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## I couldn't let all of them die"

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Captain Smit Machchhar during a video call

**New Delhi, Oct02 (Open Frame):** I was fighting for my life, but I was determined not to let others die," flydubai cap-tain Smit Machchhar told Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday while recounting the terrifying mo-ments after being attacked by co-pilot mid-air but still managing to save the jet.Modi spoke over the phone to the pilot, who is undergoing treatment at a UAE hospital. Machchhar, who was stabbed by his co-pilot in the cockpit of flydubai flight FZ1073 while travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv on Wednesday, gave a detailed account of the inci-dent to the Prime Minister.He, however, did not dis-close what triggered the at tack on him or the motive of the co-pilot. Modi laudedthe pilot's bravery, presence of mind and composure, and said Machchhar took a split-second decision that saved the lives of so many people.Machchhar shared that whenever he faces diffi-culty, he recites the Hanu-man Chalisa, a hymn de-voted to Lord Hanuman."I was lying on the floor (of the cockpit) injured. With whatever energy that was left with me, I managed to act properly and saved the plane," the pilot said."I was fighting for my life, but was determined not to let others die. It was a cru-cial moment. There was a moment when I realised if I don't do something - I was lying on the ground (in cockpit), I could feel that the aircraft was going down," he said.Machchhar said he was repeatedly beaten and sustained multi-ple injuries, but he told himself that he had to get up and act."At that time, I thought if I don't get up... I have been flying planes for 17 years, I have been a Captain for the last 11 years, and I know what is happening in an air-craft even with my eyes closed.When I was lying down below, I knew for a fact that if I could make one last push - the door was right there. Even while I



was still taking blows, I could just open the door," he said.The pilot said that after the cockpit door was opened, every-one else came in, and everyone played an equally important role. "But honestly, I was acting out of survival, yet at the same time, I knew I couldn't let all of them die," he said.Modi told Machchhar that after this incident, the country can proudly say that Indians are not those who take lives, but those who are willing to risk their lives to save others."At that time, you received somany injuries and were engaged in a fight of life and death. But you ignored your own safety and were concerned about the safety of the passengers. You have en-hanced the honour of 140 crore Indians. I feel proud from the bot-tom of my heart," he said.On reciting the Hanuman Chal-isa, Machchhar told the Prime Minister, "Whenever I feel pain, only one thing comes to my mind - I just recite the Hanuman Chal-isa. Even at that moment, I was only reciting the Hanuman Chal-isa, and I know that God

## BSF foils infiltration bid at Pb border, 2 Pak intruders shot dead



**Amritsar,Oct02 (Open Frame):** The Border Security Force (BSF) on Friday thwarted a major infiltration attempt across the India-Pakistan border in Punjab by neutralising two Pakistani intruders who tried to sneak into Indian territory in the state's Tarn Taran district, officials said. The incident occurred in the BOP Rajoke area of Tarn Taran early in the day. According to sources, the BSF troopers swung into action after noticing suspicious movement near the border and challenged the purported infiltrators. At least three individuals were moving towards the Indian border from the Chattanwala area on the Pakistani side, the sources said, adding that they were challenged and warned against moving any further. When they did not pay any heed and kept moving towards the Indian side, the BSF personnel opened fire. While two infiltrators were shot dead, a third one managed to run back. The identity of the neutralised Pakistani intruders is yet to be ascertained.

## Fresh bills, arrears pile up under Congress

**Employees, retirees, contractors continue to protest over delayed payments**

**Hyderabad, Oct02 (Open Frame):** Nearly three years into its tenure, the Congress government is still grappling with mounting arrears, with employees, retirees and contractors repeatedly protesting at the State Sec-retariat, government offices and several other

places over delayed payments. When Deputy Chief Min-ister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka presented the State finances white paper in December 2023, he put the inherited backlog at Rs 40,154 crore, including Rs 6,244 crore in employee dues. The govern-ment claimed to have cleared around Rs 4,575 crore in employee dues since taking office. However, the employees' Joint Action Committee (JAC) had pegged the out-standing payments to serv-ing



## Telangana autos get long-awaited fare hike



**Hyderabad, Oct02 (Open Frame):** Telangana government has revised the fares for auto-rickshaws in the state, bringing relief to a sector that has been operating under tariff rates fixed more than a

decade ago. The revised tariff provides for a minimum fare of Rs 30 for the first 1.6 kilometres, followed by Rs 14 for every subsequent kilometre. The new fare structure also includes a detention charge of 75 paise per minute. For journeys between 11 pm and 5 am, passengers will have to pay one-and-a-half times the normal fare.In a Government Order No. 46 issued by the Transport Department, the revised fares need to be immediately implemented. The government order, issued by Vikas Raj, Special Chief Secretary, Transport, Roads and Buildings Department, directs the State and Regional Transport Authorities to implement the revised fares for auto rickshaws regis-tered and operating in Telangana. For auto-rickshaw drivers, the fare revision comes after a long wait. With the previous tariff having remained unchanged since 2014, drivers have faced rising oper-ating expenses over the years, including fuel, vehicle mainte-

## Protests held in Mumbai, Delhi against CEC Kumar



**NewDelhi/Mumbai(Open Frame) :**Protests were organised on Friday in Mumbai and New Delhi, demanding resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. While Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) organised protests in the national capital, the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) chose Mumbai for its protest. Nearly 5,000 people attended the CJP's protest at Shivaji Park in Mumbai, as party leader Abhijeet Dipke warned of "Jantar Mantar 2.0" if he did not step down. Dipke also targeted the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis while addressing the pro- testers. "Gyanesh Kumar must resign and face criminal proceedings," demanded CJP leader Ajinkya Shinde.

## Harish Rao urges Rahul to stop power sector privatisation

**Hyderabad, Oct02 (Open Frame):** BRSRP Deputy Leader T Harish Rao on Friday urged the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, to intervene and save TG-TRANSCO and TG-GENCO from privatisation by the state government. Harish Rao wrote an open letter to Rahul Gandhi, urging him to immediately intervene against the reported move to dilute the government's stake in TG-TRANSCO and any possible move towards privatisation of TG-GENCO,

Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and the DISCOMs. He said the issue was not just about one gov-ernment decision. It raises a larger ques- tion about whether the Congress fol- lows the same eco-



## HYDRAA moves to shield Istaribai Kunta, Kudikunta

**Hyderabad, Oct02 (Open Frame):** TheHyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) has taken steps to protect two water bodies in Rangareddy district — Istaribai Kunta in Kuntloor and Kudikunta in Kondapur by removing encroachments and installing fencing around vulnerable areas. According to HYDRAA, in Kuntloor vil- lage of Abdullapurmet mandal, the officials removed a compound wall that had allegedly been constructed after encroaching into Istaribai Kunta on Thursday. The water body is spread across about 2.5 acres in Survey No. 248, which also includes government land. The tank has been identified by the Irrigation Department as well as the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority. While private properties and real-estate ven- tures have come up adjacent to the survey number, HYDRAA officials found that a



compound wall had extended into the tank area and removed it. HYDRAA also stopped attempts to extend a layout into the water body and sell the encroached portion as plots. HYDRAA further removed sheds constructed near the tank bund by operators of an RMC plant for their workers, after determining that the structures fell within the tank's buffer zone. To prevent future encroachments, the agency also installed fencing around the water body. Moreover, HYDRAA has also protected a portion of Kudikunta in Kondapur village of Serilingampally mandal. The lake covers approximately eight acres and has already been developed by the Society for Advancement of Human Endeavour (SAHE). Adjacent to the lake is a 300-square-yard parcel of land that falls within the tank's limits. Since the portion does not currently hold water, some local residents had allegedly been attempting to occupy it. Residents had approached



## Journalists’ Issues Must Be Resolved Immediately



**Nidamanur, October 2 (Open Frame):** The government should immediately resolve the issues faced by journalists, demanded Koonreddy Balakoti Reddy, president of the TUWJ (IJU)-affiliated Press Club in Nidamanur mandal. Following the call given by the IJU, journalists wore black badges and took out a protest rally in Nidamanur on Friday. Later, they submitted a memorandum at the Tahsildar’s office. Speaking on the occasion, Balakoti Reddy urged the Congress government to immediately implement the assurances given to journalists before the elections. He appealed to the government to sanction house sites and houses to eligible journalists and provide them with health cards, similar to government employees, along with cashless medical treatment facilities. As part of the major demands raised by the IJU, the journalists urged the government to consider and implement measures including the constitution of a new wage board, enactment of a special national-level law for the protection of journalists, restoration of repealed journalist-related laws, sanctioning of houses and house sites to eligible journalists, and provision of health cards with cashless treatment facilities. Press Club General Secretary Battula Suraiah, Vice-President Ummadi Venkata Reddy, Treasurer Juvvi Raju, District Press Club Joint Secretary Chedalla Narahari, Anneboyina Kondal, poet and singer and YouTuber Kanchi Srinivas, Bojja Ravi, Kancherla Ravinder Reddy, Jaripothula Sai Kumar and others participated in the programme.

## Man Arrested for Temple Thefts



**Amangal, October 2 (Open Frame):** Police arrested Pedda Mukkula Eshwar of Gantaravupally village for allegedly committing a series of thefts at several temples, CI S. Venkateshwarlu said. Jewellery and other valuables worth Rs. 1.65 lakh were recovered from the accused, he said. Speaking at a press conference held at the Amangal Police Station on Friday, the CI said a case was registered based on a complaint lodged by temple priest Lakshman after gold, silver and copper articles were allegedly stolen by breaking the locks of the Hanuman temple near Vithayipally village and the Peddamma temple within the limits of Amangal Municipality on the night of September 29. As part of the investigation, police identified the accused with the help of technical evidence and arrested him, the CI said. During interrogation, it was reportedly revealed that the accused had previously been involved in thefts at temples within the municipality as well as at temples in Peddakothapally, Pangal, Kandukur and Kadthal villages. Cases had also been registered against him at the respective police stations, he added. The CI said the case was taken up as a challenge and, under the directions of the Future City Commissioner and under the supervision of Maheshwaram DCP Narayana Reddy and ACP Janaki Reddy, a police team led by CI Venkateshwarlu worked on the investigation. ASI Ram Reddy, Head Constable Rajender and Constables Mallaiah and Shivakumar acted swiftly and arrested the accused and recovered the stolen articles, he said. Police personnel and others participated in the programme.



## Dalit Woman Attacked; SC/ST Atrocities Case Registered

### Dispute Over Community Funds.. Complaint Alleges Public Abuse and Assault

**Devarakonda, October 2 (Open Frame):**

The alleged assault of a Dalit woman in Chinthapalli mandal has caused concern in the area. A complaint was received alleging that VOAs Ganipalli Madhavi of P.K. Mallepally village was verbally abused and assaulted for questioning allegations made against her regarding funds belonging to community groups. Chinthapalli police registered a case under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act along with several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). According to the details mentioned in the FIR, Ganipalli Madhavi, who is working as a VOA in the P.K. Mallepally Gram Panchayat of Chinthapalli mandal in Nalgonda district, had faced allegations from some individuals regarding funds related to community groups. Against this backdrop, while Madhavi was questioning those who had made the allegations against her near the Gram Panchayat, a person from the village, Kuppala Amarnath, allegedly behaved in an insulting manner, verbally abused her and assaulted her, according to her complaint to the police.

### Several Sections Invoked in FIR

Based on the victim's complaint, Chinthapalli Police Station registered a case bearing Crime No. 172/2026. The FIR invoked Sections 74, 115(2) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, along with Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) and 3(2)(va) of



the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 2015. The FIR details indicate that the incident allegedly occurred on the afternoon of October 2, 2026, and that the complaint was received by the police later the same evening.

### Action Needed Against Insults to Women's Dignity

If there are allegations concerning any financial transactions in a village, the matter should be brought to the attention of the concerned authorities and resolved through legal procedures. Allegations of publicly abusing and assaulting a woman, however, are a matter of concern. The police need to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the incident and take action in accordance with the law.

## Mischief at Sri Santoshi Mata Temple Devotees Hand Over Suspect to Police

- Priest Abused; Attack on Goddess Idol
- Devotees Apprehend Suspect and Hand Him Over to Police; Tension Prevails in Dilsukhnagar
- Case Registered, Investigation Underway: LB Nagar ACP Ravinder Reddy and Chaitanyapuri CI K. Saidulu

**LB Nagar, October 2 (Open Frame):**

The usually busy and peaceful Dilsukhnagar area witnessed sudden commotion on Friday morning following an alleged act of vandalism at the Sri Santoshi Mata Temple. An unidentified person created a disturbance inside the local temple. While devotees were present, an unidentified individual entered the premises, verbally abused the priest and suddenly attacked the idol of Goddess Santoshi Mata, triggering outrage among devotees. Reacting swiftly to the incident, devotees and local residents caught and restrained the person allegedly involved in the attack and immediately informed the Chaitanyapuri police. On receiving the information, police personnel rushed to the spot and thoroughly inspected the situation. After collecting a detailed account from the temple priest, the police took the accused into custody. Considering the sensitive nature of the incident, Chaitanyapuri police immediately made security arrangements to prevent any untoward incidents. Acting on the directions of senior police officials, Chaitanyapuri CI K. Saidulu deployed additional security personnel and arranged surveillance in and around the temple premises. As news of the alleged attack on the Goddess's idol spread through social media and other communication channels, devotees, Hindu organisations and BJP leaders arrived at the temple in large numbers and staged a protest for some time. Chaitanyapuri police personnel present at the spot held discussions with the protesting Hindu organisation leaders and assured them

that strict action would be taken against the person responsible for the incident. Following the assurance, the protesters called off their demonstration. Police stated that a case had been registered based on a complaint lodged by the temple committee representatives and that an investigation was underway.

### Hindu Organisations Allege Conspiracy Behind Attack on Temple

The incident involving the alleged attack on the priest and the idol of Goddess Santoshi Mata at the Dilsukhnagar temple triggered tension in the area. Although the incident occurred on Friday within the limits of Chaitanyapuri Police Station, it became a topic of discussion across the city. Videos circulating widely on social media purportedly showed an individual entering the temple and attacking the priest who was performing his duties near the Goddess's idol, as well as the idol itself. Following the circulation of these videos, Hindu organisations expressed anger and alleged that the attack was carried out as part of a deliberate conspiracy.

### Sri Pushpagiri Peetham Strongly Condemns Attack on Temple

The Sri Pushpagiri Peetham strongly condemned the incident involving the alleged attack on the priest and the idol of Goddess Santoshi Mata at the Dilsukhnagar temple through an official statement. The Peetham stated that, based on the circumstances of the incident, the attack did not appear to be accidental and that the unidentified indi-



vidual seemed to have acted with a deliberate motive. According to reliable sources, the Peetham representatives demanded a thorough and impartial investigation by the police and strict action against those responsible.

### Case Registered, Investigation Underway: LB Nagar ACP Ravinder Reddy, Chaitanyapuri CI K. Saidulu

LB Nagar ACP Ravinder Reddy and Chaitanyapuri CI K. Saidulu stated that a case had already been registered in connection with the alleged attack on the priest and the idol at the Dilsukhnagar Sri Santoshi Mata Temple and that a detailed investigation was underway. They further stated that the complete facts of the incident would emerge during the course of the investigation.

## Youth Dies After Falling into Canal

**Nidamanur, October 2 (Open Frame):**

A young man died after falling into a canal following a road accident near Maruthivarigudem in the vicinity of Indlakotagudem village in Nidamanur mandal. According to police, Perla Sharath Kumar, a resident of Seshamma Gudem village in Nalgonda mandal of Nalgonda district, who worked as a centering worker, had arrived at Maruthivarigudem on the night of September 1 along with his friends Surarapu Raju and Manganapalli Naresh to attend a Vanamasam programme. After the programme, at around 10:45 p.m., Sharath Kumar and Surarapu Raju were returning to Nalgonda on the same Passion Pro motorcycle. In the process, the bike reportedly lost control at a curve beside Mudimanikyam No. 4 canal and fell into the canal. Police stated that Sharath Kumar sustained severe injuries to his left eyebrow, forehead and the back of his head in the accident. He was reportedly unable to come out of the canal water and drowned. Nidamanur SI D. Vijay Kumar said a case had been registered and an investigation was underway based on a complaint lodged by the deceased's mother, Perla Lakshamma.



# Is social media negativity becoming a bigger threat?



Thereaction to The Paradise on its premiere proves that the movie-watching experience has transformed drastically in the social media age. The response was so overwhelming that even Nani expressed surprise out in the open. But this is not the first time that such a scenario has taken place. Similar occurrences have been witnessed for multiple big-ticket films, and it is only a matter of time before such a trend begins to dictate the reception of movies in the future. There was a period of time when a star's film had a certain amount of breathing room after its launch. A Chiranjeevi or Balakrishna movie may have had rival fan groups, but they were still willing to wait for the time being. The overall public reaction, however, is no longer being delayed. Once a film premieres, people can begin their discussions on X, Instagram and YouTube. Negativity does, however, tend to travel much faster than positivity, so reactions that criticize a film tend to spread like wildfire shortly after the premiere. Social media negativity has also affected some YouTube reviewers' ability to present balanced reactions to fresh releases. The number of views one could expect from a review praising a film would be vastly lower than if one were to criticize it. As the result, the first couple of hours of a film's release are now dominated by people looking for problems rather than enjoying the film. As a consequence, film crews are now having a significantly more challenging experience. The first weekend, instead of focusing on the audience's reaction and the film's box-office success, the production team must deal with constant online negativity. At the same time, however, it is unfair to blame the entire fault on social media. If a film has terrible content, then no matter how much money is spent promoting it on social media, the audience will not like it. One additional factor worth considering is the combination of premieres and price hikes. Some of the recently launched movies, including Peddi, Toxic, and The Paradise, have been embroiled in a controversy over expensive ticket prices and VIP premieres. If a film's cost is significantly higher than expected, audience members' expectations may also be affected. A minor weakness that would have gone unnoticed previously may be criticized. It is not necessary for filmmakers to give up premieres and price hiking completely. However, it is crucial for producers to understand that such decisions frequently provoke more criticism than praise in the current Telugu cinema landscape. After all, one thing is apparent, content is the best defense against social media negativity. The overall reaction to the film will always be dependent on the audience's experience with the content. The filmmaker's primary goal should be for the product to be able to withstand the scrutiny that comes with the territory almost immediately after the launch.



## Nabha Natesh Navel Show

### Aadhi Pinisetty's 'Marakathamani 2' wraps filming



The much-awaited Marakathamani 2, starring Aadhi Pinisetty has wrapped up shooting. The makers are rushing into the post-production work of the film now. The sequel bagged the attention of fans of the original film Marakathamani, released in 2017 and became a blockbuster hit in Telugu and Tamil. Director ARK Saravanan, who directed the first part, is again holding the megaphone for the sequel. Apart from Aadhi Pinisetty, the film stars Sathyaraj, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Nikki Galrani Pinisetty, Munishkanth, Anandaraj, Dani, Arunraja Kamaraj and Muruganandham. Sudhan Sundaram, Manish Singhal, Durgaram Choudhary, Dev and KV Durai are producing it under the Passion Studios, Dangal TV, RDC Media, Access Film Factory and Good Show banners. Dhibu Ninan Thomas is composing the music while cinematography is handled by P.V. Shankar and Deepak Menon, with N.K. Rahul overseeing the art direction and Thirumalai Rajan R handling the editing. The makers are expected to reveal more information about Marakathamani 2 trailer, audio and world-wide theatrical release soon.

### 'Kotha Bangaru Lokam' pair reunites for Aha's 'Naa Wife Missing'



Varun Sandesh and Shweta Basu Prasad reunite with the upcoming aha original Naa Wife Missing. The gripping series is all set to stream on the OTT platform and will be available in both Telugu and Tamil for the viewers. Aha released an update regarding the series recently, creating more hype among the viewers about the mysterious story of Naa Wife Missing. With the caption 'Every case has a story. What is the truth in this case?', the aha team shared the latest information about the series. In the earlier post, aha had given a sneak peek into the story where Varun Sandesh's character reaches the police station to register a complaint regarding his wife's disappearance. However, the latest post has increased the curiosity of the viewers about what led to the wife's disappearance and the truth that the husband and the police will uncover. Naa Wife Missing will be the reunion of Varun Sandesh and Shweta Basu Prasad after years. The two had starred together in the hit romance Kotha Bangaru Lokam and gained immense popularity among the Telugu audiences. The duo's pairing is quite in demand these days, and their much-awaited project has made the viewers curious.

### I Expected 100%, But Mahesh Gave 200%: Rajamouli

The much-awaited big-budget project 'Varanasi', starring superstar Mahesh Babu and directed by acclaimed filmmaker S.S. Rajamouli, is generating enormous expectations among audiences and trade circles alike. As the film is being made on a prestigious scale, anticipation surrounding the project continues to grow with each passing day. Rajamouli's latest comments about Mahesh Babu's performance and the emotions he brings to his character Rudra have further heightened interest in 'Varanasi' among Mahesh Babu's fans and moviegoers. Rajamouli revealed that before the shooting began, he had been thinking about how to get the best possible performance from Mahesh Babu. However, once Mahesh stepped onto the sets, Rajamouli said he was surprised by the actor's performance. The director showered praise on Mahesh, stating that while he had expected 100 percent from the superstar, Mahesh went beyond expectations and delivered 200 percent effort, leaving him pleasantly surprised. Rajamouli's remarks have added to the excitement surrounding Mahesh Babu's role as Rudra and the much-anticipated 'Varanasi'.

