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Gyanesh won't survive:Rahul as Opposition lists six charges in public impeachment



New Delhi, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Warning Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar that he would "not survive" and accusing the Election Commission of deleting 13.3 crore voters, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said the Opposition had been left with "no other option" but to hold a symbolic public impeachment of the CEC. Listing six charges against Kumar, he demanded his removal.

Addressing a mock Parliament at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence at 10, Rajaji Marg, Rahul said the gathering of Opposition MPs, civil society representatives and citizens reflected the closure of institutional avenues, including Parliament, the judiciary and the Election Commission.

"We are here because we have nowhere else to go. We have no other option. Every single institutional direction is closed to us," he said.

Rahul claimed that 13.3 crore voters, or about 15 per cent of the electorate, had been deleted from the electoral rolls. He said these voters had participated in the last Lok Sabha election, which, according to him, had been decided by a margin of around 3 per cent, and questioned the legitimacy of the electoral outcome if such a large section of voters was subsequently excluded.

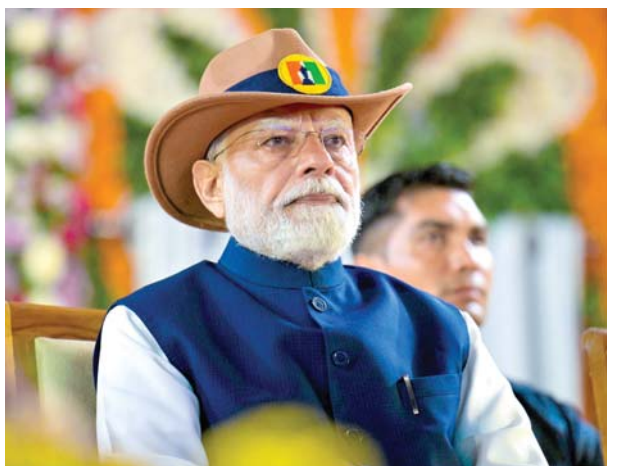
"Gyanesh Kumar is not going to survive. We have enough proof," Rahul said, adding that the CEC could not continue to take shelter behind the institution he had sworn to serve. He said the Opposition would neither forgive nor forget what he described as electoral manipulation.Rahul said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah might be at the top, but the CEC and those working under him were the instruments through which the alleged manipulation was being carried out. "Modi and Shah might be on top. We will deal with them, but you are their instruments, and so you are our first target," he said.

"You can continue to rig the elections. You can continue to control and allow the misuse of the CBI, the ED and every single institution of this country. But we guarantee you that this is a temporary phenomenon," he said.

"I am saying this with love and affection. We are not nasty or evil people, but we will protect the Constitution and the voice of our people," he said. Rahul said he fully supported the motion seeking Kumar's impeachment and went on to demand that the CEC be tried in a court of law for treason.

The proceedings, which began with the national anthem, were presided over by former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar. The INDIA bloc moved a resolution seeking the CEC's removal, setting out six charges relating to alleged voter deletions, changes to electoral rules and the functioning of the Election Commission.

PM Modi Says Intellectual Naxalism Persists



Ekta Nagar (Gujarat), Oct 31 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday warned that the threat of what he called "dimagi Naxal" (intellectual Naxalism) had not disappeared, even as he claimed that the country had broken the backbone of armed Naxalism and eliminated all Naxal-affected districts by March this year.

Addressing the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' gathering at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat, PM Modi said the country had made significant progress in its campaign against Left-wing extremism, but citizens needed to remain alert to what he described as an ideological threat. "We have ended Naxalism in remote areas. But the threat of intellectual Naxalism has not yet passed from the country. The nation must always remain alert to these intellectual Naxalites," he said.

The warning came after the Prime Minister referred to his address at the same venue a year ago, when he had pledged that the country would not rest until it was free of Naxalism and Maoist violence. "That resolve had now been fulfilled," he said. PM Modi had earlier claimed that 126 districts were affected by Left-wing extremism in 2015, while no district remained affected by Naxalism by March this year.

"Regions that had endured decades of violence were now being connected to the mainstream development through roads, mobile networks, schools and healthcare facilities," he said. The Prime Minister also paid tribute to security personnel who had lost their lives in operations against Naxalism and welcomed families from affected regions who attended this year's National Unity Day celebrations. In the second part of his address, PM Modi warned against intellectual Naxalism within a broader appeal to protect national unity.

The Prime Minister alleged that some forces were attempting to divide Indians, spread rumours and damage the country's image through social media. He urged citizens to i entify such activities and confront them collectively, saying that the country could not afford to become divided at a time of global instability and external challenges.

Ashutosh Dixit Takes Charge as 29th IAF Chief



New Delhi, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on Saturday, succeeding Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh, who superannuated after 42 years of distinguished service to the nation. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit was commissioned into the Fighter Stream of the Indian Air Force on December 6, 1986.

Over a career spanning four decades, the Air Chief has rich experience across diverse domains such as Operations, Flight Testing, Capability Development and Joint Staff assignments. "An accomplished Fighter Pilot, Qualified Flying Instructor and Experimental Test Pilot, he has over 3,300 hours of flying experience on a wide range of aircraft, including the Mirage-2000, various MiG variants, Jaguar and several transport aircraft," the Indian Air Force (IAF) said in a statement. The IAF said that Air Chief Marshal Dixit is widely recognised for his contribution to the modernisation of the Indian Air Force and was instrumental in finalising the Jaguar and MiG-27 upgrade projects and in the completion of the Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) and Final Operational Clearance (FOC) activities of the LCA Mk-I Tejas. "His operational command assignments include command of a Mirage-2000 Squadron, a Forward Base Support Unit in the Western Sector and Air Force Station Bidar, a premier fighter training base of the IAF," the force said.

'RUN FOR UNITY' ON 'RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS'



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah flags off 'Run for Unity' on 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' on the occasion of 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, in New Delhi. (Photo: PIB)

Shah Champions National Unity on Patel Jayanti

New Delhi, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah on Saturday flagged off the 'Run for Unity' in New Delhi as part of the celebrations marking the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, observed as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day).

The event was organised to honour the legacy of Sardar Patel, widely remembered for his pivotal role in the integration of princely states and the political unification of India after Independence. The annual observance highlights the importance of national unity, integrity and collective responsibility. The programme was held at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium and attended by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, and Ministers of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, among other dignitaries. Shah also administered the Unity Pledge to participants, reaffirming their commitment to national unity and integrity.

Addressing the gathering, Shah recalled Patel's contribution to the integration of princely states following Independence. He said Patel had achieved the unification of the country in just 1,218 days after Independence, overcoming the widespread belief that India would disintegrate. He described Patel as a leader who shaped the country's geographical, political and cultural unity.

Shah said India's linguistic, cultural and religious diversity was its strength rather than a weakness. He stressed that dialogue, mutual trust and an inclusive outlook had helped build a shared national identity over the past eight decades, despite differences in languages, traditions, attire and beliefs. The Home Minister also called for collective efforts to build a drug-free India, setting December 31, 2029, as the target for eliminating drug abuse. He described a drug-free nation as an important step towards realising the vision of a developed India and said the initiative was crucial for protecting the future of the country's youth.

Referring to the reconstruction of the Somnath Temple, Shah said it represented civilisational and national resurgence and recalled Patel's role in envisioning the project. He also highlighted the Statue of Unity in Gujarat as a tribute to Patel's legacy and contribution to nation-building.

ED Arrests Azam Khan in Jauhar University Case



Ghaziabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Samajwadi Party leader and former minister Mohammad Azam Khan in a money laundering case, an official said on Saturday. Azam Khan will soon be produced before the Special Court (PMLA), Ghaziabad, for custody proceedings, the official said in a statement.

The Samajwadi Party leader's arrest by the ED comes close to the provisional attachment of land and buildings belonging to Mohammad Ali Jauhar University in Uttar Pradesh's Rampur district, valued at Rs 426.46 crore, in connection with the money laundering probe involving the Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust, Azam Khan, and others. The fresh trouble for the Azam Khan came in the backdrop of a short-lived relief offered to him and his son Abdullah Khan by the Allahabad High Court by suspending their sentence in the dual PAN card case and also granted them bail on Thursday. In the money laundering case, the ED attached assets of the University that have a current estimated market value of around Rs 1,170 crore.

The university campus, located at Jauhar Nagar in Rampur's Singhankhera village, is owned by the Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust, which was founded and is controlled by Azam Khan, who also serves as the institution's honorary Chancellor, said the ED.

The investigation stems from 26 FIRs registered at Azeem Nagar police station in Rampur, alleging that agricultural land belonging to farmers was forcibly acquired for the university.

The ED said enquiries by the district administration also found that nearly 34 acres of enemy property at Singhankhera village had allegedly been occupied for the university despite the cancellation of the land lease.

Meitei-Naga groups hold massive Manipur rally, demand end to alleged 'proxy war'

Imphal, Oct 31 (Open Frame): The Manipur government has agreed to provide ex-gratia compensation to the next of kin of 32 Kuki-Zo civilians killed in violence attributed to the NSCN-IM and ZUF-K, the Kuki-Zo Council (KZC), the apex body of the Kuki-Zo tribal community in the state, said on Saturday.

A senior KZC leader said that an ex gratia amount of Rs 10 lakh is expected to be provided to each of the bereaved families. According to a KZC statement, a meeting between the council's leaders and government representatives was held at the District Magistrate's office in Churachandpur on Friday to discuss the concerns and demands raised by the council.

"During the meeting, KZC presented its concerns regarding the prevailing situation and the grievances of the Kuki-Zo people. Following extensive deliberations, the government agreed to provide ex-gratia compensation to the next of kin of 32 Kuki-Zo civilians who lost their lives in violence attributed to NSCN-IM and ZUF-K," the statement said.



The council said the decision reflects the need to honour the memory of the deceased and extend support to their bereaved families. The government also agreed to take responsibility for transporting the bodies of all the deceased to their respective villages for the final rites, the KZC said. According to the council, eight bodies of Kuki-Zo victims are currently lying in the morgue of Churachandpur District Hospital for a prolonged period, while some others have already been buried due to unavoidable circumstances.

Both arrangements payment of compensation and transportation of the bodies — are expected to be completed within seven days, the statement said. The KZC also raised several other pressing issues and demands concerning the security, welfare and political aspirations of the Kuki-Zo people. The government has taken these matters under consideration and assured the council that they would be reviewed and responded to in due course, the statement said.

While describing the commitments on ex-gratia compensation and transportation of the deceased as steps towards addressing the immediate concerns of the bereaved families, the KZC emphasised that the broader grievances and legitimate political aspirations of the Kuki-Zo people require concrete and time-bound action. The council said it would continue to pursue these matters with the government until meaningful outcomes are achieved.

Meanwhile, Manipur Deputy Chief Minister Nemcha Kipgen on Saturday urged the authorities concerned to make every possible effort to trace and rescue two Kuki youths who went missing from Kangpokpi district on the evening of October 28.

In a statement, Kipgen condemned the alleged abduction of the two youths from the vicinity of Taphou Kuki village on Wednesday evening. The two men, identified as Tinginlun Chongloi, 21, and Paoginlal Hangshing, 20, were allegedly ab-

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Telangana needs skilled workforce to attract investments: Vivek



- *Minister noted that the skill development of human resources plays a pivotal role in economic growth. He pointed out that there is a gap between the skills possessed by youth graduating from educational institutions and the skills required by industries, and stressed the need to bridge this divide.*
- *The Minister emphasized that achieving sustainable economic growth requires not only investments but also the development of human resources, strong coordination between industries and educational institutions, and the provision of skill training aligned with evolving industrial needs.*

Hyderabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): State Minister for Labour, Employment, Training, Mines, and Geology, Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy, stated that an annual economic growth rate of 8% is required for India to evolve into a $5 trillion economy and for the state of Telangana to grow into a $3 trillion economy by 2047, transforming both the nation and the state into developed entities. He emphasized that, alongside economic growth, equal priority must be given to environmental conservation and sustainable development.

The Minister participated as the chief guest at the concluding session of a two-day national conference on "Economic Growth, Sustainable Development, and Public Policy," organized as part of the golden jubilee celebrations of the Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Institute (Dr. MCR HRDI).

The Minister noted that the skill development of human resources plays a pivotal role in economic growth. He pointed out that there is a gap between the skills possessed by youth graduating from educational institutions and the skills required by industries, and stressed the need to bridge this divide. It was suggested that educational institutions should go beyond their existing courses and training programs to equip youth with the specific skills actually required by industries. A call was made to strengthen coordination and partnerships between industries and educational institutions. The importance of providing training that combines practical knowledge with technical skills—thereby enhancing job prospects for students—was highlighted. In this regard, it was noted that the state government is modernizing 65 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into 'Advanced Training Centers.' Plans are already in place to establish an additional 54 such centers, with the government's goal being to have a total of 122 Advanced Training Centers operational by next year. This initiative aims to provide youth with modern technical training tailored to industrial needs, ultimately improving their employment opportunities.

Furthermore, it was advised that youth should look to seize international employment opportunities.

Pointing to the growing global demand for skilled human resources, the Minister shared observations from recent visits to Japan and Germany. In these countries, millions of job vacancies remain unfilled each year—a situation driven by both a shortage of available human resources and an aging population, which makes it difficult to fill these roles. This situation presents a great opportunity for Indian youth to secure employment prospects on an international scale. It was suggested that young people should acquire the skills, technical knowledge, and qualifications tailored to the specific requirements of various countries. It was noted that Indians possess unique traits—such as the ability to easily integrate into foreign societies, adapt to changing circumstances, and a strong work ethic. By combining these inherent qualities with the right professional skills, individuals can unlock even better opportunities in the global job market.

Highlighting the investment and industrial development potential in Telangana, the Minister mentioned that the state secured investments worth Rs. 5.74 lakh crore through the 'Telangana Rising Global Summit' held last year. Skilled human resources are crucial for leveraging these investment opportunities to drive industrial expansion, boost economic activity, and create jobs for the youth.

Sanjay Jaju Pushes Digital Governance



Hyderabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has stressed the need to leverage technology to strengthen digital governance, streamline administrative processes and improve transparency and accountability in government functioning.

He was addressing a training programme on the Electronic Human Resource Management System (E-HRMS), E-Sanctions and the Works Accounting Management Information System (WAMIS), organised at the Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Institute (MCRHRDI) in Hyderabad.

The Chief Secretary highlighted the importance of adopting technology-based solutions to make government administration more efficient, responsive and citizen-centric. He said digital platforms play a significant role in simplifying official procedures, improving coordination among departments and ensuring greater transparency in the delivery of public services.

The programme focused on familiarising senior officials with the functioning and effective utilisation of E-HRMS, E-Sanctions and WAMIS. These digital systems are intended to support the management of human resources, streamline financial sanction procedures and strengthen the monitoring and accounting of government works.

Jaju emphasised that the successful implementation of digital governance initiatives depends on the effective use of technology by government departments and the capacity of officials to adapt to modern administrative systems. Government Secretaries, senior police officers and Heads of Departments (HoDs) participated in the training programme. Their participation reflected the importance of ensuring that digital systems are effectively adopted across various departments.

The initiative is part of the State Government's broader efforts to modernise administration, improve institutional efficiency and promote transparent, accountable and technology-enabled governance. The training also provided an opportunity for officials to understand the practical applications of the digital platforms and address operational aspects related to their implementation.

Srihari Invites German Firms to Invest in TG



Hyderabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): The State Minister for Sports and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari wished that the friendly relations between India and Germany, which have been going on for 75 years, will be further strengthened in the future.

He said that there is a need to expand the mutual cooperation between the two countries in the fields of trade, investment, technology, tourism and cultural exchange. The Minister participated in the German Unity Day celebrations held at a private hotel in Hyderabad. On this occasion, the Minister congratulated the German Consul General Michael Hasper, the German government and the people.

He said that the message of unity, mutual understanding and working together for a common future is conveyed to the world by the German Unity Day. He said that Germany is an important economic partner country for India, good cooperation between the two countries continues in the fields of engineering, automobile manufacturing, IT, research and renewable energy. In 2024, trade in goods and services between the two countries will exceed 50 billion US dollars. Telangana destination for global investments The minister said that with skilled human resources and strong technological systems, Hyderabad has become a major destination for international companies. The operation of Deutsche Börse in Hyderabad is a demonstration of the trust that international organizations have in the city.

He said that the goal of the state government is to attract global investments and develop international business partnerships. He said that through the Invest Telangana Global Summit to be held in December, the investment opportunities of the state will be introduced to global entrepreneurs.

German companies have been invited to Telangana to invest in advanced manufacturing, automobile engineering, IT, life sciences, renewable energy, advanced technology sectors. He explained that cooperation with the Thuringia state in Germany is increasing in the fields of skill development, technology, start-ups, and life sciences.

Instant pensions extended to more categories

Hyderabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): The Telangana government has extended the 'instant pension facility' to additional categories, ensuring that wives of deceased pensioners receive social security pensions immediately. The move benefits wives of persons with disabilities, toddy tappers, weavers, dialysis patients, and HIV and filariasis-affected individuals. Until now, the instant pension facility was only available to wives of old-age pensioners. The Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, headed by Minister Danasari Anasuya, recently issued orders to expand the facility.

Under the new guidelines, if the wife of a deceased male pensioner is below 57 years of age, she will be eligible for a widow pension. If she is 57 years or older, she will be sanctioned an old-age pension. To avail the pension, the wife must submit her Aadhaar card, the first page of her bank passbook, the deceased pensioner's Aadhaar card and the death certificate. In rural areas, applications must be submitted to the panchayat secretary, while in urban areas, they should be submitted to the bill collector.

The concerned officials will verify the documents, enter the details in the Cheyutha portal and sanction the pension after confirming eligibility. The expansion is expected to provide timely financial assistance to bereaved families and prevent eligible women from facing difficulties in accessing social security benefits following the death of their husbands.

KTR demands transparency in IDBI Bank sale

Hyderabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Amid the row over the IDBI Bank disinvestment, BRS working president K T Rama Rao on Saturday, October 31, said reports of the bank's undervaluation were "really concerning." He noted that IDBI owns valuable real estate, including prime land in Hyderabad, and asked whether its value had been properly accounted for. "Reports about undervaluation of IDBI Bank are really concerning. Why were the rules and valuation methodology changed when bids fell below the reserve price?" he said in a post on X, responding to an appeal from the All India IDBI Officers' Association to raise the issue of the bank's privatisation.

He asked why the concerns raised by IDBI employees were not being addressed. "Before selling off a reputed public sector bank to a private player, the union government owes the country some straight answers. What's the hurry?" he said.

Public sector undertakings and public sector banks are national assets that must be safeguarded, he added.

Responding on Friday to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's criticism of the NDA government over the disinvestment, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said IDBI Bank "was handed over to us in poor shape, as IDBI itself was forced to lend to large business groups with close connections to @INCIndia leaders such as Videocon, Winsome, ABG Shipyard, and Kingfisher."

"These turned into bad loans, causing huge losses for IDBI Bank, which we recognised," she said in a social media post.

NDA to push ahead with key Reforms Despite Opposition Protests: Bandi Sanjay



Hyderabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Saturday, October 31, said the NDA government would go ahead with delimitation, the NRC and 33 per cent reservation for women, despite the Opposition's agitation against the SIR of electoral rolls.

Alleging that the Congress was targeting constitutional institutions, he said the party had attacked the Election Commission, questioned Operation Mahadev, which was launched after the Pahalgam terror attack, and made critical remarks against the Supreme Court.

On the Congress's demand for elections using ballot papers, he said BJP MLAs and MPs from Telangana were ready to seek re-election on ballot papers in the next Assembly polls. He asked Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to say whether the Congress was ready to do the same in the state.

"I am saying this without the permission of our leadership. I will persuade our central leadership," he told reporters here.

He said the Congress's decline began long ago, even though it was now alleging that the BJP was trying to win elections through Special Intensive Revision. Charging that the Congress, the Communists, the AAP and the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) were trying to create an environment similar to the recent unrest in European countries, he said such tricks would not succeed as long as Narendra Modi was Prime Minister.

"There is no question of getting scared. SIR will continue. The National Register of Citizens will be implemented. We will provide 33 per cent reservation to women and extend opportunities to them in legislatures. We will take up the delimitation process. The 'Indi' alliance under Rahul Gandhi's leadership will witness a great scene after these are implemented," the Union Minister of State (Home) said.

The Congress takes credit for securing independence, he said, but asked how it could join hands with people like AISA president Neha Bora and Abhijeet Dipke. He cited American singer Mary Millen's allegation that the CJP was "funded by donors" in the US and reports of Neha Bora praising the Gen Z movement in Bangladesh. Asserting that the Congress's electoral decline did not begin with the ongoing SIR, he said the party had been out of power for 60 years in Tamil Nadu, 50 years in West Bengal, 37 years in Uttar Pradesh, 36 years in Bihar, 34 years in Tripura, 26 years in Odisha and Jharkhand, 23 years in Madhya Pradesh and Nagaland, 14 years in Goa, and 12 years in Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Maharashtra, among other states.

TG SAFE finds serious hygiene violations at 22 eateries



Hyderabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) conducted a massive food safety inspection drive across the Golconda and Charminar zones of Hyderabad on Saturday, suspending the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) licences of 14 restaurants and eating establishments over serious hygiene and food safety violations.

A total of 22 enforcement teams comprising Food Safety Officers and police personnel inspected 22 restaurants and food establishments as part of the drive. The inspections revealed several serious violations, including unhygienic kitchens, cockroach and housefly infestations, spoiled vegetables, expired food products, improper food storage and repeated use of cooking oil.

During the inspections, officials collected 21 food samples on suspicion of adulteration. As much as 544 kg of spoiled and contaminated vegetables, leftover food, expired food products and pest-infested food articles were discarded on the spot. Another 13 kg of used cooking oil was also discarded on suspicion of repeated use. The enforcement teams found several establishments operating under highly unhygienic conditions. Violations included damaged flooring, stagnant water, greasy walls and chimneys, poor drainage facilities, rodent droppings and the presence of cockroaches and flies. In some kitchens, raw meat was stored improperly, while vegetarian and non-vegetarian food items were kept together in refrigerators. Officials also found prepared and semi-prepared food items stored without proper labels, leftover food kept in refrigerators and food handlers working without essential protective equipment such as hairnets and gloves. Several establishments had failed to maintain mandatory records, including employee health certificates and pest-control documentation.

Show-cause notices were issued to eight establishments for serious violations. They include Taj Falaknuma Palace at Engine Bowli, Hotel Sabzi at Charminar, Pista House Restaurant at Shahalibanda, Sweekar Hotel at Santosh Nagar, Mandi at 36 Arabian Kitchen at Charminar, Golconda Hotel and Resorts at Masab Tank, Imperial Multicuisine Restaurant at Tolichowki and Taiba Bakery at Bazarghat, Lakdikapool.

Further action, including the imposition of penalties, will be initiated against them.

TGRERA bars Pacifica from cancelling flat allotment



Hyderabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame): In interim relief to a buyer, the Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG RERA) has barred Pacifica Constructions Pvt. Ltd., the developer of Aavas Hyderabad, from cancelling her flat allotment over an additional demand of Rs 5.75 lakh. The developer can also not sell, transfer, or create third-party rights over the property pending further proceedings, reported News Meter on Saturday, October 31. The TG RERA passed the interim order a day ago on Bondili Saritha's complaint against Pacifica Constructions and other respondents.

Saritha allegedly booked the flat in the Aavas Hyderabad project at Bachupally, signing an agreement with Pacifica on May 25, 2018.

While the agreed amount, excluding taxes, was Rs 18,00,795, the complainant said she had paid Rs 18,89,895. She was to get possession of the flat in 60 months, with a grace period of six months. The deadline ended on November 25, 2023, but she did not get the flat, she said. Meanwhile, the builder demanded another Rs 5,75,731 under various heads. She said payment of this additional amount became a condition for completing the registration and handing over the flat to her.

That is when Saritha approached TG RERA, seeking interim protection. developer's counsel sought to file a counter affidavit multiple times during the course of the proceedings but failed to do so. While the authority said this wouldn't be treated as an admission of Saritha's allegations, it noted that she had presented sufficient grounds to protect the flat allotment until the next hearing.

Goyal Urges India-UK to Double Trade by 2030

New Delhi, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal has called upon businesses in India and the United Kingdom to translate the opportunities created by the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) into expanded trade, investment, partnerships and job creation. Addressing the JETCO Business Plenary under the 16th Session of the India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO), he said the two countries should aim to double bilateral trade by 2030 and make the India-UK Vision 2035 a framework for greater economic ambition and cooperation.



Shri Goyal said CETA marks a major milestone in the economic partnership between the two countries, providing zero-duty access in the United Kingdom market for most Indian exports while opening up significant opportunities for UK exporters across sectors. The agreement has also opened up new opportunities in services. He added that the Social Security Double Contribution Convention could further benefit both economies through the supply of services at competitive prices and improved profitability.

Emphasising the need to convert the agreement into tangible business outcomes, the Minister said, "This agreement opens the doors businesses have to walk through." He called for businesses to make the most of the opportunities available under CETA and said that 2030 should not merely mark the end of the decade but the beginning of much greater ambition between the two countries. Referring to the approximately 1,500 days remaining until the end of 2030, he urged businesses to work towards achieving the shared ambition of doubling bilateral trade.

Continuing his address Shri Goyal said India and the UK were complementary economies with considerable potential to expand existing trade, develop new export opportunities and diversify the range of products exchanged.

India brings scale, a deepening manufacturing base, world-class digital public infrastructure and the youngest talent pool available anywhere in the world, while the UK brings strengths in research, design, advanced technologies and one of the world's leading financial centres.

Highlighting the existing trade complementarities, the Minister noted that India was a major exporter of smartphones, pharmaceutical products, jewellery, textiles, leather goods, rice and certain agricultural products, iron and non-alloy steel, machinery parts and auto components. On the UK side, he identified potential in the supply of products across the petroleum value chain, technology products in electronics and electrical equipment, medicaments, motor cars and Scotch whisky. He said the wide-ranging CETA had opened up numerous opportunities to expand trade, encourage new exporters and introduce new product lines.

The Minister also highlighted the significant potential for investments in both directions. He noted that several Indian companies had invested substantially in core sectors in the UK, while prominent UK companies had invested in India.

Global Big Cat Conservation Gets Boost with New IBCA Office

New Delhi, Oct 31 (Open Frame): The new office premises of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, at 55 Lodhi Estate, in New Delhi today. DG (IBCA), Dr. S.P. Yadav welcomed the Minister and other dignitaries in the inaugural ceremony and gave a brief overview of IBCA, its activities and programmes. The inaugural ceremony was attended by dignitaries including DG (Forest) and Special Secretary (MoEF-CC), Shri Santosh Tewari, and other senior officers from the Ministry.



The event also witnessed participation from the Union Minister of External Affairs; DG, Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA); DG, Coalition for Disaster Resilience Infrastructure (CDRI); DG, International Solar Alliance (ISA); and Heads/Representatives of various international/UN organisations in India, i.e. UN, UNDP, World Bank, UNICEF, ADB, WWF, IUCN, UNEP, FAO and UNDSS, inter alia.

The Government of India has pledged an initial contribution of Rs.150 crore for five years (2023-24 to 2027-28). As of now, 29 countries from across the globe, including India, have joined IBCA as members and 5 countries have opted to be Observers and 11 other countries have consented to become members of the Alliance.

Shivraj calls for better farm planning under PMDDKY

New Delhi, Oct 31 (Open Frame): When policies are shaped by ground realities and all government departments work together in one direction, no district can be left behind in the race for development. This is the hallmark of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's model of good governance, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Monday. He was addressing the national conference on the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana at the Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium in the Pusa campus, New Delhi. Addressing district collectors, scientists and senior policymakers from more than 50 districts across the country, Shri Chouhan extended his greetings on the auspicious occasion of Navratri and felicitated districts that had demonstrated outstanding performance. He



urged officials to devote their full energy to realising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a developed and prosperous India.

Emphasising the importance of localised planning, Chouhan said the framework for the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana had been prepared by district collectors based on actual ground conditions rather than being drawn up in offices in Delhi. He stressed the need for regular monthly reviews, asking collectors to assess progress on their district agricultural action plans every month along with their teams. Where progress is slow, coordinated efforts across departments should be intensified to accelerate implementation. Highlighting the importance of inter-ministerial convergence, Shri Chouhan said farmers' incomes could be increased manifold by bringing together the efforts of different ministries and institutions. These include the Ministry of Jal Shakti for water management; the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for processing and value addition; the Ministry of Cooperation and Farmer Producer Organisations for strengthening collective efforts; and the sectors of animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries, MSMEs and skill development. He also emphasised the need to strengthen the direct connection between agricultural research and farmers. Research conducted by nearly 16,000 scientists associated with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, along with the work of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, the Agricultural Technology Management Agency and agricultural universities, should reach farmers' fields directly.

Nadda Lays Foundation Stone for High-Altitude Research Centre in Keylong

New Delhi, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda today performed the Bhumi Pujan and laid the foundation stone of the ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research at Keylong, Himachal Pradesh. He expressed confidence that the Centre would establish a strong institutional foundation for high-altitude health research and advance scientific understanding of the unique health challenges faced by people living in the Himalayan region and personnel serving in high-altitude areas.



Addressing on the occasion, Union Minister Shri Nadda emphasised the importance of dedicated scientific research to understand the health implications of low oxygen levels, extreme cold, changing climatic conditions and the distinctive lifestyles of tribal communities. He highlighted the need for systematic studies of these region-specific challenges to identify health risks, develop appropriate interventions and strengthen preventive healthcare.

Referring to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of strengthening healthcare infrastructure and ensuring access to quality healthcare, Shri Nadda said that the establishment of the Centre reflects the importance accorded to addressing the distinct healthcare needs of people living in remote Himalayan and border regions. He emphasised that research-based interventions would help improve health outcomes and enhance the well-being of local communities and Armed Forces personnel serving in these challenging environments.

Shri Nadda appreciated the collaboration between ICMR and the Armed Forces Medical Services in establishing the Centre. He also acknowledged the contribution of AIIMS Bilaspur, which would participate in studying the health impact of high-altitude conditions on patients visiting the region. The collaboration would bring together scientific expertise and clinical experience to deepen understanding of high-altitude health challenges and support evidence-based healthcare interventions.

Emphasising the long-term significance of the initiative, Shri Nadda said that the Centre would contribute to improving healthcare for tribal communities and Armed Forces personnel deployed in high-altitude areas. The research undertaken would support the development of appropriate preventive and promotive healthcare strategies, helping address the distinctive medical challenges associated with extreme environmental conditions and strengthening health services in the Himalayan region.

Acosta Wins Sepang Sprint as Marquez Extends MotoGP Lead

Sepang (Malaysia), Oct 31 (Open Frame): Pedro Acosta won a chaotic dry-wet Sprint race at the Sepang International Circuit here, as title leader Marc Marquez increased the championship gap with a second-place finish.

Acosta overcame a four-way battle in a 10-lap Sprint that was threatened by rain late on, as he held Marquez by 0.578s. Marco Bezzecchi took the third place as Ai Ogura, who was once leading, fell behind and finished P4.



The result saw Marquez increase his title lead from the absent Jorge Martin to 19 points after he collected nine points for his second-place finish. Bezzecchi is now 52 points behind the seven-time MotoGP champion after he finished fourth and collected six points.

Alex Marquez began the Sprint in the lead after having outclassed his elder brother during the qualifying earlier. He was leading until four laps before he slid out at Turn 14. The lead was then inherited by Ogura, as the battle between the top four continued.

Due to spots of rain, the white flag came out as riders were allowed to change their bikes for tyres. Iker Lecuona, Joan Mir and Franco Morbidelli went to change their bikes, with Maverick Vinales opting for a change later.

Acosta attacked Ogura for the lead when three laps were left. He looked to fight back but could not and was later overtaken by Marquez and Bezzecchi as he struggled in the slightly wet conditions.

South Africa Beat Australia by 176 Runs, Clinch Series 2-1

Cape Town, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Simon Harmer produced a match-winning six-wicket haul while Kagiso Rabada claimed three scalps as South Africa bowled out Australia for a mere 111 runs in their second innings to register a memorable 176-run victory in the third and final Test of the series at Newlands in Cape Town on Saturday.

With this win, South Africa clinched the three-match series 2-1 and reclaimed the number one position in the ICC Test team rankings from Australia. Chasing a challenging target of 288 to win the series decider, Australia were expected to put up a strong fight, especially after the pitch offered relatively favourable batting conditions on the fourth day. However, the visitors' batting line-up collapsed



under pressure as Rabada and Harmer dismantled their resistance.

Australia resumed on the final day, hoping to chase down the target or survive the remaining 90 overs to secure a draw. However, Rabada struck early blows to leave the visitors struggling at 60/7 at lunch, effectively putting South Africa in complete control of the contest.

Rabada set the tone with a devastating opening spell, claiming three wickets for just 14 runs in five overs. He first dismissed Matthew Renshaw for a golden duck before trapping Marnus Labuschagne lbw for two. The pacer then removed Travis Head for 16, completing his 350 Test wickets in the process. Josh Inglis, who had scored a century in Australia's first innings, was run out for four following a misunderstanding with Cameron Green, adding to the visitors' troubles.

Harmer then took charge of the proceedings, dismissing Alex Carey for 6 after the Australian wicketkeeper attempted an ill-judged reverse sweep. The spinner followed it up by removing Beau Webster for a duck, caught behind, as Australia continued to lose wickets. Green and Nathan Lyon attempted to delay the inevitable with a fighting partnership after the visitors had lost seven wickets in the first session.

Brief scores: South Africa 329 & 387 all out in 134.4 overs (Wiaan Mulder 115, Ryan Rickelton 101; Mitchell Starc 3-65, Pat Cummins 2-71) beat Australia 429 & 111 all out in 57.1 overs (Nathan Lyon 33*, Cameron Green 27; Simon Harmer 6-16, Kagiso Rabada 3-39) by 176 runs.

India beat Japan 4-1, seal Asian Champions trophy semifinal spot after third win

Jalandhar, Oct 31 (Open Frame): Skipper Harmanpreet's penalty-corner strike turned the game while Abhishek scored twice in his 150th international appearance and Vishnu Kant added a superb solo goal as the Indian men's hockey team registered a 4-1 win over Japan in the Asian Champions Trophy at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar on Friday.

The win makes it three wins from as many matches in the first international hockey tournament in Punjab in a decade and books a spot in the semifinals for the defending champions.



Abhishek (11 , 51) scored twice, while captain Harmanpreet Singh (47) and Vishnu Kant Singh (56) also found the net. Shota Yamada (15) scored for Japan from a penalty stroke. It was the 150th international match for Abhishek, who marked the special occasion with the 'Player of the Match' award for his twin strikes. Earlier, India made two big changes to their line-up, with Vishnu Kant and Angad Bir Singh getting an opportunity, while Mandeep Singh and Nilakanta Sharma were rested.

Japan began the game with a high press and had the better of the opening exchanges, earning a penalty corner in the second minute. Their variations, however, did not produce a goal.

India scored the opening goal in the 11th minute when Vivek Sagar Prasad played the ball to Sukhjeet Singh on the left of the circle. Sukhjeet turned sharply and cut the ball back for Abhishek to finish. Japan pushed for an equaliser and earned a penalty corner in the closing seconds. After the first attempt was saved, a penalty stroke was awarded when the ball struck Sanjay's forearm on the goal line. Yamada converted from the spot to make it 1-1.

Japan maintained their tempo in the second quarter and enjoyed more possession, with their compact defence restricting India's space. Goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak came off his line to deny a Japanese attack after Haruki Ochiai found Tsubasa Tanaka on the left.

India Crowned Inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Champions After Beating Sri Lanka

Ahmedabad, Oct 31 (Open Frame):India became the first men's champions of the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026 with a commanding 54-20 win over Sri Lanka in the final in Ahmedabad on Saturday. The title completed a double for India, after India Women beat Uganda 35-15 in the women's final earlier in the evening.

Aditya Shinde top-scored for India with a Super 10, scoring 10 raid points from 14 raids, including four bonus points. Bharat Hooda added eight raid points, all in the second half. He was not tackled once in seven raids. Pankaj Mohite chipped in with six points, and vice-captain Naveen Kumar added five. Yogesh Dahiya led the defence with a High 5, making five successful tackles



from five attempts, all in the first half. Shubham Shinde, captain Surjeet Singh, Pravesh Malik and Deepak Sankar added two tackle points each. India scored 30 raid points and 14 tackle points, inflicted four All-Outs and did not concede one.

Maduwantha was Sri Lanka's top scorer with six tackle points, including two Super Tackles, while Ansaf and Viduranga added three points each. Sri Lanka's raiders struggled throughout. Sabihan, Milinda Chathuranga and Viduranga had led the scoring in the semifinal win over Kenya, but managed just five raid points from 31 raids between them in the final. Sri Lanka also failed in seven of their nine do-or-die raids, finishing with 11 raid points and nine tackle points.

India led 15-8 with 10 minutes of the first half remaining, having already inflicted an All-Out. They then outscored Sri Lanka 15-2 to lead 30-10 at half-time, with a second All-Out coming in the closing five minutes of the half. Sri Lanka managed just two successful raids from 21 in the first half, while India's defenders made nine successful tackles from 10 attempts. India inflicted two more All-Outs after the break, the last of them in the final five minutes, and won the second half 24-10. Across the match, India made 24 successful raids from 40, compared with Sri Lanka's seven from 41.

Filmmaker Sanjay Gupta Dies at 59



Filmmaker Sanjay Gupta, best known for directing films such as 'Kaante', 'Kaabil' and 'Shootout at Wadala', has passed away at the age of 59. As per sources close to, the filmmaker passed away on October 30 after slipping in the bathroom at night and injuring his head. Filmmaker Ashoke Pandit confirmed Sanjay Gupta's death and wrote on Instagram: "It's really shocking and sad. Just got the news that our dear friend an ace director @_ sanjaygupta is no more. He passed due to a head injury at home." "Another talent gone too soon. He was a wonderful narrator, full of life persona & a passionate filmmaker. A great loss to our industry. Will miss you my friend. Condolences to his family & dear ones. Om Shaanti. Details of his last rites will be shared soon."

Sanjay Gupta stepped into the world of cinema in 1994 with Aatish: Feel the Fire starring Aditya Pancholi and Sanjay Dutt. He then went on to direct, produce and write movies such as Ram Shastra, Khauff and Jung. While filming Kaante in Los Angeles in 2001, the events of the 9/11 attack forced filming to relocate planned scenes from several areas that were then considered sensitive.

Over a career spanning decades, Gupta collaborated with actor Sanjay Dutt in numerous films such as Kaante, Musafir, Zinda and Shootout at Lokhandwala among others. Zinda was an unofficial remake of the South Korean film Oldboy. He also produced the films Shootout at Lokhandwala and Dus Kahaniyaan, and directed and co-produced Shootout at Wadala, the prequel to Shootout at Lokhandwala. His last work includes The Miranda Brothers, which was released in 2025. Sanjay Gupta directed and produced the film starring Harshvardhan Rane and Meezaan Jafri. The film followed an orphan rescued from trash becomes devoted to his elder brother, both growing to be star footballers, till the suspicious death of their mother threatens to tear them apart. He is survived by his wife Anu Lekhi. Sanjay Gupta was known for bringing a distinctive style of action, crime and gangster dramas to Hindi cinema. His films frequently explored themes of friendship, betrayal, revenge and the underworld, earning him recognition for his bold storytelling and stylised filmmaking. His ability to create intense narratives and memorable cinematic moments made him a familiar name among audiences who followed action-oriented Bollywood films.

Among his most recognised directorial ventures was Kaante, released in 2002, which featured an ensemble cast including Amitabh Bachchan, Sanjay Dutt, Suniel Shetty, Mahesh Manjrekar, Lucky Ali and Kumar Gaurav. The film, inspired by Quentin Tarantino's Reservoir Dogs, gained attention for its Hollywood-inspired treatment, stylish presentation and ensemble performances. It became one of the significant films in Gupta's career and helped establish his identity as a filmmaker with a distinct visual approach.

His association with Sanjay Dutt remained one of the defining professional partnerships of his career.

Icon Star reignites the fire again with a crazy lineup!

Icon star Allu Arjun is now a very important star in the Indian cinema industry. He is a star who is paving the way from Pan India to Pan World. That is why everyone is interested in the line-up of Allu's films. Many stories have already been given on the films starring Bunny in Telugu entertainment channels. Now, famous Bollywood trade analyst Komal Nahta is once again reviewing the projects of the icon star, which is arousing interest in the North trade. Explaining the list of directors Bunny has in the queue.. With the famous Bollywood analyst himself responding to Allu Arjun's line-up, the interest in these projects has increased in the North media and Hindi trade, and expectations have increased further. Currently, Allu Arjun stands as the only hero in Indian cinema after Prabhas who is showing speed at that level and expanding his market reach to a pan-world range.

If we look at Komal Nahata's analysis of the massive lineup of Icon Star... Atlee with Raaka, Lokesh Kanagaraj's next film... Basil Joseph, Sandeep Reddy Vanga, Prashanth Neel's films, and Pushpa 3, there is an excellent lineup. `Raaka`, which is being made in the director Atlee's first combination, will be released with great prestige. Produced by Kalanidhi Maran under the Sun Pictures banner, this high-voltage action thriller plot line is taking shape with the concept of reincarnation. While Deepika Padukone is playing the female lead opposite Allu Arjun... Rashmika Mandanna, Mrunal Thakur, and Janhvi Kapoor will be seen in key roles. This science fiction drama, which is being made with extensive visual effects



and Hollywood-standard technology, is planned for a grand release in December 2027. On the other hand, updates are also being received rapidly on the AA23 film in the Lokesh Kanagaraj-Allu Arjun combination. Although there has been a rumor that this project has been canceled for a few days.. Finally, Lokesh himself put a break to the rumors and shared a photograph with Bunny. Anirudh Ravichander is providing music for this film, which is being produced by Mythri Movie Makers. Lokesh's project will go on the sets as soon as the shooting of Atlee's film is completed. Along with this, Sandeep Reddy Vanga - T-Series combination movie.. `Raavanam` to be released in the Prashanth Neel-Dil Raju combination.. The movie with Minnal Murali fame Basil Joseph will be the most important in Bunny's career. . Bunny will be working with top directors like Atlee, Lokesh Kanagaraj, Sandeep Vanga, Prashanth Neel and Sukumar in another film. There are reports that Pushpa 3 is also in the pipeline as a sequel to Pushpa and Pushpa 2. There are also rumors that Sukumar is silently cooking the story of this film. Fans are making a huge fuss on social media after hearing Allu Arjun's lineup. Some are calling it AA-Arachakam... while others are praising it as Make Way for the King. Some netizens are jokingly commenting that it will take another 15-20 years to complete these 5-6 films at the rate of one film every two years! However, unlike other top stars in Tollywood like Ram Charan, NTR, and Mahesh Babu, the way Allu Arjun is designing a global lineup with proper planning is surprising the industry circles.

Overall, if we look at the scale and canvas of these films coming after `Pushpa-2`, it is clear that Allu Arjun is preparing to prove his worth not only as a Tollywood or Pan-India hero but also at the global box office. Trade pundits are analyzing that the next five years are going to be the stage for Allu Arjun's box office destruction.

Srileela's green coca vibes.. Fans' ruckus peaks!

Actress Srileela has gained immense craze in the South Indian film industry in a short span of time with her amazing acting and graceful dance. This beauty hype is not all there is to it on social media. It is natural that whenever Leela shares a new post, it goes viral in a matter of seconds. The latest photos shared by this dancing beauty have also received an unexpected response from netizens. Leela is stunning in that green dress! Fans are commenting loudly. If you look at this comments section... the unlimited love and compliments that fans have for Srileela are clearly visible. While the majority of the comments are filled with heart and fire emojis... along with ordinary fans, fellow actors from the film industry (like Raashi Khanna) have also praised her looks and showered her with praises like an apsara and an angel.

The main attraction in this social media frenzy was the traditional green saree worn by Srileela.. Her recent visit to Tumkur was a special attraction. Fans were raving about the beauty and the beauty. When Srileela attended the inauguration event of a private shopping mall in Tumkur, Karnataka.. people and fans came out in large numbers to see her in person. The way Srileela appeared there.. Those photos went viral on social media under the name ``Tumkur vibes''. In the same vein, some also wished her a happy Diwali in advance.

Not only praising her beauty but also admiring her film career, some netizens made very important suggestions. While local fans wished that she would entertain in Kannada cinema again, others advised her to choose diverse roles that have good screen time and importance in the story, rather than just accepting a series of films. These suggestions from fans reflect the responsibility that fans have towards her career and their aspirations for Srileela's future.

Currently, Srileela is at a crucial stage in her career. She is busy with a series of big projects not only in Tollywood but also in Tamil and Hindi film industries and is preparing to make her mark on a pan-India level. In Tamil, Srileela is acting in the film ``Om'', which is being directed by ``Amaran'' fame Rajkumar Periyasamy, in the combination of Dhanush and Mammootty. It is noteworthy that Sai Pallavi is also playing a key role in this big project. This is going to be a milestone project for Leela in Tamil.



On the other hand, Srileela is also making a grand entry into Bollywood. This cutie is playing the lead role in a prestigious film being directed by famous Hindi director Anurag Basu. Along with this, she is also playing a content-oriented-lady-oriented role in Bollywood director Umesh Bisht's project. Srileela, who is making waves with diverse films in many languages, is continuing her career from social media trends to the silver screen. Her growing popularity across different film industries reflects her rising appeal among audiences of various age groups. With a strong social media following, energetic screen presence and a lineup of promising projects, Srileela is steadily expanding her reach beyond Telugu cinema. Fans are now eagerly waiting to see how she balances commercial entertainers with performance-oriented roles as she takes the next big step in her career.

Shreya Ghoshal Joins Grammy Awards Voting Academy

Adding another feather to her cap, celebrated singer Shreya Ghoshal has joined the Recording Academy as an official voting member for the Grammy Awards. Being one of the voting members, Shreya will now be able to contribute her perspective to this process. Further strengthening her foothold in the global music community, Shreya also recently took part in a South Asian panel organised by the Recording Academy. She was accompanied by Lara Raj of KATSEYE, Sameer Gadhia, and Raashi Kulkarni.

Speaking about constantly expanding her horizons, Shreya said, "Music has taken me to places I could have only dreamed of when I first started singing, and I feel incredibly grateful for the journey it has been. To now be part of the Recording Academy's voting community is a special moment for me. The Grammys celebrate music from across the world, and being part of a community that recognises the creativity and hard work behind it is truly meaningful." She also talked about the rich musical heritage of India.

"Coming from India, where music is so deeply woven into our lives and culture, I feel proud to bring that perspective to this platform. We have such a rich musical heritage and so many extraordinary artists telling stories through their music, and I hope



to see more of these voices find recognition on the global stage," the singer continued. Meanwhile, Shreya is all set to return to South Africa with her 'Unstoppable Tour'. Spilling her excitement about returning to South Africa, Shreya said, "South Africa has always been a special place to return to, and I'm so happy to be bringing my Unstoppable Tour to Durban and Pretoria. Every time I perform for audiences around the world, I'm reminded of how music brings us together, regardless of where we come from or what language we speak."

Four Celebrity-Inspired Indo-Western Looks for Diwali

With Diwali just around the corner, the hunt for the perfect festive outfit is officially on! While everyone wants to look their glamorous best, comfort remains just as important, whether it is a daytime brunch, a family get-together or a late-night festive bash. And what better way to find inspiration than looking at celebrities who effortlessly blend traditional Indian aesthetics with contemporary silhouettes? From statement capes and colorful lehengas to dramatic coats and glamorous crimson ensembles, Sonam Kapoor, Ananya Panday, Sheena Chohan and Shobhita Dhulipala are serving major Indo-Western fashion inspiration. Here is a look at four celebrity-approved styles to add to your Diwali mood board.

1. Sonam Kapoor: Regal Elegance Meets Contemporary ower Dressing Sonam Kapoor makes a statement in an intricately patterned long coat by AK|OK, styled with a crisp white shirt, a beautifully draped white stole and satin in black trousers.

A jewelled brooch adds a vintage touch, while oxidised accessories, sleek open tresses, bold eyes and nude lips complete the look. Her ensemble is perfect for those who want to move beyond conventional ethnic wear and embrace a sophisticated, fashion-forward aesthetic for a Diwali



cocktail party or an elegant evening celebration. 2. Ananya Panday: Blue Hues and Dramatic Cape Glamour Ananya Panday brings contemporary glamour to festive dressing in a stunning blue ensemble by Manish Malhotra. Featuring an intricately embroidered crop top, matching palazzo pants and a flowing cape jacket, the outfit combines traditional detailing with a modern silhouette. The rich blue hue and statement cape add just the right amount of drama, making it an ideal pick for a Diwali party.

Neha Warns Against AI Misuse of Her Identity

Actress Neha Sharma is the latest celebrity to raise her voice against the misuse of AI to created fake photos and videos. She shared a post on her official handle on Saturday and warned those creating AI-generated content using her face.

Neha took to her official X (Formerly known as Twitter) timeline, and wrote, "Anyone using my face or likeness to create AI-generated videos or images without my consent is hereby warned to STOP IMMEDIATELY (sic)."

The 'Crook' actress made it clear that she has not permitted anyone to use her face or likeness to generate AI content. She further asked all to take down any such content and refrain from doing anything like that in the future.

"Take down all such content already posted and refrain from creating, editing, or circulating any further AI-generated videos or images using my identity. Using my face in this manner to misrepresent me or malign my reputation is completely unacceptable. I DO NOT CONSENT TO THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MY FACE OR LIKENESS", she further penned.

Neha also warned of legal action against anyone creating, posting, or circulating such content. "Consider this a formal warning: I WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST EVERY INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING, POSTING, OR CIRCULATING SUCH CONTENT. No



one should assume that hiding behind a fake account or the use of AI will protect them from accountability. TAKE IT DOWN NOW. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED," concluded the post. In the recent past, many members of the film fraternity have expressed their concern about how AI can be used to manipulate content.

As a protective measure, many of them, including Akshay Kumar, Varun Dhawan, Anil Kapoor, Shilpa Shetty, Preity Zinta, Kartik Aaryan, Mrunal Thakur, and Suniel Shetty, have even approached the court to protect their identity, image, and personality rights from AI-generated misuse. Meanwhile, recently, a morphed video of actress Janhvi Kapoor from the 'Devara' song 'Chuttamalle' surfaced on social media, raising some new concerns.

The growing misuse of artificial intelligence to create deepfake images and videos has become a major concern for actors and other public figures. Such manipulated content can damage reputations, violate personal privacy and create misleading impressions among social media users. Celebrities have increasingly urged digital platforms to strengthen safeguards and act swiftly against accounts sharing non-consensual material. The issue has also triggered wider discussions about the need for stronger legal protection of personality and publicity rights in India.

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