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Netanyahu Invites Modi to Light Independence Day Torch



Delhi, Oct22 (Open Frame): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday said he has Prime Minister Narendra Modi to light a torch alongside Indian pilot Smit Machchar on Israel's Independence Day. In a post on X, Netanyahu said PM Modi thanked him for the invitation and described India and Israel as jointly fighting terrorism "on land and in the air". Netanyahu added that Modi had also commended the strong, decades-old ties between the two countries.

Sonia Gandhi Receives First Copies of Memoir



New Delhi, Oct22 (Open Frame): Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi has received the first copies of her much-awaited memoir, Belonging: A Journey of Love, ahead of its worldwide release on November 10. The 79-year-old leader was the first recipient of the book as publishers arrived with a few hardback copies. Reacting to the delivery, Sonia Gandhi remarked, "You are carrying a very heavy weight," as the publishers presented the copies to her. The memoir is expected to offer readers insights into Sonia Gandhi's personal journey, experiences and reflections. As one of the most prominent figures in Indian politics, her life has been closely associated with the Congress party and several significant political developments over the past decades. The book's upcoming global release has generated interest among political observers and readers keen to learn more about her life beyond the public spotlight. The memoir, titled Belonging: A Journey of Love, will be available worldwide from November 10.

Revanth Projects Rahul as Opposition's PM Face

■ Revanth Backs Rahul, Pushes for Bahujan Empowerment

■ Mudiraj Inclusion in BC-A to Be Examined by Cabinet Panel

Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame): Telangana Chief Minister A Reva nth Reddy has warned that the next General Election is crucial for the country and people's full support to Rahul Gandhi is the need of the hour. Partici pating in the Pandaga Sayanna Mudiraj birth anniversary celebrations in Hyderabad on Thursday, the Chief Minister called upon people to stand in support of Rahul Gandhi at the present crucial juncture. The Chief Minister expressed his confidence that the majority of 'Bahujans' across the country would be empowered should Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi become Prime Minister of the country. Stating that the People's Gove rnment was according top priority to the political empowerment of all BC communities, Revanth Reddy announced that a Cabinet Sub Committee would be constituted to study the inclusion of the Mudiraj community in BC-A category. Due to lack of accurate data, the Mudiraj community could not be reclassified from the 'BC-D' category to 'BC-A', he said. "We will discuss this issue in the next Cabinet meeting and form a Cabinet Sub-Committee to conduct a comprehensive study on this issue," he observ ed.Revanth Reddy also suggested to Minister Ponnam Prabhakar to bring to the attention of TPCC president Mahesh Goud the need to provide an MLC ticket to the Mudiraj community. "It is my responsibility to ensure the Mudiraj community is made a partner in the government," he remarked The Chief Minister mentioned that certain misconceptions and doubts raised by other



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Modi, Shah to visit Telangana

Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame): The Bharatiya Janata Party, buoyed by its triumph in West Bengal, has sharpened its focus on Telangana now; for, the saffron party's senior leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, are slated to visit the state in the next two months. Their visit is likely to induce political churn in the state. According to party leaders, Amit Shah is expected to visit the state in November to attend a polling booth convention. The Union Home Minister was initially slated to visit Telangana during this month. Party leaders said that Shah's visit would focus on strengthening the BJP in the state. He is likely to address a meeting of the polling booth committees of the party from Hyderabad, Rangareddy, and Mahbubnagar, coinciding with elections to the Graduate MLC seats in the state. He is expected to provide guidance to party workers as well local leaders regarding the upcoming elections and firm up strategies to bolster the party.The Election Commission has announced the schedule for the election to Graduates MLC constituencies of Rangareddy-Hyderabad-Mahbubnagar and Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda. A senior leader of the party said that the visit of Amit Shah will work as a morale booster for the party cadre during the election time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also slated to visit Telangana during December. The PM is likely to lay the foundation stone for the development of the Mamnoor Airport in Warangal. The Prime Minister would be inaugurating the Sammakka Sarakka Tribal University, Kazipet Wagon Factory, and the Kakatiya Textile Park. Party leaders said that a massive public meeting was also being planned in Warangal to coincide with this visit.



BRS Appoints In-Charges for Graduate MLC Elections

Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame): The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has appointed constituency-wise in-charges across six districts of Telangana to coordinate its preparations for the upcoming Graduate Member of Legislative Council (MLC) elections. BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao announced the appointments following a review meeting on the graduate MLC elections at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday. The appointments cover the two Graduate MLC constituencies — Hyderabad–Rangareddy–Mahabubnagar and Warangal–Khammam–Nalgonda. Leaders have been assigned responsibilities across constituencies in Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, Khammam and Warangal districts. The appointed leaders will coordinate with local party leaders and workers to oversee election-related activities and strengthen organisational preparedness. The move is aimed at improving coordination at the constituency level ahead of the polls. In Rangareddy district, Nagash Mudiraj has been appointed in-charge for LB Nagar, while Gongidi Mahender Reddy will oversee Uppal. Other appointments include leaders assigned to constituencies across Hyderabad and the five other districts. The announcement marks a step in the BRS's preparations for the upcoming Graduate MLC elections

Indian Among Three Killed in Houthi Attacks on Saudi Arabia



Dubai, Oct22 (Open Frame): An Indian national among 3 people were killed and many others were injured in two separate attacks on an airport and an oilfield in Saudi Arabia, officials said on Thursday. The attacks took place on Wednesday amid a series of drone and missile strikes on airports, energy facilities and other key infrastructure in Saudi Arabia. Falling debris from the successful interception of a drone targeting a processing facility at Saudi Aramco's Shaybah oil field killed two people and injured two others, the Kingdom's Energy Ministry said.The Indian Embassy in Riyadh said Saudi authorities had informed

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HMWSSB MD Orders Routine Checks on Water Quality

Hyderabad, oct22 (Open Frame): The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sew-erage Board (HMWSSB) Managing Director K Ashok Reddy ordered that the Pollu-tion Control Board (PCB) and the Water Board re-lated departments should work in coordination and conduct water qual-ity tests regularly as per the prescribed standards during an inspection to the green water filling station in Kokapet on Thursday. He Said HM-WSSB is taking steps to reduce the pressure on drink-ing water resources in the city and to use purified water for non-drinking purposes. he MD inspected the wa-ter quality testing laboratory at the filling station and re-viewed with the officials the process of conducting tests, various quality



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castes regarding Mudiraj in BC - A category needs to be addressed. The Chief Minister highlighted the BC Census conducted by his government. The census data helped every community to raise their voice with greater strength. All the communities have been requested to furnish full details to rectify the errors if their population count was not correctly mentioned in the Census report. The first caste Census was conducted during British rule, he said, adding: "Now, we undertook the caste census successfully after 100 years."

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it about the casualties in the attack on King Fahd International Airport in Dammam, eastern Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday night. "One Indian national was among two people who unfortunately lost their lives in the attack on Dammam airport on Wednesday night and two Indian nationals were injured," the embassy said in a social media post on Thursday. "We are ascertaining further details and contacting the affected families. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of the deceased and we wish speedy recovery of the injured," it added. Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation said a Saudi citizen and an Indian resident were killed in the attack. The airport had also been targeted on October 11. The authority said eight people, including two Indians, were injured. Bangladeshi and Nepalese nationals were also among those hurt. "Their injuries range from minor to critical, and they are receiving the necessary medical care at several hospitals," it said.

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standards and recording of results. e suggested that the test results should be uploaded online from time to time and linked to be monitored direct-ly from the Water Board headquarters. For this, he said that necessary technical arrangements should be completed in coordination with the Water Board IT department. e also ordered that special attention should be paid to the quantity of water filled in tankers. He suggested that dif-ferent filling limits should be set according to tankers of dif-ferent capacities and that the quantity of water filled in each tanker along with the filling details should be recorded ac-curately. hey were encouraged to use the treated water for non-potable purposes such as building construction, in-dustrial needs, road clean-ing, dust control, and garden maintenance. It was clarified that there should be continu-ous monitoring of water qual-ity, supply quantity, and safety standards in the management of green water filling stations.

Congress Demands Probe into Water Supply to KCR's Farmhouse



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame):
CongressMP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has urged the Irrigation and CAD Department to conduct a comprehensive and impartial enquiry into the Kondapochamma Sagar Lift Irrigation Project following recent media reports. In a formal representation submitted to Irrigation and CAD Department Secretary E Sridhar on Thursday, the MP highlighted allegations regarding the construction of a special canal from Kondapochamma Sagar to feed Panduranga Cheruvu, reportedly after 2016. The media report further alleged that water from Panduranga Cheruvu was subsequently pumped into a well spread across approximately three acres located at the Erravelli farmhouse of former Chief Minister K Chandra shekar Rao. Emphasising the paramount necessity for transparency and public accountability in utilizing state irrigation infrastructure and natural water resources, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy requested the department to scrutinise project records, official sanction approvals, canal construction specifications, water diversion mechanisms, pumping arrangements, and overall public fund expenditures incurred. Furthermore, the MP urged the Irrigation Department to verify all facts and circumstances surrounding the reported activities and initiate appropriate legal action if any irregularities are established. Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy requested Secretary E Sridhar to submit a detailed enquiry report at the earliest possible instance and inform him regarding official steps taken in this matter.

FMG Interns Protest at DME Office, Demand Stipend Hike



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame):
SeveralForeign Medical Graduates (FMGs) interns were taken into police custody while protesting against the disparity in stipend payments in Telangana. After staging a silent protest for 15 days, the doctors intensified their agitation at the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) office at Koti on Thursday. The Foreign Medical Graduates, who completed their MBBS degrees abroad, are demanding a monthly stipend of Rs 29,792, on par with other MBBS doctors in the state. They alleged that some of them were currently receiving only Rs 5,000 per month. The doctors, who have been protesting since October 8, are also urging the government to release their pending dues. They said that despite Supreme Court orders directing the payment of a monthly stipend of Rs 29,792, the government was providing them with only Rs 5,000. The protesting doctors raised slogans such as "Equal work, equal pay" and "We want justice". They also alleged that when they questioned the authorities over the stipend disparity, they were threatened with the cancellation of their internships. The doctors further alleged that while they were staging a peaceful protest, the police took them into custody and transported them to various parts of the city without informing them where they were being taken. Meanwhile, several doctors' associations condemned the detention of the FMGs. The Healthcare Reforms Doctors Association (HRDA), Telangana, the Resident Doctors Association and the Telangana Junior Doctors Associations strongly condemned the detention of the FMG interns, who they said were peacefully protesting within the premises to press for their genuine demands. "We demand that the police immediately release all detained FMG interns without registering any cases against them. India is a democratic country, where every citizen has the right to raise genuine concerns and seek justice through peaceful protest. Detention, intimidation, and threats must not be used to silence the legitimate voices of doctors who are fighting for their rightful demands," the HRDA said.

Governor Calls Alai Balai a Symbol of Unity Beyond Politics



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame):
GovernorShiv Pratap Shukla has said the Alai Balai programme was a symbol of social harmony and Telan gana's rich cultural heritage, bringing people together beyond political differences. Addressing the 'Datthanna Alai Balai' programme orga nised by former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya and his daughter Vijayalak shmi at the Nampally Exhi bition Grounds in Hyder abad on Thursday, the Govern or said ideological differences shoul d not undermine mutual respect, friendship and cooperation. He appreciated Vijayalakshmi for continuing the tradition initiated by Dattatreya in 2005. Emphas ising the need for a collective fight against drug abuse, Shiv Pratap Shukla said the menace was a serious threat to the future of the youth and could not be tackled by the police alone. Government agencies, educational institutions, soc ial organisations and citizens must work together to ach ieve the goal of a drug-free India by 2029, he said. The Governor recalled administering an anti-drug pledge to around 15,000 students at Hyderabad's LB Stadium and announced that a similar awareness programme would be held at Osmania Univ ersity on October 28. He also cautioned against the growing threat posed by synthetic drugs. Calling upon young people to respect cultural traditions and contribute to nation-building, he said social harmony and national integration were essential for the country's progress. Pun jab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, former Vice-Pres ident M Venkaiah Naidu, former Governor C Vidya sagar Rao, Union Minister Kishan Reddy and others were also present. Tribal folk artistes and traditional danc ers present vibrant cultural performances featuring traditional headgear, body paint, and drums at the 'Datthanna Alai Balai' event

Bhatti Directs Steps to Prevent El Nino Induced Power Shortage



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame):
DeputyChief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to take robust measures to prevent any power shortage across the state, considering potential reductions in hydel power generation due to El Nino conditions and expected increases in electricity demand during upcoming months. Emphasising the necessity of a comprehensive action plan, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka instructed the Energy Department to elevate daily thermal power generation to 140 million units to meet agricultural and domestic electricity requirements during the Rabi and summer seasons. On Thursday, the Deputy Chief Minister convened a high-level review meeting with senior Energy Department officials at Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat to evaluate power generation, grid supply, and pending electricity dues. Officials informed him that average daily thermal power generation had reached approximately 91 million units, with single-day peak production touching 118 million units recently. Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka instructed officials to expand operational capacity further and work consistently towards achieving the daily benchmark of 140 million units. To ensure uninterrupted fuel supplies to two units at Yadadri Thermal Power Plant, an alternative coal procurement arrangement has been finalized with Coal India Limited, with deliveries scheduled to commence in Novem ber. Calling for foc used attention on Yadadri Thermal Power Plant to boost overall state generation, the Deputy Chief Mini ster reviewed unit operations. Officials reported that four 800 MW capacity units were currently generating electricity, while the fifth unit was successfully synchronised with the grid on Tuesday. Technical and operational issues are being addressed on a war footing to bring the fifth unit into full-fledged commercial operation. According to official figures, average daily thermal power generation from TGGENCO plants stood at 65.90 million units during 2024–25 and approximately 76.46 million units during 2025–26. In the current financial year, average daily generation rose to 90.97 million units as of Wednesday, reflecting a 19 per cent growth with an increase of 14.51 million units daily compared to the previous year. Thermal power generation previously peaked at 118 million units on Friday. Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to ensure that all thermal power plant units operate at maximum capacity, raise the overall Plant Load Factor, and monitor daily generation outputs continuously to achieve target thresholds. Furthermore, the Deputy Chief Minister instructed officials to formulate detailed proposals for a One-Time Settlement scheme to clear long-standing electricity dues owed by closed industrial units in Telangana, providing structured relief to eligible consumers. He also directed senior Finance Department officials to initiate prompt recovery measures for outstanding dues owed to Singareni Collieries Company Limited, GENCO, TRANSCO, and other state power sector organisations by various government departments.t departments promptly.

Sridhar Babu Urges Strong Push for Graduate Voter Enrolment

Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame):
Ministerfor IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu urged Congress leaders and workers to prioritise graduate voter enrolment ahead of the Hyderabad–Rangareddy–Ma hbubnagar Graduates' MLC elections, calling for a coordinated campaign to ensure that every eligible graduate is registered. Addressing a preparatory meeting on Thursday, Sridhar Babu said the party should secure its highest margin from the erstwhile Rangareddy district. He called for a comprehensive booth-level plan and better coordination between senior and new leaders. Exuding confidence in the Congress's victory, he asked party leaders and workers to highlight the state government's development and welfare initiatives, government job recruitment and skill development programmes among graduates. He appealed to the cadre to counter the BRS and BJP's criticism and alleged misinformation through public outreach and social media, while highlighting the opposition parties' record before the electorate. The minister called for special voter enrolment drives across villages, mandals, municipalities and municipal corporations. He



directed party workers to reach out to eligible graduates and ensure that applications were completed accurately, with proper monitoring at the local level. He assured party leaders and workers that those who performed well in voter enrolment and election campaigning would receive due recognition within the party.

BJP Accuses Congress Government of Neglecting Tribals

Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame):
BJP Telangana unit president N Ramchander Rao on Thursday accused the Congress government of neglecting tribal welfare and demanded immediate action on unresolved issues, particularly those concerning Podu lands. Speaking after paying tributes to tribal freedom fighter Komaram Bheem on his birth anniversary here at the BJP state office, Rao said the government should address the problems of tribal communities instead of making promises during elections. Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, party MPs, MLAs and other leaders also paid floral tributes to Komaram Bheem, raising slogans honouring his legacy. Rao recalled Komaram Bheem's struggle against the Nizam's rule under the slogan "Jal, Jungle, Zameen" (Water, Forest, Land), which symbolised the fight for tribal rights, land and freedom. He said Bheem's ideals continued to inspire Telangana's movements and the wider struggle for tribal empowerment. The BJP state president criticised the alleged lack of development in tribal and agency areas, citing inadequate medical facilities, roads and schools,



besides concerns over the roster system for Scheduled Tribe reservations. He urged the state government to take concrete measures to resolve these issues.

Government to Set Up Cotton Procurement Centres for Kharif

Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame):
Ministerfor Agriculture, Marketing, Handlooms and Textiles Tummala Nageswara Rao directed officials on Thursday to open cotton procurement centres for the 2026-27 kharif marketing season and ensure farmers receive the minimum support price for produce. Reviewing cotton cultivation, production estimates, market prices, and Cotton Corporation of India procurement arrangements at the Secretariat, Tumm ala Nageswara Rao emphasized that securing remunerative prices and preventing procurement delays remain top government priorities. Officials reported that cotton was cultivated across 48.20 lakh acres in Telangana during the current kharif season, with total production estimated at 29.43 lakh metric tonnes. In comparison, the previous season recorded 50.73 lakh acres of cultivation and



28.33 lakh metric tonnes of yield. Expressing concern over potential crop yield declines stemming from adverse weather conditions and nationwide El Nino impacts, the Minister stressed the absolute necessity for efficient procurement management statewide. The Central government set the official cotton MSP at Rs 8,667 per quintal for the 2026-27 kharif season. Department officials informed Tummala Nageswara Rao that current model market prices for cotton in Telangana hover around Rs 9,000 per quintal, remaining Rs 333 higher than the mandated minimum support price.

Panduga Sayanna fought for poor: SP

Gadwal, Oct22 (Open Frame):
JogulambaGadwal district SP T Srinivasa Rao paid rich tributes to Panduga Sayanna, popularly known as the Palamuru hero, on his birth anniversary at the District Police Office on Thursday. The SP offered floral tributes to his portrait and recalled his services and fighting spirit. Panduga Sayanna holds a special place in Telangana's folk history as a people's hero who stood by the poor and the oppressed. He hailed from Merugonipalle village in Nawabpet mandal of present-day Mahabubnagar district. He is remembered for his fight against social inequality, oppression and exploitation, as well as his efforts to support weaker sections and promote self-respect among people. The celebration of his birth anniversary is not only an occasion to remember a great personality but also an opportunity to introduce his ideals and fighting spirit to the younger generation. His life conveys a strong message of equal respect for all, justice for weaker sections, humanity and service to society. On the occasion, officials emphasised that along with maintaining public safety and law and order, everyone should uphold social responsibility, a spirit of service and the values of equality. They called for efforts to familiarise future generations with the lives of people's heroes such as Panduga Sayanna and preserve their ideals in society. District Office Admin istrative Officer Sai Krishna, Reserve Inspector Venkat, Reserve Sub-Inspectors Chan drakanth and Maddaiah, DPO staff and police personnel from various departments participated in the programme.



BRS MLAs Demand Transparent Lottery for Double-Bedroom Houses



Hyderabad, October 22 (Open Frame):
Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLAs have demanded that the Telangana government ensure transparency in the allocation of double-bedroom houses across Greater Hyderabad and select beneficiaries through a fair lottery system to prevent irregularities and ensure justice for the genuinely poor. The MLAs met V.P. Gautam, Special Secretary to the State Housing Department, on Thursday and submitted a representation highlighting alleged irregularities in housing allocations in their respective constituencies. Legislators representing LB Nagar, Kukatpally, Quthbullapur, Malkajgiri, Uppal, Maheshwaram and Amberpet brought the alleged violations to the official's attention. They claimed that eligible poor families were being overlooked and that houses were being allotted arbitrarily, bypassing the lottery system and allegedly relying on recommendations from ministers and officials. They said they had also presented supporting evidence to the Special Secretary. The MLAs further alleged that allowing Congress leaders and Indiramma Committees to influence the beneficiary selection process was causing injustice to deserving applicants. They urged the government to select beneficiaries strictly on the basis of eligibility, without political interference. LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy warned that irregular allocation of houses meant for poor families would not be tolerated. He demanded justice for eligible applicants who had applied for double-bedroom houses under both the previous and present governments. Sudheer Reddy also warned that the BRS would join the applicants in besieging the Secretariat if irregularities in the allocation process continued. Former minister and MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy, along with MLAs Madhavaram Krishna Rao, K.P. Vivekanand, Lakshma Reddy, Kaleru Venkatesh and Marri Rajasekhar Reddy, among others, participated in the programme.

Grand Sri Durga Devi Procession Held in Rudraram

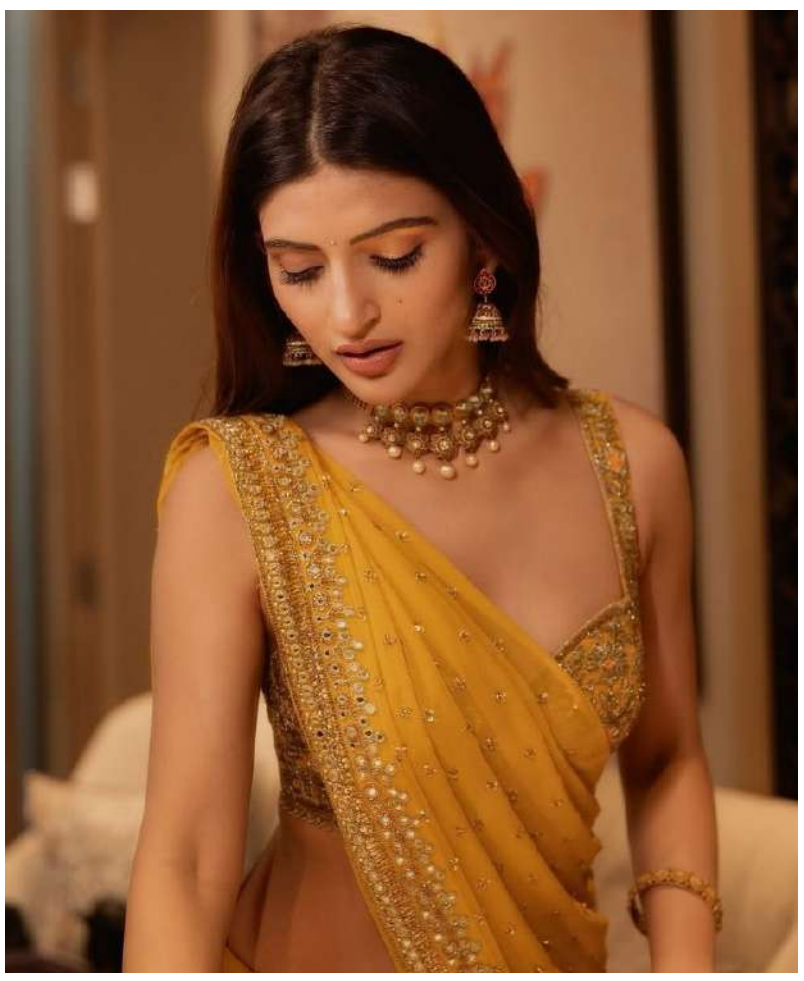
Patancheru, October 22 (Open Frame): A grand procession of Sri Durga Devi was organised in Rudraram village, under Isnapur Mun icipality in Patan cheru constituency of Sangareddy district, on the occasion of Vijayadashami. The procession was organ ised under the aegis of the Sri Chaitanya Youth Association as part of the Devi Navaratri celebrations. During the nine-day festivities, the goddess was worshipped with special decorations and rituals, attracting large numbers of devotees who gathered to seek her blessings. The Vijayadashami procession, held on Thursday, proceeded with religious fervour amid devotional songs, bhajans and enthusiastic participation by devotees. The chanting of the goddess's name filled Rudraram village with a spiritual atmosphere. Devotees participated enthusiastically in the celebrations and performed special prayers to the goddess as the procession moved through the village. The event reflected the religious devotion and community spirit of the residents. Members of the Sri Chaitanya Youth Association, former sarpanch Reddy, former ward members, village elders, local residents and devotees participated in the procession and helped make the celebrations a grand success.



Two-Bike Accident Teen Dead, Three Injured

Amangal, October 22 (Open Frame): A 17-year-old boy was killed and three others injured in a collision between two motorcycles on the Chintalapalli–Khanapur road at around 7 pm on Thursday. According to Amangal police, Sabavath Tarun, from Venkatapur Thanda in Talakondapally mandal, was travelling from Maisigandi towards his village when his motorcycle collided with an oncoming two-wheeler. Tarun sustained serious injuries and died in the accident. Nenavath Bichya (40), who was riding pillion with Tarun, and Shiva and Chandu of Choudarpally village, who were travelling on the other motorcycle, were injured. The three were shifted to Yennam Hospital in Velda nda for treatment. Police have launched an investigation to establish the exact cause of the accident.

Sreeleela Stuns in Another Traditional Festive Look



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame): Sreeleela has built her name on quick footwork, easy comfort in front of the camera and dancing skills few Telugu heroines can match. Dhamaka and Bhagavanth Kesari gave her big hits, and her number Kissik kept her trending nationwide. For this festive look, she wore a mustard yellow ruffled saree with mirror work borders and tiny floral motifs. The pre-draped pallu flows off one shoulder, paired with a sleeveless sweetheart blouse in gold embroidery. The layered hem carries the same gold work, which adds movement as she poses sideways. Open tousled hair, nude lips and glowing skin kept the styling simple. Next, she will share screen space with Kartik Aaryan in Anurag Basu's Hindi romantic musical. She is also reportedly part of Ajith Kumar's upcoming film directed by Adhik Ravichandran.

'Akka' Trailer Teases Fierce Clash Between Two Gangster Queens



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame): The trailer of *Akka*, Netflix's upcoming crime drama starring Keerthy Suresh and Radhika Apte, has been unveiled, offering a glimpse into a fierce battle for power, legacy and revenge between two formidable women. Set in 1985 in the fictional kingdom of Pernuru, the series explores a society where women have ruled for generations and control the region's powerful criminal networks. The story revolves around Bhavani, pla yed by Keerthy Suresh, who commands authority in the kingdom, and Rudra, portrayed by Radhika Apte, whose amb itions threaten to disrupt the established order. The trailer showcases gang wars, shifting loyalties and escalating tensions as the two women find themselves on opposing sides. With an outsider challenging the legacy that has held Pernuru together, old wounds resurface and the struggle for dominance intensifies. The narrative explores themes of power, family, loyalty and revenge against the backdrop of a distinctive women-led criminal underworld. Keerthy's Bhavani is portrayed as a determined leader willing to go to great lengths to protect her legacy. Radhika's Rudra, meanwhile, emerges as a fierce and ambitious character determined to challenge the existing power structure. Their contrasting personalities and beliefs form the central conflict of the series. Written and directed by Dharmaraj Shetty, *Akka* is produced by YRF Entertainment. The ensemble cast includes Tanvi Azmi, Mahesh Manjrekar, Anshuman Pushkar and Monica Panwar, among others. The series marks another collaboration between Netflix and YRF Entertainment, following projects such as *The Romantics*, *The Railway Men*, *Maharaj* and *Mandala Murders*. *Akka* is scheduled to premiere on Netflix on October 30. With its focus on powerful female characters and a high-stakes struggle for control, the series brings a distinct perspective to the gangster-drama genre.

'Reality' Begins Musical Promotions with Soulful 'Bhaja Govindam'



The makers of Reality, actor Kiran Abbavaram's maiden directorial venture, have kick-started the film's musical promotions with the rele ase of the video song Bhaja Govindam. The song, which was previously featured in the film's title glimpse, sets a soothing tone for the upcoming entertainer. Composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, the track conveys a simple yet meaningful message about finding happiness in everyday life. Its central theme highlights the importance of enjoying one's work, spending quality time with loved ones and appreciating what one already has, rather than constantly chasing extraordinary achievements. Lyricist Sanare has penned words that emphasise contentment, self-reliance and the value of maintaining a healthy balance amid daily responsibilities. Singer Vai kom Vijayalakshmi lends her soulful voice to the composition, adding a spiritual and soothing quality to the song. Kiran Abbavaram appears in a relaxed and cheerful setting, enjoying moments with frie nds and family. His natural expressions and understated portrayal complement the song's theme, presenting happiness through ordinary experiences and personal relationships. The song offers an early glimpse into the emotional tone of Reality and marks the beginning of its musical promotional campaign. With its emphasis on relatable emotions and the importance of appreciating life's simple pleasures, Bhaja Govindam sets the mood for the film's promotional journey. Produced by Sudhakar Chaganti under the Joy Films banner, Reality is scheduled for a theatrical release on December 25, coinciding with Christmas.

Balakrishna's Cameo in Mokshagna's Debut Sparks Buzz



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame): Speculation is growing around Nandamuri Balakrishna's reported appearance in the much-awaited debut film of his son, Nandamuri Mokshagna Teja. The upcoming project, directed by Mallidi Vassishta and backed by Mythri Movie Makers, has already generated considerable interest among Telugu cinema fans. According to industry rumours, Balakrishna may appear in a powerful guest role limited to the opening portions of the film. The reported plan is to establish the story's momentum through his appearance before allowing Mokshagna to take centre stage as the lead actor. The speculation has also raised questions about balancing Balakrishna's established screen presence with his son's introduction as a newcomer. A brief appearance could provide an initial boost to the film while giving Mokshagna sufficient scope to establish his own identity. Mokshagna's debut has been eagerly anticipated by fans of the Nandamuri family. With Vassishta directing and Mythri Movie Makers producing the film, expectations surrounding the project remain high. However, the details of Balakrishna's role, including whether he will appear in the film at all, remain unconfirmed. The production team is yet to issue an official statement on the reported cameo.

Star Heroes Embrace Villain Roles in Big-Budget Films



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame): Indian cinema is witnessing a growing trend of established stars taking on antagonist roles in major productions, moving beyond their traditional hero images. Yash, Vijay Sethupathi, Prithviraj Sukumaran and Abhishek Bachchan are among the actors exploring darker characters.Yash, who gained nationwide recognition with the KGF franchise, is set to portray Ravana in the ambitious two-part epic Ramayana. The role marks a significant departure from his familiar action-hero image.Malayalam star Prithviraj Sukumaran is expected to play Kumbha in S. S. Rajamouli's upcoming film Varanasi, starring Mahesh Babu. His character is reportedly central to the film's conflict.Vijay Sethupathi, known for balancing lead and negative roles, has reportedly joined Arasan, directed by Vetrimaaran and featuring Silambarasan TR. Meanwhile, Abhishek Bachchan is set to play the antagonist opposite Shah Rukh Khan in King.The trend highlights how established performers are embracing challenging roles that offer greater scope for versatility and intense screen confrontations.

Young Producer Urges Governments to Halt Ticket Hikes



Hyderabad, Oct22 (Open Frame): Young Telugu film producer Dheeraj Mogilineni has urged state governments to stop approving cinema ticket price hikes, arguing that the practice affects small-budget films and places an additional financial burden on moviegoers. Dheeraj pointed out that increased ticket prices for big-budget films can influence theatre revenue and screening preferences, making it difficult for smaller productions to secure sufficient screens and attract audiences. While acknowledging that certain large-scale films may warrant special consideration, he questioned the practice of routinely granting ticket price hikes to multiple releases. He argued that affordable ticket prices would help smaller films reach wider audiences and compete more effectively at the box office. The producer also stressed that higher admission charges could discourage audiences from visiting theatres, particularly when several family members watch a film together. His remarks have renewed discussion within the Telugu film industry over ticket pricing, theatre availability and the challenges faced by small-budget filmmakers. The debate highlights the need to balance producers' commercial interests with audience affordability and fair opportunities for films of different scales.

Shraddha Das Stuns in Red



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