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Modi's Brussels Visit to Coincide With Key Developments



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New Delhi, Oct25 (Open Frame):
The Europe an Union and India are intensely engaged to meet the December deadline for signing the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to coincide with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's expected Brussels visit as the European Commission proposed a "fast-track procedure" to its Council for expeditious approval, people in the know said. The European Commission (EC) has urged the Council of the European Union to approve the proposed FTA announced on January 27 through a fast-track procedure laid out by trade commissioner Maroš Šefčovič to speed up its implementation under prevailing turbulent global geopolitical situation, they said requesting anonymity. The Commission proposed to complete the legal process based on the original English version of the FTA, rather than waiting for translating the document in 24 EU official languages, which could delay the ratification process by over one year, they said.

Trump Signals Possible Fresh Strikes on Iran

Washington, Oct25 (Open Frame):
United States President Donald Trump has hinted at the possibility of renewed military action against Iran as early as Sunday, while also leaving the door open for diplo matic talks. Spea king to reporters after casting his ba llot in Florida on Sa turday, Trump said Tehran was interested in reaching an agreement to reo pen the Strait of Hormuz, but questioned whether it would adhere to the terms. When asked about the possibility of attacking Iran again, Trump told reporters, "Do you really think I would tell you that? Maybe tomorrow...There's a possibility I will. There's also a possibility we'll have a nice, big, beautiful agreement. They want to make a deal, but the problem is, will they hold the deal?" Standing by his administration's strategy in West Asia, Trump said, "We have done an amazing job. Our Navy and military have done an amazing job. They have knocked out every jet fighter of Iran. 259 ships are at the bottom of the sea. They are only left with record inflation."



Fine Rice Procurement Proses Major Challenge for Telangana Government

Hyderabad, Oct25 (Open Frame):
PrimaryAgricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) and Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP) centres in Telangana may face shortage in procuring paddy during the current Kharif season as the rising prices of fine varieties in the open market could prompt farmers to sell their produce to private traders and rice millers. The Telangana government introduced the distribution of fine rice through the Public Distribution System (PDS) with the objective of ensuring that poor families also have access to fine-quality rice. To meet the demand for fine rice through ration shops, the government encouraged farmers to cultivate fine varieties of paddy by announcing a bonus of Rs500 per quintal for eligible varieties. With traders offering lucrative prices to farmers for fine paddy, it will be a big challenge for the government to procure rice for distribution through ration shops. For the 2026–27 season, the government fixed the procurement price at Rs2,441 per quintal for common paddy and Rs2,461 per quintal for Grade-A paddy at PACS and IKP centres.In addition, the government is offering a bonus



of Rs500 per quintal for eligible fine varieties, taking the total procurement price for such paddy to Rs2,961 per quintal. However, the state is witnessing an unusual market situation amid concerns over the possible impact of El Niño. Prices of fine-quality rice in the open market rose sharply, ranging from Rs6,500 to Rs9,500 per quintal. These prices may increase further. Traders attribute the situation partly to an 2

IMD Issues Red Alert as Heavy Rain Threatens Telangana

Hyderabad, Oct25 (Open Frame):
TheIndia Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad Centre, has warned of heavy to very heavy rainfall, with isolated extremely heavy downpours likely in several Telan gana districts border ing Andhra Pradesh on October 29. Acco rding to IMD officials, a red alert has been issued for Mulu gu, Bhadradri Koth agudem, Khammam and Mahabubabad dis tricts, where heavy to very heavy rainfall, with isolated extre mely heavy falls, is likely. An orange alert has been issued for Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Warangal, Suryapet, Nalgonda and Nagarkurnool districts, where heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected at isolated places. Thun derstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds of 50-60 kmph are likely in Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal and Hanumakonda districts.Thunderstorms with lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kmph are expected in the remaining districts. Temperatures are likely to fall across Telangana over the next week, officials said. Meanwhile, the IMD issued a bulletin on the severe cyclonic system over the east-central Bay of Bengal and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal. The system was located about 450 km north-northwest of Sri Vijayapuram in the Andaman Islands, 820 km east-southeast of Visakhapatnam, 910 km east-southeast of Kakinada, 1,010 km east-southeast of 2



Violence Erupts as Protests Sweep Across France



Paris, Oct25 (Open Frame):
Massive nationwide protests in France over the rising cost of living and underfunded public services turned violent, with nearly 1,000 people arrested and key urban centres hit by tear gas and clashes. The French government said around 4,10,000 protesters had marched across the country, while organisers estimated the turnout at nearly 800,000. Author ities announced that the demonstration in Paris had been completely dispersed along the Cours de Vincennes following clashes between protesters and law enforcement personnel at the rear of the march.The police used water cannons and tear gas grenades after projectiles were thrown at them. Interior Minister Laurent Nunez confirmed the arrest toll at a press briefing and warned that the number could rise further as police operations continue across the country. "As I speak to you, we are at nearly 1,000 arrests," Nunez said. "I believe this figure will increase significantly," he said. According to France 24, the French government said around 410,000 protesters had marched across the country, while organisers estimated the turnout at nearly 2

KTR Accuses Telangana of Becoming Rahul Gandhi's ATM



Hyderabad, Oct25 (Open Frame):
Givingreference about a character 'Salim Pheku' in the film Angrej, BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Sunday said that there was even bigger 'pheku' and deceiver in India and he was Rahul Gandhi. Addressing a meeting at Telangana Bhavan where Congress leader Jibran joined the BRS party on Sunday, Rama Rao alleged that during the 2023 elections, Rahul Gandhi visited Telangana and made tall, hollow claims promising to fulfil '6 Guarantees,' '13 Declarations,' and '420 promises'. KTR recalled that Rahul Gandhi had claimed all promises would be fulfilled within just 100 days of Congress assuming power. Yet, not only have 100 days passed, but even a thousand days have gone by; the promises have been forgotten, and Rahul himself has vanished becoming a 'missing leader.' KTR remarked that 2

Bandi Sanjay Slams Kharge Over Remarks Against Modi



Hyderabad, Oct25 (Open Frame):
UnionMinister for State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday condemned the insulting remarks made by Mallikarjun Kharge against Prime Minister Modi. Bandi Sanjay Kharge's comments were a testament to the depravity to which the Congress party has stooped. It is malicious to use Prime Minister Modi's personal life and family as fodder for criticism. It is appalling to mock the poverty that Modi faced during his childhood. It is despicable to target Modi's parents and drag them into the political arena. Having nothing of substance to present to the public, the Congress party is resorting to making insulting remarks. The people of this 2

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while this 'missing leader' travels across the country under the guise of listening to students, he cannot even muster the courage to set foot in Tel angana. He further alleged that under the administration of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Telangana had effectively become an 'ATM' for Rahul Gandhi. KTR asserted that the rampant looting and scams taking place in Te langana, yet Rahul chooses to remain unmindful. Expressing shock, KTR questioned whether someone who failed the 9th grade could possibly lau nch an aerospace company? He noted, such a thing was apparently possible in Telangana. Without explicitly naming anyone, he referred to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his younger brother who failed the 9th grade, yet he has somehow become an 'aerospace engineer' and started a company that intends to launch rockets. It was suggested that instead of anyone else, Rahul Gandhi should be sent on that rocket. Along with this, the Chief Min ister has an elder brother based in Am erica, with whom he allegedly orchestrates deals worth a thousand crores signing MoUs while the state was plagued by one scam after another and yet Rahul remains completely ignorant. KTR alleged that while the BJP was often labelled a 'communal party', Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party no longer possess the strength to challenge it. He also took a dig at the BJP's 'double-engine government' slogan, interpreting it as 'jumla' and 'hamla' implying that if the rhetoric fails to work, they resort to attacks using agencies like the ED, CBI, and IT.

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nation will never accept attacks dir ected at Prime Minister Mo di's family, said Sanjay. The Union Minister said Kh arge must offer an unconditional apology to the people of the country. In a meeting, when a spectator said 'Modi will not go (Modi Nahi Jayega'), in response Con gress president Kharge said, 'Modi ka Baap bhi jayega', which has led to outrage by the BJP leaders.

Fine Rice Procurement Poses Major Challenge for Telangana Government

alleged artificial shortage created by millers and traders, although the anticipated El Niño impact is yet to be felt in the state and could emerge during the coming summer. According to market insiders, millers and traders are making substantial profits amid rising prices, and the trend could continue over the next two years unless the government intervenes to stabilise the market prices. At the same time, millers and traders from Telangana and neighbouring states are approaching farmers to purchase fine-quality paddy at higher prices. A few days ago, Jai Sriram variety paddy fetched a record Rs5,016 per quintal at the Kesamudram agricultural market in Mahabubabad district. The record price was reportedly achieved for five bags of paddy sold through an e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) auction. Good prices were also recorded for RNR variety paddy, maize, cotton, red gram and green gram. Meanwhile, fine-quality rice is retailing at Rs90 to Rs100 per kilogramme in the open market, raising concerns that increasing paddy prices could push rice prices further upward. The price difference is likely to influence farmers' decisions on where to sell their produce. While eligible fine paddy fetches Rs2,961 per quintal, including the bonus, at government procurement centres, farmers may receive around Rs5,000 per quintal in the open market. As a result, many farmers may prefer private buyers over PACS and IKP centres. Ramulu, a farmer, questioned why farmers would sell fine paddy at procurement centres when agricultural markets and private buyers were offering significantly higher prices. He added that farmers might also avoid selling coarse paddy at government centres if private traders offered more than the minimum support price of Rs2,441 per quintal. Another farmer Shekharsaid that some financially well-off and resourceful farmers are storing their fine-variety paddy. "They get it milled at nearby rice mills, and sell the rice when prices soar, thus earning good profits," he told Open Frame. Although many farmers cultivated fine varieties with an eye on the government's bonus scheme, those who did not receive adequate irrigation water are cultivating coarse varieties. Srinaiah, a farmer, said his coarse paddy would be harvested within a few days and that he would compare prices at agricultural markets with those offered at PACS and IKP centres before deciding where to sell his produce. If farmers increasingly turn to private buyers, government procurement centrescould face a shortage in procuring the required quantities of paddy this Kharif season, trade expert Sathyanarayana said.

Ponguleti Announces Four-Lane Road Project in Yedulapuram

Khammam, Oct25 (Open Frame):
Revenue MinisterPonguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the state government was committed to developing Yedulapuram Municipality in Khammam district as a model urban local body, with infrastructure projects worth crores of rupees being taken up to improve civic amenities. The minister, accompanied by District Collector Divakar TS and Municipal Chairperson Pokabathini Anit ha, laid foundation stones for several development works on Sunday, including a four-lane road from Maddulapalli to Gollagudem at an estimated cost of Rs 38 crore. The project includes central lighting, a road divider, and cement concrete drains. He also inaugurated junction development works taken up at a cost of Rs 1 crore. Pongu leti said the four-lane road would significantly imp rove connectivity and ease of transportation for residents. He assured that the works would be completed at the earliest and made available to the public. "The government had already sanctioned Rs 75.50 crore for Yedulapuram Municipality, while allocations for development works were estimated at around Rs 100 crore," he said. "The government was overcoming financial challenges inherited from previous administrations and fulfilling its promises to the people in a phased manner," he added. Referring to the possible impact



of Super El Niño, Ponguleti said the phenomenon was a global concern and could create uncertainty over water availability in the coming months. He urged people and farmers to conserve water and adopt precautionary measures. "The government would not hesitate to spend the necessary funds to protect the standing crop cultivated during the monsoon season," he said, adding that steps were being taken to ensure the availability of water and electricity for agriculture. However, considering the possibility of water shortages in the coming season, the minister appealed to farmers to avoid taking up a second crop and use available water judiciously. He said the state government was preparing an advance action plan to address the potential impact of Super El Niño and would soon convene a meeting with representatives of all political parties to discuss measures to tackle the situation. Ponguleti said cooperation from the Centre would be essential to effectively address the possible impact of Super El Niño. Expressing hope that Telangana would receive assistance without discrimination despite the political differences between the governments at the Centre and in the state, he urged BJP MPs from Telangana to press the Union government for adequate support. Recalling that farmers had faced drought-like conditions in the past, he appealed to them to understand the emerging situation, conserve water and cooperate with the government.

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Machilipatnam and 1,080 km east of Bapatla. The system is likely to move westwards and intensify into a cyclonic storm over the east-central and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal in the early hours of October 26. It is expected to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by the morning of October 27. The system may further intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm and reach the west-central Bay of Bengal near the Andhra Pradesh coast by the morning of October 28. The cyclone is likely to cross the Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coast between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam from the morning to early afternoon of October 28. Maximum sustained wind speeds during landfall may reach 115-125 kmph, with gusts of up to 140 kmph.

Hyderabad Techie Found Dead After Video Call to Colleague

Hyderabad, Oct25 (Open Frame):
A 29-year-old software professional was found dead at her residence in Madhapur in the early hours of Sunday, following a video call with her boyfriend, a married colleague, police said. The deceased, identified as Archana Choudhari Malik, hailed from Uttar Pradesh and lived at SR Sadguru Residency. She was employed as a Senior Associate at Rand stad Company in Mindspace. Madha pur Inspector K.V. Subba Rao said



Archana had reportedly been in a relationship with Bhandari Vimal, a native of Uttarakhand, for four years. Vimal is married and was reportedly considering seeking a divorce from his wife. According to the police, around 2.30 am on Sunday, Archana made a video call to Vimal, who was attending a function with her mother in Cheriyal. During the conversation, she reportedly asked him to marry her and subsequently attempted suicide. Vimal later tried contacting Archana by phone but received no response. He alerted the Madhapur police and provided her residential address, requesting them to check on her. A patrolling team reached the apartment and found the main door bolted from inside. Archana was found dead inside the residence. Police shifted the body to the mortuary for a post-mortem examination and registered a suspicious death case. Further investigation is under way to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident.

TGSRTC Introduces Rs 600 Weekly Pass for Unlimited City Bus Travel

Hyderabad, Oct25 (Open Frame):
The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has introduced a Rs 600 Weekly Bus Pass, offering unlimited travel on city buses across Greater Hyderabad for seven consecutive days. The new facility allows passengers to use all types of city buses, including air-conditioned services, without purchasing separate tickets for individual journeys during the pass's validity period. However, the pass is not valid on Pushpak Airport Liner services, the corporation clarified. The weekly pass has been introduced as an additional option alongside existing daily and monthly bus passes. It is expected to benefit regular commuters, tourists and business travellers who need convenient transportation during short stays in the city. By offering unlimited rides for a week, the initiative aims to make public transport more accessible and economical for passengers undertaking multiple journeys across Hyderabad. The Rs 600 pass will be available at city bus pass counters across Hyderabad, enabling passengers to purchase it from their nearest counter. TGSRTC Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Y. Nagireddy said the initiative was aimed at encouraging greater use of public transport while providing commuters with affordable and convenient travel options. He appealed to people travelling within Hyderabad over a seven-day period to utilise the new facility. The corporation expects the weekly pass to offer greater flexibility to passengers and simplify travel planning for those who frequently use city buses.



Violence Erupts as Protests Sweep Across France

800,000. The Interior Minister pointed out that by the same time on the previous Saturday, a day also marred by unrest and looting, police had recorded 385 arrests. Authorities announced that the demonstration in Paris had been completely dispersed along the Cours de Vincennes following clashes between protesters and law enforcement personnel at the rear of the march. "A Gendarm erie helicopter has been deployed to support ground units and locate any remaining groups of rioters," the prefectural police said, adding that "more than 500 rioters" had been present towards the end of the demonstration. The police used water cannons and tear gas grenades after projectiles were thrown at them. Meanwhile, Jean-Luc Melenchon, leader of the left-wing party France Unbowed (La France Insoumise) and a presidential candidate, criticised the police response to the demonstrations in Paris. In a post on X, Melenchon said, "In Paris, to ruin the day and unwind, the so-called forces of law and order gas and fire into the crowd at the back of the procession, all in a bid to get footage for the domestic news channels that spent the whole week airing the images that spurred the Trappes killer. Nonstop shame." In another post, he accused television coverage and policing of being used to shape public perceptions of the protest movement. "It continues with the policing of minds through the televisions of power. Tonight, staging of the tails of the procession to spew hatred against the popular movement. Without a single image of the masses in peaceful action," he said. "Behind every police officer, a compliant camera. And even congratulations for a setup deliberately designed to provoke chaos. And which has yet again mutilated two people," Melenchon added.

Prajavani Grievance Programme Across All Levels on Monday

Mahabubnagar, October 25 (Open Frame):
District Collector Khushbu Gupta announced that the Prajavani public grievance redressal programme would be conducted at district, divisional and mandal levels across Mahabubnagar district on Monday, October 26, as per the Telangana government's directions. She stated that public grievances and petitions would be received from 10 am to 1 pm at the Collectorate, Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) offices and Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) offices. The Collector directed officials from all departments to remain available at the mandal level to receive petitions and address public concerns. She urged people to make use of the Prajavani programme to submit their grievances and seek solutions to their problems.



DK Aruna Demands Cancellation of Dindi Lift Project



Midjil, October 25 (Open Frame):
BJP MP DK Aruna demanded the cancellation of the Dindi Lift Irrigation Project and called for the protection of Palamuru farmers' rights. Speaking at a media conference held at her residence in Mahabubnagar on Sunday, she strongly opposed the diversion of 0.6 TMC of water from Dindi. Aruna cautioned Gutha Sukhender Reddy against repeatedly making statements on the Dindi project, saying such remarks should not provoke Palamuru farmers. She urged the government to implement the Palamuru–Rangareddy project according to its original Detailed Project Report (DPR) and expedite the completion of pending irrigation projects. She criticised the government for failing to complete the Palamuru projects within three years. The BJP MP suggested exploring alternative solutions to address water scarcity in Nalgonda district. Aruna declared that she would launch a large-scale agitation demanding the cancellation of the Dindi Lift Irrigation Project. She also announced that she would soon visit pending irrigation projects in Palamuru and reveal the party's future course of action. BJP leaders Veera Brahmachari, Ayyagari Prabhakar Reddy, Mucherla Janardhan Reddy, corporators Kiran Kumar Reddy, Marri Jyothi, Panduranga Reddy, Nandipet Raju, Shiva Naik, Tirupati and others attended the meeting.

Allegations of Traffic Police Misbehaviour with 74-Year-Old Man

Secunderabad, October 25 (Open Frame):
Allegations of rude behaviour by traffic police towards a senior citizen have triggered concern following an incident at Mettuguda Junction. An Assistant Reserve Sub-Inspector (AR ASI), M. Mahender, attached to the Chilkalguda Traffic Police Station, was accused of using abusive language against a 74-year-old man. The incident came to public attention after a young man shared a video related to the episode on social media, raising questions about the conduct of the police personnel involved. According to the young man, the officer allegedly spoke in an objectionable manner to his 74-year-old father while on duty at Mettuguda Junction. He expressed serious concern over the alleged behaviour, stating that police personnel must treat members of the public with dignity and respect. The family member also alleged that the officer took away the elderly man's vehicle key and mobile phone, adding to their distress. He stressed that respectful communication with the public was a basic responsibility of police personnel, particularly when dealing with senior citizens, who deserve patience and courtesy. The family has appealed to senior police officials to conduct a thorough inquiry into the incident and take appropriate action if the allegations are established. An official response to the allegations was not available in the account provided.



Telangana Proud as Akshitha Wins National Throwball Gold

Selected for Indian Team; Former MLA Ramavath Ravindra Kumar Congratulates Her

Nalgonda, October 25 (Open Frame):
Former Devarakonda MLA Ramavath Ravindra Kumar said Akshitha, a student from a rural area of Telangana, had made the state proud by winning a gold medal at the national-level throwball competitions and securing selection to the Indian team. On Sunday, he congratulated Akshitha, a native of Chakalis heripalli village in Chintapalli mandal, and wished her further success in the future.

National-Level Achievement; Place in Indian Team!

Akshitha, who represented the Telangana team at the national-level throwball competitions held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, displayed outstanding talent and won the gold medal. Demonstrating her sporting skills at the national level, she has now achieved the rare distinction of being selected for the Indian team.



Aim for International Success Too

Speaking on the occasion, Ramavath Ravindra Kumar said it was highly commendable that a student from a rural background had won a national-level gold medal and secured selection to the Indian team. He expressed hope that Akshitha would bring greater recognition and prestige to Telangana and the country through her talent. He congratulated her and wished her success in international competitions, along with more medals.

Asian Championship in Sri Lanka

Ravindra Kumar said Akshitha would represent India at the Asian Throwball Championship scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka from November 19 to 23. He expressed hope that she would succeed in the prestigious competition and bring honour and recognition to the country. Village Sarpanch Macherla Srisailam, Deputy Sarpanch Pagadala Venkaiah, Akshitha's father Akula Jagathaiah and others participated in the programme.

Mission Bhagiratha Water Wasted Amid Officials' Negligence

Amangal, October 25 (Open Frame):
Drinking water has been flowing wastefully for the past 20 days following damage to a Mission Bhagiratha pipeline near the Cotton Mill outskirts of Amangal town, along the Hyderabad–Srisailam National Highway. Despite the continuous leakage, the concerned officials have failed to respond promptly and undertake repairs, drawing criticism from local residents. At a time when conserving water resources is becoming increasingly important, the wastage of drinking water has raised serious concerns.

Officials Fail to Act as Water Goes to Waste

The damaged Mission Bhagiratha pipeline near the Cotton Mill outskirts has been releasing water continuously. Residents have expressed disappointment that no repairs have been carried out even after approximately 20 days. Locals believe that timely intervention by the concerned officials could have prevented the prolonged wastage. The incident has also raised questions about the functioning of a system responsible for supplying safe drinking water to the public.

Water Wastage Amid El Niño Concerns

Against the backdrop of the anticipated El Niño impact, the government has been promoting water conservation through meetings and awareness programmes under the slogan, "Save Every Drop of Water."However, the continued wastage of





Mission Bhagiratha water in Amangal for nearly 20 days has invited criticism. Residents urged officials and public representatives, who advise people to conserve water, to focus equally on preventing such wastage.

Repairs to Be Completed by Monday: AE

When contacted regarding the pipeline repairs, the Irrigation Assistant Engineer (AE) stated over the phone that the damaged pipeline would be repaired by Monday.

Kasireddy Narayana Reddy Calls for Focus on Graduate Voter Enrolment

Amangal, October 25 (Open Frame): Kalwakurthy MLA Kasireddy Narayana Reddy urged Congress party leaders to focus on enrolling eligible graduates as voters for the upcoming Graduate MLC elections and work towards the victory of the Congress-backed candidate, Sama Ram Mohan Reddy. He called on leaders to ensure that eligible young men and women register their votes through Form 18. On Sunday, the MLA held a meeting with key Congress leaders from the Kalwakurthy constituency at the party office in Amangal mandal headquarters. Speaking on the occasion, Narayana Reddy urged party leaders to mobilise widespread support for Sama Ram Mohan Reddy in the Mahabubnagar– Rangareddy–Hyderabad Graduate MLC elections. Describing him as a young leader who understands youth-related issues, he called on leaders to create awareness among graduates and encourage their participation in the democratic process. He also directed party leaders and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to safeguard the votes of eligible voters during the SIR exercise and help young people who are not yet registered apply for enrolment. Mandal presidents, district leaders and block-level leaders were asked to take responsibility for graduate voter registration across all mandals. The MLA urged every eligible graduate to register before November 6, stressing that no qualified voter should miss the opportunity to enrol and exercise



their franchise. He said Graduate MLC elections were important for youth development, addressing the concerns of educated people and strengthening democratic participation. He called on party members to work collectively for the victory of the Congress nominee. TPCC member Srinivas Goud, Municipal Chairman Pathya Naik, DCC Vice-President Srinivas Reddy, DCC spokesperson Venkateshwarlu Goud, Block Congress President Yata Narsimha, Market Committee Vice-Chairman Bhaskar Reddy and several Congress leaders, public representatives and party members attended the meeting.

Public Service Beyond Politics Is My Mission: Bhaskar Naik

Midjil, October 25 (Open Frame): Voluntary service worker Jarpula Bhaskar Naik said his objective was to serve the public beyond political considerations. In Velugommula village of Midjil mandal, he extended financial assistance of Rs. 75,000 towards the construction of a pedestal for the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He also provided Rs. 10,000 to Krishnaiah and Rs. 5,000 towards the medical expenses of Mahesh, who was injured in a road accident.



‘418’ recieves strong audience response; Team celebrates success



Open Frame Movie Desk:
Mythri Movie Makers’ latest Telugu horror thriller, 418 has been getting a great response from the audience since it released on October 23. Directed by Prashanth Neel, the film is Keerthan Nadagowda’s directorial debut. The makers of the movie, Naveen Yerneni and Yelamanchili Ravishankar recently hosted a success meet. “We are really happy to see the response increasing. We have become motivated to give more opportunities to new talents because the film has been doing well,” said Naveen Yerneni. “Keerthan has done a wonderful job with his direction, visuals, score and sound. The movie will do well in the theatres as people are speaking positively about it,” added producer Ravi Shankar. The makers said the sound design in the movie is best experienced in theatres and especially in Dolby formats. “418 is an amazing immersive experience and cannot be felt completely in home theatres,” said Mythri Shashidhar Reddy. Director Keerthan Nadagowda thanked the makers and Prashanth Neel along with the entire team. The movie stars Preethi Pagdala and Charan Lakkaraju who thanked the audience. Sound designer Anupam and music director Venky Jiji said they were happy to get appreciated for their work. 418 starring Chaitra Achar, Surya Raj, Charan Lakkaraju, Preethi Pagdala and Shashank Patil has been getting noticed for its great visuals and horror experience in theatres.

Taapsee Pannu Raises The Glam



Open Frame Movie Desk: Taapsee Pannu’s recent Netflix release Gandhari, which streamed last month, did not click with viewers. The action thriller, directed by Devashish Makhija, has her playing Bani, a mother searching for her missing daughter. Reviews called it bland and predictable. Taapsee looks great in this new shoot. She wears an ivory bustier top with a glossy black peplum waist, paired with a burgundy patent leather midi skirt. Black pointed pumps and red sole stilettos complete the outfit. Big bouncy curls, soft pink lips and pearl earrings keep the look fun and polished. Next, Taapsee will be seen in the comedy Zamana Kya Kahega, with Fardeen Khan and Ammy Virk in the cast. She is also reported to be in talks for Aitraaz 2, which is being produced by Subhash Ghai.

Tamil Cinema Still Awaits Its First ₹1,000 Crore Blockbuster



Open Frame Movie Desk:
Tamil cinema continues to chase the coveted ₹1,000 crore worldwide box-office milestone, but the achievement remains elusive despite the industry's strong star power, experienced filmmakers and expanding global aud ience. Several leading directors, including Shankar, Atl ee, Lokesh Kanagaraj, A.R. Murugadoss, Nelson Dilip kumar and Mani Ratnam, have delivered major commercial films, yet no Tamil film has crossed the ₹1,000 crore mark, Superstars Rajin ikanth, Vijay, Ajith Kumar, Suriya, Dhanush, Kamal Ha asan, Vikram, Karthi and Sivakarthikeyan have also been associated with ambitious projects targeting recor d-breaking collections. However, even films carrying enormous expectations have fallen short of the milestone. Rajinikanth's *Coolie*, whic h generated considerable anti cipation before its release, failed to achieve the expected ₹1,000 crore feat. Vijay's *Leo*, which was also viewed as a potential contender, similarly missed the target. Attention has now shifted towards *Jailer 2*, starring Rajinikanth. The sequel benefits from the popularity of the original film, the superstar's appeal and expectations surrounding its commercial performance. Ho wever, current box-office proj ections cited in the report suggest that the film could finish with worldwide collections of approximately ₹700 crore to ₹750 crore, potentially leaving it short of the historic mark. The ₹1,000 crore milestone remains a major ambition for the Tamil film industry. Achieving it would require exceptional audience reception, sustained theatrical collections and strong performance across domestic and international markets. With upcoming big-budget films and major star collaborations on the horizon, the industry will continue to look for a project capable of breaking the barrier and establishing a new box-office record for Tamil cinema.

Faria Turns Sizzling In Traditional Red Anarkali



Faria, who is coming up with Bhagavanthudu next, has a recently released poster that looks too bold and carries a horror mood. It points to a very different kind of role for her. Meanwhile, Faria was clicked in a traditional sizzling look. She wore a red floral printed anarkali with mirror and gold embroidery, a plunging V-neckline and short sleeves. A matching red dupatta with a gold border and coin tassels flows over her arms. Pearl chandbali earrings, loose wavy hair and nude lips complete the look. Her last appearance was in Sigma, her Tamil debut, which flopped at the box office. Faria will be hoping that Bhagavanthudu brings a better result for her, and whether the film can turn her luck around is something we will have to see.

Ruhani Sharma introduced as Bijili in Dq’s ‘Aakasamlo Oka Tara’



The makers of Aakas amlo Oka Tara have shar ed the first look poster of Ruhani Sharma as the character named Bijili in the upcoming emotional drama that stars Dulquer Salmaan. It is directed by Pavan Sadineni and the movie will release in theatres across India on November 20, 2026. The poster shows Ruhani in a traditional look wearing a maroon print top and a tiny bindi. She is seated by the window looking deep in thought creating a very cozy feel with the soft lighting. Bijili is a surprising catalyst that will bring some warmth, surprise and spontaneity to everyone in her life. Produced by Sandeep Gunnam and Ramya Gunnam under the banners of Geetha Arts, Swapna Cinema and Lightbox Media, the film will mark Satvika Veeravalli’s debut as the heroine. Shruti Haasan has a prominent role in this film too.The newly released teaser gives us a peek into the story of an ambitious village girl chasing her dreams with the help of the male lead. The film will be shot by Sujith Sarang with GV Prakash Kumar composing the soundtrack while Shwetha Sabu Cyril is handling the production design. It will be released in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and Malayalam.

Pragya, Rakul and Lakshmi Set Friendship Goals



Actresses Pragya Jaiswal, Rakul Preet Singh and Manchu Lakshmi are attracting attention with their stylish appearances and close friendship. Their latest photographs have delighted fans, highlighting the strong bond shared by the three actresses.Pragya looked glamorous in a sparkling black mini dress featuring a striking design, while Rakul impressed in a black sequined gown with a deep neckline and a high slit. Manchu Lakshmi opted for a printed crop top paired with wide-leg black trousers, creating a contemporary and relaxed look.The trio complemented their fashionable outfits with cheerful smiles and confident poses. Their pictures have drawn appreciation from fans, who admire both their individual styles and their camaraderie. Their latest appearance once again highlights their friendship and fashion appeal.Their cheerful smiles and effortless camaraderie delighted fans, highlighting their strong bond.

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