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Four-Nation Defence Pact Won't Threaten India's Deals



New Delhi, Oct21 (Open Frame): Pakistan, Turkiye, Qatar and Indonesia signed the Badr Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Doha on Wednesday to strengthen defence cooperation, promote joint military production and expand technological collaboration. However, defence experts believe the agreement will not jeopardise India's existing missile contracts with Indonesia. The pact aims to enhance cooperation in defence manufacturing, technical training, research and development, and technology sharing. It seeks to combine the participating countries' industrial capabilities to develop defence equipment and strengthen their domestic defence sectors. The agreement comes after India signed two major defence deals worth $630 million with Indonesia in July for the supply of BrahMos cruise missiles and Astra air-to-air missiles. Sudhir Kumar Mishra, former head of BrahMos Aerospace, said the agreements with Indonesia contained adequate safeguards, including provisions protecting sensitive technology and intellectual property. He said Indonesia would receive user manuals rather than technology-transfer documentation. Retired Group Captain Ajay Ahlawat also dismissed concerns that the new MoU could derail India's defence agreements with Jakarta. He described the Badr arrangement as a framework for cooperation and work-sharing rather than a binding military alliance. Experts said India should continue expanding defence exports while monitoring developments. They emphasised that arms sales do not automatically involve transferring sensitive technologies, and Indonesia would require Indian support to operate and maintain the missile systems.

Court Orders Release of Two CJP Leaders



New Delhi, Oct21 (Open Frame): A Special Executive Magistrate (SEM) on Wednesday ordered the release of Citizens for Justice and Peace (CJP) leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka following the expiry of their judicial custody in connection with a protest held at Jantar Mantar on October 14. The two leaders were produced before the magistrate during the proceedings, and their surety documents were also submitted. The release order came after their judicial custody period ended. The case relates to the protest organised at the prominent demonstration site in the national capital. The latest development marks a procedural step in the proceedings against the two CJP leaders.

Telangana to Fill All Police Vacancies by 2028: CM Revanth

- Government plans to fill 5,000 additional posts soon; CM stresses stronger law enforcement
- Ex-gratia enhanced for police martyrs' families; focus on public-friendly policing and drug control

Hyderabad,Oct21 (Open Frame): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that all vacancies in the state police department will be filled by 2028, reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening law enforcement and improving public safety. He said 5,000 additional police posts would be filled soon and urged personnel to maintain a firm approach towards criminals whi le remaining accessible and frien dly to ordinary citizens. Addr essing the Police Commem oration Day parade at the Police Martyrs' Memorial in Gosha mahal Police Stadium on Wedne sday, the Chief Minister paid tribute to police personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. He said maintaining law and order was essential for Telan gana's development and that the police force played a crucial role in ensuring a secure environment for citizens. Revanth Reddy highlighted the recent recruitment of 112 Deputy Superi ntendents of Police (DSPs), describing it as unprecedented in the state's history. He also referred to the government's initiative to appoint transgender persons as traffic assi stants, stating that such measures promote dignity and inclusion. Emphasising the need for effective policing, the Chief Minister cautioned officers again st confusing people-friendly policing with leniency towards offenders. He said police personnel must act firmly against drug traffickers,



land grabbers and those involved in food adulteration, while treating citizens seeking assistance at police stations with respect and sensitivity. "Friendly policing is not for criminals. It is for a common man who comes to a police station for help," he said, urging the force to strike a balance between strict enforcement and public accessibility. The Chief Minister identified narcotics as a major challenge facing society and praised the

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Dasara liquor sales Rs.755 Crore in Telangana

Hyderabad, Oct21 (Open Frame): Liquorsales in Telangana recorded a massive increase during the Dasara festival, with sales worth Rs 755.14 crore during the festive period. Last year, liquor worth Rs 698 crore was sold during the same festive period. State Excise and Prohibition Department officials said liquor worth Rs 303.40 crore was sold across all licensed liquor outlets on October 19, the day before the festival. Liquor worth Rs 102.17 crore was sold on October 14, while sales stood at Rs 126.32 crore on October 16, followed by Rs 223.25 crore on October 17. Although sales dipped on October 18 due to the Sunday holiday, they surged to Rs 303.40 crore on October 19. Total sales during these four days amounted to Rs 755.14 crore. In all, 6.83 lakh cases of hard liquor were purchased during the four-day period. Beer sales were even higher, reaching 10.44 lakh cases. By October 19, total liquor sales for the month had reached Rs 2,055 crore. Sales stood at Rs 3,209 crore in September and Rs 3,482 crore in August. Excise Department officials expect October sales to be the highest, given the surge during the Dasara festival. Sales this year have surpassed those recorded during the previous Dasara. Liquor worth Rs 698 crore was sold over four days last year, compared with Rs 755.14 crore this year, marking a significant increase. It may be mentioned that the Excise Department is the State's second-largest revenue-generating department after the Registration and Stamps Department. The government has been focusing on increasing revenue from liquor sales by permitting new bars and restaurants and raising the prices of foreign liquor.



No Deadline for Telangana's BC Chief Minister



Hyderabad, Oct21 (Open Frame): Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud has said there is no fixed deadline for appointing a Chief Minister from the Backward Classes (BC) community, expressing confidence that a BC leader will eventually occupy the top post through the Congress party. Goud said the Congress was committed to the political empowerment of BCs and asserted that the community would get an opportunity to lead the state at the appropriate time. He maintained that there was no need to rush the issue, adding that the party's future leadership decisions would depend on political developments. Praising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's administration and welfare programmes, the TPCC chief expressed confidence that the Congress would remain in power

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SBI Data Breach Exposes 3,897 Customer Records



New Delhi, Oct21 (Open Frame): The State Bank of India (SBI) has reported a suspected data breach after preliminary analysis identified 3,897 customer records containing personally identifiable information among approximately 3.75 lakh records found on the dark web. In a regulatory filing on Wednesday, India's largest public sector lender disclosed that it was alerted to the incident on October 16 by its threat intelligence service provider, the Defence Cyber Agency and the Indian Computer

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Supreme Court Directs AP Poll Panel Review

New Delhi, Oct21 (Open Frame): The Supreme Court has directed the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission (APSEC) to examine complaints alleging that candidates were prevented from filing nominations for urban local body elections due to violence and intimidation. A bench comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana asked the Commission to decide on the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party's (YSRCP) request to extend the nomi-



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state's Eagle Force for its efforts to curb drug trafficking. He also cited initiatives such as TG-SAFE to combat food adulteration, SHE Teams to protect women and Spandana protection teams to provide assistance to women and children. Revanth Reddy anno unced enhanced financial assistance for families of police personnel who die while performing their duties. The ex-gratia amount has been fixed at ₹1 crore for constables, ₹1.25 crore for sub-inspectors and inspectors, ₹1.5 crore for DSPs and additional superintendents of police, and ₹2 crore for superintendents of police and IPS officers. He also directed Direct or General of Police C.V. Anand to increase the ex-gratia for Home Guards who die on duty from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh. DGP Anand said 154 police personnel across the country had lost their lives in the line of duty during the past year, including personnel from Telangana. The Chief Min ister assured bereaved families that the government would continue to support them. The programme also highlighted welfare and educational initiatives for police families. Anand announced that the Young India Police School, currently operating on the Greyhounds campus with 350 students, would move to a 44-acre campus at Manchirevula by April, with capacity for 720 students. A book titled *Amarulu Vaaru*, commemorating police personnel who died in the line of duty, was released during the event. Senior police officers, retired personnel



and family members of the deceased attended the programme.

Bus operators look beyond Telangana to cut Tax costs

Hyderabad, Oct21 (Open Frame):
Hightaxes in Telangana are prompting private transport and tourist bus operators to register their vehicles in other states and Union Territories, where the tax burden is comparatively lower. The trend was particularly visible during the Dasara festival rush, when a majority of private and tourist buses operating in the city were found to be registered outside Telangana. Annual motor vehicle tax and quarterly taxes in Telangana are reportedly driving transport agencies to purchase and register contract carriage buses in other jurisdictions, particularly Union Territories that levy lower charges. Buses operating from Hyderabad to other districts and states were seen carrying registration numbers from Nagaland (NL), Odisha (OD), Arunachal Pradesh (AR) and Puduch erry (PY), among others. According to transport agencies, operators are choosing these jurisdictions to reduce their financial burden. After completing the required formalities, they bring the buses to Telangana and operate them under the applicable All India Tourist Permit (AITP). A representative of a transport agency said, "The taxes and fees in Telangana are a significant financial burden for operators. Registering buses in other states or Union Territories with lower charges reduces the burden. We would prefer to register our vehicles in Telangana if the government offers a lower tax structure." Another transport representative said purchasing buses in other states was not their first choice, but operating costs remained a major concern. A reduction in the tax burden, the representative said, could encourage operators to register more buses in Telangana and provide relief to the transport sector. Meanwhile, official sources said the Telangana Transport Department was considering measures to reduce taxes on contract carriage buses. Transport Commissioner K Ilambarthi has sent a proposal to the State government, which is under consideration. The department has proposed reducing the quarterly tax on AITP buses from Rs 4,000 to Rs 1,800 per seat. Union Territories charge less than Rs 500 per seat in quarterly tax, while several neighbouring states levy between Rs 1,800 and Rs 3,000, making



them comparatively cheaper than Telangana. If implemented, the proposed reduction could ease the financial burden on transport agencies and encourage operators to purchase and register more buses in the State. Sources said Telangana has only 110 AITP-registered buses. The movement of buses to other states and Union Territories was particularly noticeable in 2023, when 68 buses moved out of Telangana. Another 15 buses shifted in 2024 and 13 in 2025. The buses obtained no-objection certificates to transfer their registrations to Nagaland, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and other states and Union Territories.

BJP to counter Rahul Gandhi's 'vote chori' campaign

Hyderabad, Oct21 (Open Frame):
BJP Parliamentary Board me mber K Laxman on Wedne sday said that the BJP would conduct a nationwide 'Lokt antra Bachao - Bheedtantra Hatao' awareness campaign from October 23 to Nove mber 5. Laxman said that this initiative was a response to the protests and chaos orchestrated by the Congress party led by the Leader of the Opp osition in the Lok Sabha, Rah ul Gandhi, which include allegations of 'vote chori', opposition to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, and dema nds for the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyan esh Kumar. Laxman remar ked that Rahul Gandhi, disregarding the responsibilities of his position as the Leader of the Opposition, had resorted to engaging in low-level, regressive politics. He stated that with the objective of exposing Rahul Gandhi's politically motivated agenda, the BJP would conduct consultative dialogues across major cities and assembly constituencies. These discussions will involve youth, students, influential intellectuals, doctors, lawyers, legal experts, and former judges. He added that the party will organise workshops and essay-writing competitions in educational institutions such as colleges, universities, and schools focusing on the nation's development and the values enshrined in the Constitution, thereby ensuring the public is well-informed about the realities. The BJP leader stressed that the Constitution was not the private property of any single family or political party, and the public's trust in it will not be allowed to be undermined. He noted that country's Constitution and electoral system, the foundations of the world's largest democracy were respected globally. How ever, Rahul Gandhi's attempts to mislead the youth for his own narrow political interests, at the expense of national interests, will not be permitted to succeed, he said. He asserted that the Leader of the Opposition must understand that democracy in the country was governed by the Constitution, not by 'mob rule.' He further stated that as India, now the world's fourth-largest economy advances rapidly, Rahul Gandhi was attempting to erode public



trust in constitutional institutions and the electoral pro cess. He was allegedly using foreign funding to incite violence and chaos, and the BJP intends to expose this reality to raise public awareness. He remarked that the Congress party and Rahul Gandhi are unable to digest the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, having secured three consecutive electoral victories, has provided a clean, untainted administration while serving the nation.

Revanth joins Mysuru's iconic Jamboo Savari

Mysuru, Oct21 (Open Frame): ChiefMinister A Revanth Reddy offered floral tributes to Goddess Chamundeshwari during the historic Jamboo Savari procession held in Mysuru on the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami. In a post on X, Revanth Reddy said he had the privilege of paying floral tributes at the feet of Goddess Chamundeshwari during the grand procession. He also acknowledged the presence of Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Kerala Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan. The Telangana Chief Minister prayed for prosperity, peace and abundance for everyone, expressing hope that the sacred Jamboo Savari procession, with the divine blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari, would bring well-being to all. The Jamboo Savari is the principal attraction of the renowned Mysore Dasara celebrations, showcasing Karnataka's rich cultural traditions, religious devotion and historical heritage. On the other hand, the Chief Minister witnessed the festivities, including the torchlight parade. He stayed in Mysore on Wednesday night.





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beyond 2034 and potentially until 2039. He said Revanth Reddy's statement about continuing as Chief Minister until 2034 was intended to reassure party workers and was not objectionable. Goud attributed the idea of a BC Chief Minister to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's emphasis on equitable political representation. He also questioned whether the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) could appoint a BC leader as Chief Minister and criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over its record on leadership representation. He claimed that the Congress government had given priority to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and BCs while filling nominated posts and allocating positions in local bodies. His remarks come amid an ongoing political debate over BC representation and leadership succession in Telangana. While reaffirming the party's commitment to social justice, Goud made it clear that no specific timeline had been set for a BC leader to become Chief Minister.

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Emergency Response Team (CERT-In). The potentially exposed information includes customers' names, registered mobile numbers, dates of birth, gender, email addresses, residential addresses, branch details, Customer Information File (CIF) identifiers and metadata associated with loan and lead records. SBI said it had immediately activated its cyber incident response and containment protocols. The bank has also appointed an independent cybersecurity agency empanelled by CERT-In to investigate the authenticity, source and extent of the suspected data exposure. The bank clarified that the incident had no material impact on its core operations, financial performance or business continuity. However, the full scope of the exposure remains uncertain, as the investigation is ongoing. The disclosure has raised concerns about the potential misuse of personal information by cybercriminals. Exposed contact details and residential addresses could be exploited for phishing, identity fraud and scams involving individuals impersonating bank officials. Digital rights advocates have called for affected customers to be notified directly and for greater transparency regarding the incident. Questions also remain over whether sensitive documents, including loan applications and account-opening forms, were among the material circulated online. SBI's investigation is expected to establish how the information became accessible and whether the exposure originated from the bank's systems or a third-party service provider. Customers are advised to remain vigilant against suspicious calls, messages and emails seeking banking credentials, passwords or one-time passwords (OTPs). The bank has not yet established the full extent of the suspected breach.

Supreme Court Directs AP Poll Panel Review

nation deadline in affected areas. The court also directed the Commission to defer publication of the final candidates' list until October 25. The YSRCP alleged that several of its candidates were assaulted, threatened or obstructed while attempting to submit nomination papers in various locations. The party approached the apex court after the Andhra Pradesh High Court rejected its plea for an extension. The Supreme Court directed the state Director General of Police to ensure adequate security for candidates and nomination centres. It said complaints should be assessed individually, based on supporting documents and electronic evidence. The court emphasised that free and fair elections are fundamental to constitutional democracy. It also directed the Commission and state authorities to submit compliance reports ahead of the next hearing, scheduled for October 27. The decision aims to ensure that eligible candidates receive a fair opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

Telangana BJP to take out padayatra against Cong on Nov

Hyderabad, Oct21 (Open Frame): The Telangana BJP will take out a padayatra on November 1 against the Congress over its opposition to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, State BJP president N Ramchander Rao said on Wednesday. Speaking during an informal interaction with the media in Hyderabad, Rao said he would meet all district presidents at the party's State office on Thursday. He added that the BJP was organising various programmes across the districts. The BJP leader also said the party would announce its candidates for the two MLC seats within two days. State in-charge Sunil Bansal is scheduled to visit Telangana on October 24, and the candidates are likely to be finalised after his meeting with party leaders. "We will send the names of candidates to Delhi on the morning of October 24. The candidate of PRTU is still not clear. The final decision rests with the high command," Rao said.



Illegal Constructions Surge in Sitaphalmandi..?

- Five-storey apartments reportedly coming up on 100-square-yard plots
- Questions raised over Town Planning officials' supervision
- Allegations of staff support to builders and loss of GHMC revenue
- Complaints and media reports allegedly ignored; builders accused of issuing threats
- Concerns over alleged misuse of police cases to facilitate illegal constructions

SECUNDERABAD, Oct21 (Open Frame): Illegal constructions in the Sitaphalmandi area have once again become a major topic of concern. Questions are being raised over the extent to which GHMC Town Planning officials are enforcing building regulations. Despite allegations that buildings are being constructed with additional floors beyond the two floors permitted, residents say it remains unclear what action the Town Planning authorities are taking. Political leaders have expressed concern over allegations that builders are allegedly using the police to file cases against people who complain about illegal constructions or report them in the media. They have questioned why police allegedly register complaints against those raising concerns without adequate evidence, while builders who disregard government permissions and cause losses to public revenue are seemingly not questioned. Residents have also questioned why cases are not being registered against those carrying out unauthorised constructions in violation of government orders. They argue that the alleged lack of enforcement has encouraged illegal construction across the city. Allegations have emerged that some builders are receiving support from officials and staff, turning parts of the city into centres of unauthorised development.

Two Floors Permitted, But More Being Built

Building permissions require developers to comply with approved floor limits, setbacks and other construction regulations. However, residents allege that several buildings in the Sitaphalmandi area under the Tarnaka and Mettuguda circles are being constructed in violation of the approved plans. Buildings with unauthorised additional floors may pose risks to structural safety and place further pressure on infrastructure in surrounding areas. The Town Planning Department is responsible for identifying such violations and taking appropriate action in accordance with the law.

Complaints Fail to Produce Results?

Residents say complaints have been submitted regarding illegal constructions and reports have appeared in newspapers, but the situation on the ground has reportedly remained unchanged. They question why officials are not conducting immediate inspections after receiving complaints, verifying building permissions and taking legal action, including demolition where warranted, if violations are confirmed. Allegations have also surfaced that some builders may be proceeding with unauthorised construction after allegedly reaching informal understandings with officials.

Allegations of Information Leaks to Builders

There are also allegations that some Town Planning staff members and officials are passing information about complaints and media reports to builders in advance. Residents say a comprehensive inquiry by senior authorities is necessary to establish the facts. If the misuse of complaint details is confirmed, action should be taken against those responsible. Maintaining transparency and accountability within government departments remains essential.

Loss of GHMC Revenue

Unauthorised construction can affect the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation's (GHMC) lawful revenue from building permissions, applicable fees and regularisation processes, where legally permissible. Residents argue that failure to prevent violations undermines public confidence in the civic administration. Allegations have also been raised against the GHMC Commissioner, who residents claim has failed to respond adequately to the issue.

Commissioner Urged to Act Against Those Responsible

Residents have urged the GHMC Commissioner to conduct special inspections of buildings allegedly constructed in violation of approved plans in Sitaphalmandi and the Tarnaka and Mettuguda circles. They have called for a comparison of sanctioned plans with actual construction, followed by legal action against confirmed violations. They have also demanded an impartial inquiry by State Vigilance authorities into the functioning of the Town Planning staff and officials concerned. The Commissioner has been urged to review the performance of



the Town Planning Department in these areas and take strict action against any personnel found guilty following an investigation. Failure to curb unauthorised construction could adversely affect urban planning, public safety and government revenue.Residents are now waiting to see whether senior officials will intervene and take concrete action or whether their complaints and media reports will remain confined to paper.

Vijayadashami Celebrated with Grandeur in Pashamylaram

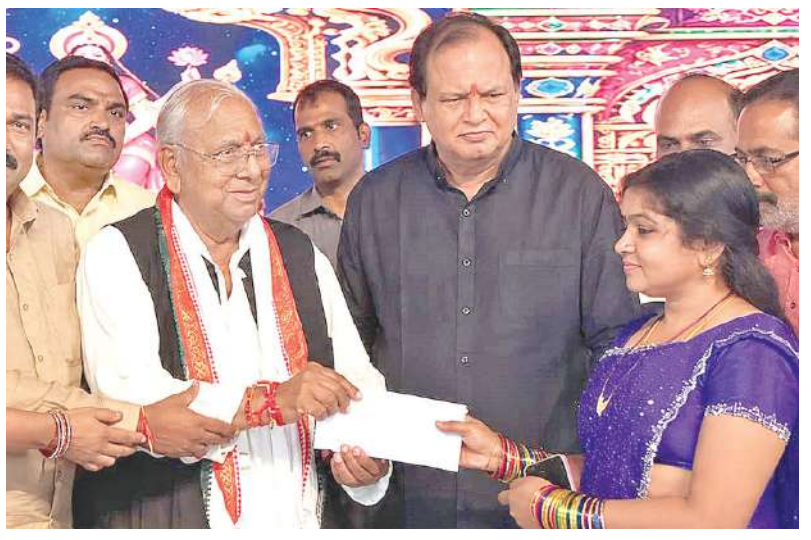
Grand Ravana Dahan Marks Festivities; Kata Srinivas Goud Attends as Chief Guest

PATANCHERU, October 21 (Open Frame): Vijayadashami celebrations were held with great enthusiasm in Pashamylaram ward, under Isnapur Municipality in Patancheru Assembly constituency of Sangareddy district. The Ravana Dahan programme was organised under the leadership of former sarpanch and Congress mandal president Sudhakar Goud. Patancheru Congress constituency in-charge Kata Srinivas Goud attended the event as the chief guest. As part of the traditional Vijayadashami celebrations, special prayers were offered to the Jammi tree in the village. The Ravana Dahan ceremony was subsequently conducted with grandeur, symbolising the victory of good over evil. A large number of people, including women and youth from Pashamylaram and neighbouring areas, gathered to witness the celebrations. The event created a festive atmosphere throughout the locality. Speaking on the occasion, Sudhakar Goud and Kata Srinivas Goud prayed for the blessings of Goddess Durga Bhavani upon all villagers. They wished everyone happiness, peace, prosperity and well-being. They also emphasised the importance of preserving traditions and celebrating festivals together in a spirit of unity and harmony. Former sarpanch Saritha Sudhakar Goud, Sai Goud, former ward members, village elders, women, youth and a large number of local residents participated in the celebrations, contributing to the success of the event.





VH presents prizes to winners at Bathukamma Kunta



Hyderabad, Oct21 (Open Frame): TheAmberpet Devasthana Seva Samithi organised several events at Bathukamma Kunta on the occasion of the Saddula Bathukamma festival. Government Advisor V Hanumantha Rao attended the event as the chief guest and presented prizes to the winners of the celebrations. Cash prizes of Rs 5,000, Rs 4,000, Rs 3,000, Rs 2,000 and Rs 1,000 were awarded to the participants securing first, second, third, fourth and fifth places, respectively. The prizes were distributed by PCC Secretary Shambhula Srikanth Goud and Khairatabad District Mahila Congress president Shambhula Usha Sri Srikanth Goud. Former corporator Pulla Narayana Swamy and members of the Amberpet Devasthana Seva Samithi committee also attended the programme. The celebrations highlighted the cultural and traditional significance of Bathukamma, Telangana's floral festival, which brings women and communities together in a spirit of devotion and festivity.

Jale Brothers Participate in Vijayadashami Celebrations

DEVARAKONDA, October 21 (Open Frame): Public leaders Jale Brothers Narasimha Reddy and Tilak Reddy participated in the Bathukamma celebrations organised on the occasion of Vijayadashami (Dasara) at Chit riyala village in Chandampet mandal. During the celebrations, the brothers presented prizes to the winners of the Bathukamma competitions. Konda Swapna won the first prize, Bika malla Danamma secured the second prize, and Kurella Lakshmamma received the third prize. The Jale brothers said that winning and losing are natural parts of any competition. With the intention of making every participant feel valued, they also distributed cash prizes to all those who took part in the Bathukamma festivities. Their gesture brought happiness to the villagers and added to the festive spirit of the occasion. The celebrations reflected the importance of preserving cultural traditions and encouraging community participation. Leaders and residents from Chitriyala village and surrounding areas attended the programme and participated in the festivities.



MLA Balu Naik Offers Prayers to Goddess Durga



DEVARAKONDA,October21(Open Frame): Devarakonda MLA Nenavath Balu Naik visited the Goddess Durga temple in Peddamool village of Chandampet mandal and offered special prayers on the occasion of the Durga idol immersion ceremony on Tuesday. The MLA sought the blessings of the goddess and wished people happiness, good health, peace and prosperity. He participated in the immersion programme, which was conducted with devotion and religious fervour. Villagers expressed happiness over the MLA's participation in the religious event and his special prayers to Goddess Durga. Marupakula Suresh Goud, Kinnera Harikrishna, Kakunuri Rangaiah Goud, Durga Mata Committee members, Mekala Venkaiah, Chepuri Lakshmaiah, Lingala Nagesh Goud, Jayapal Reddy, Venkatachari, Nandi Venkaiah, local youth and Congress party leaders were among those who participated in the programme.

Sudheer Reddy Extends Dasara Greetings to KTR

HYDERABAD, October 21 (Open Frame): LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy paid a courtesy visit to BRS working president and former minister Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) on the occasion of the Dasara festival. During the meeting, Sudheer Reddy conveyed his Vijayadashami greetings to KTR. The interaction took place in a cordial atmosphere as the leaders exchanged festive wishes. They expressed hope that the auspicious occasion of Vijayada shami would bring happiness, good health, prosperity and success to people across the state. The meeting was held as part of the traditional exchange of greetings during the festive season.



Killer Director Offers ₹1 Crore for Twist Guess



Director Suku Poorvaaj has issued an unusual ₹1 crore challenge to audiences ahead of the release of his upcoming Telugu film *Killer*, generating considerable curiosity around the film's interval twist. The announcement was made at the film's trailer launch event on Wednesday. Expressing confidence in the film's screenplay, Poorvaaj said the first half would run for approximately an hour and feature multiple layers designed to keep viewers engaged. He described the interval sequence as an unexpected major revelation, ending with the intriguing question, "Who is she?" The director announced that viewers who correctly identify a key plot point, twist or clue word related to the second half can win ₹1 crore. According to his announcement, audiences watching the premiere shows scheduled for October 29 or 30 must send their answers to a WhatsApp number within five minutes of the interval. The number is expected to be announced at the film's pre-release event. The prize will be presented at the success meet to the person who provides the correct answer, he said. Poorvaaj also revealed plans for a promotional initiative titled 'Super She', aimed at women. Participants were asked what they would do if they acquired superpowers overnight. He said the team had received 2,127 responses and would select the ten best entries, awarding each winner ₹1.40 lakh at the pre-release event. *Killer*, directed by Suku Poorvaaj, stars Jyothi Poorvaaj in a prominent role and blends science fiction, action and suspense. The film has attracted attention for its unconventional concept and the director's bold promotional strategy. The ₹1 crore challenge has added another layer of anticipation, with audiences eager to discover the mystery behind the film's interval twist.

Mouli's 'Donga Naa Koduku' Teaser Promises Laughter



The teaser of *Donga Naa Koduku*, an upcoming Telugu crime comedy starring Mouli Tanuj Prasanth, has been released, promising audiences an entertaining blend of humour, robbery and unexpected twists. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers and directed by debutant Sreenu Kambala, the film is scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on November 13. Mouli, who earned recognition for his performance in *Little Hearts*, plays Eeshwar, a carefree young man whose obsession with money drives the story. The teaser introduces his complicated family relationships, his girlfriend and the circumstances that eventually lead him towards crime. Eeshwar's character brings together youthful humour and a series of amusing situations. His interactions with his family, particularly his father, played by veteran comedian Ali, provide several comic moments. The teaser also hints at how financial pressures and Eeshwar's desire for money push him into an unexpected situation involving robbery. Mouli's distinctive dialogue delivery, expressive body language and comic timing stand out in the promotional footage. Sushmitha Shetty plays the female lead, while Raghu babu and other supporting actors appear in important roles. The film is directed by Sreenu Kambala, who makes his directorial debut with this project. Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar are producing the film under the Mythri Movie Makers banner. Sinjith Yerramilli has composed the music, while Suriya Balaji handles cinematography. With its unusual title, relatable characters and crime-comedy premise, *Donga Naa Koduku* aims to offer a lively theatrical experience. Following the success of *Little Hearts*, Mouli will be looking to continue his momentum with this upcoming entertainer. The teaser has raised expectations among audiences eager to see his next big-screen outing.

Rakul Preet Blends Navratri With Glamour

Rakul Preet Singh began her journey in Kannada cinema with Gilli, found big stardom in Telugu films and later built a steady name in Tamil and Hindi too. That range has made her one of the most recognised faces in Indian cinema. For Navratri, she wore a steel blue draped saree in a soft metallic finish with a jewelled blouse. The blouse had a single wide strap and a squared neckline, covered in mirror work and multicoloured stones. She added large colourful chandbali earrings with gold beads and a stone studded cuff, and left her hair open in loose waves with soft pink makeup. Next, she will be seen as Shurpanakha in Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana, and fans are eagerly waiting to see her in a very different role.



Nani May Team Up With 96 Director

Actor Nani is reportedly set to collaborate with *96* director C. Prem Kumar for an emotional romantic drama after completing *Bloody Romeo*, directed by Sujeeth. Kannada actress Rukmini Vasanth is likely to play the female lead, according to industry reports. The film is expected to focus on love, relationships and heartfelt emotions. However, neither the actor nor the director has officially confirmed the project or its casting details.



Nani And Rukmini Vasant

Anupama Needs Smarter Script Choices



Actress Anupama Parameswaran may need to reassess her script selection as her recent box-office performance raises questions about her choice of projects. Despite her efforts to explore diverse roles and establish herself as a performer capable of carrying films independently, most of her recent releases have struggled to make a significant commercial impact, with *Kishkindha puri* standing out as an exception. Several of Anupama's recent projects have placed her in central roles without relying on the star power of a leading male actor to attract audiences. While such films have provided her with opportunities to demonstrate her acting abilities, their commercial outcomes have been less encouraging. Films such as *Paradha* and *Crazy Kalyanam* have received appreciation for their performances and experimental approach. These projects reflect Anupama's willingness to move beyond conventional roles and take on characters that offer scope for performance. However, critical appreciation alone may not be sufficient to sustain a career in an increasingly competitive film industry. Anupama has demonstrated her talent and versatility through her choice of characters. The challenge now lies in balancing performance-oriented roles with stories that also possess strong commercial appeal. Selecting engaging scripts with compelling narratives and wider audience appeal could help her strengthen her position in the industry. Attention is now turning to her upcoming film *Bhogi*, which stars Sharwanand and is scheduled for release next month. Anupama's character has already generated curiosity, with early indications suggesting an interesting role. A strong performance by *Bhogi* at the box office could provide a much-needed boost to her career and help shape her future script choices.

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