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Support 'Nari Shakti Vandan'

CM's letter to party presidents and MPs

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 14 : Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has written a letter to the presidents of political parties and the state's Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha MPs seeking support in Parliament for the Women's Reservation 'Nari Shakti Vandan' Act Amendment Bill. In the letter, he has asked all parties to support the 'Nari Shakti Vandan' Bill, which seeks to implement 33 percent reservation for women in legislative assemblies from the 2029 elections. The Chief Minister has sent letters to Jana Sena President Pawan Kalyan, BJP State President PVN Madhav, YSRCP Chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, APCC President YS Sharmila

Reddy, CPI State Secretary G. Easwaraiyah, CPM State Secretary V. Srinivasa Rao and other leaders. CM



Chandrababu Naidu appealed to the people to support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to provide one-third reservation for women in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies. The Chief

Minister believed that the 16th of this month, when the Women's Reservation Amendment Bill will be introduced in Parliament, is a historic moment in Indian democracy. He said that 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' will contribute to women's empowerment as well as the progress of the country. He commented that he believes that real progress is possible only when the participation of women in the government, administration and legislatures increases. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu called on the people to salute Nari Shakti as a country that worships Mother India.

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 14 : On the occasion of World Quantum Day, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu said that a new chapter of quantum has been inaugurated in AP. CM Chandrababu inaugurated India's first quantum reference facility here on Tuesday. Representatives of various quantum companies including the National Quantum Mission, DST, IIT professors and scientists attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, CM Chandrababu Naidu said that the IS Open Access Quantum Facility at SRM University and the IQ Quantum Facility at Medha Towers have been inaugurated. He said that facilities have been provided to

AP's historic step in quantum technology: CM



test and certify quantum computer hardware. It was revealed that quantum computer test beds operating at a temperature of minus 273 centigrade have been set up at both these places. CM Chandrababu said that the quantum test beds will be useful for companies manufacturing quantum computer de-

veloped through these two quantum test beds. With the launch of these two computers, AP has become the first state in the country to have a quantum test reference facility. He said that with these, Amaravati Quantum Valley has acquired the capacity to

test and certify quantum computer hardware. It was revealed that quantum computer test beds operating at a temperature of minus 273 centigrade have been set up at both these places. CM Chandrababu said that the quantum test beds will be useful for companies manufacturing quantum computer de-

vices, researchers, students and experts. The CM inspected the Quantum Reference Facility at SRM University. He asked the representatives of Qubit Force about how a quantum computer works. They explained that it is run with a homegrown operating system using only indigenous materials. Qubit Force CEO Venkat Subramaniam explained to the CM that the wires and chips in the quantum bed will be placed in the testing facility and tested. He revealed that this quantum reference facility is essential to test quantum computer hardware.

Red Book is for the betterment of society: Minister Nara Lokesh



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 14 : Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister and TDP National General Secretary Nara Lokesh has directed the people to take the ideologies of the Telugu Desam Party strongly. He said that our path is to achieve the aspirations of NTR and Chandrababu. He emphasized that the Red Book is for the betterment of society. He flagged that YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has created

havoc in AP with the Raja Reddy Constitution. He directed that special time be allotted for the TDP and efforts should be made to strengthen the party. Lokesh met with TDP leaders at the Telugu Desam Party office in Mangalagiri today (Tuesday). Minister Nara Lokesh directed the TDP cluster in-charges on several key issues during the 'Coffee Chat' program. Minister Nara Lokesh emphasized that principles are the strength of leader-

ship. He commented that it is very important to explain to the people not only the development and welfare programs implemented by his government, but also the party principles behind them. He said that the party will become stronger only if there is unity and discipline among the workers. He explained that long-term political successes are possible only if people build trust based on principles. He said that a leadership that has grown in theory will determine the future of the party. He suggested that six key principles should be taken to the village level. CM Chandrababu Naidu revealed that no matter how many tasks he has, he spends one day every week in the party office, listening to public problems and trying to solve them. Minister Nara Lokesh suggested that every worker should allocate special time for strengthening the party at the field level. He said that the six main principles introduced by the party should be taken to the village level and created

awareness among the people. He was angry that in the past, YSRCP leaders had attacked the temple-like Telugu Desam Party office, Chandrababu's house and TDP leaders. He said that the workers were tortured and that they had committed atrocities against SC, ST, BC and minorities. He expressed his grief that Amarnath Goud, Abdul Salam and Thota Chandrayya were chased and killed. They said that Jagan and Co. were responsible for the deaths of children named Dr. Sudhakar, Kodala Sivaprasad and Misbah. They said that Jagan and Co. were involved in destruction, attacks, murders and corruption when they were in power. They said that after losing power, they are spreading malicious propaganda against the coalition government. They called for a united fight to refute the fake information coming from the YSRCP fake factory. Minister Nara Lokesh satirized that Jagan and Co. are mixing whatever soul says with Mavigan.

NDA ready for key meeting.. Women's Reservation Bill to be the main discussion



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, April, 14 : Another key event in Andhra Pradesh politics is about to unfold. AP Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu (CM Chandrababu Naidu) ..A high-level meeting of NDA alliance parties (NDA Leaders Meet) will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at his residence in Undavalli. In this meeting, key issues related to the state as well as matters of national importance will be discussed. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, BJP state president

Madhav and other key leaders of the alliance will attend this meeting. They will discuss the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill, next steps and state development plans. This meeting is not just a casual meeting, but is going to set the future political direction. In the wake of the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill, the leaders will discuss the approach to be taken to publicize it. A clear route map will be prepared on the innovative initiatives that the coalition government will take towards women's

empowerment. The focus will be on further strengthening the coordination at the field level between the TDP, Janasena and BJP parties. The leaders will be given directions on how to take the welfare schemes being implemented by the government to the people. After the discussions at the residence in Undavalli, all the top leaders of the alliance are likely to hold a press conference together. The key decisions taken by the alliance will be officially announced in this meeting. After the coalition govern-

ment came to power in AP, the gathering of top leaders of the three parties at one place to discuss historic issues like women's reservation has become politically significant. Especially, this meeting between Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan will be a platform for future political strategies. This NDA meeting to be held tomorrow evening will be very crucial in Andhra Pradesh politics. There is excitement about what key decisions the coalition government will take on the implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill.

People are being misled in the name of Mavigan.. Anam flag on Jagan and Co.



From Our Staff Reporter Nellore, April, 14 : AP Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy made sensational comments on YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. He said that people are being misled in the name of Mavigan for the capital. He said that he is not mentally ill. Here on Tuesday Anam Ramanarayana Reddy toured Nellore district and participated in several pro-

grams. On this occasion, he spoke to the media. He expressed his anger that a wicked person named Jagan has corrupted AP with drug culture. He said that while the coalition government is trying to do good for the fishing community with Juvvaladinne, they are trying to obstruct it. He clarified that out of the total 950 meters in Juvvaladinne, the government is giving only 150 meters to Sagar De-

fishermen. He is coming to threaten contractors and collect commissions. He accused the MLAs in the YSRCP government of selling the entire coastal area by making layouts. He questioned under what pretext Jagan will come to the fishermen again. Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy said that Jagan is not coming for the fishermen. He is coming to threaten contractors and collect commissions.

Our priority is the Handreeniva project: Minister Payyavula

From Our Staff Reporter Anantapur, April, 14 : Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav has severely criticized the YSRCP. He commented that the YSRCP leaders, who suffered a crushing defeat in Rayalaseema, have nothing to say. He expressed his anger that the YSRCP leaders are misleading the people by saying that the Rayalaseema Lift Project has been stopped. He asked them to explain when this project was actually stopped and how much water will be

supplied to Anantapur. He criticized that they are spreading false propaganda to deceive the people. He reminded that the National Green Tribunal had stayed the Rayalaseema Lift Project on October 29, 2020. He said that after that, a fresh inquiry was held after Telangana CM KCR filed a complaint. He said that the affidavit given by the Chief Secretary on July 7, 2021 made it clear that the work had been stopped. He questioned how Chandrababu would stop a

project that had been stopped in such a situation. He questioned what the YSRCP government, which was in power for four years after the project was stopped, did on this project. Payyavula said that the coalition government is prioritizing the Handreeniva project. He explained that in the past, YS Rajasekhara Reddy spent Rs. 3100 crores, Kiran Kumar Reddy spent Rs. 3600 crores, and Chandrababu Naidu also spent more than Rs. 4 thousand crores.



Grand Celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary in Chittoor



(By our Skyline Staff Reporter) Chittoor, April 14: The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was celebrated grandly by 'My Bharat Chittoor', under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.R.

Sahadeva Naidu, Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, attended the event as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, he recalled the life, thoughts, and contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to society. He urged the youth to follow the path of equality, justice, and social reform shown by Ambedkar.

M.C. Babu Reddy, Accounts Officer of My Bharat, stated that national development can be achieved through literacy and that economic inequalities can be eliminated through education. He praised Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a '????' and visionary leader.

Later, a rally was conducted from Dargah Circle to Ambedkar Bhavan. Participants raised slogans reflecting Ambedkar's ideals and spread awareness among the public. Prior to the rally, floral tributes were paid to Ambedkar's portrait.

Joseph Raju (President of Support Organization), volunteers, and around 50 youth participated in the program.

Grand Celebration of Ambedkar Jayanti Under the Leadership of Janasena Party

(By our Skyline Staff Reporter) Pileru, April 14: The 135th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar were grandly organized in Pileru town under the leadership of the Jana Sena Party. On this occasion, party leaders paid rich tributes by garlanding Ambedkar's statue. A large number of party workers and supporters participated in the program and remembered his services. Speaking on the occasion, Jana Sena Party Joint Chittoor District Secretary Kalapa Ravi said that Ambedkar was a great leader who fought throughout his life for the upliftment of the oppressed sections. He stated that Ambedkar would remain immortal in history as the architect of the Constitution, which established India as a sovereign, democratic republic. He added that Ambedkar's efforts for equality, social justice, and protection of rights would continue to inspire future generations. The leaders expressed that it is everyone's responsibility to uphold Ambedkar's ideals and ensure justice for the underprivileged sections of society. They called upon the youth to follow his path and progress with education, discipline, and social awareness.

The event was attended by Jana Sena Party Pileru Mandal President Mohan Krishna, Secretary Rajesh, Gen-



eral Secretary Dhanasekar, IT Wing members Charan, Teja, Madhu, and others. The program concluded with slogans in remembrance of Ambedkar's services.

Mahaney's Aspirations Should be taken as inspiration : SP S, N Vishwanath



(from Our Staff Reporter) KADAPA (Skyline Daily) April 14: The Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Dr. BR. Ambedkar, the creator of the Constitution of India and the gem of India, were held on Tuesday at Kadapa District Police Office. District SP Shelke

Nachiket Vishwanath participated in the program and paid tribute to the portrait of Dr. BR Ambedkar by placing flowers. He said that a strong foundation has been laid for India based on the principles of democracy and equality. Ambedkar said that he faced severe discrimination in his childhood, yet he pursued higher education with perseverance and perseverance. He received doctorate degrees from Columbia University and the London School of Economics. District SP said that Ambedkar was one of the few Indians who studied higher education during that time and he implemented multiple reforms with the philosophy of "Bahujana Hitaya, Bahujana Sukhaya". Antara is described as a great person who eradicated poverty, untouchability and social inequalities. It is remembered that through the constitution, the people of all sections of the society stood in history as a pillar of direction. The SP called to take inspiration from his ambitions and resume his duties. Additional SP (AR) B. Ramanaiah, RIs, RASIs and police personnel participated in this program.

Secular Constitution Should be Preserved: CPI

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) April 14: On the occasion of Dr. BR Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary, CPI leaders on Tuesday paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue at Kadapa Collectorate. Speaking on this occasion, Venkata Shiva said that the constitution is in grave danger under the rule of religious fanatics. He said that the fundamental secularism in the constitution has fallen into the hands of fanatics. All the democrats and socialists should unite and come forward to protect it. He expressed his concern that communal harmony is being damaged. He criticized that they are creating divisions among Dalits in the name of religion and creating divisions in the name of Hindus, Christians and Muslims. Attacks on Christians and Dalits in recent times are unjust. CPI city assistant secretary Udde Maddileti, CPI city working group members Manohar Reddy Brahmam, Mallikarjuna, Bhagyalakshmi, Narayana, Gaddam Seenu and others participated in this program.



Ambedkar's ideals, social justice struggle, and priority given to education should be an example for everyone



Madanapalle, April 14(Skyline daily): The Constitution given by Dr Ambedkar for the country provided the values of equal rights, freedom, justice,

and brotherhood to every citizen, said MLA Shahjahan Basha. On the occasion of the birth anniversary of the architect of the Constitution of India, Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar, garlanded the statue of Ambedkar near the RTC bus stand in Madanapalle town and paid tributes. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Shahjahan Basha said that Ambedkar's ideals, social justice struggle, and priority given to education are an example for everyone and called on everyone to follow in their footsteps and work towards building an equal society. He urged everyone to take Ambedkar's ideals as inspiration and move forward with unity. TDP leaders, activists, and people participated in this program.

Scouts and Guides Students Pay Tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Srikalahasti

Srikalahasti - 14 April (Skyline Daily) Scouts and Guides students from Bhaskarpet Municipal High School paid rich tributes to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. The students garlanded Ambedkar's statue at the RTC junction and remembered his contributions. On the occasion, Scout Masters Ajaruddin and Venkatesh spoke about the life and achievements of Dr. Ambedkar. They highlighted that the Constitution framed by him brought hope and empowerment to the underprivileged and marginalized sections of society. Guide Captain Jyothi, along with Scouts and Guides students, participated in the program and paid their respects.



Donation of Rs.10 Lakhs to TTD



Tirumala, 14 April 2026(skyline daily) : A devotee Kovvuri Ram Deep Reddy, hailing from Pentapadu in West Godavari District donated Rs. 10,01,116 to the TTD Sri Balaji Arogya Varaprasadini Scheme on Tuesday. On this occasion, the donor handed over the donation cheque to TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary at the Additional EO Camp Office in Tirumala.

Grand Celebrations on Ambedkar Jayanti

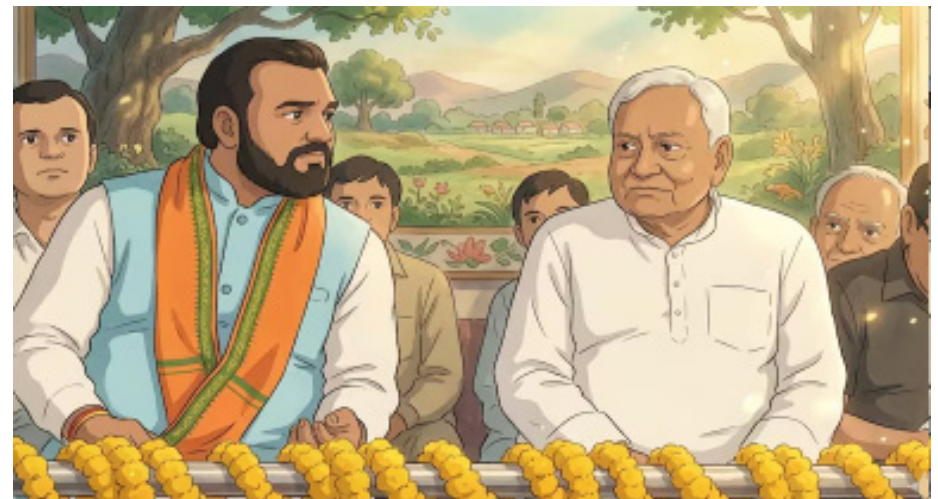


(By our Skyline staff reporter) Palamaneru, April 14: The 135th birth anniversary celebrations of the Architect of the Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, were held with great grandeur in Kolamasanapalli village of Palamaneru Mandal. The programme was organized under the leadership of Manjula Reddy, the Chittoor District Parliamentary Vice President of the Telugu Desam Party. On this occasion, floral tributes were paid to a portrait of Dr. Ambedkar at the Nellipatla Road junction. The programme was conducted with great fanfare, featuring the bursting of firecrackers and the chanting of "Jai Bhim" slogans. A portrait of Dr. Ambedkar was taken in a procession from Belupalli Cross to Gollapalli. Mandal General Secretary Ganesh, former Sarpanches Selvaraj, Hema Sundaram, Sekhar, Nares Reddy, Jagadeesh, Vinod, Venkatesh, Devendra, Sunil, Daya, Revanth, and others participated in this programme.

Man Who Vowed To 'Dethrone' Nitish Kumar Named New Bihar Chief Minister

New Delhi: Never was the phrase 'big shoes to fill' more apt than now with the Bharatiya Janata Party's Samrat Choudhary being picked to replace Janata Dal United boss Nitish Kumar as Chief Minister of Bihar. A larger-than-life figure, Nitish Kumar has dominated Bihar politics for 50+ years. He started as a novice with the Janata Party in 1974. By the time he quit as Chief Minister - in April 2026 - the 75-year-old had written himself into the history books - a 'sushasan babu' ('good governance' man) with unrivalled powers of persuasion. In many ways he is still Mr Bihar, a record 10-time Chief Minister and an inextricable part of the state's political and socio-cultural landscape. And therein lies the rub, for Samrat Choudhary, the BJP, and all those who will follow him in that post.

So who is Samrat Choudhary? Born in November 1968, in Munger district, Choudhary has significant political pedigree. His father, Shakuni, was a six-time MLA from the Tarapur constituency, while his mother, Parvati, won the same seat in 1998 for the now-defunct Samta Party. Samrat Choudhary returned to reclaim the family bastion in the 2025 election. Father, mother, and son have won that seat in nine of the last 12 elections. Now 57, Samrat Choudhary made his political debut in 1990. In 1999 - when Lalu Prasad Yadav's wife, Rabri Devi, led the government and the BJP was an ally - he became the Agriculture Minister. In the 2000 and 2010 elections he won the Parbatta Assembly seat. And, in 2010 - when



the BJP was in the opposition - he became the Chief Whip. Originally associated with Lalu Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal and Nitish Kumar's JDU, he tried engineering a split in 2014, pulling over a dozen MLAs with him before joining the BJP. That moment could be viewed with unease by the BJP's powers-that-be, but the decade+ he has since spent fighting, vociferously, for the saffron party should lay those doubts at ease. Choudhary also served as the BJP's Bihar unit chief from March 2023 to July 2024, and variously as the state's Sports, Finance, Panchayat Raj, and Urban Development & Housing minister. He brings, therefore, extensive political and administrative experience to what will be a demanding role, not just because he will follow Nitish Kumar but because the state's economy, infrastructure, and public image are in significant need of overhaul.

Why Samrat Choudhary? Over the past decade, the BJP has emerged as a master of the caste/class calculus, deftly juggling candi-

dates and chief minister picks from various communities to select, more often than not, the winning formula. Back in 2023, after the party won the Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh elections, the senior leadership took its time to name the new chief ministers. And when the names dropped, those calculations were evident. For example, in Madhya Pradesh, it walked a tight rope to craft a leadership structure to keep multiple communities and vote bases - the Yadavs, the Brahmins, and the Dalits - happy. Similarly, in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, where tribal communities and Brahmins are big chunks of the population, the party named a leader from those communities as its chief minister. Experts see Samrat Choudhary's pick as being a similarly calculated move. He comes from the politically influential Kushwaha that accounts for 4.3 per cent of the state's population, according to the caste survey the Nitish Kumar government conducted in 2023. Traditionally an agrarian community, the Kushwahas are the single-largest OBC (Other Backward Class) group in Bihar after the Yadav community - from which RJD founder Lalu Prasad Yadav and his son, Tejashwi Yadav hail. Keeping them on its side is crucial for the BJP as it looks to establish itself in the post-Nitish Kumar era, particularly since the party does not really have a leadership option from the Kumi community, from which the outgoing Chief Minister hails. The RJD's Yadav + Muslim vote bank was routed in the 2025 election but it remains a threat, particularly as voters re-assess loyalties as the JDU boss bows out of state politics.

The turban promise Back in 2023 Samrat Choudhary made a promise. It involved a turban. He started wearing a turban after Nitish Kumar - ever the political opportunist - jumped ship to the RJD-led opposition alliance the year before. Choudhary vowed then he would remove his turban only after 'dethroning' Nitish. A year later, he unwrapped that turban in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya and offered it to Lord Ram.

EDITORIAL

Crisis again with Israeli aggression

Despite the ceasefire agreement reached between the US and Iran with the mediation of Pakistan to reduce tensions in West Asia, the agreement fell into chaos after Israel launched fierce attacks on Lebanon. The US and Iran are angry that Pakistan has not been able to explain the points of the agreement properly. Israel has revealed that it does not trust Pakistan's mediation. On the one hand, welcoming the ceasefire agreement, on the other hand, it has supported the attacks on Lebanon. Israel has announced that its main goal is to completely eliminate Hezbollah's infrastructure from southern Lebanon. Trump has made it clear that its warships and forces will be deployed around Iran until a full-fledged agreement is implemented to end the war. With this, Iran took the continued attacks on its ally Lebanon seriously and closed the Strait of Hormuz again. As a result, ships that had to pass through the strait are being forced to turn back. The central government has issued a key advisory to sailors stranded in the Strait of Hormuz. It has warned Indian sailors not to come out unless necessary. Amid such complications, the first phase of talks between the US and Iran will begin on Saturday (11.4.2026) in Islamabad, which is creating tension among the world. It seems that a US delegation led by US Vice President JD Vance will participate in these talks. This war should not have started. There were several talks between the US and Iran before the war. When an agreement was almost reached and was being finalized, Israel played the role of a omen. It gave false signals that Trump would do anything he set his mind to. Trump ordered a surprise bombing campaign against Iran on February 28, provoked by Netanyahu. Trump underestimated Iran's ability to retaliate. He believed that Iran would be defeated immediately. Despite the devastation caused by the US and Israel over the past forty days, Iran has not surrendered. The US has still not found an easy way to open the Strait of Hormuz. If Trump realizes, even if it is too late, that his prediction was wrong, it will be good news for West Asia. Pakistan has gained international recognition for playing a responsible and constructive role in preventing this war. It has helped bring both the US and Iran closer. But there is a huge gap between the US's 15-point proposal for a ceasefire and Iran's 10-point proposal. While Iran and Pakistan hope that the agreement will resolve all crises, including Lebanon, the US and Israel deny that the agreement includes any military action in Lebanon. US Vice President JD Vance also said that they received three separate versions of proposals from Iran, and that the first 10-point proposals were rejected because they looked like they were written by Chat GPT. Trump mentioned the second version of the proposals sent by Iran. He said that the third proposal sent by Iran was even worse than the first and had unacceptable demands. JD Vance announced that he learned about this third proposal through social media. JD Vance urged Iran not to let the ceasefire agreement fail because of Lebanon. Although US President Trump has repeatedly warned that he will take control of the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf, doing so will only bring great economic losses to the US. It is well known that 20 percent of the world's oil passes through this strait. To gain control of this strait, the US military must gain control over about 600 km of Iranian territory. To stop Iran from launching missiles at ships, 30,000 to 45,000 soldiers will be needed. Maintaining that many soldiers there for years will cost the US a lot. In the past, the US had to pay a high price for maintaining military forces in Afghanistan and Vietnam. In this context, restraint on Israel and its military actions is very necessary for peace and stability in West Asia. The United Nations and many international organizations and countries are expressing serious concern that Israel's military actions are crossing the line. In these circumstances, Israel should restrain itself and prevent Trump from coming. He should focus on working towards lasting peace, without provocative speeches or threats of genocide, to escape the chaos he has created. Only then will he receive the high respect befitting his position on the global stage.

Ahead Of Bengal Polls, Decoding The Bhadrakalok's Views On SIR

In Kolkata's social vocabulary, a particular group has long held a special place - the 'bhadrakalok', or what is often referred to as the 'madhyabitta' (middle-class). In English-language discourse, this social class was once described as the "middling class", and the term later evolved into the "educated middle class", sometimes simply called the "middle class". During the colonial period, British officials, who first encountered this social group, referred to them as "educated natives." Like most modern social classes, however, the boundaries of the bhadrakalok community are difficult to define precisely. In West Bengal, and particularly in Kolkata, the bhadrakalok have historically played a central role in shaping public opinion.

In earlier decades, the Congress party enjoyed considerable support among Kolkata's urban middle class, while rural Bengal leaned more towards the Left parties. Later, during the final phase of Left rule, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee maintained significant support among urban educated voters, while Mamata Banerjee emerged as the political favourite in rural Bengal. Eventually, Banerjee managed to expand her influence across both demographics. However, in the 2026 Assembly election, a different pattern appears to be emerging in parts of urban Kolkata. In some areas, there is visible anti-incumbency after nearly fifteen years of Banerjee's government. Among sections of the bhadrakalok, too, a certain level of dissatisfaction has become evident. Their concerns revolve around several issues that have dominated political debates in the state, including the education recruitment scam, allegations of corruption in political campaigns, and the activities of the so-called "syndicate" networks involved in construction and local contracting. For many members of the Bengali



bhadrakalok community, these controversies have created a sense of disillusionment with the present administration. The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list has added another layer of controversy. Some argue that the deletions disproportionately affect slum residents or minority communities in Kolkata, while others suggest that the exercise targeted illegal infiltrators, including Bangladeshis living in railway colonies or old refugee settlements.

Differing Opinions

Renowned filmmaker Arindam Sil said, "We are not against SIR, but we are worried about the abrupt huge deletion. Bengali cultural degradation is a wrong perception because there are good films Bengalis are still creating. Tagore's songs, dance and book fairs -- all are still happening. But deleted voters can't get hearings from tribunals. This is unthinkable." Painter and renowned artist Samir Aich disagreed. "After the RG Kar and Sandeshkhali incidents, Bengali culture has completely

eroded. I do not subscribe to any particular party but, as a creative person, I think Bengal has lost its cultural glory in the past 15 years. Vote bank politics should be stopped. The SIR idea is good," he said. Retired police officer Nazrul Islam also said implementing the SIR was a good decision and that the Trinamool Congress government in the state had "destroyed" the state's development model. Banerjee and the Trinamool have argued that many genuine voters have been removed from the list and that the deletions do not affect only minority communities, but also a significant number of Hindu voters. There have been several reported instances where academicians, teachers, professors, college students, and government employees discovered that their names were missing from the voter lists. For many people, the process of correcting the records and re-entering their names has proven to be complicated. The SIR verification procedure requires filling out multiple forms and appearing for inquiries,

which many citizens have found difficult and stressful. The BJP has tried to counter these criticisms by arguing that voter list revisions have taken place in several other states as well, including Kerala, Assam and Tamil Nadu, without similar political turmoil. The party says the protests in West Bengal are largely incited by the Trinamool. Banerjee, however, has argued that there is a political conspiracy behind the process, claiming that it is being used as a method to remove voters sympathetic to her party. In her campaign speeches, she accused the Election Commission of functioning as a political instrument of the BJP, an accusation that the saffron party has denied.

Voices Raised

As a result, two parallel currents are now visible in Kolkata's public discourse. On the one hand, there is genuine discontent among sections of the bhadrakalok community regarding governance issues. Many of these voices regularly appear in television debates and discussions across social media platforms. Among sec-

tions of the Bengali middle class, criticism of the government has been growing. However, the SIR controversy has also caused discomfort among several independent intellectuals and professionals who do not align with the Trinamool Congress. For example, Dr Kunal Sarkar, a well-known cardiologist, and Professor Sukanta Chowdhury, emeritus professor of Jadavpur University, have expressed concerns about the way the process has been handled. These figures are generally regarded as free-thinking public intellectuals rather than supporters of any particular political party, yet they have voiced dissatisfaction with how the Election Commission and judicial officers conducted the SIR process. Sarkar said, "It is terrible. The BJP should not advance its political interests through the Election Commission and SIR." In the end, how all these factors will influence the final electoral outcome remains uncertain. As the saying goes, the final word will only be known when the results are declared.

Strengthening Social Protection For All Types Of Workers Is Urgent

In a context of rapidly changing labour markets, a new report of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has said that strengthening social protection for all types of workers have become urgent. Robust social protection systems are essential in helping people, societies and economies to navigate the change, it says. The report has also pointed out the financing gaps in social security protection. Encouraging examples notwithstanding, the annual financing gap to achieve universal social protection in low- and middle-income countries remains vast, standing at 3.3 per cent of GDP. Of this, 2.0 per cent of GDP is required for essential health care and 1.3 per cent for the following five key benefits: 0.6 per cent of GDP is for child benefits, 0.3 per cent for old-age pensions, 0.2 per cent for disability benefits, 0.2 per cent for unemployment benefits and 0.05 per cent for maternity benefits. The report titled "Universal Social Protection in changing labour markets: Protecting Workers in all types of employment" has emphasized that social protection needs to play a greater role to mend and reinvigorate currently strained social contracts. This requires not only a strengthening of social protection systems, including floors, but also increased policy coherence and coordinating social

protection with other relevant policy domains. Social protection coverage is often tied to people's employment situation, a relationship made more complex as the world of work changes and diversifies, it says. When it comes to social insurance coverage, the reality is more complex than what can be captured by a simple dichotomy of "standard" versus "non-standard" forms of employment. Depending on national contexts, coverage levels can differ greatly among and within different subcategories of workers (including part-time, temporary and self-employed workers), pointing to the importance of policy design in shaping coverage results in specific labour market contexts. One of the reasons for persistent coverage gaps is the fact that many workers and their families are neither covered by contributory mechanisms (especially social insurance) nor by non-contributory (usually tax-financed) mechanisms - they fall through the cracks of both types of mechanisms, and thus are often referred to as the "missing middle", leaving them vulnerable. Some categories of workers are less likely to be covered by social insurance than others, for instance, workers on temporary contracts (especially seasonal workers, those with very short

contracts or those in casual labour), in part-time work (especially those with very few and irregular hours), workers on digital platforms, agricultural workers and those in self-employment, depending on national policy and legal frameworks and their implementation. As a result, many of these workers find themselves in informal employment, which further contributes to their high vulnerability. Another key factor that influences social insurance coverage is enterprise size. In almost all countries, social security coverage of employees in smaller enterprises is lower than for those in larger enterprises. Low coverage is a particular challenge for enterprises with less than five workers, often due to exclusion from legal frameworks, relatively high administrative cost of registration or low compliance. For social protection systems to support people in navigating work and life transitions, a focus on reducing poverty is not enough - a shift towards preventing poverty is necessary for better outcomes, it says. Intervening only once people have fallen into poverty is neither in line with the universal right to social security, nor conducive to human and economic development. In many cases, policy debates focus on "the

poor" and "the non-poor" as if these two categories were distinct and stable over time. However, longitudinal data demonstrate that for some people and households, poverty might be a transient experience, others move in and out of poverty, while for others, poverty is chronic. Such high levels of flux at the lower end of the income distribution are one of the reasons for which narrow poverty targeting often results in high levels of exclusion. Recognizing such poverty dynamics and designing policies and programmes in a more forward-looking way contributes to preventing negative coping strategies, such as selling valuable assets, taking on debt or reducing expenditure, including on children's food and education. To ensure human and economic development in a world of heightened vulnerability and volatility, developing more effective social protection systems is an urgent priority. Instead of being primarily reactive, social protection should address the root causes of poverty by establishing dependable systems that reduce vulnerability, reinforce people's capabilities and prevent people from falling into poverty in the first place. Finally, the report says, it should be noted that universal coverage of a social protection system does not

necessarily need to be achieved by universal programmes. In contexts where contributory pensions have significant coverage, social pensions, for instance, may be pension-tested and provided only to those without a sufficient contributory pension. Advantages of integrating contributory and non-contributory forms of social protection include lower levels of expenditure on tax-financed schemes and the potential for higher benefit levels through the expansion of social insurance benefits. Here it is important to ensure that the interaction between contributory and non-contributory forms of social protection does not create negative incentives towards contributing to social insurance, which could happen, for instance when making even a small contribution to the social insurance system would immediately disqualify one from tax-financed benefits, or when tax-financed benefits are higher than contributory benefits. To avoid such situations, the careful coordination between contributory and non-contributory schemes is advisable. For example, a tapered pension test can ensure that for those on lower incomes, tax-financed pensions complement social insurance pensions, and are gradually withdrawn at higher levels of income.



Check how Indian stock market is expected to trade on 13 April as US-Iran talks fail

The Indian stock market benchmark indices, Sensex and Nifty 50, are likely to open lower on Monday, tracking weak global market cues, after a jump in crude oil prices as the US-Iran ceasefire talks failed to reach any agreement. The trends on Gift Nifty also indicate a gap-down start for the Indian benchmark index. The Gift Nifty was trading around 23,771 level, a discount of nearly 330 points from the Nifty futures' previous close.

On Friday, the Indian stock market jumped, with the benchmark Nifty 50 closing above 24,000 level.

Rs 2 lakh off peak: Is it time to buy silver or wait for more correction?



New Delhi: Silver prices have corrected sharply from their record highs, falling nearly Rs 2 lakh, or around 45 per cent, from the January peak of Rs 4,39,337. The sharp fall has raised a key question for investors — whether to buy the dip or stay on the sidelines. Gold has also seen a similar trend. Prices are down over Rs 51,000 from their peak of Rs 2,02,984 per 10 grams. While the correction makes valuations look attractive, volatility remains elevated. This is keeping sentiment cautious. The decline comes amid a complex global backdrop. The failure of US-Iran talks has escalated tensions around the Strait of Hormuz. This has raised concerns over energy supply disruptions. At the same time, crude oil prices have surged. Brent is near \$103 per barrel and WTI is above \$105. Rising oil

prices are fuelling inflation fears and complicating the outlook for interest rate cuts. Typically, such uncertainty supports safe-haven assets. However, higher rates and a strong dollar are weighing on bullion prices, creating an unusual divergence.

Silver remains supported despite volatility

Market expert Ajay Kedia said the broader structure for silver remains strong despite recent corrections. "MCX Silver is once again reflecting the renewed strength, holding well above Rs 2,40,000, seen in the global bullion complex, as safe-haven demand, physical tightness, and structural supply deficits continue to support prices," he said. He added that after a volatile correction in March, silver has recovered in line with global markets. "Prices on

COMEX rebounded nearly 2 per cent to \$77.16 per ounce, driven by fresh geopolitical uncertainty and a softer US dollar," Kedia said.

Dual demand, liquidity boost add support

Kedia highlighted silver's dual role as a key support factor. "The key support for silver remains its dual character as both a precious metal and an industrial metal," he said. He noted that macro risks are still present. "Ceasefire uncertainty between the US and Iran, continuing risks around the Strait of Hormuz, and persistent inflation concerns are keeping investment demand alive," he said. On the monetary side, he pointed to rising liquidity. "The Federal Reserve's recent \$20 billion balance sheet expansion, taking liquidity addition since its policy pivot to nearly \$158

billion, is reinforcing the monetary case for silver as a hedge against currency debasement," Kedia added.

Physical market tight; demand outpaces supply

Kedia said the physical market remains structurally tight. "China imported a record 790 tonnes in the first two months of 2026, with February alone accounting for 470 tonnes, while local Chinese premiums surged to nearly \$8 per ounce above COMEX, signalling strong physical demand," he said.

He added that global demand continues to exceed supply. "Solar alone is projected to consume 160 million ounces in 2026, while broader industrial fabrication remains near 650 million ounces," he said.

Silver outlook: key levels to track

On the near-term outlook, Kedia said silver will remain headline-driven. "Silver remains highly headline-driven in the short term as long as holding above Rs 2,36,500, while resistance remains towards Rs 2,48,000," he said. He added that the broader trend still favours strength. "Safe-haven demand, physical tightness, and sustained industrial offtake suggest that MCX Silver is likely to remain well supported, with corrections attracting fresh buying interest rather than triggering a deeper trend reversal," Kedia said.

Noida wage protests: Dixon Techcomp says operations compliant, no disruption reported

New Delhi: Dixon Technologies (India) Ltd on Monday said its operations continue without disruption despite labour protests reported in the Noida region of Uttar Pradesh, adding that the situation has not had any material impact on its business. In an exchange filing, the company said the unrest is not isolated to any single firm but is part of an industry-wide issue, which it attributed to misinformation circulating across multiple industrial units in the region. "The event is industry-wide and primarily triggered by misinformation affecting multiple industries in Noida region. We confirm that our Company's operations remain fully compliant with applicable laws with no material impact on our operations," the company said. Dixon also said employee safety and welfare remain its top priority and noted that authorities are working with industries in the region to restore normalcy.

Protests turn tense in Noida Phase 2

The clarification comes after labour unrest broke out in Noida's Phase 2 industrial area on Monday, where workers from several factories gathered to press for higher wages and improved working conditions. The protest escalated as workers took to stone pelting and were reportedly



caused damage to vehicles and property from the site. Workers demand included the implementation of minimum wages as per government rules, revision of pay structures, fixed duty hours, weekly offs, and better workplace conditions.

Dixon calls it an industry-wide issue

Dixon said the developments should not be seen as company-specific and stressed that its operations remain stable. The company maintained that it is closely monitoring the situation and continues to comply fully with labour laws and regulatory requirements. It also said coordination is ongoing between industry bodies and government authorities to ensure normal operations resume across the region.

Other companies issue similar statements

Peer firms have also responded to the situation. Samvardhana Motherson International Ltd earlier said that labour protests in Noida and other locations have not impacted its operations in any material way. The company also described the unrest as a broader industry concern linked to misinformation around wage-related issues rather than isolated workplace disputes.

No operational disruption reported

Despite the protests, Dixon said there has been no disruption to production or supply chain activity. The company reiterated that its facilities continue to operate normally and remain fully compliant with statutory requirements.

Q3 performance in focus

The update comes shortly after Dixon Technologies reported its Q3 FY26 earn-

ings. The company posted revenue of Rs 10,671 crore, up 2.1 per cent year-on-year, but slightly below street expectations of around Rs 10,783 crore, according to a CNBC-TV18 poll. The weaker performance was mainly due to pressure in the mobile segment, where revenue fell 27 per cent sequentially, even though it grew 5 per cent year-on-year. The segment continues to account for about 92 per cent of total revenue. EBITDA for the quarter stood at Rs 414.6 crore, rising 5.8 per cent year-on-year.

Stock slips after update

Shares of Dixon Technologies ended the session at Rs 10,571 on the NSE on Monday, down Rs 105 or 0.98 per cent, as investors tracked both earnings trends and developments around labour unrest in Noida.

Stocks to Buy in Short Term: These scrips could surprise with sharp upside in the next 3 months; Titan and others in the list



New Delhi: Stocks to BUY: Dalal Street is back to being jittery. After ending above the 24,000 mark last week, the market quickly lost steam, with selling pressure taking over on Monday. The Nifty slipped 208 points to close at 23,842, a reminder of how quickly sentiment is shifting in the current environment.

What's driving the market right now

According to ICICI Direct, the near-term direction isn't tied to just one factor. There are multiple moving pieces. Global developments, especially around Iran and any situation involving the Strait of Hormuz, are being watched closely. Crude oil prices are another big trigger and any sharp move there tends to ripple across markets. Back home, attention is also on Q4 earnings, whether foreign institutional investors (FIIs) return with meaningful inflows, and how the rupee behaves against the dollar. Together, these factors are likely to set the tone in the coming weeks. In the

middle of all this uncertainty, ICICI Direct has picked three stocks for a three-month view: Radico Khaitan, Reliance Industries and Titan Company. The idea is simple — even in a choppy market, there are pockets where trades can work. Radico Khaitan is hovering around Rs 2,808. The suggested buying range is Rs 2,700 to Rs 2,772, with a target of Rs 3,100 and a stop loss at Rs 2,548. The stock hasn't done much in recent weeks, but that's also why some see a possible catch-up move if sentiment

improves.

Reliance Industries: Watching for a bounce

Reliance Industries is trading near Rs 1,315 and has been under a bit of pressure lately. The recommended entry range is Rs 1,306 to Rs 1,336, with a target of Rs 1,480 and a stop loss at Rs 1,237. Given its size and presence across sectors, the stock often comes back into favour when markets stabilise. Titan looks relatively stronger on the charts. At around Rs 4,437, the suggested buying zone is Rs 4,315 to

Rs 4,435. The target is Rs 4,900, with a stop loss at Rs 4,098. Demand in the jewellery segment has been holding up, which is reflecting in the stock's performance as well. Titan Company Ltd reported a strong set of numbers for the December quarter (Q3FY26), with consolidated net profit rising 61 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,684 crore, driven by robust festive demand in jewellery and steady growth across other consumer segments. On a consolidated basis, total income surged 40 per cent year-on-year to Rs 24,592 crore in Q3FY26, compared with Rs 17,583 crore in the year-ago period, reflecting strong consumer demand despite elevated gold prices.

Levels that matter for Nifty

On the charts, 23,500-23,400 is seen as an important support zone for the Nifty. If the index slips below this, sentiment could weaken further. On the upside, 24,000-24,100 is likely to act as a hurdle, where selling has been seen recently.

LIC board gives nod to 1:1 bonus issue—What investors need to know



New Delhi: Public sector life insurance company LIC's board on Monday gave the nod to a proposed bonus issuance in the ratio of 1:1. A 1:1 bonus -- read as 'one for one' in market parlance -- means that eligible shareholders will receive one equity share for each equity share held in the company. This marks the state-run life insurance behemoth's first bonus issuance since the listing of its shares in 2022. In a regulatory filing made post-market hours on

Monday, the company said that eligible investors will receive one fully-paid up equity share of the face value of Rs 10 for every one fully-paid up equity share on the record date. However, it is not the first time the life insurance PSU has decided to reward its shareholders. It has announced several dividend in the four-year period. Earlier on Monday, LIC shares ended 1.3 per cent higher at Rs 809 apiece on NSE, outperforming a Mumbai-mar-

ket where benchmarks fell nearly one per cent at the end of a volatile day.

LIC Bonus Shares | What investors must know

How much will PSU life insurer pay as bonus?

The company will be capitalising shares worth up to Rs 6,325 crore through the bonus shares. This is subject to shareholders' nod. This amounts to 632.5 crore shares of the face value of Rs 10 each. Out of the total authorised capital of Rs 25,000 crore, the

company's paid-up capital will increase from Rs 6,325 crore to Rs 12,650 crore post-bonus, according to the filing.

When will LIC bonus shares be paid?

The bonus shares will be credited to the demat accounts of eligible shareholders on or before June 12, the filing noted.

What are bonus shares?

The issuance of bonus shares -- a type of corporate action, just like dividends -- is a tool that enables listed companies to reward their shareholders.

What does the bonus issuance ratio tell investors?

A bonus issuance ratio -- in this case, 1:1 -- tells the ratio of the quantity of bonus shares allotted to existing shareholders. For instance, a 1:1 bonus means that a shareholder holding even one unit of the company's stock by a qualifying date will be eligible to receive the one bonus equity share.

Auto makers clinch strong March sales; double-digit percentage growth in PVs, two- and three-wheelers

New Delhi: Auto makers registered an overall growth of 16 per cent in passenger vehicle sales in the country last month over the corresponding period a year ago, according to data from industry body SIAM. They sold a total of 4.43 lakh passenger vehicles during this period. With that, the industry closed FY26 with PV sales growth of 8 per cent at 46.4 lakh, the data

showed. SIAM noted that although the auto space witnessed strong overall trends in FY26, some pressure was witnessed owing to disruptions linked to the West Asia crisis. The year began on a muted note but the central government's GST 2.0 reforms -- prompting auto makers to lower their prices -- aided activity in the sector, leading to a pick-up in the second half

of the year. Besides, interest rate cuts and a robust domestic demand cycle also supported demand for automobiles across segments.

Here are key takeaways from the latest data set: March 2026

In two-wheelers, domestic sales increased 19.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis to 19.8 lakh. Out of those sales, motorcycle sales rose

13 per cent to 11.7 lakh units, while scooter sales surged 29.8 per cent to 7.61 lakh units. In the three-wheeler segment, sales increased 21 per cent to 7.62 lakh units. In the commercial vehicle category, total passenger carrier sales increased 23 per cent to 61,264 units during the month. In the same category, goods carrier sales grew 15 per cent to 13,367 units. In the e-rick-

shaw space, total sales declined 9 per cent to 972 units. The industry witnessed strong growth in foreign markets, with total vehicle exports zooming 23 per cent to 17.5 lakh. Out of the total exports, the passenger vehicles segment saw growth of 22 per cent to 2.34 lakh, with two-wheeler exports up 21 per cent at 13.8 lakh units and three-wheeler exports up 45 per cent at 1.13 lakh.



National Academy of Agricultural Sciences organizes a Brainstorming session to develop a roadmap for achieving Atmanirbharta in fertilizers

- Agricultural sector will play a pivotal role in this journey towards Atmanirbhar Bharat by 2047: Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary DARE

- Reducing fertilizer import dependence is imperative; strengthening Soil Health Cards, balanced use, and farmer awareness key to sustainable agriculture: Dr. Jat



New Delhi, April, 14 (PIB): The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) today organized a Brainstorming session (BSS) to develop a roadmap for achieving Atmanirbharta (self-reliance) in fertilizers. Representatives from concerned Government departments, Academia, Fertilizer Industry and Farmers participated in the discussions, and opined unequivocally the necessity of Atmanirbharta in this critical sector. After the session, Secretary, Department of Agriculture Research and

Education under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and DG, Indian Council of Agriculture Research and President, NAAS Dr. M.L. Jat addressed a press conference. In his address, he said that India has set a target of achieving Atmanirbhar Bharat by 2047, and the agricultural sector will play a pivotal role in this journey. While fertilizers were instrumental during the Green Revolution in boosting production, the current challenge lies in declining fertilizer use efficiency and their indiscriminate application.

Dr. Jat further added that with the country consuming nearly 33 million tonnes of fertilizers annually, a significant share of which is imported, reducing import dependency has become imperative. He said addressing this issue requires a comprehensive approach spanning short-term, medium-term, and long-term strategies. He said that the strengthening initiatives like the Soil Health Card scheme, promoting balanced and need-based fertilizer application, and enhancing awareness among farmers are important steps in this direction. Dr. Jat informed that we must leverage modern technologies such as precision nutrient management, artificial intelligence, and sensor-based systems to optimize fertilizer use. Crop diversification towards pulses and oilseeds, recycling organic waste under the Waste-to-Wealth initiative, and increasing the use of biological sources will further contribute to reducing dependence on chemical fertilizers, he added. Speaking about the

brainstorming session, he informed that it was advised by the participants to adopt a multi-pronged strategy with short, medium and long-term R&D goals, and enabling policies to achieve the same. The roadmap should emphasize strengthening fertilizer research for development of smart alternate fertilizers, utilization of unexploited indigenous minerals (glauconite, phosphate rocks, mica, polyhalite...) and industrial by-products, increased use of biologicals, exploiting the potential of soil microbiome, improved composting techniques, crop breeding for enhanced NUE, good agricultural practices (GAP) involving precision nutrient management integrating fertilizers and organics, soil health restoration, crop diversification and residue recycling. It was also emphasized that there is need to launch a Mission Mode Program to promote Integrated Nutrient Supply and Management (INSAM). The goal of proposed mission would be to replace at least 25% of

current mineral fertilizer use with organic manures in the next 3 years. An aggressive round-the-year technology transfer using digital tools such as AI platform Bharat VISTAAR would help largescale adoption of the proven technologies. Weak extension lays greater emphasis on increasing fertilizer use and not on its efficient use. The representatives reached a consensus that a paradigm shift is needed in the current fertilizer policies, especially bringing urea in the ambit of nutrient-based subsidy, repurposing fertilizer subsidy as an incentive for adoption of GAP, linking subsidies with soil health card, and exploring the possibility to disbursing subsidy to the farmers as direct cash transfer. Availability of cheap urea is a principal disincentive to make its efficient use or to stop making its over-use. Proportionally underuse than recommended of more expensive fertilizer P and K provokes their deficiencies in soil and crops.

Background
Green revolution marked a turning point in India's agricultural history which enabled India to transition from food scarcity to self-sufficiency, marking a structural transformation in agriculture. Fertilizers have been central to India's agricultural transformation since the Green Revolution, significantly increasing food grain production and ensuring national food security. However, the sector remains heavily import-dependent, especially for phosphorus and potassium, leading to high foreign exchange outflows and a substantial subsidy burden, which reached nearly ₹1.71 lakh crore in 2024-25. Inefficient and imbalanced fertilizer use further constrains productivity, as crops utilize only a fraction of applied nutrients—about 30-50% of nitrogen, 15-25% of phosphorus, and 50-60% of potassium—while the remainder is lost through leaching, runoff, volatilization, or soil fixation.

Amit Shah says, Women's Reservation Bill is the need of the hour

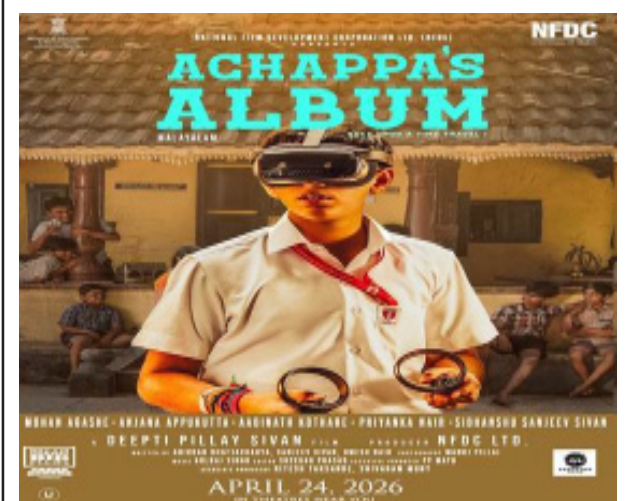
- The Modi government is resolved to bring and implement Women's Reservation Bill
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- This is a change that should certainly take place for the better, without delay
- I hope everyone will step forward and support this historic move



New Delhi, April, 14 (PIB): Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah, has said that the Women's Reservation Bill is the need of the hour and the Modi government is resolved to bring and implement this legislation. In a post on X, Shri Amit Shah said, "Women's Reservation Bill is the need of the hour. This is the rightful due of our Nari Shakti to contribute to policymaking and empower the nation. The Modi government is resolved to bring and implement this legislation. This is a change that should certainly take place for the better, without delay. I hope everyone will step forward and support this historic move."

NFDC Announces Nationwide Release of its Malayalam Feature Film Achappa's Album on 24th April 2026

The Film Captures a Unique Family Fantasy, Blending an Innovative Time-Travel Concept with Generational Emotions



New Delhi, April, 14 (PIB): The National Film Development Corporation Ltd. (NFDC), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, is set to release its latest Malayalam feature film, Achappa's Album (Gramama Album). A unique combination of family fantasy, comedy, and emotion, the film explores a time-travel narrative and is scheduled to hit screens on 24 April 2026. Directed by Deepti Pillay Sivan and written by Sanjeev Sivan, Anirban Bhattacharya, and Umesh Nair, the film explores the universal fascination with revisiting the past. The plot follows a father and son who, through an unforeseen twist of fate, begin living each other's lives. This transformation serves as the backdrop for a poignant and humorous exploration of generational perspectives and life choices.

The film features a notable ensemble cast, including veteran actor Mohan Agashe, alongside Anjana Appukuttan, Aadinath Kothare, Priyanka Nair, and Sidhanshu Sanjeev Sivan. The technical crew boasts renowned professionals such as cinematographer Manoj Pillai, National Award-winning editor Sreekar Prasad, and music composer Gulraj Singh. Speaking about the film, Director Deepti Pillay Sivan said, "The film explores deep human relationships through a simple yet engaging time-travel narrative. We are grateful for NFDC's pivotal support in bringing this story to the silver screen." Highlighting NFDC's role in promoting diverse cinema, Shri Prakash Magdum, Managing Director, NFDC, stated, "This film reflects our commitment to nurturing unique voices in Indian cinema. By combining an imaginative concept with emotional depth, Achappa's Album has the potential to resonate with audiences across all generations." The first glimpse teaser is currently available on NFDC's social media platforms, with the official trailer expected to be released shortly. The teaser may be viewed [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6WdGZNA5u8]. **About NFDC:** Established in 1975, the National Film Development Corporation Ltd. (NFDC) is the apex body under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for the development of Indian cinema. It supports the entire filmmaking ecosystem, from production and promotion to the preservation of films across various Indian languages.

Today's Horoscope



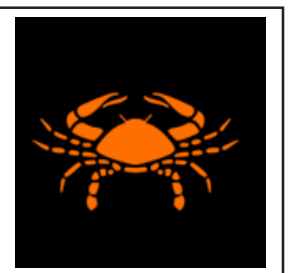
Aries
Today is also a good day to follow religious and spiritual interest. Today, you can get into a fight with someone close, and things can escalate to the court. Because of this, your hard-earned money will be spent. Auspicious day for housewarming. Love is just like spring; flowers, air, sunshine, butterflies. You will feel the romantic tickle today. Do not come under pressure of others when making important business decisions. Efforts made to improve your looks and personality will turn out to your satisfaction. Marriage is a blessing, and today you are going to experience it.
Remedy :- Wear yellow clothes, more often, to enhance your professional life.



Taurus
Don't depend on fate try to improve your health as fortunate is a lazy goddess Today, you are likely to attain economic benefits due to your children. This will make you very happy. Auspicious day to start a new family venture. Take the help of other members to make it a great success. Chances of meeting the loveliest bass in the lake are high on your cards. Business contacts that you have developed recently will benefit in the long run. The day is great. Take time out for yourself today and evaluate your shortcomings. This will bring positive changes in your personality. You and your spouse might get a wonderful news today.
Remedy :- Reciting (Om Shukraaya Namaha) 11 times will contribute to good health.



Gemini
Take special care while working at home. Any careless handling of domestic utilities could cause you some problem. Don't even try to lend money to anyone today, and if necessary, then take it in writing about the time duration in which s/he will repay the amount. Visit a relative who has not been keeping to well. You needn't dream about your erotic fantasies anymore; they might come true today. This is a wonderful day to negotiate with new clients. If you run from a situation- it will follow you in the worst possible way. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations.
Remedy :- For maintaining good health, put copper rivets on the four legs of your bed.



Cancer
Your childlike nature will surface and you will be in a playful mood. Today, you can get into a fight with someone close, and things can escalate to the court. Because of this, your hard-earned money will be spent. Take benefit of the free time you get today and spend loving moments with family members. Be careful as falling in love could be sacrilege for you today. Long pending decisions get finalized and plans for new ventures get streamlined. Loss or theft may occur if you are careless with your belongings. The low health of your spouse might become an hindrance in your work, but you will be able to manage everything somehow.
Remedy :- Avoid intake of alcohol and non-veg for propitiating Lord Vishnu and to reduce the malefic effects of planet Mercury. This will help in your financial progress.



Leo
Inject a bright beautiful and glorious picture in your mind to uplift your spirits. You are very likely to attain financial benefits today, but you must perform charity and make donations, as it will acquire mental peace. Gracefully accept the invitation- if you are invited to somewhere you haven't been. Your boyfriend or girlfriend may remain angry today because of their familial conditions. Try to calm them down by talking. You have the ability to achieve lots- so go after the opportunities that come your way. Realizing the fragility of time, you will like to spend your time in solitude away from everyone. It would also be beneficial for you to do so. Domestic help might not come on work today, which might create stress with your life-partner.
Remedy :- Gift your girlfriend/ boyfriend yellow clothing/fabrics and make your relations strong.



Virgo
Make your life more sublime to enjoy the richer grandeur of infinite life. Absence of worry is the first step in this direction. You'll come to understand the fact today that investing often proves to be very beneficial for you, as any old investment made by you an offer profitable returns. Take the opinion of your family members before finalising anything. Your unilateral decision could create some problems. Create harmony in family to achieve best results. Love can drift you in a new world while standing at one place. It's the day when you will go on a romantic trip. New proposals will be alluring but it will not be wise to take any hasty decisions. Travel opportunities should be explored. Your and spouse will quarrel over small issues but this might ruin your marriage on a long term basis. Be careful not to trust what others say or suggest. Remedy :- For quick growth in the area of profession, rise up early in the morning, greet the rising Sun and chant Gayatri Mantra 11 times.



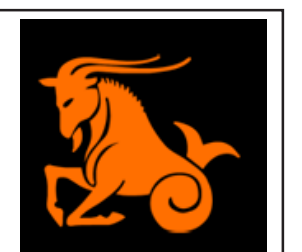
Libra
The needs of others will interfere with your desire to take care of yourself- Don't hold your feelings and do things that you like in order to relax. Any issues related to money can get solved today and you can attain financial benefits. Don't let your friends take advantage of your generous nature. Relations with your darling might get strained even over very small issues. Today you will receive recognition for the work you have done. The natives of this zodiac sign would like to spend more time alone than meeting people today. Today, your free time can be spent by cleaning the house. Your spouse might feel unimportant today due to your hectic schedule, and he/she might show the displeasure in the evening.
Remedy :- Buy a pair of parrot (female and male) and free them in the open sky to obtain prosperity in family life.



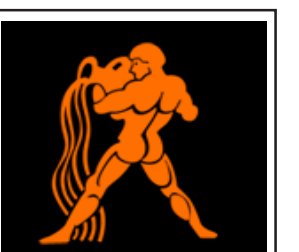
Scorpio
Your generous attitude would be a blessing in disguise as you are likely to be liberated from many vices like doubt, disloyalty, depression, lack of faith, greed, attachment, egoism, and jealousy. Those who invest their money in the stock market can suffer losses today. It will be better for you to become attentive and alert regarding your investments. Your brother will be more supportive to your needs than you had thought. Your beloved will seem a bit irritated- which will add pressure on your mind. Enroll yourself into short-term programs that will help you learn latest technologies and skills. While fulfilling the needs of the family, you often forget to give yourself a break. But today, you will be able to take out some time for yourself and look for a new hobby. Your plans might get disturbed due to an unexpected guest, but it will make your day.
Remedy :- Offering Dhruva at Lord Ganesha temple will be good for financial life.



Sagittarius
Take the support of family members to relieve from your tension. Accept their help gracefully. You must not bottle up feelings and pressure within. Sharing your problems frequently would help you. Some natives of this sign are expected to gain financial benefits today through their kids. Today, you'll be proud of your child. Great day when you would receive all the attention you want- you would have many things lined up and you would have problems in deciding which ones to follow. Instant romance could come your way if you go out with friends in the evening. Today your artistic and creative ability will attract lot of appreciation and bring you unexpected rewards. If you are married and have children, then they can complain to you regarding you not being able to give them ample time. Today, you will realize that your marriage had never been so beautiful.
Remedy :- Healthy life will be maintained by donating boiled grams to needy persons.



Capricorn
Suffering from a body pains is high on the card. Try to avoid any physical exertion that would put more stress on your body. Remember to take sufficient rest. If you want to become financially strong in the future, then you have to start saving money from today. Very good day to go on a picnic with your wife. It will not only change your mood but also help in sorting out your misunderstandings. Love is in the air for you. Just look around, everything is pink. Keep a vigil in the business to save yourself from cheating. Good news most likely from a distant place expected by late evening. Things look really fabulous when it comes on your marital life.
Remedy :- Mix wheat, whole red lentils and red vermillion in water while bathing, for good health.



Aquarius
Don't depend on fate and try to improve your health as fortune is a lazy goddess which will never come to you. It is high time for you to control your weight and restart exercising to regain your health. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Do not be rude to your guests. Your behaviour will not only upset your family but may create a void in relations. Today, you will not be able to fulfill any of your promises, which can make your lover grumpy. Good day for recreation and entertainment but if you are working then you need to look carefully at your business dealings. Today, you can surprise your spouse by spending your time with them, leaving all your work. If you took your spouse on a romantic date today, things will become better in your relationship.
Remedy :- Donate Barley, equivalent to your weight, to a goshala or cowshed for bliss and peace in family life.



Pisces
Playing with kids would give you a wonderful healing experience. The economic side is likely to strengthen. If you had lent money to a person, you are expected to get that money back today. Health of your spouse may cause reason for stress and anxiety. Interference of others will cause frictions. Investment made today would be lucrative but you will probably get some opposition from partners. You will make commitment to the people who look up to you for help. You might experience a tough and bold side of your spouse today, which might make you feel uncomfortable.
Remedy :- For strengthening family bonds, bury five yellow flowers near a Peepal tree.

Fact Check: Is Pawan Kalyan Doing a Cameo in Jailer 2?



After reports surfaced that Shah Rukh Khan is not part of the cameo in *Jailer 2*, some Tamil media handles began claiming that Power Star Pawan Kalyan has silently shot for a cameo. However, when we reached out to a credible source close to Pawan, they dismissed these reports as completely false. The speculation appears unlikely, as Pawan is already struggling to complete his own film commitments, which are often delayed due to his responsibilities as the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. Given this, doing a cameo seems impractical. As reported earlier, the cameo role remains uncertain, with names like Nandamuri Balakrishna and Shah Rukh Khan previously being speculated.

Allu Arjun With Prashanth Neel, Is It Possible Now?



The post-Raaka roadmap of Allu Arjun is grabbing attention, with multiple big-ticket collaborations in discussion. Reports suggest that the star is planning a dream lineup with directors like Prashanth Neel, Sandeep Reddy Vanga, and others after completing his immediate commitments.

However, the Prashanth Neel project is not as straightforward as it seems. Not many are aware

that Neel is currently tied up with a massive 'two-part' film featuring Jr NTR. The director is expected to complete both Part 1 and Part 2 of this ambitious project before taking up any new films. Reports indicate that the two parts are being planned on a large scale, keeping Neel occupied for a significant period. On the other hand, Allu Arjun himself has a packed schedule. He is currently fo-

cused on Raaka, his big-budget film with Atlee, and will immediately move on to his project with Lokesh Kanagaraj after its completion.

Given these commitments on both sides, the Allu Arjun-Prashanth Neel collaboration may take time to materialize. While the idea of this combination is exciting, fans might have to wait longer than expected for it to go on floors.

Aditya Dhar calls Prabhas a legend, fans make it viral

Filmmaker Aditya Dhar has delighted fans of Prabhas with a simple yet powerful gesture. While thanking Sandeep Reddy Vanga for appreciating "Dhurandhar 2," Dhar made a special mention of the pan-Indian star. In his message, Dhar asked Vanga to convey his regards to Prabhas. The mention comes in the backdrop of Vanga currently directing Prabhas in "Spirit." Recently, both Prabhas and Vanga watched "Dhurandhar 2" together at a private screening. What caught everyone's attention was Dhar's line: "Give my love to the Legend Prabhas sir!" The remark instantly struck a chord with fans.



Prabhas's admirers quickly amplified the message on social media, celebrating the "legend" tag. Many fans stated that the star has earned such recognition through his films, screen presence, and pan-India appeal, rather than through aggressive PR or paid promotions.

Chiranjeevi Reacts Strongly against Jana Nayagan leaks

Megastar Chiranjeevi has consistently demonstrated a deep awareness and a proactive approach in reacting to industry crises, stepping up once again to condemn the massive online leak of Jana Nayagan. The political action thriller starring Thalapathy Vijay is battling severe piracy threats today.

The journey to the big screen has been incredibly challenging for this project, with its original release in January halted completely due to severe censor board roadblocks.

Sharing his thoughts on X, Chiranjeevi strongly emphasized how piracy acts as a harmful force that cripples the cinema industry and diminishes creative efforts.

He wrote, "The unfortunate leak of #Jananayagan is something that deeply concerns me. Cinema is built on trust, effort, and the collective dreams of many. Such incidents affect all of us in the industry and remind us how crucial it is to protect our creative work. My thoughts and support are with the movie team. Let us all take responsibility to respect and



protect cinema. Kill Piracy. Save Cinema." His support is a significant boost for KVN Productions, the banner behind Jana Nayagan, which is also producing Chiranjeevi's next major cin-

ematic venture. Many observers point out that Vijay's clear political alignment and his transition into full-time politics have created a complex environment, leading to these repeated

troubles and delays. The entire film fraternity is now urging audiences to reject pirated versions and respect the monumental effort put into the film by waiting for the official release.

Eesha Rebba reveals her real love of life, not Tharun Bhascker

Eesha Rebba has been in the news lately over her alleged close relationship with Tharun Bhascker.

During the promotions of their film "Om Shanti Shanti Shantih", both faced repeated questions about their dating. At one point, Tharun Bhascker even hinted that he would share some "good news" soon, sparking speculation about their wedding plans. The film was released in theaters in January 2026.

However, three months after the film's release, there has been no official update. The duo also attended Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda's Udaipur wedding together, appearing much like a couple, but remained silent about their own plans. According to industry insiders, the two have reportedly decided to put their marriage plans on hold for now and focus on their respective careers.

Meanwhile, Eesha Rebba shared a fresh set of pic-



tures on Instagram on Thursday. In one of the photos, she is seen with her pet dog, calling it the "love of my life." Tharun Bhascker is currently busy directing "ENE2" and will also be promoting "Gaayapadda Simham", in which he plays one of the lead roles. On the other hand, Eesha Rebba is yet to announce her next project. While sources claim the two are in a relationship, neither has officially confirmed it so far.

SP Choudhary Aslam's wife demands Rs.25Cr from Dhurandhar?

No other Indian film was able to create as much public discussion as Dhurandhar in recent years. The film was a phenomenal success at the ticket counters, and it has now proceeded to create geopolitical discourses as well. But strangely the film is facing a very peculiar and unexpected situation now as it is facing revenue sharing demands from SP Choudhary's wife Naureen. Going into the story, Dhurandhar features this feisty cop character, SP Choudhary, who operated a task force in Lyari, Karachi, Pakistan. This real life character was portrayed by Bollywood veteran Sanjay Dutt on screen and he did a phenomenal job with the same. On that note, Choudhary's wife, Naureen has stated that the film extensively uses her husband's character and reveals his connections with Dawood and the underworld which weren't known to the world. So she has now demanded Rs.25 crore in Pakistani currency from the makers of Dhurandhar for using her husband's name and character. This comes shortly after the people of Karachi, where the



film is set, had requested the makers to share their profits with them. The public in the Lyari region in Karachi said the film extensively features this locality, and it is only fair that they get a

good 70 or 80% of the revenue of the film. But at the end of the day, these financial demands from such individuals always happens in the case of films based on real incidents. But the makers would

have already secured the legal parameters, and they will not be bounded by law to share any revenues for the time being. So, all these requests and demands will fall to a deaf ear.

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RCB Script History. Achieve Never-Done-Before IPL Feat Despite Rajasthan Royals Defeat

Royal Challengers Bengaluru scripted history despite suffering a six-wicket loss against Rajasthan Royals in their IPL 2026 encounter on Friday. The defending champions were completely outplayed as 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi slammed 78 off 26 deliveries to guide his team to a brilliant win. However, there was some positive for RCB as they bounced back from 94/6 to post a competitive total of 202. Skipper Rajat Patidar slammed a half-century and was able to stitch together significant partnerships with Romario Shepherd and Venkatesh Iyer. As a result, RCB became the first team ever in the history of the IPL to reach the 200-run mark despite losing their first six wickets for less than 100. Previously, the highest team total after losing the first six wickets within 100 belonged to Punjab Kings, who scored 183 against Mumbai Indians in 2024.

Shreyas Iyer Leads By Example As Punjab Kings Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad By 6 Wickets



Shreyas Iyer once again proved his worth as a leader and a batter, guiding Punjab Kings to a commanding six-wicket victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad in an Indian Premier League match on Saturday. After an astute piece of captaincy, Shreyas led by example with an unbeaten 69 off 33 balls to help PBKS chase down a daunting target of 220 with as many as seven balls to spare. The foundation for the victory was laid by a rollicking 99-run opening stand between Priyansh Arya (57 off 20 balls) and Prabhsimran Singh (51 off 25), after Abhishek Sharma unleashed a brutal onslaught with a blistering 28-ball 74 to power SRH to 219 for six. Sent in, Abhishek and Travis Head (38 off 23 balls) blew away the PBKS bowlers with a 120-run opening partnership in a mere

8.1 overs. The home team though made a fine comeback with the ball after Shashank Singh (2/20 in 3 overs) removed both openers in one over and, as a result, SRH, who were 120 for no loss at the start of ninth over, ended inside 220. Xavier Bartlett (1/42 in 4 overs) bowled a brilliant final over to concede just five runs. Abhishek smashed eight sixes and five fours. In reply, PBKS got the start they needed and raced to 93 for no loss in the powerplay, with the opening duo of Priyansh and Prabhsimran going hammer and tongs at the SRH bowlers. Left-arm spinner Harsh Dubey leaked 18 runs in the first over, providing PBKS with the perfect launch pad. Prabhsimran danced down the ground to get a couple of sixes, including one against veteran left-arm seamer Jaydev

Unadkat, even as Eshan Malinga gave away 17 runs. Priyansh then hammered Harshal Patel for 6, 6, 4, 4 to race to a 16-ball fifty. Shivang Kumar raised SRH hopes by picking three wickets but Shreyas completed the job for his side. Earlier, Abhishek got off the blocks quickly and launched into Arshdeep to collect 24 runs with the help of two fours and two maximums including a straight six and another off a top edge over third man. Marco Jansen, too, was taken to the cleaners with 16 runs in the left-arm quick's first over as SRH reached 60 for no loss in four overs. Abhishek reached his half-century in 18 balls with a six over long-on off a Vyshak Vijaykumar slower ball, and two balls later, a low full toss was lofted over long-on for another maximum to sig-

nal the end of another 24-run over, which propelled SRH to 84 for no loss in five overs, the best powerplay score at this venue. Abhishek enjoyed registering his first half-century of the season and received a hug from Head, before the two resumed their power hitting. Bartlett came back but the onslaught continued unabated as Head struck three consecutive boundaries and Abhishek pummelled one over deep midwicket for a maximum to bring up SRH's 100 inside the powerplay. With his front-line seamers leaking plenty of runs, Punjab skipper Shreyas Iyer introduced Shashank Singh and spinner Yuzvendra Chahal to slow things down, and the former gave away just six runs in his first over. Leg-spinner Chahal conceded only three runs in his first five balls before Abhishek danced down the wicket to smack him for a big six. Continuing with Shashank paid off for PBKS as he effected the much-needed first breakthrough with an innocuous delivery that Head hit to the fielder at long-on. Shashank struck again as Abhishek was caught by Arshdeep after the batter slashed a fuller-length ball but could not clear the boundary. Showing clever captaincy, Shreyas gave Chahal another over and, in the context of the game, he did the job asked of him by conceding just nine runs. SRH skipper Ishan Kishan (27 off 17) got out to Arshdeep while Heinrich Klaasen (39 off 33) was dismissed in the final over.

Shreyas Iyer Issues Reality Check To Punjab Kings Despite Unbeaten Start



Coming off a heartbreaking loss in last year's final, Punjab Kings look hungry for their first IPL title this season, though captain Shreyas Iyer acknowledged that "it will take a lot of effort to envision that". Shreyas led from the front with an unbeaten 69 off 33 balls to guide PBKS to a six-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in Mullanpur on Saturday, making small work of a 220-run target after openers Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh set it up with a rollicking stand of 99. "They're delivering on the field. I keep reiterating every now and then, you have to be in the present. Ricky (Ponting) also takes a lot of importance in this aspect. Even last year, we came so close to winning the trophy. This year, we want to lift it. It will take a lot of effort to envision that," Shreyas said at the presentation ceremony. Player of the Match Shreyas lauded the effort of his openers who laid a strong foundation with their explosive batting in the powerplay. "Firstly, we've got a phenomenal start. When you're chasing 220, you need that start. Pleasing to the eye,

proper cricketing shots. Steadied the rhythm at the start. Not easy, but maintaining that momentum - I needed to give myself time. Once I gauged the pace of the pitch..." Having opted to field after winning the toss, PBKS bowlers were taken to the cleaners by Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head, with the duo adding 120 runs in just 8.1 overs. However, Shashank Singh brought them back into the contest by removing both Head and Abhishek in the same over. Asked what was the thinking after SRH's start, Shreyas said, "All of us came together, and Shashank approached me, give me an over. Ricky came and asked me, what's your thought? I said I'll go with Shashank - I need someone to take the pace off. "He lived up to his expectations, he lived up to what he said, kudos to him... At the end of the day, we all know we've got the skills. We need a strong mindset when we go for such chases." Shreyas also said Priyansh and Prabhsimran have full freedom to express themselves at the top. "Openers have been flowing throughout, they don't need to curb their instincts.

Others, who set their platforms from ball one, it's easy for us to rotate strike and go according to run rate. Overall, we've been magnificent with our work ethic. "All players worked their... bodies off." Wearing a disappointed look, SRH captain Ishan Kishan acknowledged that they could have got more on the board after the start provided by Abhishek and Head and also admitted that his team was not good with execution. "We could have ended with a total of 250, the way we started... At the same time, they batted well in the beginning. At the same time, we were not so good with the execution - in T20 cricket, the most important thing is the execution of your good balls," Kishan said. "190 is a par score here, we could have had 240 here. But 220 was a great total. We had six or seven bowlers. It showed in their batting that it was easier scoring runs for them. I think in today's age, you don't have to plan much - you just do ahead of the game. You know which batter hits where. "When you don't execute balls, you have nothing - you just end up giving 10-20 runs."

"Where Is MS Dhoni?" Ravi Shastri Asks Under Pressure CSK Captain Ruturaj Gaikwad. His Reply



For the fourth straight match, Chennai Super Kings are without MS Dhoni. The five-time champions have lost three consecutive matches in IPL 2026. However, there are still no signs of former skipper Dhoni in the team dugout. Ahead of the IPL, the CSK management had said that Dhoni would miss the initial matches of the season due to a calf strain. While videos have surfaced of the five-time IPL-winning captain training, there is still no clarity on when

he will return. At the toss of the CSK vs Delhi Capitals match on Saturday, Ravi Shastri asked skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad, "Where is MS Dhoni?" "For those asking about MS Dhoni, he's at the hotel watching and supporting us. But yes, very soon, you'll see him out on the ground," Gaikwad replied. Talking about the match, Delhi Capitals skipper Axar Patel won the toss and elected to field against Chennai Super Kings in the IPL match in Chennai on

Saturday. The Capitals made two changes, bringing in Jammu & Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi and Ashutosh Sharma in place of Nitish Rana and Vipraj Nigam. "We would like to bowl first because the pitch looks good, and whatever score is set, we would prefer to chase it. The IPL is a long tournament, and the dressing-room atmosphere is very relaxed. The discussions have been around focusing on what we can control. Once we reach a certain point, there's no need to overthink things," Axar said. "So that's been the mindset-control what's in our hands. The mood is good. If you look at the balance of our side, we have almost all bases covered. Based on the options available, I think we've picked a very good combination. Compared to last year, the team looks more balanced, and hopefully we perform well today. As for the surface, it has been a good batting wicket this season. Over the last couple of years in Chennai, it has played well. It's a red-soil pitch, so there should be good bounce. Our aim will be to restrict them to as low a total as possible and then chase it down. There are two changes: Nabi comes in for

Vipraj, and Ashutosh Sharma replaces Nitish Rana." Gaikwad said that CSK have also made two changes, roping in Dewald Brevis and Gurjapneet Singh. "The pitch does look a bit on the drier side. We were actually 50-50 about the toss, but it's good to back ourselves. The aim is to put our best foot forward today, get that first win, and get on the points table. That's what we've been trying to do over the last couple of games as well," Gaikwad said. "Like I mentioned in the press conference, we've been improving in all departments. The batting has been doing really well; it's just a few key moments where we've missed out, and those are the areas we need to capitalise on. Overall, everyone is in a good space and really eager to go. When you look at the balance of the side, we are definitely playing to our potential. It's great to have Brevis back-he's excited and ready. The middle order looks solid as well. We've also brought in Gurjapneet Singh, who has been bowling well recently, in place of Matt Henry."

"Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Is Too Matured For A 15-Year-Old": RCB Star's Big Praise For RR Wonderkid



He may be just 15 years of age, but Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is already batting with a clarity and composure that defy his age, said Royal Challengers Bengaluru seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar. Sooryavanshi blazed his way to a stunning 78 off just 26 balls before Dhruv Jurel anchored the chase with an unbeaten 81, as Rajasthan Royals put past defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru by six wickets and two overs to spare, stretching their unbeaten run to four matches this season. "The way he is hitting shots. He is not slogging, he is hitting proper shots. For a 15-year-old, he is too mature. So yes, I think we should give him credit for the way he is batting, and he is batting really

well. So he deserves all the credit," Bhuvneshwar Kumar said at the post-match press conference on Friday. Despite Sooryavanshi's onslaught, which included eight fours and seven sixes, Bhuvneshwar maintained that RCB never felt completely outplayed. "It's a T20 game, I mean. Yes, he is young, and he is batting very well. He is batting maturely, but we never felt that somebody was thrashing us. If a 15-year-old can bat like this, even if he is 25 or 15, I think it's part of the T20 game. "Yes, we had plans, we dropped a catch too, but that happens in cricket. So we couldn't execute what we wanted to do, and I think it is a part of T20, so we are not worried that much," said Bhuvneshwar. "We tried what we could do. I

know that from the outside, the game looks a little slow compared to how it looks inside. Vaibhav played good shots. So I think we felt that we couldn't do anything different." Forced to bolster their batting in pursuit of a competitive total, RCB brought in all-rounder Venkatesh Iyer in place of the originally intended leg-spinner Suyash Sharma, a move that eventually hampered their bowling flexibility. "It is difficult to use spinners in powerplay, and we had only one left-arm spinner, as we used an Impact instead of Suyash. "So we didn't have an off-spinner, and for a left-arm bowler to face a left-arm batter, it makes sense. We did what we could do, and he batted really well." RCB next take on Mumbai Indians in Mumbai on Sunday.

R Ashwin Praises New Zealand Star For Countering Pakistan's Usman Tariq With Unique Move

Pakistan spinner Usman Tariq continues to remain a huge mystery for his strange style of bowling. The off-spinner, with his unique stop-and-pause side-arm action, has been a huge trouble for batters. His bowling became a huge talking point during the 2026 T20 World Cup. Fans and experts came up with divided opinions on his bowling style. As India were set to face Pakistan in the group-stage game

of the tournament, spin great Ravichandran Ashwin had given them a different way of facing the bowler. He had advised the Indian batters to pull out of their stance during the pause in Tariq's bowling. While the Indian batters didn't apply the strategy, New Zealand batter Daryl Mitchell did it during a Pakistan Super League 2026 game and received huge praise from Ashwin. It happened during

a clash between Quetta Gladiators and Rawalpindiz on April 10, at the National Stadium in Karachi. The Indian spinner added that the opponent team captain and batters should take up the issue with the match referees even before the game begins. "Now it's up to the umpires and match referees to time the pause for his delivery. If the pause isn't consistent, then the batter has every right to move away.



Babasaheb Ambedkar, a person the whole world is proud of



Madanapalle, April 14(Skyline daily):On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, the birth anniversary celebrations were organized under the auspices of Jana Sena Party Rayalaseema Co-Convenor and Jana Sena Party Madanapalle In-charge Gangarapu Ramdas Chowdhary by laying flowers at the statue of Ambedkar near Bangalore Road Colony Gate in

Madanapalle town and paying homage. Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas Chowdhary said that Babasaheb Ambedkar is a person the whole world is proud of. He was born in Maharashtra, faced many insults due to caste discrimination, and rose from abject poverty to become a great leader in the world today, and the reason for that is education. He said that today's youth should leave all bad paths, focus on education and scale higher peaks. Madanapalle AMC Chairman Jangala Sivaram, Madanapalle Rural Mandal President Granite Babu, Town President Nayani Jagadish Babu, District Joint Secretary Gajjala Reddappa, Town Vice President Puram Nagesh, Madanapalle AMC Director Gaddam Lakshmiipathi, Shivalayam Director Mallika, Town General Secretary Varikolla Nagaraju, Town Secretary Mekalacheruvu Arjuna, Madanapalle Rural General Secretary Jangala Goutham, Gummisetti Gopala Krishna, Madanapalle Rural Vice President Kumar, Town General Secretary Nawaz, Arvind and others participated in this program.

Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, the great man who laid the foundation for the construction of a new India



Madanapalle, April 14(Skyline daily):Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, the great man who laid the foundation for the construction of a new India, the architect of the Indian Constitution, and a great man who won the hearts of the people of the world with the spirit of equality, praised Madanapalle Congress Party senior leader S Reddy Saheb. On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar, senior Congress Party leader led by S Reddy Saheb, paid tributes by garlanding the statue of Ambedkar at the Madanapalle RTC bus stand. Later, Reddy Saheb said that the celebration of the birth anniversary of a great man who is a source of pride for the country and is celebrated in a festive atmosphere across the world is a testament to his greatness. He said that Dr BR Ambedkar, who is known as the architect of the Indian Constitution, a legal scholar, a beacon of hope for the poor and weaker

sections, and a visionary of equal society, is a great man who gave the Constitution to the country. He said that his efforts for equality and social justice in the society are inspiring to everyone and called on everyone to participate in the realization of his ideals and re-engage in the building of a new India. former district women vice president Meena Kumari, town minority president Mahabub Peer, district Youth Congress candidate Sarath Kumar Reddy, former town women president Eswaramma, former Nimmanapalle Mandal BC president R Nagaraju, former Madanapalle town secretary Mohammed Ali, former district ST cell president Somasekhara, former Madanapalle town BC vice president Paleti, senior Congress leaders Rajasekhara Naik, Sameer, Venkataramana, Bayya Reddy, Samiullah, and a large number of Congress party leaders participated in this program.

Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution was a multifaceted genius



Madanapalle, April 14(Skyline daily):Bharat Ratna Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar was not only the architect of the Constitution but also a multifaceted genius, said District Collector Nishant Kumar. On Tuesday, the 135th birth anniversary of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar was celebrated grandly at the Seshasai Kalyana Mandapam in the town, under the auspices of the District Social Welfare Department. District Collector Nishant Kumar, Madanapalle MLA Shahjahan Basha, In-charge DRO Chandrasekhara Reddy, District Social Welfare Department Officer Damodar Reddy, district officials, and leaders of various associations participated in the program and garlanded the portrait of Dr BR Ambedkar and paid tributes. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said, it is not right to see Dr BR Ambedkar is a leader of the one community. He said that his thoughts and theories are a guide for every section of the society. He said that his efforts to establish values like equality, justice, freedom and fraternity are memorable. He said that through the Constitution, not only SC, ST, OBC and minorities, but also women, workers and economically backward classes are getting extensive rights. He said that the Indian Constitution, which was drafted

keeping in mind every section of the society, is the best in the world. Later, MLA Shahjahan Basha said that it is the responsibility of every Indian citizen to remember the efforts of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. He called for taking his footsteps as an example and moving forward with values like equality, freedom and justice. He said that development is possible with the participation of the people and everyone's cooperation is needed for this. As part of this, the Social Welfare Department and DRDA jointly trained 25 people under the PM Ajay scheme. Cheque worth Rs. 27 lakh was handed over to the beneficiaries. DRDA PD Nageswara Rao, Andhra Pradesh Civil Supply Corporation Director SM Parveen Taj, Shalivahana Corporation Director Bhavana, Madanapalle Market Yard Committee Chairman Jangala Sivaram, Rashtira Mala Mahanadu President Y Sudarshanam, DVMC members P Srinivasulu, Chandrasekhara, S Ramakrishna, G Venkataramana, BAS PTM Sivaprasad, MRPS Narendra, Bahujana Sena Chandu, SC ST leaders Bojjappa, Diwakar, Pothapolu Reddappa, GV Naidu, P Venkataramana, Dalit Sangharshan organization Chinnappa, B Ramana and leaders of various associations participated in this program.

Dr BR Ambedkar, a warrior who fought for the upliftment of the poor and weaker sections

Madanapalle, April 14(Skyline daily): Dr BR Ambedkar, a warrior who fought for the upliftment of the poor and weaker sections, a great man who gave India a sovereign, democratic and republican status, a constitution maker, a Bharat Ratna awardee, a great person who can make the country proud, praised YSRCP Madanapalle Constituency Coordinator Nisar Ahmed. On the occasion of the birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution, Nisar Ahmad, former MLA Dr Desai Tippareddy and former MLC B Naresh Kumar Reddy garlanded the statues of Dr BR Ambedkar, at Madanapalle RTC Bus Stand Circle and Gollapalle Circle and paid tribute. Speaking on the occasion, Nisar Ahmed praised Dr BR Ambedkar is a great person who can make the country proud. He praised Dr BR Ambedkar, a great man who said that literacy can lead to the progress of the country and eliminate economic inequalities. He said that all the people of the country should have equality and that he was a great person who provided the rules and regulations through the Constitution. He called on all of us to act in accordance with the ideals of the world intellectual Dr BR Ambedkar. YSRCP Madanapalle Constituency Coordinator S Nisar Ahmed, former MLA Dr Desai Tippareddy, former MLC B Naresh Kumar Reddy, former Municipal Chairperson Manuja Reddy, Punganur Con-



stituency Observer Jinka Chalapathi, SEC Member Shamim Aslam, Intellectuals Forum State Secretary VS Reddy, Prasad Babu, VELUGU Chandra, Eswar Naik, senior leaders L Raghunatha Reddy, N Mastan Khan, Seelam Ramesh, Narasimhulu, Kothapalli Mahesh, Chandrasekhara, Avula Mallikharjuna, Kamal Khan, Surendra, Irfan, Chippili Mallikharjuna Reddy and others, along with party leaders, fans and women from various mandals participated in the program in large numbers.

Phule's Knowledge, Ambedkar's Constitution: Grand Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebrations at Jupadu Bungalow



(By our Skyline Staff Reporter)
Jupadu Bungalow, April 14: On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, celebrations were held grandly at the Jupadu Bungalow Mandal headquarters. Leaders from SC, ST, BC, and minority communities paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue. National BC Secretary Dr. Battula Sanjeeva Rayudu par-

ticipated in the program. Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeeva Rayudu said that the birth anniversaries observed in April symbolize social awakening. He noted that the anniversaries of Jyotirao Phule on April 11 and Ambedkar on April 14 are not merely occasions of remembrance but serve as guiding forces for society. He explained that Phule, with the ideology that "without education there is no wisdom," worked to provide knowledge to oppressed sections. Through the Satyashodhak Samaj, he laid the foundation for equality. He further stated that Ambedkar institutionalized that knowledge in the form of the Constitution and fought for equal rights with a scientific outlook. With the principle "Educate - Organize - Agitate," he brought transformation to society. He remarked that while Phule sowed the seed, Ambedkar nurtured it into a constitutional tree. He emphasized that in today's society, rights should not remain mere slogans but must be achieved through data, policies, and budgets. He called for prioritizing rational thinking over emotions and urged that rights must reach the hands of the people.

A large number of SC, ST, and BC leaders from the Mandal participated and celebrated Ambedkar Jayanti with great enthusiasm.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary Celebrated at SKIIMS College

Srikalahasti - 14 April (Skyline Daily) The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Srikalahasteeswara Institute of Information and Management Sciences (SKIIMS), located near Kapu Gunneri village in Srikalahasti Mandal, on April 14, 2026. The event was attended by the college Correspondent Middela Hari, Principal Dr. Geetha Devi, Heads of Departments, teaching and non-teaching staff, and a large number of students. As part of the celebrations, Ambedkar's portrait was decorated with garlands, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony. Students also marked the occasion with a cake-cutting ceremony. Addressing the gathering, Middela Hari highlighted that Dr. Ambedkar, a renowned lawyer, economist, political leader, and social reformer, made immense contributions towards the eradication of untouchability. He noted that as independent India's first Law Minister and the chief architect of the Constitution, Ambedkar's services to the nation



remain unforgettable. Students, on the occasion, learned about his life philosophy, political thought, and commitment to social service, drawing inspiration from his legacy.

Leaders Pay Tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on 135th Birth Anniversary in Srikalahasti

Srikalahasti - 14 April (Skyline Daily) On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, coalition leaders and party workers in Srikalahasti paid floral tributes to Babasaheb's statue and honored his legacy. The gathering also collectively recited the Preamble of the Constitution, reaffirming their commitment to social justice. Leaders highlighted that Ambedkar's ideals of social equality continue to inspire the Telugu Desam Party. They stated that the coalition government is working to realize his vision by prioritizing education, employment, and political representation for marginalized communities, including SCs, STs, BCs, and minorities. Reiterating their commitment, leaders pledged to uphold the dignity and self-respect of underprivileged sections and to lead them towards inclusive development.

They emphasized their resolve to advance the Srikalahasti constituency on the path of comprehensive growth guided by Ambedkar's principles of universal equality. The event was attended by Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy, BJP State Vice President Kola Anand, Jai Bhim leader Puli Srikanth, along with leaders and party workers from various political parties.



National Fire Services Week-2026 begins in Annamayya district headquarters

Madanapalle, April 14(Skyline daily):On the occasion of the commencement of the National Fire Services Week-2026, an inaugural function was organized at Madanapalle Fire Station on April 14th. State Telugu Yuvatha President Sriram Chinnababu participated as the chief guest in this function. Annamayya District Fire Officer V Adinarayana Reddy explained the precautions to be taken and preventive measures to be taken against fire accidents. Later, Sriram Chinnababu released pamphlets and wall posters explaining the preventive measures against fire accidents. Later, the fire personnel briefly explained the various equipment used in fire accidents and rescue operations in the fire department through a demonstration. NCC students, ZP High School NCC teachers, Vasavi Club President Krishna Rao, Vasavi Club members, Vanitha Club members Sarala, other members, and Madanapalle Fire Station staff participated in this program. Madanapalle Fire Station Officer G Sivappa informed that from April 14th to 20th, Fire Station Week will be organized to create awareness among the people about fire prevention measures.



After the program, a Chalivendram was inaugurated at the fire station. At the end, Vasavi and Vanitha Club members honored the fire station staff with shawls.