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BJP slams Farooq Abdullah for remarks on Kashmiris



Jammu, Oct24 (Open Frame): The BJP has torn into veteran politician Farooq Abdullah and described the former chief minister's controversial remarks on Kashmiris as "seditious" and "pro-Pakistan." Abdullah, who heads the ruling National Conference (NC) party in Jammu and Kashmir, had said that the Indian government's intentions towards Kashmiris are not right and credited Pakistan's diplomatic efforts for helping their voices to be heard globally. The BJP quickly jumped into action and labelled his remarks as being in favour of Pakistan and unfortunate. Some leaders even demanded a case of sedition to be registered against Abdullah.

Food safety requires fierce enforcement

TheFSSAI issuing notices to non-compliant businesses is merely a timid band-aid on a systemic crisis. Sporadic warnings cannot fix India's rampant food adulteration, where over 40 per cent of tested food samples fail quality and safety standards annually according to official data. Token reprimands actively embolden unscrupulous vendors who consistently jeopardize public health for petty profits. We need ruthless, zero tolerance enforcement and immediate closures, criminal prosecutions and heavy fines that decimate bad actors economically. Unless the FSSAI enforces uncompromising punitive measures, Indian consumers remain defenseless against hazardous food.

Physicist Ashoke Sen first Indian to win Oskar Klein Medal



Bengaluru: Physicist Ashoke Sen has been awarded the Oskar Klein Medal for 2026, becoming the first Indian to receive the honour, the Bengaluru-based International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS) said on Saturday. Sen, an ICTS-Infosys Madhava Chair professor, is internationally recognised for his pioneering work on S-duality, the precise counting of black hole entropy and string field theory contributions that have helped shape modern string theory, the institute said on its website.

Revanth, Fadnavis Likely to Discuss Tummidihetti Barrage



Hyderabad,Oct24 (Open Frame): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is likely to meet Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai on October 26 to discuss key issues concerning the proposed Tummidihetti barrage across the Pranahita River. The meeting is expected to focus primarily on the height of the barrage, submergence concerns and water release arrangements. The proposed project is considered important for strengthening irrigation facilities in the erstwhile Adilabad district, where the Telangana government aims to provide irrigation to approximately two lakh acres. However, progress on the project depends largely on reaching an understanding with Maharashtra over the barrage's height and related technical aspects. Revanth Reddy has already directed senior irrigation officials to prepare a detailed report on the state government's proposal. The report is expected to outline the project's requirements and the benefits it could bring to agricultural areas in northern Telangana. Meanwhile, irrigation engineers have begun designing the water conveyance route from Tummidihetti to Yellampalli. The proposed alignment is an important component of the plan to transport water for irrigation purposes and ensure its effective utilisation. The state government is also expected to take up land acquisition for the project once clarity emerges on the barrage's height and other key issues. Officials are awaiting a decision on these aspects before proceeding with the next stages of implementation. Telangana has been requesting Maharashtra's approval to construct the barrage at a height of 152 metres. The state government believes that the proposed height would help ensure adequate water availability to meet its future irrigation requirements. The anticipated meeting between the two chief ministers could play a crucial role in resolving outstanding issues and determining the way forward for the project. An understanding between Telangana and Maharashtra on the barrage's height, submergence and water-sharing arrangements would be significant for advancing the proposal and expanding irrigation potential in the erstwhile Adilabad district.

"Double-Bedroom" Tricksters in LB Nagar!!

■ **Promises of double-bedroom houses made to PAs, photographers, domestic help, drivers, and those who sold their agricultural land...**

■ **Sensational allegations leveled by Congress Party Ranga Reddy District spokesperson Arrabairu Praveen Reddy during a press conference.**



LB Nagar, October 24 (Open Frame): Congress Party Ranga reddy district spokesperson Arra bairu Praveen Reddy has accused BRS LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy of making allegations against Congress ministers over the double-bedroom housing scam while allegedly forgetting the irregularities that took place during the previous government. He alleged that the MLA was mak ing hypocritical statements and posing for social media reels. Speaking at a media conference organised at his office in Lingo jiguda on Saturday, Praveen Redd y challenged the MLA with what he described as documentary evidence of double-bedroom house allotments in the names of domestic workers, farmhouse employees and drivers associated with him. Praveen Reddy alleged that the MLA had been involved in several irregularities during the previous government and claimed that some of the people associated with him we re now exposing his alleged dealings. He alleged that instead of allotting double-bedro om houses to eligible poor applicants, the MLA had used his letterhead to pressure officials into providing hou ses to people working at his residence, farmhouse and friends' houses. These allege dly included domestic workers, personal assistants (PAs), photographers, drivers and owners who had sold farmhouses to him. Acco rding to Praveen Reddy, such alleged allotments took place in Nancheramma Basti in LB Nagar, Vanasth alipuram, Saheb Nagar, Hayathnagar and other areas. He further alleged that the houses were subsequently sold. Accusing Sudheer Reddy of hypocrisy, Prav een Reddy said the MLA was accusing others while ignoring allegations against himself. He challenged the MLA to prove that any of the evidence presented to the media was false, stating that otherwise he should accept the allegations as true. He also criticised what he described as baseless allegations against Congress ministers, remarking that making such accusations was like spitting into the sky. Lingojiguda Division Congress president Kandikanti Sridhar Goud and senior party leaders Manoj, Venkat, Rohith, Narender, Sachin and Shiva, among others, attended the meeting.

Hyd basketball fraternity mourns demise of John Peters



Hyderabad, Oct24 (Open Frame): The Hyderabad Dis trict Basketball Asso ciation (THDBA) expressed profound grief over the demise of John Samuel Suk umar Peters, son of GM Sampath Kumar, and convey ed its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. Peters was a former basketball player who represented Hyderabad and erstwhile Andhra Prad esh. He also served as a distinguished 'A' Panel Referee of the Baske tball Federation of India (BFI). In a condolence message, the THDBA described his passing as an irreparable loss to the basketball community, noting that his contributions to the sport and association with the basketball fraternity would be remembered with respect and gratitude.

Neha Bora refuses to sign peace bond



New Delhi, Oct24 (Open Frame): AllIndia Students' Association president Neha Bora on Saturday said she will not sign a peace bond before a Special Executive Magistrate (SEM), a day after the Delhi High Court dismissed her plea challenging a police notice directing her to provide a personal bond of Rs 10,000 with one surety. Questioning the rationale behind the notice, Bora asked, "Whose peace am I being asked to keep?" The police notice, issued on October 17 under Section 126 of the BNSS, asked the student leader to appear before a special executive magistrate (SEM) on October 19 and show cause as to why she should not execute a personal bond of Rs 10,000 with one surety "for keeping

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Uttam invites defence industry to invest in TG



Hyderabad, Oct24 (Open Frame): Irrigationand Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday invited India's defence and aerospace industry to invest, innovate, manufacture and expand in Telangana, highlighting Hyderabad's established ecosystem of global aerospace companies, defence public sector undertakings, research institutions and specialised manufacturing units. Addressing the curtain-raiser event for Raksha Expo 2026, the Minister said Telangana was well-positioned to contribute to India's ambition of strengthening indigenous defence capabilities, expanding domestic manufacturing and building globally competitive industrial supply chains. The expo will be held from December 7 to 9 at Bharat Future City as part of the Invest Telangana Global Summit. The event brought together the leadership of more than 90 domestic and international companies from the defence, aerospace, space and internal security sectors, along with senior mili-

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Cong govt committed to advocates' welfare, protection: Ministers

Hyderabad, Oct24 (Open Frame): TheCongress government is committed to protecting advocates' interests, and have launched a slew of measures for their welfare, ministers and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) lead ers said at the TPCC legal cell executive committee meeting held at Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday. Minister Sridhar Babu announced plans for an Indiramma Accident Insurance scheme covering advocates across Telangana and said the government was considering increasing health insurance coverage from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh. He said the government had initiated steps to introduce the Advocates Protection Bill in the Assembly following the murder of advocate couple Vamana Rao and his wife. A meeting with the Chief Minister and representatives of lawyers' associations would be organised to discuss the advocates' welfare corpus fund, legal appointments and other pending issues. Sridhar Babu also said the government was working on appointments of government pleaders, assistant government pleaders, public prosecutors and standing counsel, with performance-based evaluation under consideration. He assured that the issue of cut-off marks in the Public Prosecutor examination wo uld be taken up with the Chief Minister. TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed concern over the functioning of constitutional institutions, alleging that the Centre was undermining their independence. He said some judicial verdicts had caused astonishment and



accused the Election Commission of functioning as a "pocket organisation". He also alleged that the CBI and Enforcement Directorate were being used at the Centre's discretion. Mahesh Kumar Goud highlighted the Congress government's initiative to introduce the Advocates Protection Act, describing it as an unprecedented measure in the country. He also called for efforts to increase advocates' stipends and said their grievances would be discussed with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in November. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar recalled the important role played by advocates in the Telangana statehood movement and the formation of the Congress-led government. He urged lawyers to support Congress candidate Sama Rammohan Reddy in the upcoming Graduate MLC elections and assured party-affiliated advocates that their concerns regarding legal appointments and welfare would be brought to the government's attention. Minister Vivek Venkatswamy stressed the importance of the legal fraternity and proposed establishing lawyer centres at district headquarters to create opportunities for advocates. He said the government would consider lawyers' demands in consultation with senior leaders and work towards incorporating welfare measures into the party manifesto. AICC secretary Sachin Sawant, AIPC chairman and former MP Madhu Yashki Goud, MLAs Madhusudan Reddy and Nayini Rajender Reddy, MLC candidate Sama Rammohan Reddy and other leaders attended the meeting. The leaders urged advocates to strengthen the party's legal support network across Telangana, assist workers facing legal difficulties and mobilise support for the Congress candidate in the Graduate MLC elections.

75-Year-Old Woman Held for Selling Ganja Worth Lakhs

Hyderabad, Oct24 (Open Frame): A 75-year-old woman has been arrested in Hyderabad for allegedly selling ganja worth approximately Rs 1 lakh a day, highlighting concerns over the illegal drug trade in the city. The arrest was reported by According to the report, the elderly woman was allegedly involved in the sale of cannabis, commonly known as ganja, on a significant scale. The estimated daily value of the sales indicates the possible extent of the suspected drug-peddling operation. The case has drawn attention to the involvement of individuals across different age groups in the illegal narcotics trade. The arrest also highlights the challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in identifying and preventing the distribution of prohibited substances. Ganja trafficking and distribution remain concerns for police authorities, particularly in urban areas where illicit drug networks can operate through various channels. Such cases typically require investigation into the source of the contraband, the supply chain and the individuals who may be involved in its distribution. However, details regarding the quantity of ganja seized, the source of the supply, the duration of the alleged operation and whether other suspects were involved were not available in the information accessible from the report. The arrest is expected to form part of the investigation into the alleged drug-selling activity. Further details about the case and any additional action by the police would depend on the findings of the investigation. The allegations against the woman remain subject to the legal process. Further information from the investigating authorities would be necessary to establish the full extent of the alleged operation and determine whether other individuals were connected to it.



'BJP killing democracy in broad daylight'

Aadi Srinivas urges people to question NRR about the pending drought relief

Hyderabad, Oct24 (Open Frame): GovernmentWhip Adi Srinivas alleged that the BJP was "murdering democracy in broad daylight" by undermining democratic institutions and attempting to establish an autocratic system under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Speaking to the media at the CLP office on Saturday, Srinivas criticised state BJP president Ramchander Rao's proposed padyatra under the slogan "Let us protect Democracy and drive out anarchy." He challenged Rao to hold protests outside the Prime Minister's residence in Delhi, the RSS headquarters in Nagpur and the office of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. Srinivas alleged that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was being used to delete voters on a large scale, claiming that 13 crore votes had been removed. He said the Congress and the INDIA alliance, led by Rahul Gandhi, were protesting against the process. Questioning the BJP's contribution to Telangana, Srinivas said the state government had sought Rs 20,000 crore in drought relief from the Centre and requested special assessment teams. The state was ready to bear 40 per cent of the relief expenditure if the Centre provided the remaining 60 per cent. He accused BJP leaders and MPs from Telangana of failing to secure the requested assistance and urged them to prioritise the state's needs. He also alleged that the Centre neglected key projects, including Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion and the Regional Ring Road, and had created hurdles over loans and the proposed bullet train project. Srinivas urged farmers to question Ramchander Rao during his proposed padyatra about the pending drought relief. He further alleged that the BJP and BRS shared similar political positions. Referring to the employment guarantee scheme, he credited Sonia Gandhi with its introduction of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for the poor and accused the Centre of merely renaming it.



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peace for a period of inquiry". Addressing the press at the CPI(ML) Liberation Parliamentary office here, Bora said demonstrating peacefully on the streets is a democratic right, and questioned how raising concerns against the government could be construed as a threat to peace. "If we do not ask the government any questions, whose peace are we keeping?" she asked, stressing that the right to question those in power and express dissent is fundamental to a democracy. Bora asserted that the fight against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, regardless of the direction it takes, must not come at the cost of labelling the right to dissent as a threat to peace. The notice was issued on October 17, a day after Delhi Police detained Bora as she joined the 'Lehra Do Tiranga' march in the capital. The demonstration was part of the protests demanding Kumar's resignation over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Bora had challenged the notice in the Delhi High Court, terming the preventive proceedings an attempt to suppress peaceful dissent, and said that the notice did not adequately establish the likelihood of a breach of peace. She maintained that peaceful protests and democratic opposition should not be treated as violations of public order, emphasising that the right to dissent must be protected.

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tary officers, DRDO representatives, industry leaders and foreign consular representatives. He highlighted Hyderabad's strong industrial base, citing the presence of Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Airbus and Safran, alongside Indian companies such as Tata Advanced Systems, Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and numerous specialised component manufacturers. The Minister mentioned the Tata-Boeing aerospace partnership at Adibatla, which manufactures Apache helicopter fuselages, and the Tata-Lockheed Martin partnership in aerospace structures as examples of Telangana's integration into global defence supply chains. He also highlighted Safran's investments in advanced aero-engine component manufacturing and maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities, including plans related to Rafale engine servicing. "Telangana has a strong foundation across the aerospace and defence value chain," he said, emphasising the contribution of research institutions, established manufacturers and emerging enterprises to the sector's growth.

Govt launches incubator programme for women SHGs



Hyderabad, Oct24 (Open Frame): Thestate government has launched an incubator programme aiming to provide guidance, training, marketing linkage and financial support to the enterprises being developed under the leaders of rural women Self Help Groups (SHGs). The programme aims to promote 300 women-led enterprises statewide generating income opportunities and boosting local economic development. Under the incubator programme, thes tate government would provide financial support to the eligible women entrepreneurs from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 15 lakh for business expansion, marketing, machinery, equipment and procurement needs. The programme, supported by Union Ministry of Rural Development, and technology provider BITS Pilani, Hyderabad would be implemented by the SERP (Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty) of the Telangana government. The assistance would be provided to the women groups in the eligible sectors including food processing, handlooms, textiles, handicrats, personal care/ beauty, wellness and other rural-based businesses. At least 51 per cent of SHG members involved should belong to SHG affiliated families.

SC panel to collect evidence on pellet gun use during CJP stir

New Delhi: The Supreme Court-appointed HPEC will hold a sitting on October 29 to investigate alleged violence during the July Jantar Mantar protests. The committee will specifically examine the alleged use of pellet guns, targeted violence, harassment of female protesters, and instances of excessive force. Chaired by retired Supreme Court judge Justice R Subhash Reddy, the five-member panel was constituted following petitions alleging police excesses and counter-allegations. An online portal, hpec.nic.in, has been launched to facilitate submissions from affected persons.

Sri Vidya Alumni Reunite After 22 Years



Khammam, October 24 (Open Frame): Alumni of the 2002– 2004 batch of Sri Vidya Intermediate College in Khammam held a grand reunion at Anumula Dashwanth Reddy Function Hall near the local Maramma Thalli Temple, reconnecting after 22 years. The former classmates fondly recalled their college days, friendships, festive holidays, games and cultural programmes. They shared memories of watching newly released films together, participating in college activities and enjoying student life in an era before mobile phones and modern digital devices became commonplace. The alumni said their educational and cultural activities had helped develop their talents and intellectual abilities. They also expressed gratitude to their teachers for providing guidance, discipline and values that continued to shape their lives. Several members of the batch are now working in government services and various positions in the private sector. The reunion brought renewed happiness and enthusiasm, allowing the former students to revive old friendships. They expressed their desire to organise similar gatherings in the future and maintain their long-standing bonds.

BRS MLAs Demand Lifting Water from Medigadda Barrage



Medigadda, October 24 (Open Frame): A team of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLAs has demanded that the Telangana government lift water through the Kales hwaram project to meet Hyderabad's drinking water requirements and provide irrigation facilities to farmers. The BRS legislators and former MLAs visited the Kannepalli pump house and Medigadda barrage to inspect the prevailing water conditions. During the visit, BRS leaders stated that approximately 751 TMC of water had flowed downstream from Medigadda so far. They argued that even if 200 TMC of this water had been lifted and utilised, it could have helped meet Hyderabad's drinking water needs while also supplying irrigation water to farmers. The BRS leaders further stated that around 22,000 cusecs of water was currently flowing downstream at Mediga dda. They urged the government to lift and utilise the available water through the Kaleshwaram project for the benefit of the public and the farming community. The BRS representatives alleged that the government was reluctant to lift water through the project because doing so would bring recognition to former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. They said their field visit was intended to present what they described as the ground realities to the public in response to Congress leaders' claims that the project had collapsed. The BRS leaders maintained that the water available at Medigadda should be put to use to addr ess drinking water requirements and support agricultural activities. They said the visit was aimed at increasing pressure on the government to take action on water lifting. The government's response to the allegations was not available in the report. BRS MLAs Devireddy Sudheer Reddy, KP Vivek anand, Madhavaram Krishna Rao, Marri Rajasekhar Reddy and Bandaru Laks hma Reddy, along with former MLA Errabelli Dayakar Rao and other leaders, participated in the visit.

Additional Collector Kiranmayi Guides Competitive Exam Aspirants



Badangpet, October 24 (Open Frame): Rangareddy District Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Dr. K. Kiranmayi conducted a surprise visit to the District Central Library at Badangpet on Saturday and guided candidates preparing for various competitive exam inations. During the visit, she enquired with the concerned officials about the services being provided to readers, available facilities, book avai lability and the overall management of the library. She interacted directly with readers, particularly candidates preparing for competitive exa minations, and enquired abo ut their studies, preparation strategies and the challenges they were facing. Dr. Kira nmayi emphasised that systematic preparation, effective time management, setting clear goals and consistent practice were essential for success in competitive examinations. She advised aspirants to make effective use of the books and study materials available at the library and develop a structured daily study schedule. She also stressed the importance of improving awareness of current affairs and regularly revising previously studied topics to achieve better res ults in examinations. The Ad ditional Collector encouraged students and unemployed you th to pursue their goals with discipline, dedication and determination. She observed that libraries were not merely places for reading books but also important centres for enhancing knowledge and helping young people achieve their future aspirations. Later, she inspected the facilities provided to readers, the study environment and the availability of books at the library. She instructed the officials concerned to take necessary measures to improve the services offered to readers and ensure that the library continued to provide a conducive environment for learning and examination preparation. District Library Organ isation Secretary P.G.V. Rani and other library officials participated in the programme.

Aamangal Traffic Police Station Site Inspected



Aamangal, October 24 (Open Frame): Kalwakurthy MLA Kasireddy Narayana Reddy inspected a potential site for establishing a traffic police station in Aamangal town on Saturday, marking a step towards addressing the town's growing traffic problems. The MLA inspected the premises of the old Irrigation Department office located beside the electricity substation. The site has reportedly been identified for the proposed traffic police station, although official approvals and further details are awaited. With Aamangal expanding rapidly and vehicular movement increasing, the need for a dedicated traffic police station has become increasingly important. The proposed facility is expected to help regulate traffic on major roads, in commercial areas and around the bus stand, while reducing inconvenience to motorists and the public. Once established, the station could focus on traffic management, road safety, enforcement of traffic regulations and accident prevention. The initiative is also expected to improve traffic flow and facilitate safer movement for commuters. Municipal Chairman Pathya Nayak, MRO Payum Khadri, Traffic CI Shankaraiah, SI Ram Reddy, former Market Committee Vice-Chairman Gurram Keshavulu, Mandal Congress president Srinivas Reddy, town president Shivalingam, councillor Kogori Anitha Srinivas Reddy and other local representatives participated in the site inspection.

Sirish Meets Congress In-Charge Sachin Sawant



Aamangal, October 24 (Open Frame): Telangana Congress Legal Cell State Convenor Akula Sirish met AICC Secretary and Telangana Congress in-charge Sachin Sawant at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Saturday. The meeting was held during a programme chaired by TPCC Legal Cell State Chairman Ponnam Ashok Goud. Sirish and other legal professionals felicitated Sawant with flower garlands and shawls. Sirish said the leadership called for strengthening Congress Legal Cell units across Telangana and urged members to work for the party's candidates in the two Graduate MLC elections. He added that legal cell committees would soon be formed across court jurisdictions. State Convenor Ganesh and advocates Shekhar and Srisailam attended.

Services of 54 Licensed Surveyors Terminated

Rangareddy, October 24 (Open Frame): Rangareddy District Additional Collector (Revenue) Chandra Reddy announced that the services of 54 licensed surveyors had been terminated for remaining absent from duty and failing to respond to show-cause notices issued by the authorities.A total of 281 licensed surveyors were appointed across the district. Of them, 102 remained absent from their duties, prompting officials to issue show-cause notices. While 48 surveyors responded to the notices and returned to duty, the remaining 54 failed to respond, resulting in the termination of their services.Chandra Reddy stated that the action was taken in accordance with government directives to ensure the effective implementation of the resurvey programme. He emphasised that licensed surveyors play a crucial role in completing the programme within the stipulated timeframe and achieving the prescribed targets.He instructed the surveyors to perform their duties responsibly, coordinate with the concerned officials and avoid negligence in resurvey operations.The Additional Collector warned that absenteeism and failure to follow government instructions would not be tolerated and that action would be taken according to the rules against those neglecting their responsibilities.He further stated that new licensed surveyors would be appointed to fill the vacancies and ensure that the resurvey programme continued without disruption. He urged the remaining surveyors to maintain discipline and complete their assigned work efficiently.



Government Negligence Behind Crop Losses: Lakshma Reddy



Midjil, October 24 (Open Frame): Former minister Dr. C. Lakshma Reddy on Saturday inspected dried paddy crops at Tulja Nayak Thanda, under Mangaligadda Thanda Gram Panchayat in Midjil mandal, and blamed the government's alleged negligence for the worsening irrigation crisis affecting farmers. During his visit, he interacted with farmers and enquired about their difficulties. He said crops were drying up across several parts of Telangana despite farmers investing money and working hard to cultivate their fields. He stated that the situation could have been avoided through proper irrigation planning, even amid El Niño effects and drought conditions. He said the KLI canal had previously provided some irrigation support to agricultural lands in the Midjil region. Lakshma Reddy asserted that farmers would not have faced the present difficulties had the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme been completed. He alleged that canal work tenders had been invited during the previous government but that the present government had kept the works pending for three years, despite the possibility of carrying water up to the Karivena reservoir. He further said declining groundwater levels and irregular power supply were adding to farmers' hardships. Low voltage was reportedly causing motors and transformers to burn out, resulting in further losses. The former minister expressed concern that irrigation and electricity problems were contributing to crop losses across lakhs of acres. He remarked that the current situation highlighted the importance of the irrigation and power sector planning undertaken during former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's tenure.

Prashanth Neel Personally Drives 418's Promotions



Hyderabad, Oct25 (Open Frame): Filmmaker Prashanth Neel has taken a personal interest in promoting *418*, the latest horror thriller presented by him and produced by Mythri Movie Makers. The film, directed by debutant Kirtan Nadagouda, has received an encouraging response from audiences, according to the production team. During the film's first media interaction following its theatrical release, producer Mythri Ravi revealed that Neel had personally involved himself in the promotional campaign. Neel and his wife, Likitha, reportedly helped design the promotional strategy, reflecting their commitment to the project. Ravi also disclosed that the idea of organising a special premiere in Mumbai to gather audience feedback came from director Kirtan. The team said the film had reportedly reached its breakeven point within two days of release, with collections gaining momentum in several cities. Mythri Naveen thanked audiences for supporting the production house's venture into the horror genre. He expressed happiness over the response and acknowledged the audience's appreciation for the film. Director Kirtan said he developed the film's concept after *Salaar* and worked on the script for more than a year. He explained that considerable attention was given to performances, music, sound design and production design to realise his creative vision. The film features Chaitra Achar, Surya Raj, Charan Lakkaraju and Preeti Pagadala in key roles. The makers have urged audiences to experience the horror thriller in theatres and expressed hope for a sustained theatrical run.

Krithi Shetty's Natural Charm Wins Hearts



Krithi, who is coming up with the Telugu film January 12 Vidudala, the Tamil film Genie and Hindi debut Hum Tere Pyaar Mein, has built her fan base with natural acting and an easy, friendly presence. In this sunlit picture, Krithi wears a bright pink ribbed knit cardigan over a black top. She adds dainty hoop earrings with pearl and turquoise stones and lets her long wavy hair fall loose, smiling with her eyes closed. Her last couple of years have brought a few flops, so every release now matters a lot for her career. With January 12 Vidudala, Genie and Hum Tere Pyaar Mein lined up, the big question is whether any of them will actually turn into a hit. Will have to see how audiences respond when each film arrives.

Venu Udugula Defends Idupu Kayitham Amid Controversy



Hyderabad, Oct25 (Open Frame): Director Venu Udugula has come out in support of the upcoming Telugu film *Idupu Kayitham*, which has sparked debate on social media over its portrayal of Telangana's wedding customs and cultural traditions. The film stars Priyadarshi and Naga Durga, with Vamsi Reddy Dondapati directing the project. The controversy erupted after the makers released a song featuring visuals of liquor being served to guests at a wedding feast. Several social media users objected to the scenes, arguing that they portrayed Telangana's culture and marriage traditions inaccurately. The debate has prompted discussions about regional identity and the representation of local customs in cinema. Responding to the criticism through a post on X, Venu Udugula argued that a community's culture should be understood through its history, labour, art and struggles rather than merely through the food people eat or the beverages they consume. He said that misrepresenting Telangana was easy, but understanding its identity required sensitivity and deeper awareness. The filmmaker urged audiences to support movies such as *Idupu Kayitham*, which seek to bring regional lifestyles and cultural experiences to the screen. Udugula also maintained that viewers had every right to criticise a film after watching it. However, he cautioned against drawing conclusions about an entire region's identity based solely on visuals from a promotional song. Presented by Tabitha Sukumar and jointly produced by Bunny Vas and Sukumar Writings, the period emotional family drama features music by Suresh Bobbili. The film is scheduled for a theatrical release on December 11, 2026. The makers will now look to audience response as the promotional campaign continues amid the ongoing debate.

Upasana Urges Women to Stand Together and Rise



Apollo Hospitals CSR Vice-Chairperson Upasana Kamineni Konidela has called on women to support one another and avoid undermining others for personal success. She shared the message while attending the fifth anniversary celebrations of 'Festivals for Joy', an initiative led by popular television anchor Suma Kanakala in Hyderabad. During her address, Upasana praised Suma for her confidence, determination and achievements. She described the television anchor as an inspiration and appreciated her efforts in organising the initiative, which aims to bring happiness to people through philanthropic activities. Addressing women's unity, Upasana warned against those who suppress other women to advance their own interests or to please a man. She stressed that one woman's suffering should never become another woman's victory. Upasana said women could achieve meaningful progress by standing together, encouraging one another and changing attitudes rooted in selfishness. She also highlighted the hardships faced by vulnerable children, noting that injustice and selfish decisions can have serious consequences for innocent lives. She expressed her preference for surrounding herself with women who genuinely support others and contribute to society. Her remarks at the event have drawn attention on social media, particularly her call for solidarity, compassion and mutual respect among women.

Shah Rukh Khan's 'King' Teaser Expected on Birthday



Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming action entertainer King is generating considerable excitement among fans, with reports suggesting that the film will feature a powerful introduction scene for the actor. Directed by Siddharth Anand, the film is expected to present Shah Rukh Khan in an intense and rugged avatar.According to industry reports, the actor's entry sequence has been designed on a grand scale, aiming to deliver a memorable theatrical experience. The scene is reportedly expected to feature high-impact action and a striking presentation, although the filmmakers have not officially confirmed these details.The film's teaser is reportedly being planned for release on November 2, coinciding with Shah Rukh Khan's birthday. If confirmed, the announcement could serve as a special treat for his fans, who are eagerly awaiting the first glimpse of the project.Following the success of Pathaan and Jawan, expectations surrounding King are high. The collaboration between Shah Rukh Khan and Siddharth Anand has further raised anticipation. Fans are now waiting for an official announcement regarding the teaser, the cast and other details of the film.

Ram Charan-Sukumar's RC17 Launch Set for November 1



The much-awaited collaboration between Global Star Ram Charan and acclaimed filmmaker Sukumar is gearing up for its official launch, with the ceremony for their upcoming film, tentatively titled RC17, scheduled to take place on November 1.According to reports, producer Y. Ravi Shankar of Mythri Movie Makers confirmed the launch date. The ceremony was initially planned during the Dasara festival but was postponed as the team could not finalise a suitable auspicious date. October 26 and 27 were reportedly considered earlier, before the makers settled on November 1.The announcement has generated excitement among fans, as Ram Charan and Sukumar are reuniting after the success of Rangasthalam. The 2018 film earned widespread appreciation for its compelling storytelling, performances and technical brilliance, establishing their combination as one of Telugu cinema's most celebrated collaborations.Sukumar, who has achieved nationwide recognition through the Pushpa franchise, is expected to present Ram Charan in a distinctive role. The project has consequently become one of the most anticipated upcoming films in Telugu cinema.Mythri Movie Makers is producing the film in association with Sukumar Writings. Further details regarding the cast, technical crew, storyline and regular shooting schedule are awaited. The launch ceremony is expected to mark the beginning of the next phase of preparations for the ambitious project.

Nani's The Paradise Takes Over Netflix, Trends Worldwide



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