Pradesh. A girl was brutally killed by a man obsessed with her, who slit her throat in a horrific manner, causing widespread shock. Andhra Pradesh Minister Savita expressed deep grief over the incident. She was distressed to learn that the girl was murdered in the name of love. The minister said the killing of the student is extremely painful. She stated that it is heart-breaking that a girl with a bright future lost her life.

She assured that the coalition government will stand by the victim's family and that the (accused) will be punished severely.

Minister Savita also assured the victim's family that such punishment would be given that no one would dare to look at women with ill intent again. She made it clear that the accused will not be spared, no matter who he is. She warned that anyone behaving like a maniac towards women and girls will be crushed with an iron hand. She angrily stated that those who behave like psychos towards women



will face their last day. She added that the coalition government is pro-women. She advised youth to act responsibly and stay away from intoxicants like drugs.

The minister also appealed to parents to keep an eye on the behavior of their sons.

This incident occurred today in Khajipet mandal of Kadapa district. Avula Venkatesh, a resident of Anjaneyakottala village, harassed a girl from another village in the same mandal in the name of love. He pressured her to marry him. When she refused, he brutally murdered her by slitting her throat. Within hours after the murder, the police arrested the accused Venkatesh. The incident has created tense conditions in both villages.

Need to stay alert on local body elections: Minister Lokesh



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 10 : Andhra Pradesh IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh made key remarks regarding the upcoming local body elections. He instructed ministers to work hard for the elections. He held a meeting with ministers on Friday, where several important issues were discussed. He advised that local elections are approaching and everyone must remain alert. He also suggested that party workers and leaders should be kept prepared. Minister Nara Lokesh directed that all ministers must be fully available at the Telugu Desam Party office. He issued strict instructions that, regardless of other engagements, they must attend grievance programs held at the party office. He emphasized that everyone should remember that the party comes first. He further guided that the requests made by party workers should be addressed completely and effectively.

Botsa shed tears over YSR's death but didn't condemn Jagan's role: Somireddy

Nellore, April 10: TDP MLA and former minister Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy strongly criticized the behavior of YSR Congress Party leaders over a weekend article published in Andhra Jyothy. Speaking to the media in Nellore on Friday, he said that the language used by YSRCP leaders like Kakani Govardhan Reddy, Ambati Rambabu, and Perni Nani was no less harsh than that used by Andhra Jyothy MD Vemuri Radhakrishna.

He sarcastically remarked that YSRCP leaders seem to think Andhra Pradesh is like North Korea. Questioning former minister Kakani, who challenged others saying "come if you are real men," he asked why he was hiding in Chintamani. He also criticized YSRCP leaders for threatening to file cases against media figures like Ramoji Rao and Vemuri Radhakrishna.



Criticism of YSRCP Leadership

Somireddy stated that TDP leaders maintain discipline and do not speak like YSRCP leaders. He said the High Court verdict was a "slap" to YSRCP. He alleged that during the rule of Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, around 73,500 crore liquor mafia activities led to 50,000 deaths. He further said that during discussions in the Legislative Council about the death of Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, opposition leader Botsa

Satyanarayana became emotional and shed tears but did not condemn Jagan's role in the matter. **"YSRCP Won't Return to Power"**

Somireddy predicted that YSRCP, which he accused of destroying the state, has no chance of returning to power. He said YSRCP leaders should feel ashamed seeing the investments coming to Andhra Pradesh under N. Chandrababu Naidu. He added that the party is now facing consequences for its past actions.

They don't seem to know about ABN and CBN: Minister Payyavula Keshav

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April 10: State Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav said that YSRCP leaders do not properly understand ABN and CBN. He described that just as CBN is in politics, ABN is in the media. He stated that even your father YSR and KCR had tried to threaten ABN. Addressing YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan, Keshav questioned what new threat he could possibly make against ABN. He said that even your father YSR and your political mentor KCR could not intimidate ABN. The minister asserted that apart from trying to threaten ABN, neither Jagan nor his party leaders have achieved anything significant. Speaking to reporters on Friday in the capital Amaravati, Minister Keshav remarked, referring to Jagan, that incidents like the "Kodi Kathi" attack, the "stone attack," the suspicious death of your father, and even your uncle's murder—all ended up benefiting you. He said Jagan has no faith in democracy. He stated that ABN Radha Krishna writes news for the welfare of the people and stands for the public. He added that ABN Radha Krishna criticizes anyone who does wrong. Keshav recalled that ABN had also criticized them many times. He described ABN Radha Krishna as a person who believes in values. He said that trying to threaten ABN would only reflect foolishness. He also accused Jagan of blocking the channel's broadcast while in power and expressed anger over it. Mocking him, Keshav said that if you keep saying "rappa rappa," people will make you "rappa rappa" as well.



How 7 Women Cops In Disguise Blew The Lid Off Sex Harassment At Nashik Firm



Nashik: Seven women police officers entered a Nashik multi-national company in disguise and witnessed the key accused in the sex harassment case engaging in inappropriate behaviour towards women employees, leading to several arrests. When the women entered a meeting taking place within the company, the accused was caught red-handed as he mistreated and behaved inappropriately with women. The police are currently examining over 40 CCTV footage clips to gather concrete evidence against the accused. The case pertains to the alleged sex harassment of women employees at a multi-national company in Nashik over the last four years. Nine cases have been registered against six people, including a team leader and the human resources representative, on charges of sex harassment and hurting religious sentiments. The women filing the complaints are generally reported to be between the ages of 18 and 25 years.

What Are The Allegations?

Nine FIRs were filed in the case - the accusations in which ranged from sex harassment, repeated physical relations on the promise of marriage, attempted religious conversion, and religious insult, including employees being forced to perform Namaaz and eat non-vegetarian food. "When the complainant repeatedly lodged verbal complaints regarding these incidents with the company's head officer, he failed to take cognizance of her complaints regarding the molestation; instead, he effectively abetted their actions," the police said in a statement.

Case 1 (July 2022 - February 2026):

The accused - Danish Sheikh, Tausif Attar, and Nida Khan - are alleged to have hurt the religious sentiments of a female employee by making derogatory remarks about Hindu deities. The accused, Tausif Attar, established physical relations with the victim under the false pretext of

marriage, while Danish Sheikh attempted to outrage her modesty by engaging in obscene acts with her in the office lobby.

Case 2 (May 2023 - March 19, 2026):

The accused - Raza Memon and Shahrukh Qureshi - are charged with leering at a female employee, touching her inappropriately, and making shameful comments regarding her private marital life. Despite a formal complaint, the company's Head Officer, instead of taking action, allegedly encouraged the accused.

Case 3 (2022 - February 2026):

The accused, Shafi Sheikh, is alleged to have stared at the victim in an obscene manner and subjected her to ridicule during meetings. Meanwhile, Tausif made deeply shameful remarks regarding the absence of children in the victim's marital life and humiliated her by attempting to establish physical intimacy.

Case 4 (May 4, 2025 - December 2025):

The accused, Tausif At-

tar, asked obscene questions about the victim's private life and made indecent gestures. Furthermore, he hurt religious sentiments by making derogatory comments about Hindu deities in the office, in the presence of other Hindu female employees.

Fifth Incident (2022 - March 23, 2026):

The accused - Tausif Attar, Danish, Shahrukh Sheikh, and Raza Memon - insulted the victim's religion and forcibly compelled the victim to perform Namaaz. Attempts were made to force her religious conversion by coercively feeding her non-vegetarian food, and obscene language was used against women of a certain religion.

Sixth Incident (September 6, 2024 - February 2026):

The accused - Asif Ansari and Shafi Sheikh - made lewd comments regarding the female employee's body and deliberately touched her inappropriately. In this incident as well, the accused Tausif Attar used derogatory language against deities associated with the victim's religion.

Seventh Incident (2025 - March 2026):

The accused - Asif Ansari, Shahrukh Qureshi, Raza Memon, Tausif Attar, and Shafi Sheikh - are accused of stalking the victim, passing obscene remarks, and touching her with malicious intent. Acting in concert, they attempted to vitiate the atmosphere by using abusive language against her religion.

Eighth Incident (January 2025 - Present):

The accused - Raza Memon and Shafi Sheikh -

attempted to establish physical intimacy with the victim against her wishes. The accused Shafi forcibly proposed to her, while Raza Memon made obscene remarks regarding her body and attempted to touch her inappropriately.

Ninth Incident (January 2026 - April 1, 2026):

The accused - Raza Memon and Shahrukh Qureshi - engaged in obscene conversations with the victim and committed lewd acts. Despite the victim's refusal, they continued to intrude upon her private life, kept her under surveillance, and subjected her to mental and physical harassment by making obscene comments about her body.

What Now?

Five of the accused were arrested on Tuesday and were produced in a local court the next day. They have been remanded in police custody till April 10. One of the accused is in judicial custody. The seventh individual arrested is a woman associated with the HR department, who stands accused of failing to take action in accordance with the regulations regarding the Prevention of Sexual Harassment. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) led by ACP (Crime) Sandeep Mitke has been formed to probe the cases on the instructions of police commissioner Sandeep Kamik, an official said. The team is also probing the possibility of a large-scale racket operating in this manner. The police urged other women to step forward if they have experienced harassment. They asked them to contact them through WhatsApp at 9923323311.

"Cowboy, International Khiladi": Pawan Khera Bail Hearing Gets Heated

Hyderabad: Congress leader Pawan Khera's pre-arrest bail hearing in the Telangana High Court over a complaint filed by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma turned heated on Thursday, with lawyers of both sides using phrases like "constitutional cowboys" and "international khiladi" to make their arguments before the court. Pawan Khera, a Congress spokesperson, moved the high court after the Assam Police filed a case against him over his allegation that Sarma and his wife Riniki Bhuyan Sharma possessed clandestine foreign passports and overseas assets. Based on a complaint by Riniki Bhuyan Sharma, the police filed charges of forgery, cheating, criminal intimidation, conspiracy, and defamation against the Congress leader. Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Pawan Khera, alleged that the FIR had been loaded with every possible charge to exert pressure on a political opponent. He argued that even if the Congress leader's statements turned out to be wrong, the case was one of defamation, and there was no reason to arrest him. He said that the politician was ready to cooperate. "Khera is not absconding. He is ready to cooperate. He came to this court only because he was in Hyderabad with his wife when he learnt about the FIR," Singhvi said. Attacking the Assam government's action, Singhvi argued: "If you start arresting people for this, it will become a jungle raj". "We are not living in the age of constitutional

cowboys, pulling out powers from the holster and sending 100 policemen from Assam for what is essentially a defamation complaint," he added. Responding strongly to Singhvi's arguments, Assam's Advocate General Devajit Saikia contended that his state wasn't a "banana republic". He argued that Khera should have moved a court in Assam or Delhi -- where the Congress leader resides -- instead of approaching the Telangana High Court. Saikia called Khera an "international khiladi (player)", saying he left the national capital before the Assam police reached his house and reached Hyderabad. He claimed foreign currency



had been seized from Khera's Delhi house and that 19 cases were pending against him across the country. Claiming that Khera was a flight risk, the lawyer stated that he didn't deserve protection from any legal action. After hearing both sides, the Telangana High Court reserved its order for Friday.

Jaypee Group Founder Backs Adani Group's JAL Bid

New Delhi: Jaypee Group founder Jaiprakash Gaur on Friday supported the lenders' decision to select Adani Group as the winner to acquire assets of bankrupt Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL). In a statement, Gaur said the committee of creditors have selected Adani Group as the successful bidder for Jayprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) and "we fully respect the decision". He also expressed confidence that under Gautam Adani's leadership, the legacy of Jayprakash Associates will be carried forward. Gaur appreciated the fair and transparent process conducted by the Committee of Creditors (CoC) of JAL and the resolution professional, and thanked Adani and Vedanta groups for participating in the insolvency process. Last month, the Allahabad bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved Adani Group's Rs 14,535 crore bid to acquire the assets of JAL. The decision was challenged by the Vedanta Group, which put a bid of Rs 17,926 crore, in the appellate tribunal NCLAT.

Cash Row Judge Quits Amid Removal Process. Will He Get Retirement Benefits?

New Delhi: Allahabad High Court judge Justice Yashwant Varma had been facing an inquiry by a committee set up by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla after a huge stash of cash was recovered from his home last year. He had also accepted an impeachment process for the judge's removal, if proven guilty. However, with him resigning yesterday, the process would come to an end, sources in the Lok Sabha Secretariat said. Legal experts suggest that after his resignation is accepted, Justice Varma would be entitled to pension and other benefits that a high court judge gets upon retirement. He would have been deprived of the benefits if he was removed by the parliament. Sends Resignation To President Amid Impeachment Process Supreme Court Advocate on Record Akanksha Rai told that several high courts in the country have taken the view that the 'resignation' of a High Court



Judge constitutes 'retirement' under the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Services) Act 1954. Thus, a judge who has resigned from services would be entitled to the same pensionary benefits as a judge who superannuated, she remarked. The same has been affirmed by the Supreme Court, Rai added.

Justice Varma's resignation came on a day he was to begin his arguments be-

fore the inquiry panel to defend himself against the corruption charges, sources said. He had been given time from April 10 and April 14 to present his side, they said, adding that the prosecution had placed its arguments before the panel in March. The judge had been under fire since a large amount of cash was recovered from his official residence in Lutyens Delhi on March 14, 2025. At that time, he was serving as

a judge at the Delhi High Court. The cash was allegedly found in a storeroom near the servants' quarters. The judge had denied that he or his family members ever kept cash there. The Supreme Court had taken away judicial work from Justice Varma at the Delhi High Court. It had transferred him to his parent Allahabad High Court and asked its Chief Justice not to assign any judicial work to him.

Over 84 Lakh Voters Added In Final UP SIR List, Total Rises To Over 13 Crore

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh's electorate grew by over 84 lakh to 13.39 crore after the completion of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), according to the final voter list published. Addressing a press conference at the Lok Bhawan Media Centre here, Uttar Pradesh's Chief Electoral Officer Navdeep Rinwa said the SIR exercise was conducted from October 27, 2025, to April 10, 2026, covering all 75 districts, 403 assembly constituencies and polling stations across the state. He said the 166-day exercise was carried out with the contribution of 75 District Election Officers (DEOs), 403 Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), 12,758 Assistant EROs, 18,026 BLO supervisors and 1,77,516 Booth Level Officers (BLOs). In addition, 5,82,877 booth-level agents of recognised political parties and crores of voters extended cooperation. Print, electronic and digital media also played a key role in awareness efforts, he added.



Rinwa said the draft elec-

total roll published on January 6, 2026, had a total of 12,55,56,025 voters, including 6.88 crore male voters, 5.67 crore female voters and 4,119 third gender voters. The number of voters in the 18-19 age group stood at 3,33,981, while the gender ratio was 824 female voters per 1,000 male voters. The final electoral roll published on April 10 shows the total number of voters at 13,39,84,792, he said.

Of these, male voters number 7,30,71,071 (around 54 per cent), female voters 6,09,09,525 (45.46 per cent) and third gender voters 4,206 (less than 0.01 per cent). The number of voters in the 18-19 age group has risen to 17,63,360, accounting for 1.32 per cent of the total electorate. The gender ratio has also improved to 834 female voters per 1,000 male voters. Comparing the draft and final rolls, Rinwa said the total increase in the number of voters is 84,28,767. This includes an increase of 42,27,902 male voters, 42,00,778 female voters and 87 third gender voters. The 18-19 age group registered a rise of 14,29,379 voters, while the gender ratio improved by 10 points from 824 to 834, he said. Among districts, Prayagraj recorded the highest increase in voters at 3,29,421, followed by Lucknow at 2,85,961, Bareilly at over 2,57,000, Ghaziabad at 2,43,666 and Jaunpur at 2,37,590. The CEO said the successful completion of the revision exercise reflects coordinated efforts by election officials, political parties and voters across the state.

"You Do Hanky Panky Then File Chargesheet": Supreme Court To UP Cops Over Rape-Murder

New Delhi: The Supreme Court blasted Ghaziabad authorities over their "indifference" and "insensitivity" in the rape and murder of a four-year-old girl, summoning the police commissioner and the investigating officer with case records next week. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Jyotsnaya Bagchi and Viplul M Pancholi took note of the submissions of senior lawyer N Hariharan, appearing for the victim's father - a daily wage, and expressed

its displeasure over the manner in which the state police had conducted the investigation. The incident took place on March 16 when the child was lured away from her home by a neighbour on the pretext of buying chocolates. The girl did not return home for a few hours, following which her father began a search and found her lying unconscious and covered in blood nearby. The girl was initially taken to two private hospitals who denied admission. She was then taken to a Ghaziabad district

hospital, where the doctors declared her dead. "The most shocking part of the alleged offence is that it exhibits complete indifference and an insensitive approach by two alleged private hospitals, as well as the local police," the top court said. The girl's family reported the matter to the local police immediately, but instead of taking cognizance, they were physically assaulted, they said. However, after an uproar, a case was filed a day later - on March 17, and the accused was arrested on

March 18. Although the FIR had no mention of POCSO and Section 376 (punishment for rape). "We have also seen the panchnama (spot assessment), which does not record whether the victim child was wearing clothes in the lower part of the body. But it was stated that her private part was bleeding. There were injuries to her head. The doctor who conducted post mortem has failed to record the brutal, aggravated sexual assault on the child," CJI Surya Kant said.

Woman, Her 2 Sons Found Dead In Rajasthan's Pali, Suicide Note Recovered

Jaipur: A woman and her two sons were found dead at their house in a posh locality of Rajasthan's Pali city, with police suspecting suicide, officials said. The bodies were found on at a residence in Ashapura township on Jodhpur Road after the house remained locked for two days, they said. According to the police, the elder son, Narpal Lal (34), was found hanging from a ceiling fan, while his mother, Shanti Devi (59), and younger son Raghuvir (26) were lying on the floor. Deputy Superintendent of Police Madan Singh said two mobile phones and a suicide note were recovered from the spot, along with a bottle of poison near the bodies of Shanti and Raghuvir. Police said the note suggests the family took the extreme step due to depression linked to illness. However, they added that other possible angles are being investigated.

Kirtana murder incident is brutal: Madhu reddy

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) April 10: Congress party youth leader Venna Pusa Madhu Reddy has expressed his grief that the Kirtan murder incident in Qazi Peta of the district is atrocious. He spoke to Medi Ya in Ka dapa on Friday. It is deplorable that the authorities are lax in investigating and punishing those who have happened. The state home minister has requested to take immediate action on this incident. Otherwise, the leaders of their party workers said that they are ready to go to the Chalo Khajipet program led by the Congress party.



EDITORIAL

Hunger is
fueled by war

The ongoing war in West Asia is depriving millions of people around the world of essential food and medicine. The United Nations' aid agency, the World Food Program (WFP), has expressed concern that if the war continues until June, 320 million people worldwide could go hungry. The war has not only severely disrupted shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz, but also exacerbated the global energy crisis. Shipping routes from strategic hubs like Dubai, Doha, and Abu Dhabi have been completely closed. As fuel and insurance rates have increased dramatically, transportation costs are also increasing accordingly. With these costs, it is being forced to supply very little. Thousands of tons of food are being transported very late. The International Risk Committee has revealed that \$130,000 worth of medicines meant to be sent to war-torn Sudan have been frozen in Dubai, while 670 boxes of nutritional food meant for malnourished children in Somalia are stuck in India. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has warned that 16 countries are facing severe delays in getting essential supplies. The United States has already weakened many aid groups, and the war has exacerbated the problem, raising concerns. The UN says this is the worst disruption to supplies since the Covid pandemic. Not only has shipping costs increased, but supplies have also had to be supplied through alternative routes. The war has created new emergencies in Iran and Lebanon, where hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced. Humanitarian aid is being cut off. Even if the war stops, the effects of the war will continue to affect supplies around the world. Alternative transport routes are being sought to replace the Strait of Hormuz and the Suez Canal.

Aid is being sent by ship around Africa. It takes weeks to reach its destination. The burden of transportation costs is increasing as different transport routes are used to get vaccines to Iran and Nigeria on time. Before the war, UNICEF used to send vaccines directly to Iran by plane. Now, instead, it is being sent by plane to Turkey and then to Iran. This not only costs an additional 20 percent of the transportation costs, but also delays their arrival. Save the Children International, a charity organization, used to ship supplies from Dubai to the Sudanese port. Now, it is sending emergency supplies from Dubai via Saudi Arabia and from there via the Red Sea. This not only increases the transportation costs by 25 percent, but it also takes more than ten days to arrive. Meanwhile, 19 million Sudanese people are facing a severe food crisis.

This delay is affecting 90 primary health centers in Sudan. They are struggling with a lack of essential medicines. Ultimately, they are unable to prioritize supplies. The number of children in need must be reduced. Or the number of items that can be provided must be reduced. With fuel prices rising, food prices and transportation costs rising, and supplies not being delivered, 6.5 million people in Somalia are suffering from acute food shortages. Their security is like a candle in the wind. In Nigeria, fuel prices have halved, causing electricity shortages in hospitals and forcing them to rely on generators. Mobile health teams are reducing their services. Overall, the war is having a serious impact on hunger around the world.

It is common for 30 percent of the world's fertilizer supplies to be transported through the Strait of Hormuz. These fertilizers are the basis of agricultural work in East Africa and South Asia. But poor farmers in poor countries are now waiting for fertilizers. Sudan imports almost half of its fertilizer needs from Gulf countries and Kenya. Noticing this, the United Nations Secretary-General has set up a task force to monitor fertilizer supplies. Preparations are being made to transport fertilizers and other essential goods through the Black Sea through an agreement called the 'Black Sea Grain Initiative' that was adopted earlier. No matter how terrible the war is this time, there are allegations that the international community has not responded enough to supply essential goods, medicines, and provide humanitarian aid to poor countries.

BJP And Left, Ideologically Diverse,
Has Same Set Of Voters

As India concluded its demonetisation exercise in the early parts of 2017, a silent change on the electoral landscape was triggered in two states - Bengal and Odisha. This change manifested itself in the by-election results. In Bengal, in the assembly by-elections held to Dakshin Kanthi in 2017, and in Maheshala in 2018, the BJP came runner in both, where in the 2016 assembly elections the party had less than 10 per cent votes. Clearly the BJP had appealed to an aspirational Hindu voter consistently 2017 onwards, fueled by the narrative of demonetisation, being an act of leveling up society. Flash back in history to the early 50s and 60s in Kerala, when the undivided CPI contested without allying with any parties: the party performed well in Hindu majority districts; it did poorly in districts of Kottayam, Ernakulam, and Kozhikode, where the religious minorities have a decisive influence, and the party got better results in places where the SC and the lower caste Ezhavas had a high presence. Again here it was an aspirational section of the Hindu society which had allied with the Left Front.

OPPOSING IDEOLOGIES
WITH IDENTICAL SOCIAL
BASE

The early trajectories of the stories of the growth of the BJP and the Left, not just reveal similarities in voter base appealed to, but also reinforce the complementary nature of their growth. In Bengal, the growth of the BJP between 2016 and 2019 was precisely in the areas where the LF was strong ear-

lier and not the urban areas which remained a stronghold of the Trinamool. The Trinamool on the other hand claimed and retained a vote, which was largely dependent on an urban populace, and an anti-Left vote, that was inherited from the Congress party. In a nutshell the Congress remained more or less intact; however, the Left voters morphed themselves into BJP voters. A contrast is seen comparing the votes of the Left and the BJP in Bengal between 2016 and 2021 elections. The perfect swap graphic for West Bengal is as below. The Left started by grooming its constituency within the Borgadars, the share croppers from 1978-80, which remained with the party right until 2017, from whence the BJP started picking up threads. The Jangal Mahal region (Paschim Medinipur, Bankura, Purulia) in West Bengal, the most underdeveloped, has been crucial to the BJP's rise, with a large focus on ST groups, and then the border regions, where the BJP draws a bulk of its support from the Matua's (SCs).

Similarly, in Kerala, one of the most celebrated victories of the BJP is in the Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation in December 2025. The party unseated the 40-year monopoly of the Left, clearly indicating a direct switch between the same set of voters. One of the lesser publicised facts of the 2024 elections in Kerala was a tangible growth of the BJP, post January 2024. The party forfeited its deposit only in 6 of the 16 Lok Sabha seats it con-



tested. Across the state, the BJP grew by reducing the Left to rubble. Here's a flashback: The 2021 success of the LDF in beating anti-incumbency with a sizable 6 per cent lead over the votes of the UDF. The success was based on a consolidation of minority votes in addition to Hindu votes. In the 2024 general election, the Left saw a serious erosion in its vote share, polling just 33.6 per cent votes, a drop of 45.43 per cent from the 2021 assembly election that resulted in a rout across the state.

The vote swap dataset is as follows:

Given the sizable minority population in Kerala, all the loss of the Left does not translate to the gain of the BJP. The gain or loss is complementary. A survey conducted by VMR for MMTV across all 20 seats in Kerala in 2024. It showed the support for the BJP rose from 18 per cent to 27 per cent among the Hindus between the two Lok Sabha elections in 2019 and 2024. For every three Hindu voters who voted for the LDF, two Hindu voters voted for the NDA in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

HOW SHIFTING LOYALTIES
OF ASPIRATIONAL
GROUPS WORK

The Left Front does include various societal groups, having built a rainbow of Hindu support from dominant backward classes in Kerala led by the LDF. Ezhavas and other SC

are the social groups among whom the LF has a primary support base. The vote share of the LDF amongst the Ezhava Hindus, as estimated in a poll conducted by VMR during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Within the Hindus the Left Front's vote share is highest among the OBC's (54.57 per cent) amongst OBC. Similarly, the LF has the highest vote share among the SC (with a support level pegged at 56 per cent). According to an opinion poll conducted in West Bengal recently, amongst the ST the BJP has the largest support at 51 per cent, and even among the Matua, the dominant SC community, it has the largest vote share of 43 per cent followed by 39 per cent, supporting the Trinamool Congress. Clearly, it is the rise of the aspirational Hindu class that has always been the bulwark of the BJP and the Left in the respective states in their growth phases.

SIMILAR ADVENTURES
AND PURSUITS

The post-election surveys held by the Delhi-based Centre for the Study of the Developing Societies (CSDS) in the 2011 and 2016 Kerala assembly elections illustrate that the Left Front commanded only 25 per cent to 35 per cent votes of both religious minorities even after forming electoral alliances with parties based on minority groups. One of the most pragmatic solutions for the Left was

to build relationships with breakaway factions of the Muslim League (Indian National League) and build bridges with splinter factions of the Kerala Congress, which represented support of various Christian denominations. The stupendous success of the Left beating anti-incumbency in 2021 in Kerala also includes a fair share of Christian voters brought to its fold by the Kerala Congress (Mani) faction.

One of the last minute surprises in the 2024 Union Cabinet formation was George Kurian, a Christian, as a part of the BJP representation from Kerala in the Union government. It was the BJP addressing a "fill in the blank" for its growth in Kerala. The BJP co-opted various Christian leaders into its fold especially on the plank of "love Jihad" to create its own coalition of Hindu and Christian voters much alike the Left by inducting prominent Christian leaders into its fold. In April 2021, George publicly demanded that India be declared a Hindu Rashtra, to protect Hindus and adherents of other Indian religions. Clearly, the Left and the BJP though ideologically diverse end up cultivating the same set of voters, and their growth is complementary across the states. The goal of a Congress-mukt Bharat, for the BJP, passes through a Left-mukt navigation more than a Congress-mukt navigation, in the Left leaning states.

Iran Scorecard: A List Of Winners, Losers, And Those Who Rigged The Game

The ceasefire in West Asia does not end the conflict. It reveals who was fighting it, and who was winning around it. This scorecard starts with a simple observation: the fighting involved three principals, the United States, Iran, and Israel, but the ceasefire was shaped by others. Who fought and who mediated tells you almost everything about who won.

Iran: Victor by Any Meaningful Measure

Iran is the clearest winner of this conflict. The military outcome was a stalemate, and against the world's most powerful military, a stalemate is a victory. Its missile forces remain functional, its A2/AD architecture was tested and held, and the Strait of Hormuz stayed under effective Iranian control throughout. Every day the strait remained contested, oil prices spiked and global shipping paid a premium, transferring real economic leverage to Tehran. Hormuz control is both a military and a financial instrument, and Iran has now proved it can wield both simultaneously. Above all, the Axis of Resistance survives intact. Hezbollah, the Houthis, the Iraqi factions, the network Iran has spent decades building, emerged functional and emboldened. Tehran can point to a battle-tested proxy network and a demonstrated deterrence capability against two nuclear-armed adversaries. That is regional primacy.

The United States and Trump: Two Different Ledgers

The United States, as a strategic actor, absorbed a serious



and potentially lasting blow. Washington's inability to achieve its objectives against a sanctioned, regionally isolated middle power will reverberate. Partners in the Gulf, in East Asia, in Eastern Europe will recalibrate. The arms-for-security model that has underpinned American regional influence, the implicit bargain of "buy our weapons, host our bases and we will guarantee your survival", is harder to sell after a ceasefire in which the guaranteed terms brokered by others. And a financially rejuvenated Iran will be even more difficult in the months and years ahead. Donald Trump is a different accounting entity entirely. He is not invested in long-term American influence architecture. He is invested in his domestic political position as a peacemaker and ender of wars. On that narrow measure, the ceasefire is defensible. No flag-draped coffins. No open-ended commitment. A deal he can brand and a base that reads ending wars as strength rather than retreat. Trump extracted the outcome his political coalition rewarded him for, and the

long-term costs, the credibility erosion, the alliance fraying, the emboldened adversaries, will accrue to institutions and successors he has no interest in protecting. The president and the presidency point in different directions. That divergence is itself a strategic vulnerability.

Netanyahu: A Personal Reckoning

Israel as a state endures. Benjamin Netanyahu as a political figure does not obviously survive this outcome. The war was partly a mechanism for his political survival; the total victory promise that kept his coalition intact and his legal troubles at bay. The ceasefire without victory removes that cover. The hostage families are furious. Coalition partners are sensing blood. The ICC exposure remains unresolved. A highly personal vendetta against Hamas and Iran, pursued with a ferocity that alienated Israel's closest ally at critical moments, has produced a pause rather than a conclusion. Netanyahu is domestically weakened, judicially vulnerable, and increasingly likely

to be removed before the next phase of this conflict begins.

The Gulf: Exposed and Divided

The implications for the Gulf are severe and poorly understood outside the region. The GCC is not a monolith, and the ceasefire has made that abundantly clear. Saudi Arabia is the most exposed. Iranian strikes on Saudi infrastructure during the conflict were pointedly strategic and a demonstration. Riyadh's oil facilities, its air defence architecture, its economic lifelines were shown to be within Iran's effective reach. The ceasefire ends the bombardment. It does not end the vulnerability. Saudi Arabia now lives permanently adjacent to a battle-hardened, narratively victorious, regionally hegemonic Iran, with the American security guarantee visibly diminished and no credible tripwire between them. The UAE paid a different kind of price. Abu Dhabi aligned itself openly with the US war effort, betting that the world's most powerful military would deliver a decisive outcome. It did not. Iran does not forget who

cheered from the sidelines, and the UAE's financial and trade hub ambitions depend on a regional environment that Tehran can now complicate at will. The ceasefire preserves the UAE's immediate position; it does not repair its strategic exposure. Qatar fares better, protected by its studied neutrality and its gas interdependence with Iran, which created mutual incentives for restraint. But even Doha cannot escape the fundamental reality now visible to every Gulf capital: the American security umbrella has limits, and Iran has just demonstrated where those limits are. Pakistan's role deserves acknowledgement precisely because it was unexpected. The Islamabad Accord represents Pakistan's most consequential diplomatic moment in a decade, a return to global relevance that Islamabad will press hard to consolidate. Some Gulf capitals may view Pakistan's brokerage dimly, reading it as a tilt toward Tehran. That displeasure is real but limited: Pakistan's nuclear deterrence, its labour exports, and its Islamic solidarity credentials give it equities in the Gulf that limit any lasting rupture.

Nitin Gadkari Calls for Adoption of Alternative Fuels and Innovative Technologies in Construction Sector

- Addresses 17th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards and Exhibition 'Viksit Bharat 2047' in New Delhi



New Delhi, April, 10 (PIB): Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari emphasized the importance of innovation, technology and sustainable practices in the construction sector while underlining the need to promote alternative fuels and new technologies for the future of infrastructure development. Addressing the gathering at the 17th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards and Exhibition 'Viksit Bharat 2047' at New Delhi, the Minister said that innovation, entrepreneurship, science, technology, research and skilled practices are essen-

tial for converting knowledge into wealth. He added that the construction sector is constantly evolving with continuous research, innovation and technological changes. Emphasizing the need to reduce the cost of construction, Shri Gadkari said that adopting modern technologies and improving processes can significantly enhance efficiency and reduce project costs. He stressed that infrastructure development requires faster decision-making, better project planning and strong commitment to quality. The Minister highlighted the impor-



ance of completing key prerequisites such as land acquisition and statutory clearances in advance to ensure smooth execution of infrastructure projects. He noted that delays caused by pending clearances and procedural bottlenecks in the past had severely impacted project timelines and the financial health of contractors.

Gadkari also underlined the need to ensure quality-based evaluation in project implementation, stating that quality and performance must receive higher priority along with cost consider-

ations. Emphasising sustainable solutions, he urged stakeholders to explore the use of biofuels, biomass-based fuels and other alternative fuels, stating that such technologies can help reduce dependence on conventional fuels and lower operational costs. He also called for greater use of waste-to-wealth technologies, including recycling of plastic waste and used tyres in road construction. Referring to successful innovations, the Minister said that the use of plastic waste in road construction has already shown positive results in projects such as those implemented in Nagpur, demonstrating the potential of sustainable materials in infrastructure development. He further highlighted the importance of adopting futuristic technologies and research-based solutions and encouraged stronger collaboration between industry, research institutions and academia for developing innovative construction technologies. Gadkari also noted that Indian infrastructure companies have demonstrated their capabilities globally, executing major projects in countries such as Dubai, Qatar and several African nations.

Visit of Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to Doha, Qatar, 9-10 April 2026



New Delhi, April, 10 (PIB): Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri arrived in Doha on April 9 afternoon on a two-day official visit. In the evening, he met with Qatar Minister of State for Energy Affairs, and President and CEO of QatarEnergy, H.E. Mr. Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi. Hon'ble Minister conveyed greetings and message of solidarity and support on behalf of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi to His Highness The Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani as well as Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani.

He recalled the two telephone conversations between PM Modi and His Highness The Amir in March 2026 following the start of the conflict, during which both leaders had emphasized the urgent need to restore peace and stability in the region through dialogue and diplomacy. PM Modi had conveyed gratitude to His Highness for the care and support given by Qatar to the Indian community. Both Ministers discussed all aspects of the strategic relations between the two countries including high level engagements, trade, investment, energy, culture and people-to-people relations. They hoped for early return of peace and stability in the region and further strengthening of the bilateral relationship between India and Qatar. His Excellency Minister Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi reaffirmed the State of Qatar's commitment to remain a reliable energy supplier and looked forward to continuing and strengthening energy relations and cooperation with India. Both Ministers also welcomed the two-week ceasefire agreed on April 8, and stressed the importance of an early end to disruption in global energy supplies and restoration of normalcy. In this context, they emphasized the need for unimpeded freedom of navigation and the global flow of commerce to maintain global supply chains. Hon'ble Minister thanked Qatar's MOS for Energy Affairs HE Mr. Kaabi for hosting him. Both Ministers agreed to remain in regular touch in coming weeks.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

You are likely to spend your time in sports to maintain your physical stamina. If you are planning on hanging out with your friends, then spend money thoughtfully, as you are likely to suffer from money loss. Family problem should be given top priority. You need to discuss it without delay because once this is sorted out-the life at home will be much easier to cope and you would not find any difficulty in influencing your family members. Likely to feel the presence in absence of your partner. Avoid getting friendly with people who waste your time. Your spouse will make you realize today that heaven is on earth. An elderly senior at home can impart some knowledge with you today. You will like their preaching and try to follow them. Remedy :- Donate packets of milk to economically weak women, for continued prosperity.



Taurus

Health can bloom by sharing happiness with others. You are very likely to attain monetary benefits from your mother's side today. It is possible for your maternal uncle or maternal grandfather to help you financially. Someone you know might overreact to situations concerning finance, bringing uneasy moments at home. Chances of meeting an interesting person on card. After completing household chores, housewives of this zodiac sign can watch a movie on TV or get engaged in their mobile phones in the free time today. Your married life is all about fun, pleasure, and bliss today. An elderly senior at home can impart some knowledge with you today. You will like their preaching and try to follow them. Remedy :- Offer your respects and donate raw turmeric, five peepal leaves, 1.25 kgs of yellow pulses, saffron, a sunflower, and yellow clothes/fabric to a Brahmin for preserving family happiness.



Gemini

Your willingness to help each and everyone will leave you tired and exhausted. If you are a student and want to study abroad, then financial crisis at home can upset you today. Children may bring in some thrilling news. Your devoted and unquestioned love has a magic creative power. You can watch a movie in your spare time. However, you'll feel like you have wasted your time by watching this movie as you won't like it. Today, you will forget all the hardships of your life with the love of your spouse. Today, doing yoga and meditation will make you mentally strong. Remedy :- Feeding dogs rotis/bread will help attaining good health.



Cancer

Realize your true potentials as you are not lacking strength but will. Investment in antiques and jewelry will bring gains and prosperity. Social activity with your family would keep everybody in a relaxed and pleasant mood. Plant a sapling today. You are likely to pickup a nice dress material for yourself if you go for shopping today. You might feel troubled due to your spouse today. Before initiating any work, analyse its results and impact on you. Remedy :- Apply saffron mark on your forehead before you go to meet your lover, and increase your love bond.



Leo

Participating in sports and other outdoor activities will help you gather your lost energy. Those who had borrowed money from a relative may have to return that amount in any condition today. Relatives/friends drop by for a wonderful evening. Change your nature of keep falling in love everyday. Today, you'll plan to reorganize your house and clean the mess, but will not get any free time today. The day will provide you a respite after a difficult phase in married life. It is going to be a day when clocks tick slowly and you stay in your bed till eternity. You may get a much needed rejuvenation today. Remedy :- Offer milk to banyan or neem tree, and apply a tilak of the soil of the tree on your forehead. This will empower your economic condition.



Virgo

Health will be fine despite some mental pressures. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Besides personal life engage yourself in some charitable work. It will give you mental peace but not at the cost of personal life. You should pay equal attention to both Your love life will bring you something really really awesome today. Volunteering work that you do today will help not only those you assist but will help you look at yourself more positively. The day will not be very good for you as there might be many disagreements on several issues. Remedy :- To achieve good income, keep silver coin in a gangajal and keep in home.



Libra

A reunion with an old friend will brighten up your spirits. If you want to become financially strong in the future, then you have to start saving money from today. Make sure you have approval of others before you make changes to your home environment. Phone call you receive from your beloved/spouse would make your day. Natives of this zodiac sign will plan to execute creative tasks in their free time today. Although you won't be able to succeed in your planning. Your spouse will push the rewind button of those early stage love and romance today. Your simple behaviour helps to sustain simplicity in life. You need to remember this saying and follow what's needed to make your life better. Remedy :- Tending to sick people and caring for the terminally-ill patients, will invariably bring in positive vibrations to your family life.



Scorpio

You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. An uninvited guest can arrive at your house unexpectedly today, due to which you can spend your money on household items you had thought of buying the next month. Your knowledge and good humour would impress people around you. Romance will be exciting-so contact the person you love and make the best of the day. Disenchanted by money, love, or family, you can go to meet a spiritual teacher today in search of divine pleasure. Your spouse will be full of energy and love today. Today, you will find a solution to many of your problems by meeting an intellectual man. Remedy :- Bundle seven black grams, seven black pepper and a piece of raw coal in a dark blue piece of cloth and bury in an isolated place for a fulfilling and satisfactory economic condition.



Sagittarius

You should destroy your negative thoughts before they become mental illness. You can get rid of them by involving yourself in some donation and charity work that would give you complete mental satisfaction. Together with your spouse, you can discuss finances and plan your wealth for your future. Spend some pleasant time with your children in the evening. Today your beloved would find it extremely difficult to deal with your erratic behaviour. Today you should focus on important issues. You might feel lack of attention from your spouse, but at the end of the day you will realize that he/she was busy just for making the arrangements for you. Try not to get stressed today and take proper rest. Remedy :- Love in relationship will increase by drinking stored water from an orange-coloured glass bottle.



Capricorn

Your energy level will be high. Simply ignore those who approach you for temporary loans. A lack of communication with someone you care will leave you depressed. Those undertaking a small vacation with their beloved will have a highly memorable period. Time is precious, and you need to fully utilize it to attain desired results. However, flexibility in life and spending time with your family is an important aspect as well, which you need to understand. Your spouse is truly your angel, and you will know this today. Doing the same thing or following the same monotonous routine everyday makes a person mentally tired. You can too suffer from the same problem. Remedy :- Offering Dhruva at Lord Ganesha temple will be good for financial life.



Aquarius

Try to get out of your office early and do things that you really enjoy. Today, investing in land or any property can be fatal for you. Avoid making such decisions as much as possible. Domestic life will be peaceful and adorable. Your sweetheart is going to miss you badly all day. Plan a surprise and make it the most beautiful day of your life. Your free time will be wasted today because of any unnecessary work. Physical intimacy will be at its best with your spouse today. Candlelight dinner with someone special may help you eliminate all exhaustion you accumulated during the week. Remedy :- For a successful financial life, donate black woolen blankets to the poor and needy.



Pisces

Blessings of a saintly person will give peace of mind. Those who were unnecessarily blowing their money till now should control their actions from today and start saving up. Try not to say the wrong things at the wrong time-Be careful not to hurt the ones you love. Your partner thinks well of you, which is why s/he gets angry at you at times. Instead of responding back, it would be better to understand their words and where they are coming from. Today, you will love to spend your day away from all the relatives to a peaceful place. You might feel lack of attention from your spouse, but at the end of the day you will realize that he/she was busy just for making the arrangements for you. You should have complete information about the work you are assigning to someone. Remedy :- Wearing pure silver bangle will improve your love life.

Workshop on AI-Driven Drug Discovery: Advanced Tools, Techniques & Applications

New Delhi, April, 10 (PIB): A three-day intensive workshop on "AI-Driven Drug Discovery: Advanced Tools, Techniques & Applications" was successfully organized at the CSIR-Human Resource Development Centre (CSIR-HRDC), Ghaziabad, from April 7 to 9, 2026. The programme was exclusively designed for CSIR Scientists and Technical Officers, with the objective of equipping them with advanced knowledge and practical exposure to cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools transforming modern drug discovery. The workshop was inaugurated in the presence of eminent dignitaries including Prof. G. N. Sastry, Department of Biotechnology, IIT Hyderabad; Dr. T. S. Rana, Head, CSIR-HRDC; Dr. Vinay Kumar, Scientist G & Programme Convener; and Mrs. Preeti Chaudhary, Programme Coordinator. In his inaugural address, Prof. Sastry highlighted the transformative role of AI in revolutionizing the drug discovery process and emphasized the growing importance of interdisciplinary approaches in pharmaceutical research. Dr. Vinay Kumar also presented a comprehensive overview of the workshop, outlining its vision, objectives, and the rationale behind conceptualizing this programme to address emerging needs in AI-driven drug discovery. Over the course of three days, the workshop featured a series of insightful lectures and interactive sessions delivered by distinguished experts from premier institutions. Notable contributors included Prof. Prabha Garg (NIPER, SAS Nagar), Prof. D. Sunder (Director, IBAB), Dr. Arijit Roy (TCS, Hyderabad), and Dr. S. Nagamani (CSIR-NEIST), who shared their expertise, real-world applications, and emerging perspectives in AI-enabled drug discovery. The technical sessions on AI in Target Identification and Biomarker identification, AI-Assisted Molecular Docking & Scoring and AI in Bimolecular Simulation were particularly well-received. Experts such as Dr. Rajnish Kumar, Associate Professor (IIT BHU, Varanasi), Dr. Firoz Khan (CSIR-CIMAP), and Dr. Tarak Karmakar (IIT Delhi) provided in-depth knowledge and hands-on insights, significantly enhancing participants' understanding of advanced computational approaches in drug discovery. The workshop concluded on April 9, 2026, with the distribution of participation certificates by Dr. T. S. Rana and Dr. Vinay Kumar, recognizing the active engagement of participants throughout the programme. The valedictory session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Preeti Chaudhary, who expressed sincere gratitude to all distinguished speakers, dignitaries, and participants for their valuable contributions in making the programme a grand success. The workshop received highly positive and encouraging feedback from participants, which will serve as a guiding framework for organizing future programmes. The programme successfully provided a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, skill enhancement, and fostering innovation in the rapidly evolving domain of AI-driven drug discovery.

Peddi Clears the Way for 4 May Releases



Ram Charan's Peddi was supposed to hit the screens on March 27, but the team later postponed it to April 30, hinting at a summer release. However, it is now clear that the movie will not arrive on that date either and has been pushed to June. As a result, three Telugu films now have the opportunity to test their luck at the ticket windows this May. Gaayapadda Simham, directed by newcomer Kashyap and

starring Tharun Bhascker, JD Chakravarthy, and others, is hitting the screens on May 1. The makers had locked this date even before Peddi's postponement was confirmed, which generated good buzz. Now, with Peddi pushed further, the decision is likely to help the film as it is sticking to its release plan without any delay. Surprisingly, Anand and Vaishnavi's Epic is also heading for a May 1 release. The

team is just awaiting the official announcement of Peddi's postponement to confirm the date. Though the initial buzz was good, the recently released content from the film hasn't generated much traction, so the makers should begin promotions immediately after confirming the release date. On the 8th of May, Satya's Jetlee will be released, and the comedy entertainer has strong potential to rake in revenue.

Prathyangira Cinemas will release the film in the USA. They are also behind Samantha's Maa Inti Bangaram, scheduled for a release on May 15th. All four films are carrying a decent buzz among the film circles now. Initially, there were reports that Maa Inti Bangaram would hit screens on May 1st, but now it is clear that it will release in mid-May. Since no biggies are releasing in this window, strong WOM can drive good numbers for these films.

Shocking: SRK Says No To Big Cameo In Jailer 2?



Superstar Rajinikanth scored his career's biggest hit in 2023 with the action thriller Jailer. Directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, this movie also features pivotal guest appearances by Kannada star Shiva Rajkumar and Malayalam star Mohanlal. Following the success of these cameos, Nelson tried introducing more stars for Jailer's sequel, Jailer 2. Recently, it was widely reported that Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan would be playing a cameo, along with Mohanlal and Shiva Rajkumar, in Jailer 2. It was added that SRK, Shivanna, Mohanlal, and Rajini would together shoot an important sequence in this movie very soon. However, the latest reports from B-Town re-

veal that there is no truth to SRK playing a cameo in this movie. According to Bollywood media, SRK rejected the offer to maintain his current look exclusively for his upcoming film, King. It was reported that the makers of Jailer 2 approached SRK for a five-day shooting schedule. Reportedly, SRK was also interested in doing it, but on one condition: he wanted to do the cameo only if Jailer 2 releases after King, because he did not want to reveal his look before the release of King. As Jailer 2 is slated for an August release and King will hit the screens in December, SRK and the Jailer 2 team have amicably decided to drop the collaboration. Earlier, it was also re-

ported that Nandamuri Balakrishna would play an important cameo in Jailer 2. However, after doing the rounds in the media for a long time, those reports did not materialise. Now, the film finds itself in a similar situation with Shah Rukh Khan. It remains to be seen if the makers go back to Balakrishna or approach another star hero for this cameo. Despite turning down the offer, Shah Rukh Khan has reportedly shown interest in collaborating with Rajinikanth in the future for another film, if given a chance. In the past, Rajinikanth did a cameo in Shah Rukh Khan's Ra.One. He also paid tribute to Rajini with the song Lungi Dance in the film Chennai Express.

Is This Why Yash Said Yes to Play Ravana?

Ramayana is one of the most anticipated releases of this year. This Nitesh Tiwari directorial features Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, and Yash as Ravana. The recently released teaser, introducing Ranbir as Rama, generated huge buzz among the audience despite some mixed reactions. Now, they are eagerly awaiting the first-look teaser of Yash as Ravana. When it was announced that Yash would be playing the role of Ravana, everyone wondered why he chose to do a negative role, especially after scoring two pan-India blockbusters, KGF and KGF 2. But Nitesh Tiwari's recent statements about Ravana's character design in the film make one think this might be the reason Yash signed the role.

In a recent interview with The Times of India, Nitesh Tiwari said that instead of showing Ravana just as a menacing villain, Ramayana showcases both his strengths and weaknesses. He stated that Ravana will be presented in a complex manner rather than in a one-dimensional way. He said that the film shows not only the powerful nature of Ravana but also his supreme knowledge and



talent. He added that there are many layers to Ravana, as he was a great warrior, musician, able king, and a true devotee of Lord Shiva. Nitesh opined that there are many shades to him, rather than him being just a negative character. Nitesh opined that it was important for him to showcase all these aspects, as they hide a great

lesson: if a man is overdriven by his ego and vengeance, none of his great qualities matters, and he ends up like Ravana. Even Ranbir Kapoor said that Ravana's interpretation in this film will be very different from what we have seen in other Ramayana films over the years. He added that only an actor

with the huge stardom and aura of Yash could pull off this role. Apart from acting, Yash also serves as a co producer of this film. He is producing Ramayana along with Namit Malhotra. Ramayana is being made in two parts, with the first part scheduled for release during Diwali 2026 and the second part on Diwali 2027.

Biker Leads Weekday Race but Needs More Speed!

Actor Sharwanand, who scored a success earlier this year with Naari Naari Naduma Murari, has come up with his new film Biker, which was touted to be India's first motocross film. This Abhilash Kankara directorial was released last Friday and opened to a decent response from the audience. Biker enjoyed a moderate opening weekend with decent reviews, holding its own despite stiff competition from the heavily promoted Raakaasa. Surprisingly, the film showed some growth on Monday, surpassing expectations and outpacing its competitor, delighting fans and sports films lovers. According to trade reports, Biker collected more than Raakaasa on Monday by registering good numbers in urban single screens and multiplexes. After a slow start during the weekend, it is a positive sign for the team to see the film doing well on weekdays. It remains to be seen if Biker carries the same momentum in the coming days as well. The makers of Biker have intensified promotions after the release.



Tweets from stars like Ram Charan and Nani also helped the film gain buzz among audiences. However, the film has a bigger target to cross the breakeven mark, and it needs to maintain consistent collections throughout this week to

place the producers in a safe position. Also, there are new releases in the form of Dacoit and LIK this week, and thus, Biker needs to perform very well in the next three days to end up as a clean hit at the box office.

Varanasi: 1 Year to Witness History in the Making!



The most celebrated director of this generation in Indian cinema Rajamouli is collaborating with superstar, Mahesh Babu for Varanasi, which happens to be one of the most anticipated films in production currently. Today happens to be an important chunk in the armour of Varanasi, as the film will be heading for release in exactly one year from today. With the release date and loaded for April 7, 2027, let us have a look at the prospect that's on offer. As per reports, the film has completed nearly 70% of the shooting already, and the planning is to complete the entire shooting by the end of June. This is just unverified report for now, and we have to see if this would be the actual timeline for the completion of the shooting. But either way, considering the release plan that is in effect for the film, Rajamouli could be looking to complete the entire production process by the end of this year. This would leave him with a good three months for the promotional campaign that would follow. Considering the international legacy that Rajamouli could gather with RRR, there will be a lot more anticipation on Varanasi, even at the global level. Even the western audience who loved RRR could be greatly anticipating this Mahesh Babu film now, and Rajamouli will have to bear this responsibility. If everything goes to plan and the film would actually be releasing in theatres next April, then we could be expecting a cinematic masterpiece unfold on the big screens worldwide exactly one year from now.

Dragon Shoot Paused For NTR's Look

NTR and Prashant Neel's Dragon is currently on a short break. The movie was to shoot for a major schedule this month but then, it got halted. Apparently, there are multiple looks of the actor in the film and this new schedule was to have a new look. But then, both NTR and Neel were not satisfied with the Look they achieved and so, they decided to pause the schedule. Both of them are on the same page as far as the movie is concerned. They want nothing but the best even if that means the movie is delayed. The team completed a major schedule in Jordan and after that, they also shot for about a week at Temple near Shamshabad last month. Meanwhile, a massive set is being built for the film in the outskirts



in which the shoot will begin next month. The movie was previously announced for June 25, 2026. Obviously, that will be missed and Ram Charan's Peddi may arrive on that date now. Mythri Movie Makers and NTR Arts are jointly producing the film. The movie's success is very important for NTR after he met with a major setback with his Bollywood debut film, War 2.

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Is 15-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi ready for India after stunning IPL rise?

Hyderabad: Far away from the madding crowds, one gentleman cricketer and arguably one of the finest batters ever to grace contemporary cricket, V.V.S. Laxman should be sporting a big smile of immense satisfaction when the genius of 15-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi has been blossoming to its full potential! It is worth mentioning here Laxman was there as Head of BCCI Centre of Excellence in Namibia with the victorious 2026 World Cup (under-19) Indian team in January this year, giving his invaluable inputs to the head coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar and bowling coach Sunil Joshi along with other support staff to mould the young Indian talent to be ready for the bigger challenges ahead. And, Suryavanshi cracked a match-winning, 80-ball 175 in the final! So, when the 15-year-old Suryavanshi passed the litmus test in style – facing the best fast bowler across all formats in contemporary cricket, Jasprit Bumrah, in the IPL in Guwahati on Tuesday night in a truncated 11-overs game – it may not have surprised the likes of Laxman or his illustrious team-

mate Rahul Dravid, who also mentored the young Suryavanshi at Rajasthan Royals earlier. What makes this boy from Bihar stand out from the rest of the crowd is his out of the world hand-eye coordination and the ability to pick the line and length of which ball to be hit. And, that he does with so much of freedom, class, power and precision is something which is God's gift, to be put it simply. Importantly, unlike some of the younger talent who showed similar glimpses of talent only to fade away for want of discipline and dedication, Suryavanshi is apparently groomed in the most perfect manner by his mentors and coaches. Well, many critics questioned the very concept of the high-profile IPL, fearing that it would encourage slam-bang cricket and not those who dream of playing the Test format, which remains the ultimate test of skills for any cricketer even now. But, it is undeniable that it is the IPL which has become the biggest platform for any young talent to play fearless cricket and this young opener tops that list when it comes to paying little respect

to reputations. Yes, Suryavanshi's first-class record of eight matches, 207 runs at 17.24 average since making his debut against Mumbai in a Ranji Trophy match in January 2024 scoring 19 and 12, with just one fifty may not make any critic stand up and vouch for his readiness for this format of the game. But, that someone like Jasprit Bumrah was sent into a 'thinking mode' after being hit for of the first ball faced by Suryavanshi in the IPL game in Guwahati the other night is itself a tribute that this young talent means business. The big question crops up – is Suryavanshi ready to make it to the India senior team? The ease with which he repeatedly serves reminders, if needed, of his growing reputation makes Suryavanshi truly special. Well, Sachin Tendulkar might have waited for a few more years but for former India captain Dilip Vengsarkar's insistence that the 15-year-old should play for Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy. And, the rest is history! "The (selectors) said 'it's too early for him. If he gets injured, we will be blamed. So we will wait

for a while'. I said you keep him in the 15-member squad so that he is around the team and can learn the atmosphere of the team", Vengsarkar recalled once. Yes, the biggest factor in Sachin becoming all-time great was that he seized on the opportunities that came his way. So, it may not be out of place to suggest that Suryavanshi too needs to be pushed, not to wait for too long for many a brilliant career has drifted away to a point of no return within a short span of time for a combination of reasons. After all, the preparations and planning for the 2027 ODI World Cup are already on. And, with India playing 10 T-20 internationals in Ireland, England and Zimbabwe after this IPL, it might just be the right time for the selectors to 'test' whether Suryavanshi is ready or not! Definitely, Suryavanshi can wait to graduate to Test cricket over a period of time as he is yet to pass the big test of patience and skills required in a four-day format. But, it will be criminal to delay his entry into the India senior team for too long, atleast, in the shorter formats.

Former India cricketer C D Gopinath dies at 96

Hyderabad: The last surviving member of the Indian team that won its first-ever Test against England, C D Gopinath, passed away in Chennai on Thursday. He was 96. Gopinath, a right-handed batter, made his Test debut against England in the 1951-52 series, scoring an unbeaten 50 and 42 during the second Test at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai. India won its first Test in the last game of the 1951-52 series at the M A Chidambaram Stadium, with Gopinath contributing 35. He was also captain of the Madras State team from 1955 to 62 and served as a national selector. He was the manager of the Indian team which toured England in 1979. Gopinath scored 2,349 runs in the Ranji Trophy, with 234 against Mysuru as his highest score.

India Under-12 team wins Real Madrid Foundation World Challenge in Spain



Madrid, Spain: In a landmark moment for Indian grassroots football, the India under-12 team, represented by Conscient Sports, has emerged as champions at the prestigious Real Madrid Foundation World Challenge, held at the iconic training complex of Real Madrid in Madrid, Spain. Competing against some of the best youth teams from across the globe, the Indian team delivered a composed and commanding performance throughout the tournament. Facing leading footballing nations, the team combined tactical discipline with attacking flair to secure a decisive 3-0 victory over Brazil in a gripping final.

The annual tournament, conducted during Easter week, brought together over 80 teams and more than 1,000 young players across Under-10, 12 and 14 age groups, representing regions including Europe, North America, South America and South Asia.

Hosted at Real Madrid's famed Sports City, the event offers young athletes a rare

opportunity to compete on the same pitches graced by global stars such as Kylian Mbappé and Vinícius Júnior.

The Indian Under-14 contingent also progressed to the semi-finals, going down to Italy in a nail-biting five-goal thriller, with Italy scoring the decisive goal late in the second half.

The Indian squads, comprising players from Delhi NCR, Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru and Hyderabad, represented a unified national effort as part of the Conscient Sports program. Their journey to the top included notable victories against teams from Spain, Germany, Brazil, Uruguay, Mexico, the USA, Canada, Malaysia, Azerbaijan and Morocco, underscoring the global competitiveness of the event.

Adding to the prestige of the tournament, Brazil and Real Madrid legend Roberto Carlos attended as the official ambassador, interacting with players and inspiring the next generation of football talent.

Started in 2010, Conscient Sports has worked for the past

15 years to bring globally acclaimed training methodologies to India, combining structured coaching, international exposure and value-driven development. With its strategic partnership with the Real Madrid Foundation, the programme currently trains over 7,000 players across India. This championship victory is firmly rooted in this strategic partnership and stands as a clear outcome of this long-term, system-led approach to nurturing young talent.

Sharing her insights, Kriti Jain Gupta, Director, Conscient Sports said, "This victory at the Real Madrid Foundation World Challenge is a deeply proud moment not just for Conscient Sports, but for Indian grassroots football as a whole. What makes this achievement truly special is the journey behind it. These young players have come through a structured, long-term development pathway built on consistency, discipline and a love for the game."

Praggnanandhaa loses to Giri, Sindarov extends lead in Candidates chess

Paphos (Cyprus): Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa almost went out of contention for a top finish after losing to Anish Giri of the Netherlands in the eighth round of the Candidates chess tournament here on Tuesday. On a day when Uzbek Javokhir Sindarov consolidated his lead with a draw against tailender Andrey Esipenko of Russia, Praggnanandhaa, who had scored his only victory over Giri in the first round, fell prey to simple tactics from an equal position and suffered his second defeat of the tournament. Sindarov took his tally to 6.5 points out of eight and looks headed for victory as his lead now stands at two points with six rounds remaining in the USD 700,000 prize money event that will decide the next challenger for reigning world champion D Gukesh later this year. Sindarov is followed by Giri and Fabiano Caruana of the United States, who are two points behind and need a miracle to catch up. Praggnanandhaa, Wei Yi of

China, Matthias Bluebaum of Germany and Hikaru Nakamura of the USA share fourth spot on 3.5 points each, a point clear of last-placed Esipenko.

It was a tough day for Praggnanandhaa, who started with the Vienna variation with black pieces. After the opening, Giri enjoyed a small advantage that the Indian neutralised as the game progressed.

However, on the 35th move Praggnanandhaa erred, allowing Giri to unleash a dangerous sequence. Another mistake three moves later sealed the game for the Dutchman.

In other games, Matthias Bluebaum drew with Wei Yi, while Nakamura scored a big win over compatriot Caruana.

In the women's section, R Vaishali stayed within striking distance of the leader after drawing with Bibisara Assaubayeva of Kazakhstan. Kateryna Lagno defeated Aleksandra Goryachkina to match Vaishali on 4.5 points, while Anna Muzychuk was headed for a draw with Divya Deshmukh to protect her half-

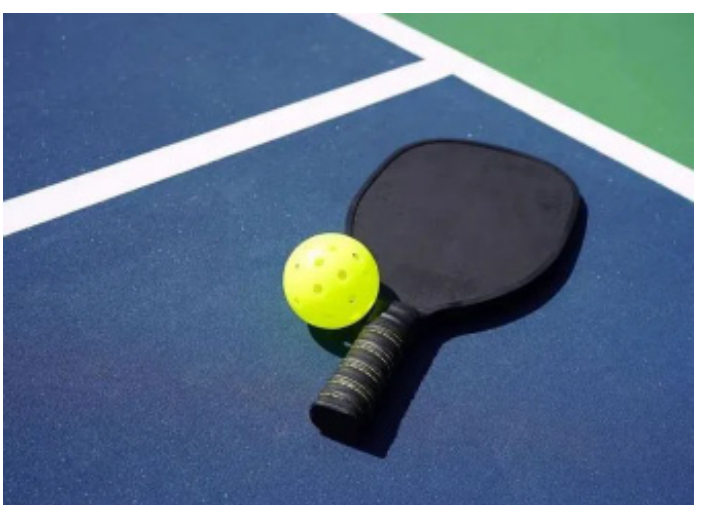


point lead. Zhu Jiner looked poised to beat Zhongyi Tan.

Results round 8:
Anish Giri (Ned, 4.5) beat R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 3.5); Hikaru Nakamura (USA, 3.5) beat Fabiano Caruana (USA, 4.5); Andrey Esipenko (Rus, 2.5) drew with Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 6.5); Wei Yi (Chn, 3.5) drew with

Matthias Bluebaum (Ger, 3.5).
Women: Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 4.5) playing Divya Deshmukh (Ind, 3.5); Kateryna Lagno (Rus, 4.5) beat Aleksandra Goryachkina (Rus, 3); Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kaz, 3.5) drew with R Vaishali (Ind, 4.5); Zhongyi Tan (Chn, 2.5) playing Zhu Jiner (Chn, 3).

All India Pickleball Association gets strong backing in Delhi High Court hearing



Hyderabad: The All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) has secured a significant legal breakthrough before the Division Bench of the Delhi High Court, reinforcing its claim for recognition as India's National Sports Federation (NSF) for pickleball. During the hearing, the Court raised serious

concerns over the actions of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), particularly its decision to overlook AIPA's application filed in October 2024 while granting NSF recognition to a newly formed body incorporated in November 2024. The Bench questioned how fundamental eligibility requirements under

the National Sports Development Code (2011) were waived for the newly recognised body, even as AIPA's application remained unaddressed without any formal rejection. In its order, the Division Bench directed the Union of India to produce the complete original record relating to the evaluation of all NSF applications. The Court further mandated that AIPA must be granted a full and fair opportunity to present written submissions and be heard before any renewal decision is taken, with NSF recognition due for renewal in April/May 2026. Importantly, the Court clarified that the matter must be reconsidered afresh, uninfluenced by earlier rulings, thereby preserving the rights of all parties. The case has been listed for further hearing on May 11, 2026. Founded in 2008, the All India Pickleball Association has

spent over 15 years building pickleball across India, with 25 state associations, district-level affiliates, and international recognition since 2023. In contrast, the rival body was established only in late 2024, a month after AIPA's application was submitted at the ministry, and was granted exemptions from key eligibility norms, including the mandatory three-year existence requirement and minimum state and district-level affiliations. Responding to the proceedings, AIPA stated that the hearing marks a strong validation of its long-standing contribution to the sport and underscores the importance of due process. The association expressed confidence that once the full record is examined, the facts will clearly establish its rightful position, and reiterated its faith in the judicial process as the matter proceeds.

MCA to honour Ravi Shastri and Mumbai legends at Wankhede

Hyderabad: The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) will unveil the Ravi Shastri Stand and dedicate stadium gates to Dilip Sardesai, Eknath Solkar and Diana Edulji at the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday (April 9), honouring four of Mumbai and India's most distinguished cricketing figures. The unveiling ceremony will be graced by the Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Devendra Fadnavis. MCA President Shri Ajinkya Naik will also be present, alongside Apex Council members, office bearers and members of the cricketing fraternity. The decision to honour these legends was approved by the MCA Apex Council at its meeting held in February.

As part of the initiative, the Level 1 Stand below the Press Box at the Wankhede Stadium will be named after former India captain and renowned commentator Ravi Shastri, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Mumbai and Indian cricket as a player, leader and coach.

In addition, Gate No 3, Gate No 5 and Gate No 6 will be for-



mally unveiled as the Dilip Sardesai Gate, Diana Edulji Gate and Eknath Solkar Gate, respectively, paying tribute to Mumbai stalwarts who have made a lasting impact on Indian cricket.

MCA President Ajinkya Naik said: "This ceremony marks a proud moment for Mumbai cricket as we come together on April 9 to honour these iconic figures. The unveiling of the Ravi Shastri Stand, along with the dedication of stadium gates

to Dilip Sardesai, Eknath Solkar and Diana Edulji, reflects our deep respect for their invaluable contributions. We look forward to celebrating their legacy at Wankhede Stadium while inspiring future generations to uphold the same values and strive for greatness."

"The initiative underscores MCA's continued commitment to preserving its rich heritage while strengthening the foundation for the future of the sport," he said.

Suryavanshi outsmarted Bumrah, says Anil Kumble

Hyderabad: Former India captain and one of the best leg-spinners the game has ever seen, Anil Kumble, said that Suryavanshi made it look easy against one of the world's best bowlers. "First ball, he hits him for a six and then sets him up. He set the bowler up, not the other way around. We've generally seen Bumrah set up bat-

ters so many times, but here, Suryavanshi set Bumrah up to bowl that slower ball on the third delivery, and he was waiting for it to hit him for another six. It was brilliant batting by Vaibhav Suryavanshi, just the way he strikes the ball and the consistency he has shown in terms of strike rate. He is striking at close to 300 in every

game and scoring more than 30 runs consistently, which is outstanding," Kumble explained on JioHotstar's Google Search AI Mode Match Centre Live.

On MI's run chase, Kumble said: "It felt like the Mumbai Indians lacked a bit of purpose and intent with the ball, and that certainly spilled over into the batting."

Sri Chaitanya Students Bring Laurels with Outstanding Olympiad Performance



(By our Skyline Staff Reporter)
Kalikiri, April 10: Students of Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions in Pileru have showcased remarkable talent in the national-level International Talent Search Olympiad examinations. A total of 350 students from two Pileru branches of Sri Chaitanya participated in these exams and secured a considerable number of gold medals and merit awards. In particular, some students achieved state-level ranks and received laptops, smartwatches, gold medals, and consolation prizes. These awards were presented to the students by MLA Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy at his

residence in Nagiripalli village of Kalikiri mandal. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy stated that students from rural areas can achieve excellent results even at the national level if they study with determination, and these achievements stand as proof of that. The event was attended by Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions AGM Suresh, R.I. Sridhar, Coordinator Ravikumar, Principals Suman Goud and Prathap Reddy, Dean Janakiram, Primary In-charges Anusha and Sunanda, and the management of Pileru 'She' School, including Dr. P. V. S. Lakshmi and Dr. Rayala Sudhakar Rayalu, among others.

Guest lecture program for MITS students on the topic 'Personal Branding in the Digital Age-LinkedIn Blueprint'



Madanapalle, April 10 (Skyline daily): The Training and Placement Cell of MITS Deemed to be University (Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science) near Madanapalle organized a guest lecture program for students on the topic "Personal Branding in the Digital Age: LinkedIn Blueprint". Krishna Reddy Chintha, Regional Head (South and East), a leading IT company, participated as the chief guest for this program. Speaking at the program, he said that LinkedIn has become a very important educational and career development tool for engineering students. It is not just a social media platform, but also acts as a gateway to the professional world. Students can showcase their skills, projects, internships, certifications in personal details and create a strong digital resume. He said that one can also connect with industry professionals, alumni, and recruiters and build a good network. Com-

panies directly post jobs and internships through LinkedIn, and students can easily apply for them, he said. In addition, he said that new technologies and soft skills can be learned through features like LinkedIn Learning. He said that by sharing posts, articles, and projects, one can improve personal branding, which will attract the attention of recruiters. He also said that it will be useful for career planning by knowing industry trends and company updates. He said that seven crore companies are registered on this digital platform. Overall, the LinkedIn platform plays a key role in professional growth, networking, and job opportunities for engineering students, he said. Registrar Dr D Pradeep Kumar, Associate Dean-Training and Skill Development Dr V Jaya Prakashan, Senior Manager-Student Affairs Dr P Athahar Sameena, Coordinators JT Drupad Verma, Shaikh Tipu Rahman and students participated in the program.

Dr. P.V.S. Lakshmi Receives 'Women Health Icon Award'

(By our Skyline Staff Reporter)
Kalikiri, April 10: Renowned yoga therapist Dr. P.V.S. Lakshmi from Pileru was honored with the 'Women Health Icon Award' by Pileru MLA Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy. The award was presented at a grand ceremony held at the MLA's residence in Nagiripalli village of Kalikiri mandal. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. P.V.S. Lakshmi, President of Pileru 'She' Yoga Vidyalaya, expressed her joy at receiving the award from the MLA. She stated that the award, announced by the International Naturopathy Organization on the occasion of Women's Day, brings her immense happiness and also adds greater responsibility toward her work in women's health. Dr. Lakshmi has been serving in the field of yoga for the past 25 years in the Pileru region, contributing significantly to the physical and mental well-being of women. She strongly believes that a healthy society can be built through yoga and has been actively conducting health awareness programs in rural areas as well. On this occa-



sion, 'She' organization's legal advisor, Dr. Rayala Sudhakar Rayalu, appreciated Dr. Lakshmi's dedicated services toward improving women's health. He stated that their efforts toward building a healthy Andhra Pradesh would continue. Several dignitaries, local leaders, and representatives of various organizations attended the event and congratulated Dr. Lakshmi on her achievement.

Achieving SC Status: Celebrate 'Chalo Nandyala' on 17th

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) April 10: District President of Beda Budagaj ungam Welfare Association Dhupam Raju has called for the success of Chalo Nandyala public meeting organized by Nirvana in Nandyala on 17th of this month to oppose the injustice being done to their social class. Posters related to this program



were released and a campaign program was held at Budagajungam Colony of 48th Division in Kadapa city on Friday. On this occasion, state leaders Dupam Raju, D.Sriramulu, Chittari Ramaiah and student union leader Ponnapu Ravi Teja explained the decades of struggle of the Beda Budagajungam castes. Women leaders Rall T. Jamma, Hus sainamma, colony residents, caste elders and a large number of youth participated in this program.

MLA Opens TDP Office and Inaugurates Development Projects in Kurugonda Village



Skyline Daily Staff Reporter
Nayudupeta April 10: Sulurupeta MLA Nelavala Vijayashree inaugurated the new TDP office building and several development projects, including CC roads, in Kurugonda village, Ojili mandal, on Wednesday. Former MP Nelavala Subrahmanyam and other party leaders were present at the event. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Vijayashree said that Kurugonda village holds a special place in her heart, as it was the starting point of her election campaign. She assured the villagers that she would continue to work towards the development of the village. Dr. Ankayya, PCS Chairman and senior TDP leader, praised the MLA's efforts in developing the village and bringing various projects to Kurugonda. Other party leaders, including Mandal President Padi Venkat Subbayya Yadav, former Mandal President Gujjalapudi Vijay Kumar Naidu, and youth leader Parthasarathi, also spoke on the occasion. The event was attended by several TDP leaders and workers, including Tirupati Parliament Muslim



Minority Vice President Sheikh Khalil Basha, Sulurupeta Mandal President Akuthota Ramesh, senior leaders Thirumuru Sudhakar Reddy, P. Ankayya, Bellam Prabhakar Naidu, Eswar Raju, Ojili Mandal Cluster Incharge Prasad Naidu, and Ninjan.

MLA Kurugondla Ramakrishna Launches 'Prajudarbar' and 'Grievance Day' in Venkatagiri

Skyline Daily Staff Reporter
Venkatagiri April, 10: Venkatagiri, April 10: Venkatagiri MLA Kurugondla Ramakrishna launched 'Prajudarbar' and 'Grievance Day' programmes, aiming to address public issues promptly. He received petitions from the public and instructed officials to resolve the issues on the spot. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA announced that 'Prajudarbar' will be held every Friday and 'Grievance Day' every Monday to ensure prompt resolution of public issues. He directed officials to take immediate action on the issues and inform the petitioners about the progress. The MLA also warned that land grabbers will face severe consequences and assured that those who have lost their lands due to encroachment will be given justice. He unveiled the 'Swarna Venkatagiri' vision/action plan brochure, aiming to develop the constituency comprehensively. The programme was attended by AMC Chairman, former AMC Chairman, town president, former municipal



vice-chairman, state handloom director, district parliament, town, and rural committee leaders, officials, party workers, and a large number of people.

International Conference on Sustainable Engineering Begins at CBIT

Proddatur (Skyline Daily) April 10: Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Proddatur, inaugurated the International Conference on Engineering Innovations for Sustainable Development (ICEISD 2026) on Friday. A total of 524 research papers were received, of which 259 were accepted after peer review and will be published in the Wiley Online Library, indexed in Scopus. Prof. Parvathy A.K. of VIT Chennai attended as the Chief Guest and highlighted the role of engineering innovations in sustainable development. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Daniel D. Dasig Jr. from Philippine Women's University, Manila. Chairman Dr. V. Jayachandra Reddy, CEO Mr. V. Lohith Reddy, Director (Academics & R&D) Prof. Prasanna Venkatesan, Director (Admin) Dr. G. Sreenuvasula Reddy, and Principal Dr. S. Sruthi expressed their commitment to promoting research and academic excellence. The conference has attracted participants from various institu-



tions across India and abroad and focuses on sustainable engineering and emerging technologies.

Grand Sports and Cultural Fest at Apollo

"Sports and Cultural Day-2026" Showcases Students' Talent

Chittoor, April 10 (Skyline Daily): The "Sports and Cultural Day-2026" celebrations, held on Friday evening at Apollo Knowledge City, Murukambattu, reflected the enthusiasm, unity, and creativity of students. The campus was filled with a festive atmosphere as the excitement of sports winners blended with vibrant cultural performances. The event, a perfect blend of sports, arts, and entertainment, stood as a true reflection of students' talent and captivated everyone present. Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, Vice-Chancellor Dr. H. Vinod Bhat stated that the event marked the culmination of the sports competitions conducted over the past two weeks at the AKC campus. He emphasized that participation is more important than winning or losing and appreciated the wide range of activities organized on campus. He noted that student stage performances have shown remarkable improvement over the past few years and highlighted that Apollo students are also excelling in inter-university sports competitions.

of true sportsmanship added to the spirit of the event. The cultural segment that followed was a major highlight. Traditional and modern dance perfor-



mances, skits, and a fashion show showcased the creativity and talent of students. Skits with social messages received special appreciation from the audience.

The event was attended by Registrar Prof. M. Potharaju, Additional Registrar Anil Kumar S., AIMSR Dean Dr. Alfred J. Augustine, Unit Head S. Balaraj, Deans Prof. K. Bhaskar Reddy and Dr. D. Jagadeeshan, Dr. Sehana, Principal of Physiotherapy College Dr. Kiran, Programme Chairman Prof. S. Murali Krishna, Co-Chairperson Dr. Sravana Deepthi, Faculty Coordinators Dr. Shani S.S., Dr. Keerthana Thankachan, Ms. Anvesha Paul, Mr. V. Daniel, along with faculty members and a large number of students.