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PM Modi interacts with Para Asian Games participants



New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday interacted with members of India's Para Asian Games 2026 contingent at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, where athletes from several disciplines presented him with special mementoes to celebrate their achievements at the Aichi-Nagoya Games. During the interaction, sprinter Simran Sharma, who won gold medals in the women's 100m and 200m T12 events, presented a pair of shoes to the Prime Minister as a memento.

Shot putter Sachin Sarjerao, who clinched gold in the F45/46 category, also presented a shot put ball to PM Modi, highlighting the achievements of Indian para-athletes at the continental event. The interaction brought together athletes, coaches, support staff and officials from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), national sports federations and the Sports Ministry. India delivered its best-ever performance at the Asian Para Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with 97 Indian para-athletes winning a total of 114 medals, including 30 gold. The contingent finished its campaign with 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze medals, surpassing its previous best of 108 medals, including 27 gold, achieved at the 2023 edition in Hangzhou, China. India also crossed the 100-medal mark for the second consecutive edition. Para-athletics emerged as India's biggest medal contributor, accounting for 65 medals, including 22 gold, 19 silver and 24 bronze. Para-badminton followed with 16 medals, comprising three gold, five silver and eight bronze, while para-swimming athletes secured 11 medals, including three silver and eight bronze.

India also made a strong impact in para-archery, winning six medals, including three gold, while shooting contributed five medals, with two gold, two silver and one bronze. The contingent further added seven bronze medals in para-table tennis, two silver in powerlifting and two medals in judo, comprising one silver and one bronze.

CM Revanth Reddy orders fast-track restoration of Kaleshwaram barrages



Hyderabad, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to undertake restoration works on the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram project strictly in accordance with the recommendations of central government agencies and dam safety experts.

The Chief Minister held a review meeting with ministers and irrigation department officials to discuss the measures required to safely bring the three damaged barrages back into operation. He emphasized that the current government has a responsibility to safeguard the project and ensure that the errors committed by the previous administration are not repeated. He instructed ministers to counter the false propaganda suggesting that water available at Medigadda is not being lifted. Irrigation department engineers clarified to the Chief Minister that, given the current conditions, it is technically unfeasible to lift the water present at that location. It was explained—via a PowerPoint presentation—that for water lifted from Medigadda to reach Yellampalli, the gates of the Annaram and Sundilla barrages would need to be closed. However, it was noted that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) has explicitly warned that the gates of the Annaram and Sundilla barrages—which suffer from structural defects—must be kept open.

The Chief Minister stated that, to prevent water in the lower Godavari from going to waste, the government has lifted water through the Devadula and Sitarama lift irrigation schemes on an unprecedented scale. With this, irrigation and drinking water have been provided to the command areas across the undivided districts of Warangal, Nalgonda, and Khammam.

It was noted that while an average of 9.57 TMC of water was lifted annually through the Devadula project during the previous administration, an average of 18.13 TMC has been lifted over the last three years—an 89% increase in the utilization of Godavari waters compared to the past. By October, 16.71 TMC of water was lifted via Devadula and 8.10 TMC via the Sitarama project, totaling 24.81 TMC of Godavari water put to effective use. During the meeting, Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and irrigation department officials presented a plan for the restoration of three barrages.

Viksit Bharat vision possible only due to sacrifice of martyrs: HM Amit Shah



Ambala, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Saying the 'Viksit Bharat' vision becomes possible only due to the sacrifice of martyrs, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that the freedom struggle of 1857 began from Ambala on May 10 and it shook the foundations of the British Empire.

"Ambala is the very ground where the freedom struggle of 1857 began on May 10. This struggle shook the foundations of the British Empire. The revolution of 1857 was not just a rebellion, but a genuine struggle for freedom," he said while addressing the gathering at the inauguration ceremony of the Azadi Ki Pehli Ladai Ka Shaheed Smarak here constructed in the memory of martyrs of the first war of independence (1857).

Saying that honouring the heroes of freedom is the supreme duty of every Indian, the Home Minister said, "This memorial, built in Ambala, will serve as a great source of patriotic inspiration for the youth and adolescents across the entire nation. Today, Haryana, though small in size, contributes the highest number of soldiers to the Indian armed forces."

On the occasion of Haryana Foundation Day celebrations, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, his Cabinet colleagues and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, among other dignitaries, were present. Home Minister Shah said no country can ever progress unless it understands the value of its freedom, unless it glorifies the martyrs who shed their blood for it, and unless it rewrites the pages of history from red blood into golden letters.

AP HC Defers PIL on CBI Probe Against Naidu

Amaravati, Nov 5 (Open Frame): The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Thursday adjourned the hearing on a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking transfer of cases registered by the Crime Investigation Department (CID) against Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for an independent and fair investigation.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Lisa Gill adjourned to November 10 the hearing on the PIL filed by Kotti Balagangadhar Tilak.

The PIL was filed in 2024 after the change of government. The petitioner approached the Court anticipating that the change in power could affect the investigations and lead to the cases being closed. The petition challenged the closure of several cases, which the petitioner says were treated as "mistakes of fact" while the PIL was pending.

The cases concern allegations relating to the transfer of assigned lands belonging to members of SC/ST communities; irregularities in the award of an optical-fibre network tender; the setting up of skill development centres; land acquisition for the Inner Ring Road; excise-policy decisions; and the framing and implementation of the free-sand policy.

India poised to surpass $220 bn investment target in green energy sector



New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi said on Thursday that India was poised to surpass the $220 billion investment target required to add the remaining 190 GW of installed power capacity targeted from non-fossil sources by 2030.

Speaking at a press conference, the Union Minister said that investments totalling Rs 7 lakh crore, including domestic funds and foreign direct investment, have flowed into the renewable energy sector over the past two years. Highlighting the fast acceleration in the pace of renewable energy capacity addition in the country, Union Minister Joshi added, "To achieve first 100 GW, it took seven decades, another 100 GW was achieved in seven years and the next 100 GW was added in two years," he remarked. Joshi said the momentum would continue and India would meet the 500 GW target on schedule. Strategies are also being prepared to add another 300 GW as directed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he added.

He said that at present, the country's installed power capacity from non-fossil fuels stands at 310 GW, and the Union government has fixed a target of reaching 500 GW by 2030. The Union Minister also said that India has learnt lessons from earlier supply chain disruptions and is working to remain prepared for similar challenges in the future.

Speaking at a press conference held on the fourth day of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) Secretary Santosh Kumar Sarangi said the Ministry was working on framing new guidelines for solar module waste recycling. "We are trying to formulate the guidelines as quickly as possible. This will also mandate manufacturers to produce modules which has higher degree of recyclability," the top official said.

India strengthens AI self-reliance with three new models



New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has released three indigenous Artificial Intelligence (AI) foundation models under the IndiaAI Mission, marking a significant step towards strengthening India's domestic AI capabilities and technological self-reliance.

The models — EKA-1, developed by Soket Labs Technology and Research Private Limited, and Dh r 2B and Dh r 5B, developed by ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations — were unveiled in New Delhi on November 3 in the presence of MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan, senior ministry officials, IndiaAI representatives and the leadership teams of the two companies. The three models have been developed under the IndiaAI Innovation Centre's Foundation Models pillar, which aims to encourage the creation of indigenous foundation models and large language models suited to India's diverse requirements. The developers received support through subsidised national AI computing infrastructure and assistance for research-related expenses under the mission.

EKA-1, developed by Soket Labs, is a foundation model featuring 26.3 billion parameters and trained on approximately 7.5 trillion tokens. It supports all 22 scheduled Indian languages, in addition to English, and is designed to perform a wide range of tasks, including mathematics, coding, reasoning and agentic applications. The model has been developed as an open, sparse hybrid language model with capabilities aimed at addressing India's specific technological and industry requirements. It is particularly tailored to the banking, financial services and cybersecurity sectors, with an emphasis on understanding India's evolving digital ecosystem. Speaking on the occasion, Soket Labs CEO Abhishek Upperwal said the support received under the IndiaAI Mission had helped the company develop an advanced AI model suited to India's banking, financial services and cybersecurity landscape. ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations has introduced Dh r 2B and Dh r 5B as open-source multilingual AI models designed for secure, on-premise deployment.

SC Sends TMC Leader to Calcutta High Court

New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to entertain a plea filed by senior Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Sovandeb Chattopadhyay seeking disqualification of 10 rebel party MLAs, including Leader of Opposition Ritabrata Banerjee, under the anti-defection law, and asked him to approach the Calcutta High Court.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi observed that the appropriate remedy at this stage would be to approach the Calcutta High Court and granted liberty to the petitioner to file an appropriate petition before it.

The apex court also requested the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court to place the matter before a Division Bench for expeditious consideration. During the hearing, counsel appearing for Chattopadhyay submitted that the disqualification petitions had been filed on July 8 and that nearly five months had elapsed without a decision.

The counsel argued that the issue was covered by the Supreme Court's earlier directions and sought an early hearing by a Division Bench of the High Court to avoid further rounds of intra-court appeals.

Eisenkot gains Arab Joint List backing to form Israeli government

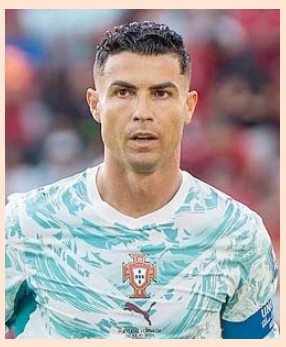


DUBAI, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Israeli opposition leader Gadi Eisenkot is expected to receive the backing of 67 lawmakers to form the country's next government after two Arab-led parties endorsed him on Thursday. Israel's largest Arab party grouping, the Joint List, said Thursday it would recommend Eisenkot for the formation of a new government after last week's election. The Joint List, which won 11 seats in last week's parliamentary election, announced that it would recommend Eisenkot to President Isaac Herzog, joining the eight-seat United Arab List, also known as Ra'am, which backed him earlier in the day. Arab-majority lists won an unprecedented 19 parliamentary seats in the election out of 120, making them potential kingmakers in Israel's next government.

The endorsements give the former military chief, who leads the centrist Yashar party, the support of factions holding a majority of seats in Israel's 120-member Knesset. The alliance said the decision was intended to strengthen efforts to replace Benjamin Netanyahu and respond to public demands to prevent his government from returning to power, despite concerns over the opposition's failure to adequately challenge policies affecting Arab citizens.

The announcement came as Herzog continued consultations with newly elected parliamentary factions to determine who should be tasked with forming the next government following the inconclusive Oct. 27 election.

Ronaldo announces retirement from International Football



New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Cristiano Ronaldo has announced his retirement from international football, bringing the curtain down on an illustrious 23-year career with Portugal, during which he became the highest goalscorer and most-capped player in men's international football. The 41-year-old forward confirmed his decision through an emotional video posted on social media, reflecting on his journey since making his senior debut for Portugal in August 2003.

Ronaldo finished his international career with 146 goals in 234 appearances, setting records that have made him one of the greatest players in the history of the game. In his farewell message, Ronaldo described representing Portugal as the greatest privilege of his career, saying the time had come to hand over the iconic number seven jersey to the next generation. "To the Portuguese, the day has come to return the number 7 jersey of the national team to all of us. I never felt like it was exclusively mine, but for 23 years I had the privilege and responsibility to wear it, to defend it and to take it with me to the stadiums all over the world. Today the time has come to give it to the future," he said in a video posted on X.

Reflecting on his journey, Ronaldo admitted that his career had been filled with unforgettable victories as well as difficult moments, but insisted that his commitment to the national team never wavered.

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Six expo halls planned for Telangana global summit





Hyderabad, Nov 5 (Open Frame): As part of the 'Invest Telangana Global Summit-2026', a 'Telangana Climate Conclave' will be held on December 8. This event will focus on the challenges posed by the El Niño effect and climate change, addressing both immediate response measures and long-term solutions. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reviewed the progress of preparations for the 'Invest Telangana Global Summit-2026'—scheduled to take place from December 7 to 9 at the Young India Skills University campus in 'Bharat Future City'—with ministers and senior officials at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat.

Discussions were held comprehensively regarding the summit venue, the various halls, the invitation process for international delegates, and the overall management of the event. During the meeting, the Chief Minister provided several instructions to the ministers and officials. The Chief Minister directed that a dedicated liaison officer be assigned to every delegate attending the Global Summit. He emphasized that all relevant information regarding the summit should be provided to the delegates in advance, ensuring they face no difficulties during their visit.

He suggested extending invitations to the Chief Ministers of other states. Furthermore, he advised appointing a specific officer for each department, along with a dedicated security officer, and ordered that robust security arrangements be put in place for the summit.

He also directed that special invitations be extended to representatives of companies interested in establishing industries or entering into investment agreements. Officials have been directed to prepare a comprehensive plan for the summit arrangements by November 15.

Officials stated that the arrangements for this year's summit are being made on a much larger scale compared to last year's 'Telangana Rising Summit.' While there was only one expo hall previously, six exhibition halls are being set up this time.

The summit program has been designed with a focus on investments, industries, modern technology, innovations, and employment opportunities. Key components of the summit include the Raksha Expo, India Joy, a Startup Pavilion, a Pharma and Life Sciences Expo, an exhibition on agriculture and allied sectors, a Telangana Pavilion, an Education Expo, and a Climate Conclave.

The Raksha Expo will feature advanced equipment, drones, and robotics related to the defense, aerospace, space, and cybersecurity sectors. Plans are also underway to include aerial displays. So far, 49 organizations have come forward to participate in the Raksha Expo. Special arrangements are being made for 'India Joy 2026,' which will focus on the animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics sectors.

A dedicated pavilion is being set up for startups, with plans to showcase innovations from 136 different startups. As part of the Telangana Innovation Startup Challenge, the government is inviting technological solutions for challenges in sectors such as agriculture, education, healthcare, the protection of government lands, and public infrastructure. Arrangements are being made to showcase 60 companies from the pharma and life sciences sectors. The pavilion dedicated to agriculture and allied sectors will highlight modern farming techniques, agricultural drones, dairy, fisheries, and the food processing industry.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Calls for Special Focus on Groundwater Conservation



Hyderabad, Nov 5 (Open Frame): State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has directed officials to give special attention to groundwater conservation and restoration, stressing the need to formulate a comprehensive action plan suited to Telangana's requirements. Chairing a review meeting on drought mitigation and groundwater conservation, the Minister asked officials to study successful initiatives being implemented in other states, particularly Rajasthan and Maharashtra, and adopt suitable measures to strengthen groundwater levels in Telangana.

The meeting reviewed the responsibilities and proposed activities of the departments of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Groundwater and Irrigation in addressing drought conditions and improving groundwater resources.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government would allocate the necessary funds for groundwater conservation and would provide additional financial support beyond existing budgetary allocations, if required. He called for a dedicated review of the functioning of the Groundwater Department and the measures needed to improve its performance.

The Minister directed officials to organise a meeting with Groundwater Department representatives from all districts and undertake a comprehensive assessment of groundwater levels across the state. He expressed concern over reports indicating that groundwater levels were reaching alarming lows in certain areas and stressed the need to examine both ongoing conservation activities and future requirements.

Telangana Gears Up for Country's Largest Industrial Expo at Global Summit 2026: CS



Hyderabad, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Telangana is making extensive arrangements to organise the Invest Telangana Global Summit–2026 as the country's largest industrial expo, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said on Thursday. The three-day event will be held from December 7 to 9 at Bharat Future City in Hyderabad.

The Chief Secretary chaired a high-level review meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat to assess preparations and the progress of various activities planned for the summit.

He said leading national and international companies and organisations had been invited, with a large number already expressing their willingness to participate. The response, he noted, had been significantly higher than initially expected. The summit will feature several major exhibitions and thematic events, including the Raksha Expo, Startup Pavilion, Creation Corner, Pharma and Life Sciences Expo, Telangana Pavilion, Industrial Expo, Telangana Climate Conclave, Education Summit, and an Aerobatic and Air Show.

Jaju particularly highlighted the Startup Pavilion and Creation Corner, which will offer young entrepreneurs, especially those from Gen Z, an opportunity to showcase their creativity, innovative ideas and emerging technologies. He said various committees had been constituted to ensure coordination among departments and the smooth conduct of the event. The summit aims to showcase Telangana's investor-friendly ecosystem, industrial opportunities and infrastructure strengths to national and international investors, while encouraging them to partner in the state's Rising Telangana Vision.

Hyderabad Hosts District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament



Hyderabad, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Hyderabad, organised the District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament (VBYP) 2027 on the theme "One Nation, One Election" at Indira Priyadarshini Government Degree College for Women, Nampally, Hyderabad. Addressing the participants, Chief Guest Jitender Reddy, Additional Collector (Local Bodies), Hyderabad, emphasised the importance of youth participation in nation-building and achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He urged students to develop a deeper understanding of democratic institutions, constitutional values and electoral processes, and to express their views confidently through the Youth Parliament platform.

Anvesh Chinthala, State Director, MY Bharat, Telangana, briefed the gathering on various initiatives undertaken by MY Bharat and highlighted the significance of youth participation, leadership development and community engagement. G. Rajesh, Assistant Director and District Youth Officer (In-charge), MY Bharat, Hyderabad, explained the objectives and evolution of the Youth Parliament initiative, tracing its journey from the National Youth Parliament Festival, launched in 2019, to the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament.

The participants were evaluated by a distinguished jury comprising N. Ram Mohan, Retired Chief Manager, Indian Bank; V. Gayatri, Media and Communication Officer, PIB Hyderabad; Dr. S. Ravichandra, Assistant Director, Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs; R. Shashank, Former District Youth Officer, MY Bharat, Hyderabad; and Narasimha Goud, District Youth and Sports Officer, Government of Telangana. As part of the Diwali Sneh Milan celebrations, sweets were distributed to National Youth Volunteers. An appeal and poster encouraging young people to follow the official Instagram handle of MY Bharat, New Delhi, were also launched on the occasion.

The programme was attended by Udaya Sri, NSS Programme Officer, MY Bharat staff, National Youth Volunteers and college faculty members. The Youth Parliament provided students with a platform to express their opinions on issues of national importance, gain insights into parliamentary proceedings and strengthen their leadership and communication skills. The initiative also encouraged young people to actively participate in nation-building and contribute towards the realisation of Viksit Bharat @2047.

We Will Protect Prabhat Nagar Park: MLA Sudheer Reddy

- Assures residents that steps will be taken to prevent inconvenience to morning walkers
- MLA to take up the proposed gate issue with concerned authorities





LB Nagar, Nov 5 (Open Frame): LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy has assured residents that he would make every effort to protect Prabhat Nagar Park in Chaitanyapuri Division and ensure that it remains accessible to the public. Responding to concerns raised by morning walkers over a proposed gate near the park, the MLA said he would bring the issue to the attention of the concerned authorities and take necessary steps to prevent inconvenience to park users. As part of his morning walk programme aimed at promoting development in the LB Nagar constituency and resolving public grievances, the MLA visited Prabhat Nagar Park at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday. He interacted with morning walkers and enquired about the problems they were facing. During the interaction, walkers explained that they had been using the park regularly for several years and that hundreds of local residents depended on it for their daily exercise and health activities. They expressed concern over information that the management of the under-construction TIMS Hospital, located adjacent to the park, was planning to install a gate near the park premises. They pointed out that such an arrangement would considerably reduce the space available for walking and that dividing an existing public park into two portions would cause inconvenience to residents. Responding to their concerns, MLA Sudheer Reddy recalled that during the foundation-laying ceremony of TIMS Hospital, he had met the then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and requested the allocation of land for essential facilities, including a police station, children's park, water tank and substation. He stated that the then Chief Minister had responded positively and issued a Government Order (G.O.) in this regard. However, after the change of government, the said G.O. was reportedly kept aside. The MLA assured the walkers that, irrespective of these developments, he would work towards ensuring that the park remains accessible to the public. He said he would take up the proposed gate issue with the concerned officials and strive to prevent any obstruction to the existing park facilities. The morning walkers welcomed the MLA's assurance and expressed happiness over his response to their concerns. Former Corporator Jinnaram Vittal Reddy, Thota Mahesh Yadav, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Trivedi, Pawan, Jayashree, Gattu Seenu, Ramana Reddy, Colony President Bal Reddy and others participated in the programme.

Collector Sets Deadline for Disposal of Pending Land Applications

- 22,000 Bhu Bharati applications to be cleared by November 15
- Strict action against officials for submitting false re ports and tampering with records



Ranga Reddy, Nov 5 (Open Frame): District Collector C. Narayana Reddy has directed officials to clear all pending land-related applications within the stipulated deadlines, stressing the need for a special action plan to resolve applications under Bhu Bharati, G.O. 118, G.O. 59, ULC, 90-D and 92. He warned that strict action would be taken against officials found violating rules or neglecting their responsibilities. On Thursday, the Collector, along with Additional Collectors Dr. Kiranmayi and Chandra Reddy, conducted a video conference with RDOs, Tahsildars and surveyors from the Integrated District Offices Complex. The meeting reviewed the progress of pending applications under Bhu Bharati and various government orders.

The Collector informed officials that approximately 22,000 applications were pending on the Bhu Bharati portal and directed that all of them be disposed of by November 15. Applications under G.O. 118 must be resolved within a week, while those under G.O. 59 and G.O. 92 must be cleared within 15 days. He also instructed officials to process manual applications under ULC-related G.O.s 455, 456 and 740 based on relevant records and field-level inspections.

The Collector directed officials to conduct the land resurvey process systematically and issue notices at least one week before conducting Gram Sabhas. He instructed officials to collect details of lands belonging to the Forest Department, Roads and Buildings Department and other government departments. Boundaries must be identified in the presence of representatives of the respective departments, and their opinions and signatures must be properly recorded.

He emphasised that the prescribed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) must be strictly followed during Gram Sabhas. Sarpanches and Panchayat Secretaries must attend the meetings, minutes must be entered in official registers, and signatures of all participants must be obtained. The 13 prescribed formats related to resurvey must be maintained properly, and the entire process should be completed in accordance with the Survey Boundaries Act, 1923, and the Telangana Bhu Bharati Act, 2024.

The Collector cautioned officials against taking decisions concerning government, reserved and departmental lands without proper field-level verification. He directed them to preserve all relevant records, including notices issued, boundary identification details and Gram Sabha minutes.

Warning against irregularities, he stated that strict departmental as well as criminal action would be initiated against officials found submitting false reports, tampering with records or violating prescribed rules. Additional Collectors Dr. Kiranmayi and Chandra Reddy, AD Survey and Land Records Ram Reddy, DRO Sharada Devi, RDOs, Tahsildars, surveyors, ULC department officials, Collectorate superintendents, Grama Palana Officers (GPOs) and other concerned officials participated in the video conference.

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Cricket fraternity pours birthday wishes on Virat Kohli

New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame):Birthday wishes poured in for Indian batting stalwart Virat Kohli as he turned 38 on Thursday, with former teammates, fellow cricketers, BCCI vice president and IPL franchises joining in to celebrate one of the most influential players of the modern era.



Former India opener Shikhar Dhawan was among the first to extend his wishes to Kohli, highlighting the batting stalwart's passion and hunger for the game.

"Happy Birthday, Virat Kohli! Your passion, hunger and love for the game continue to inspire millions. Have a fantastic year ahead, bro!" Dhawan wrote on X.

Former India batter Suresh Raina also wished Kohli, referring to him as the 'King' while recalling the memorable moments he has given cricket fans over the years. "Happy Birthday, King Kohli! From breathtaking cover drives to unforgettable run chases, you've given cricket fans countless memories and emotions. Your passion, fighting spirit and hunger to win make you truly special. For me, watching you bat is pure joy. Keep inspiring, keep conquering and keep making India proud! Once a King, Always a King!" Raina posted on X.

Former India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik, who shared the dressing room with Kohli at both international and franchise levels, also extended his greetings. "Same fire, every single year. 38 never looked this fit. Happy birthday, Virat," Karthik wrote. India pacer Mohammed Shami also took to Instagram to wish the batting stalwart, extending wishes for "many, many happy returns of the day."

BCCI vice-president Rajeev Shukla praised Kohli's remarkable achievements and commitment to the sport, saying his contributions had set new benchmarks for aspiring sportspersons. "Your remarkable achievements, fighting spirit and commitment to the game have set new benchmarks and continue to motivate generations of aspiring sportspersons. "May you continue to scale greater heights, create many more memorable moments and inspire the nation with your brilliance both on and off the field. Wishing you a wonderful year ahead, filled with good health, happiness and continued success," Shukla wrote on X.

While the BCCI posted a creative poster showcasing Kohli sitting on the chair wearing his Test jersey, with his iconic photos hanging in frames on the wall.

Jake Dixon Replaces Joan Mir at Qatar Grand Prix

New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Honda HRC have announced that their Superbike ace Jake Dixon will be replacing Joan Mir at this weekend's Qatar Grand Prix as the 2020 World champion continues his recovery. Mir's return at the Malaysian Grand Prix was cut short due to an episode of dizziness and partial loss of vision in what has been a tough season for him due to health issues.



Honda confirmed that Dixon will partner Luca Marini in the factory team for the weekend as the British rider steps into the Premier class for the first time since he competed in two races in 2021. "First of all, I have to say thank you to Honda HRC for this opportunity. Getting the call to come ride one of these bikes is always mega, and I am looking forward to it. I think every rider dreams of racing for the Honda factory team in MotoGP when they're a kid.

"It's been a little bit since I last raced a MotoGP bike, so we need to take the weekend steady and go step by step," Dixon said, as quoted by MotoGP. He extended his wishes to Mir for a speedy recovery and empathised with him. "I want to wish Joan all the best and I hope to see him back on the bike soon. It hasn't been a straightforward year for me either, so I sympathise a lot with him. Let's make the most of this weekend," he added.

India Thrash South Korea 8-1 to Enter Asian Champions Trophy Final

Mohali, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Shilanand Lakra and Dilpreet Singh struck a brace each as the Indian men's hockey team booked their place in the final of the Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026 with a dominating 8-1 win over South Korea in the semifinal at the Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium in Mohali on Wednesday.



Shilanand Lakra scored in the 4th and 13th minutes, while Dilpreet Singh succeeded in the 21st and 25th minutes, and Harmanpreet Singh (9), Sukhjeet Singh (21), Angad Bir Singh (36) and Vivek Sagar Prasad (54) were also on target. Sangjun Han (9) scored Korea's only goal. The semifinal was India's first international match in the Mohali stadium and was played in front of a vociferous crowd. The five-time champions, who had finished the league stage unbeaten with five wins from five matches, carried that form into the knockout match and will now face Japan in Thursday's final. Japan edged Malaysia in a shootout after the first semifinal remained goalless through 60 minutes of regulation time.

India started on the front foot and took the lead in the fourth minute through a well-worked team goal. Dilpreet collected the ball around the nine-yard area in the striking circle and passed it to Sukhjeet before receiving it back. He then cut the ball across from the baseline for Shilanand to deflect it into the net from close range.

Korea responded in the ninth minute when Sangjun Han deflected a pass from the right past goalkeeper Suraj Karkera. Nonetheless, India restored their lead almost immediately through a penalty corner, with skipper Harmanpreet sending a powerful drag-flick into the net. India earned another penalty corner in the 13th minute. Harmanpreet's first attempt was saved by goalkeeper Kim Jaehyeon, but Shilanand reacted quickly on the rebound to score his second goal. The second quarter began with five quiet minutes before India stepped up their attacking play. Sukhjeet made it 4-1 with a fine reverse-flick after controlling a sensational pass from Sanjay, turning past a defender and finding the net.

India Beat Pakistan 3-2 in SAFF Championship Opener

Dhaka, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Defending champions India began their SAFF Championship 2026 campaign with a 3-2 victory over Pakistan in their Group B opener at the National Stadium in Dhaka on Thursday. Suhail Ahmad Bhat scored twice in the first half before Manglenthang Kipgen added a third to give India a commanding 3-0 lead at the break. Pakistan scored twice in stoppage time through Najeeb Ullah and Alamgir Ghazi, but the Indian side held on to secure all three points.



India began cautiously, building patiently from the back and looking to establish control through the midfield, with Abhishek Suryavanshi operating in a deep role. Bhat thought he had opened the scoring in the 12th minute after getting on the end of an aerial ball from Kipgen, but the goal was ruled out for offside. The forward was not to be denied for long. A minute later, Muhammad Suhail collected the ball from a throw-in on the left and drove forward before delivering an inch-perfect ball into the penalty area. Bhat arrived at the six-yard box to turn it home and give India the lead.

India doubled their advantage in the 19th minute, with Suryavanshi providing the assist. As Pakistan dropped deeper, the midfielder found himself further up the pitch and played a precise, line-breaking pass through the defence. Bhat timed his run to perfection, got clear of the backline and calmly slotted a first-time finish into the far corner past goalkeeper Yousuf Butt.

The Blue Tigers continued to find space behind the Pakistan defence and made it 3-0 in the 31st minute. Noufal PN carried the ball forward through the middle before releasing Kipgen with a pass in behind. The midfielder ran onto it and finished past the advancing Butt to extend India's lead. Pakistan had an opportunity to reduce the deficit when Suryavanshi brought down Hayyaan Khattak from behind inside the penalty area. However, Shayak Dost sent the resulting spot-kick over the crossbar, allowing India to preserve their three-goal advantage.

Bhat came close to completing his hat-trick just before half-time. Cutting in from the right in the 45th minute, he unleashed a left-footed effort from outside the box, but his shot went narrowly wide, with Butt rooted to the spot.

India's Housing Sales Rise 6% as Premium Homes Drive Demand: JLL

New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Home sales across India's seven major residential markets rose 6 per cent year-on-year to 2,14,562 units during January-September 2026, reversing the 12 per cent decline recorded in the corresponding period of 2025, led by demand for premium housing, a report said on Thursday.



The report from JLL said that recovery was led decisively by premium housing with apartments priced at Rs 1 crore and above posting 23 per cent Y-o-Y growth and capturing 72 per cent of total sales during the period, up from 62 per cent a year earlier.

The recovery was driven by sustained urban migration, upgrades to infrastructure, and shifting lifestyle preferences among homebuyers, the report noted. Developers continued to align new supply with the prevailing premium-led demand pattern, with residential launches across the top seven cities rising 15 per cent YoY to 2,59,425 units during January–September 2026.

The sub-Rs 1 crore mass housing segment continued to lose ground, with sales falling 23 per cent YoY as affordability pressures and a continued shift in buyer preference toward larger, higher-specification homes reshaped the demand mix. "Sales momentum has been led decisively by the Rs 1.5-3 crore segment, which grew 54 per cent year-on-year, while developers have matched this demand with a massive 70 per cent increase in launches," said Siva Krishnan, Senior Managing Director and Head of Residential Services, India, JLL.

Sales in the third quarter rose 12 per cent quarter-on-quarter to 76,181 units, led by Hyderabad with 70 per cent growth.

Puri Urges Youth to Drive India's Journey Towards Viksit Bharat 2047

New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, delivered the Valedictory Address at the two day National Conference titled 'Pathways to Viksit Bharat: A Centenary Conclave', organized by Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), University of Delhi, at the Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi today.



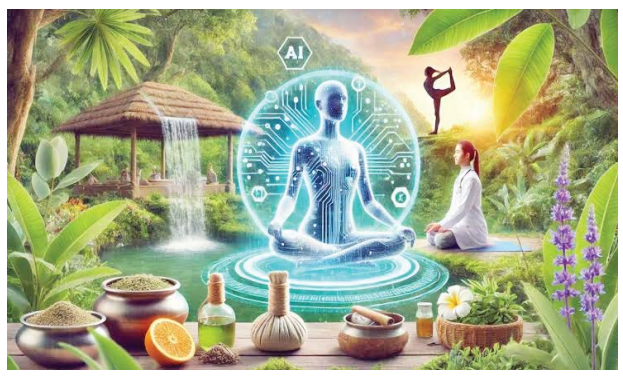
Addressing distinguished faculty members, economic experts, policymakers and students, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri reflected on the critical interplay between continuity and change in India's developmental journey. Commemorating SRCC's centenary year, the Minister emphasized how the institution founded during colonial rule, now prepares young Indians to lead global enterprises and shape public policy in a nation of vastly expanded possibilities. Invoking philosopher Alfred North Whitehead, Shri Puri remarked, "The task of a university is to weld together imagination and experience. An institution that sustains this exchange keeps renewing its intellectual life. That is how knowledge advances and how societies acquire the capacity to change." He urged students to leverage their academic training in commerce and economics to exercise critical judgment, question assumptions and transform practical challenges into productive enterprises.

The Government of India has approved the Samudra Manthan Scheme (National Offshore Exploration Scheme) with an outlay of 84,084 crore. This scheme aims to unlock India's vast offshore hydrocarbon potential and strengthen energy security. It focuses on accelerating exploration, deploying modern technology, creating shared infrastructure, and strengthening domestic manufacturing.

Focusing on the energy sector and sustainable economic development, Shri Puri cited the GOBARdhan scheme launched on 1 October, underscoring Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Waste to Wealth' and 'Annadata to Urjadata'. He stated that converting agricultural residue and organic waste into domestic energy is a practical commercial opportunity that serves farmers, generates economic returns and strengthens national energy security. Highlighting India's resilience amidst global economic turbulence and geopolitical disruptions, the Minister noted that India successfully maintained the continuity of essential fuel supplies during recent West Asian crises by diversifying energy sources and bolstering domestic capacities.

ITRA conference explores role of AI in advancing ayurveda

New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): A national conference on "AI and Ayurveda" was held under "Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026" on the occasion of the 6th Foundation Day of the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar. The conference held extensive deliberations on integrating Ayurveda with modern digital technology, the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in research, and the possibilities for its responsible use in healthcare services.



In a conversation with ITRA's channel Ayush Next Communication Network (ANCN) on the sidelines of the event, Dr. Geetha Krishnan, Head of the Traditional Medicine Research, Data and Innovation Unit, WHO-GTMC, said: "Artificial Intelligence (AI) holds immense potential to understand Ayurveda better and make its application more effective. However, before adopting any new technology, a deep understanding of the fundamental principles of Ayurveda science is essential. AI should work as a complement to Ayurveda, not replace its core knowledge and wisdom. Maintaining the authenticity of Ayurveda while exploring the possibilities of modern technologies is an important responsibility of the Ayurveda world. By adopting a balanced approach, we can harness the potential of AI without compromising the core principles of Ayurveda. Establishing the right balance between tradition and innovation is our collective responsibility. Only by doing so can we take Ayurveda forward in a meaningful, effective and sustainable manner"Prof. Dr. Tanuja Nesari, Director, ITRA Jamnagar, said that Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 has proved to be an important platform for innovation and collaboration for the future of Ayurveda. She said it provided an important platform to encourage dialogue between traditional Ayurvedic knowledge and advanced technology, and furthered discussion on the ethical, scientific and practical aspects of the potential use of AI in Ayurvedic research, education, drug development and healthcare services.

Sameer Pujari, AI Lead, Digital Health and Innovation (DHI), WHO Headquarters, highlighted the potential of AI in the preservation of knowledge. He emphasised the global collaboration among WHO, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), ongoing since 2018, to advance AI applications in health.

India Ships Organic Palmyra Jaggery to Bulgaria

New Delhi, Nov 5 (Open Frame): The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, facilitated the flag-off of the maiden export consignment of 1.755 MT of NPOP- and EU-certified organic Palmyra Jaggery Powder (Palmyra Blossom Nectar) from Gobichettipalayam in Erode district of Tamil Nadu to Varna, Bulgaria, on 15 October 2026. The consignment marks an important step towards introducing India's traditional Palmyra-based products to international markets and diversifying the country's organic export basket.



The consignment, manufactured and exported by M/s Wellbeing Foods, Erode, in collaboration with M/s Chetty Exports Private Limited, Chennai, will be shipped by sea through Chennai Port. The overseas importer and distributor is M/s Sow Life Ltd, Bulgaria, based in Bulgaria. The initiative aims to strengthen market linkages for Tamil Nadu's traditional Palmyra-based products and create new opportunities for producers engaged in organic cultivation. The initiative covers 137 acres under organic cultivation and is expected to benefit farmers through improved market access and export-oriented value chains. The reported price realisation is approximately 15-22% for farmers and 17% higher for the manufacturer, as compared to the domestic market, thereby offering an opportunity to improve returns for participating farmers and support sustainable livelihoods.

Palmyra Jaggery Powder, derived from Palmyra blossom nectar, is a traditional Indian sweetener with potential for value addition and wider international market acceptance. As an alternative to refined sugar, it offers potential nutritional benefits, including vitamins and minerals.

The ceremony was graced by Chairman, APEDA, Shri Abhishek Dev, who also flagged off the consignment. The ceremony was also attended by Secretary, APEDA, Dr. Saswati Bose; senior APEDA officials; representatives of the exporting companies; international partners; progressive farmers; and other stakeholders associated with the export value chain. Their participation highlighted the collaborative efforts to strengthen India's agricultural exports.

Sivakarthikeyan to Resume 'Seyon' Shoot in Madurai Soon

If sources in the industry are to be believed, actor Sivakarthikeyan will resume shooting for Director Sivakumar Murugesan's upcoming film 'Seyon', shortly and that the makers had planned for the film's next schedule to be a long one. Sources close to the actor told that Sivakarthikeyan would shortly be leaving for Madurai where the third schedule of the film had been planned. "The third schedule will be a lengthy one. It will be for a period of about 25 to 30 days," informs a source. It may be recalled that Sivakarthikeyan is simultaneously shooting for director Ramkumar Balakrishnan's upcoming film as well. The film, which is yet to be titled and which is tentatively being referred to as #SK27, had gone on floors on September 25 this year.

Meanwhile, the shooting of 'Seyon' is to resume shortly with cinematographer Vidhu Ayyana cranking the camera. A few days ago, director Sivakumar Murugesan had clarified that they had to bring in a new cinematographer as cinematographer Vivek Vijayakumar, who was originally chosen as the film's cameraman, had to leave due to date issues. Director Sivakumar Murugesan, while responding to a question from a fan on X, sought to to put an end to speculation that some portions of the film had been reshot. He wrote, "No brother. Vivek is an excellent cinematographer. This change is being made solely due to date issues, as the shooting schedules of the two films he had already signed (sic). Seyon is shaping up exceptionally well. Thank you."



Vidhu Ayyanna, who has replaced Vivek Vijayakumar as the cinematographer of the film, is best known for having shot the Sivakarthikeyan-starrer 'Maaveeran'. The makers of the film had recently announced that the unit of the film had wrapped up its second schedule of shooting. Raaj Kamal Films International, the production house of actor Kamal Haasan which is producing the film, took to its social media timelines to put out a video clip announcing the completion of the film's second schedule. Sivakarthikeyan had taken a short break in Ooty ahead of the gruelling second schedule. The actor had a few days ago posted pictures of himself seated alone on a jeep and enjoying the serenity offered by the mist-surrounded mountains in Ooty. Posting the pictures on Instagram, he had said, "A pause. A breeze. A little peace." The makers of the film had on June 10 this year announced that the unit had wrapped up the first schedule of shooting. The film officially went on floors in Madurai with a grand pooja ceremony that was graced by several celebrities including actor Kamal Haasan on May 18 this year. Produced by Kamal Haasan's RaajKamal Films International and Turmeric Media, the film features actress Baghyashrii Borse as the female lead. Interestingly, this will be Baghyashrii Borse's first direct Tamil film. The film, which will feature Sakarthikeyan in a power-packed and dynamic new role, will be a grand rural commercial entertainer. The film marks a significant reunion between Sivakarthikeyan and Raaj Kamal Films International. Their collaboration for this film comes on the heels of the blockbuster success of their earlier film 'Amaran', which garnered both critical acclaim and commercial triumph.

Produced by Kamal Haasan and R. Mahendran, the film brings together powerful storytelling and a co+mpelling cinematic vision. Adding to the excitement, this project will mark the first-ever collaboration between RaajKamal Films International, Sivakarthikeyan, and acclaimed composer Santhosh Narayanan. The film has editing by San Lokesh. Art direction for the film is by R K Nagu while Keerthy Sampath and Joshua Maxwell are its costume designers. The film has generated considerable interest among fans, particularly following the successful completion of its first two shooting schedules. With the upcoming Madurai schedule expected to run for nearly a month, the team is gearing up to make further progress on the project. The makers are yet to announce the film's release date and other details.

Sharvari Enjoys Safari Outing with Sister

Actress Sharvari, who was recently seen in 'Alpha', went on a safari along with her elder sister, Kasturi Wagh. the actress took to her Instagram, and shared a series of pictures and videos from her outing. The siblings also spotted a tiger during their safari. She wrote in the caption, "Wagh in the nature" referring to her last name.

In one of the videos, the actress can be seen casually sleeping while her vehicle treads the off-road during the safari. Meanwhile, on the work front, the actress is awaiting the release of her upcoming film 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya' in which she stars opposite Ayushmann Khurrana. Earlier, the actress had shared a heartwarming glimpse of her bond with her mother as she revealed how she turned her mother's treasured pink Patola saree into a special outfit for the promotions of 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya'. She took to her Instagram, and recalled how her mother gifted her the saree after watching 'Jhumka Patola' for the first time. Sharvari said she was touched by the love and pride reflected in her mother's eyes, who then handed over the beautiful saree to her as a blessing.



Sharing the story behind the outfit, Sharvari revealed that the pink Patola saree was a cherished family heirloom that her mother had worn over the years and associated with several special memories. "When my Aai watched #JhumkaPatola for the first time, I will never forget the love and pride in her eyes.. she gave me her beautiful pink Patola saree as a blessing! An heirloom she has adorned over the years and made so many beautiful memories in", she wrote. The actress said reinventing something so precious to her mother and wearing it during the film promotions made the experience even more meaningful. The safari outing offered a refreshing break for the actress, who appeared to enjoy spending quality time with her sister amid her busy professional schedule. The pictures and videos shared on social media gave fans a glimpse of the sisters' fun-filled adventure, with the tiger sighting emerging as one of the highlights of the trip.

Sharvari has been steadily building her presence in the film industry with a mix of diverse roles and commercial projects. With 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya' marking her upcoming big-screen appearance alongside Ayushmann Khurrana, audiences are looking forward to seeing the actress in a new on-screen pairing.

'Om' Makers Release Third Single 'Senjudare' Featuring Sreeleela

The makers of director Rajkumar Periasamy's eagerly awaited action entertainer 'Om', featuring actors Dhanush and Mammootty in the lead, have now released the mellifluous single Senjudare from the film, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. RTake Studios, the production house producing the film along with Dhanush's Wunderbar Films, wrote, "She brings in warmth, grace and pure love. Senjudare - third single from #OM out now. Worldwide in cinemas from November 20. A @Rajkumar_KP Film. A @SaiAbhyankkar Musical. Lyrics by @tatvaman.Sung by #SaiAbhyankkar." The mellifluous single, which has a devotional touch to it, has been picturised on Sree Leela's character Roja in the film. Set to tune by Sai Abhyankar, the melodious song, which has a high retention value, has lyrics by Adesh Krishna and has been rendered by Sai Abhyankar himself.

It may be recalled thar only recently, the makers had revealed that actress Sai Pallavi plays an IPS officer called Nithya Reddy in the film. Director Rajkumar Periasamy, while sharing the link to the video introducing Sai Pallavi's character on X, had said, "HER! The PERFORMER@Sai_Pallavi92, You will never cease to amaze! Here's #SaiPallavi as #NithyaReddy, IPS, Naidupeta Ammayi frOM #OM." Responding to this post, Sai Pallavi wrote, "Dear @Rajkumar_KP sir, Thank you so much for choosing me again and this time play to play Nithya Reddy!I see my alter ego in her."

For the unaware, Rajkumar Periasamy had worked with Sai Pallavi in his earlier film, 'Amaran', as well. In the video that the makers released, Nithya Reddy is an IPS officer from the Andhra Pradesh cadre. After having worked with the Andhra Pradesh Police, Nithya Reddy gets inducted into the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) as Additional Superintendent to work with Interpol. Her higher ups rate her highly as she is honest, smart and has experience at a young age. More significantly, she is the person running the operation 'OM'. The film is slated to hit screens on November 20 this year. The makers had originally planned to release the film on October 16. However, actor Dhanush, in a statement, had announced the film's postponement. He had said that they had chosen to postpone the release of their film out of respect for Superstar Rajinikanth, whose film Jailer 2 hit screens on October 15.



Dhanush had also made it clear that their film would not be releasing for Deepavali as Suriya's film had already been announced for the same date. The actor and producer later announced November 20 as the date of release for their film. The film has triggered huge interest in fans and film buffs as this is the first time that Dhanush and Mammootty are collaborating on a project. Director Rajkumar Periasamy had disclosed earlier that Mammootty plays a character called Karthikeyan the film. Participating in the title teaser launch event of the film which was held in June this year, Rajkumar Periasamy had disclosed that Malayalam superstar Mammootty played a character called Karthikeyan in the film and that 60 to 65 per cent of filming had then been completed. For the unaware, the unit of the film had recently shot in Malaysia. Mammootty had also jointly celebrated his recent National Award win with three other National Award winners -- Dhanush, director Rajkumar Periasamy and editor Kalaivanan -- on the sets of the film.

Bollywood star Naseeruddin Shah too is a part of this film. The film's title has a tagline called Chapter 1 indicating that there could be a sequel. A title teaser that the makers had released some time back had showed that the story revolves around those cutting red sanders for a living. Dhanush himself plays a woodcutter in the film. The teaser showed police personnel rounding up woodcutters chopping red sanders illegally. As they hold the workers hostage at gunpoint, Dhanush was seen coming to their rescue.

Wunderbar Films Head Sreyas, while speaking at the title teaser launch event, had disclosed that this would be one of the biggest budget films in Dhanush's career. He had also said that this film would bring back the mass vintage Dhanush that fans had longed to see.

The film, which features Sai Pallavi and Sreeleela as the heroines, has music by Sai Abhyankkar. Cinematography for the film is by Ezhil Arasu. Editing for the film is by Kalaivanan R and costumes are by Kavya Sriram.

Bhuvan Bam to return with 'Dhindora' Season 2 on November 20

Actor and creator Bhuvan Bam is coming back with the second season of his show 'Dhindora', which will premiere on Netflix on November 20 this year. Produced by Rohit Raj and Bhuvan Bam, the latest season will revolve around the lovable Titu Mama trying to make peace with his in-laws, leading to a whole new storm.

The primary season of 'Dhindora' marked the way for creator-led storytelling in India, with multiple characters being brought to life by a single person forming one interconnected universe. Revealing what the audience can expect from season two, Bhuvan Bam shared, "Dhindora began on as a chaotic, and deeply relatable world, and Season 2 takes that heart and humour to a much bigger canvas."



"Bringing it to Netflix lets us share these characters with a wider audience without losing the cultural specificity that made the show feel like home. I'm so excited for longtime fans and new viewers to dive into this next chapter," he added. Tanya Bami, Series Head, Netflix India, added, "We are excited to welcome to Netflix a never-before-seen ensemble featuring Titu Mama, Babloo ji, Janki, Sameer, and Bancho, and every avatar played by Bhuvan Bam in his cult fan-favourite, Dhindora. This is a unique dimension within our slate and the comedy genre and it crystallizes key fan favourite tones, styles and punches from BBK Vines across the 8 episodes of this series." "What excites us about this partnership is Bhuvan's instinct for storytelling, how deeply he understands his audience and how versatile he is as an actor, to be able to pull off 9 characters himself in this series. With Dhindora 2 returning after 5 years we wanted to give that voice a bigger canvas while keeping the humour, heart and irreverence that make Dhindora unmistakably his," she added. 'Dhindora Season 2' is expected to premiere on November 20, only on Netflix.

Sunny Deol Gets Emotional at Father's Farmhouse



Actor Sunny Deol took to social media to express how much he misses his father, veteran actor Dharmendra, as he visited his farmhouse with his son Karan Deol. Sharing a glimpse of the visit, the 'Gadar' actor penned an emotional note that read, "Missing you Papa." Sunny shared a video from the farmhouse, showing crop-related activities taking place in the fields. In the clip, the actor can be seen standing alongside Karan as the two watch the activities. Sunny is also heard referring to the property as "Papa's farm." The actor's post reflected his longing for his father, who passed away recently. He also added the title track of his film "Apne" to the video, making the post even more emotional as he remembered his father and shared a glimpse of the farmhouse that holds special memories of Dharmendra.

Dharmendra owned a sprawling farmhouse spread across nearly 100 acres in the picturesque Lonavala-Khandala hills of Maharashtra, close to Mumbai. The property served as a peaceful retreat for the veteran actor, where he used to spent time away from the busy film industry. The expansive estate is known for its natural surroundings and rustic design, with elements of wood and stone giving it a countryside feel. It also features a spacious sitting area and a heated swimming pool. Dharmendra reportedly enjoyed spending time at the farmhouse, where he personally grew fruits and vegetables.

Lara Dutta Misses Father Ahead of 'Ramayana'

Actress Lara Dutta has expressed how much she misses her father as she prepares to be seen as Mata Kaikeyi in the epic 'Ramayana.' Sharing her excitement about being part of the project, the actress also got emotional as she wished her father could have been here to witness this special moment in her life. Taking to Instagram, Lara shared a heartfelt note about her journey towards becoming part of a story that she described as timeless.

"What began many years ago as a fervent wish… to be a part of something greater than oneself. Greater than the collective. Something that transcends time itself… something woven into the very fabric of our being. And today, that wish finds its place in a story as timeless as eternity," she wrote.

Calling it an extraordinary privilege, the 'Partner' actress spoke about the responsibility of portraying Mata Kaikeyi, whom she described as one of the most misunderstood women in history.

"What an extraordinary privilege to portray a mother who has perhaps been one of the most misunderstood women in history. To be entrusted with the responsibility of bringing alive her humanity… her angst, her vulnerabilities, her guilt and her remorse," she added.

Lara further reflected on Kaikeyi's role in shaping history and expressed hope that audiences would look beyond centuries-old perceptions of the character and understand her contribution to the divine prophecy. "I am humbled. I am deeply grateful. Today, this divine story comes to you. And I hope, in my own small way, I will do justice to Mata Kaikeyi.

'Summer Holidays' coming with a clean 'U' certificate.. Grand release tomorrow

Away from the hustle and bustle of city life, a family entertainer is all set to greet the audience, reminiscing about the sweet memories of childhood. The film, titled 'Summer Holidays', has successfully completed the censor procedures. It has received a clean 'U' certificate without any cuts and is set to be released in theaters tomorrow (November 6).

The film team has made the theme of the film clear with the poster with the words 'Last Exam Done...' written on the blackboard. The story revolves around a boy who comes to his grandmother's village from the city for summer vacations, the mischief he gets up to with a local boy, the friendship that blossoms between them, and the beautiful connections in the rural environment. The producers say that this is an emotional journey that will take everyone back to their childhood. The announcement released by the film team, saying "Holidays start on November 6th!", is arousing interest among the audience.

Directed by Srikar Nayan, the film stars Master Rohan and Master Arun Dev as the lead child actors. Senior actress Jayasudha, Vasuki Anand, Rajeev Kanakala, and Harshavardhan are playing key roles, raising expectations on the film. Sinjith Yerramilli has composed the music. Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainments, which recently produced a crazy project like 'The Girlfriend', has produced this film.



In these days of action and thriller films, it is noteworthy that it has achieved a clean 'U' certificate without any cuts. The censor certificate makes it clear that this is a complete family story film, and everyone from children to adults will enjoy it together. It seems that this film has been made with the aim of bringing family audiences to theaters.

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