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Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas programme in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra via video conferencing.

Tribals most affected by maoist violence; earlier Govts remained mute spectators, Says PM Modi

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that India has recovered more than 650 stolen ancient statues over the past 12 years, highlighting the government's efforts to preserve the country's cultural heritage. He also said that a revival of India's cultural centres was taking place from north to south and east to west. Addressing the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan in New Delhi, PM Modi said preserving India's heritage was one of the missions of Swami Chinmayananda, the founder of the Chinmaya Mission.

"There was another mission of Swamiji: the conservation of Indian heritage. You have seen the Vivekananda Rock Memorial. Today, it is a source of inspiration for millions of people visiting from across India and the world," he said. The Prime Minister cited several examples of India's cultural and spiritual heritage being restored to prominence, including the Kashi Vishwanath Dham, the Ram temple in Ayodhya, and the sacred sites of Kedarnath and Badrinath.

Prime Minister also highlighted India's growing international cultural presence, saying that the country's cultural centres were gaining recognition and that International Yoga Day was connecting people worldwide with India's ancient traditions.

"A revival of India's cultural centres is taking place from north to south and east to west. Whether it is the new look of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham, the grand temple of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya, or our sacred sites such as Kedarnath and Badrinath, these places are regaining their prominence," he said.

Referring to Kedarnath, PM Modi said a magnificent statue of Adi Shankaracharya had been installed at the site where the philosopher is believed to have attained his final state of existence. "If you visited Kedarnath recently, you would have seen a magnificent and divine statue of Adi Shankaracharya installed at the place where he left his mortal body. These sites are now returning to their former grandeur," he said. Modi said that in the past, numerous ancient statues had been stolen from India and taken abroad, where they were sold without adequate intervention.

"You all know that there was a time when many statues were stolen and taken to foreign countries. They were sold, and no one stopped them. In the last 12 years, we have brought back more than 650 stolen ancient statues," he said. The Prime Minister also highlighted India's growing international cultural presence, saying that the country's cultural centres were gaining recognition and that International Yoga Day was connecting people worldwide with India's ancient traditions.

CM Revanth seeks PM Modi support for TG projects

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Open Frame) Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to extend his support in securing clearances for pending projects in Telangana and resolving interstate disputes. He informed the Prime Minister that his government has accelerated work on these projects since assuming office and is ensuring the swift disbursement of compensation to those displaced by land acquisition.

The Chief Minister met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the latter's official residence. The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Mansukh Mandaviya, Telangana's Minister for Irrigation N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Telangana's Minister for Sports and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari. The Chief Minister urged the Prime Minister to help persuade the Government of Maharashtra to agree to the construction of the Tummidihetti project on the Pranhita River at a water level of +152 meters. He also apprised the Prime Minister of his recent meeting with Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis regarding this matter.

The Chief Minister requested an additional allocation of Rs. 5,000 crore for Telangana under the 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment' (SASI). He stated that these funds would be utilized for projects in Telangana that are already 70 to 90 percent complete.

He conveyed that the Telangana government is prepared to provide the necessary compensation for any areas in Maharashtra that may be affected by submergence. Emphasizing Telangana's irrigation requirements, the Chief Minister requested the Prime Minister's intervention to secure Maharashtra's consent for the Tummidihetti project. He noted that this project would enable the supply of water—via gravity—to meet the irrigation and drinking water needs of the backward and tribal regions in Telangana.

Dr. S. It was explained to the Prime Minister that although the state government has incurred significant expenditure on the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS).



Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with ministers, presents a memento to Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting in New Delhi.

BJP targets Rahul over 'Vote Chor' slogan at Bharat Summit

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Open Frame): A day after Italian politician Giacomo Filibeck said Indian democracy was in danger and raised the slogan "Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod" at the Congress's Bharat Summit in Hyderabad, the BJP targeted the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and accused him of seeking foreign interference in the country's domestic political affairs.



Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of defaming India, its democratic institutions and PM Narendra Modi at international platforms, saying such criticism would not help him return to power. "If he aspires to return to power, he should stop travelling abroad and start visiting villages across India. Then, perhaps, he may have a chance," Shah said.

Taking a swipe at the Bharat Summit held in Hyderabad on November 13 and 14, Shah said the Congress-led Telangana government had invited proponents of Left-wing ideology from India and abroad. "The Congress' prince (referring to Gandhi) also attended this conference named 'Bharat Summit', where he defamed India at the international level by putting forth anti-Indian thoughts. He should understand that defaming India at international platforms will not help him come to power," Shah said. Shah said political differences should not come in the way of protecting India's image and credibility before the international community.

"Whether it is the ruling party or the Opposition, or any political party, can anyone justify defaming India and its PM before an international audience?" he asked. Launching a diatribe against the BJP and PM Narendra Modi, Rahul on Saturday alleged, "India is actually no longer a democracy." Reacting sharply to Gandhi's comments at the summit that India was no longer a democracy. BJP spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari alleged that the Congress leader was seeking to remove the Modi government in cahoots with foreigners and associates of George Soros at the event.

Andhra CM Seeks Centre's Cyclone Aid

Amaravati, Nov 15 (Open Frame): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Sunday that the state needs Centre's assistance to build more resilient infrastructure in coastal Andhra region to mitigate damages due to cyclones. He added that as the coastal region frequently faces cyclones, he opined that stronger and more resilient infrastructure is essential as a permanent solution to minimise cyclone damage, and the state needs Central assistance for this purpose. He was interacting with a seven-member Central team, which visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the damage caused by Cyclone Murasu. The team held a virtual meeting with the Chief Minister after completing its field inspections.



The Central team, led by Chittaranjan Das, Union Home Ministry Joint Secretary, split into two groups and toured Bapatla, Palnadu, Eluru and East Godavari districts. The team inspected damaged agricultural fields, canals, roads and houses at nearly 60 locations. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu told the Central team that the impact of El Nino, coupled with two cyclones striking the state within a short period, had caused extensive damage. He said the state government had anticipated the cyclone's movement and initiated precautionary measures well in advance.

Relief and restoration operations were undertaken on a war footing after the cyclone, he added.

Jaishankar says India has strengthened military presence along China border

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Open Frame): India's border with China has become more active and requires a sustained troop commitment, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, citing improvements in frontier infrastructure and military preparedness since the 2020 Galwan Valley clashes.



Speaking at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit on Saturday, Jaishankar said India had significantly improved its ability to deploy troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). He cited the construction of roads and tunnels, new bridges and the commissioning of airfields as evidence of the increased focus on border infrastructure. "The border with China has become more alive in a way," he said, adding that the situation required a much greater, sustained commitment of troops.

Jaishankar said border infrastructure had received greater attention and resources over the past decade, after being neglected for years. He said the improvements had helped India maintain the required troop strength along the frontier.

His remarks come as India and China continue efforts to stabilise bilateral relations following the military standoff in eastern Ladakh, which lasted more than four years. Relations began to improve after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in Kazan, Russia, in October 2024.

The external affairs minister also addressed the economic gap between the two countries, saying China had made major advances in industrialisation and modernisation during the 1980s while India had missed opportunities during that period.

India, Egypt explore trade pact, boost ties

Cairo, Nov 15 (Open Frame): Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Sunday that India and Egypt will now work on the Terms of Reference and examine the potential of either a Preferential Trade Agreement or a free trade agreement (FTA).

He said that there are immense opportunities for India and Egypt to strengthen trade and investments in the next five years, adding that the presence of over 700 registered Indian companies in Egypt reflects the growing depth of business ties between the two nations.

Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of the India-Egypt Business Forum Meeting here, the minister said The relations between our leaders are very good, and the ties between our business communities are strong.

"Furthermore, the civilisations and histories of both nations are thousands of years old. So, along with working to bring both ancient civilisations closer together, we are also bringing trade and industry closer," Goyal told.

Goyal further stated that an Indian company informed "us just yesterday that they have invested approximately Rs 1,200 crore into an international seed company, which also has manufacturing in Egypt."

Winter session of Parliament likely to start in first week Of December

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Open Frame): The Winter session of Parliament is likely to begin in the first week of December, though the Union government has also considered the possibility of extending or reconvening the unprorogued Monsoon Session instead of a regular separate session, according to reliable sources. The government is expected to push for the constitutional amendment Bill linking women's reservation to Delimitation. The proposed legislation aims to expand the strength of the Lok Sabha to create more seats to accommodate the 33 per cent reservation for women.



The Monsoon session was adjourned sine die on August 13, 2026, leaving it unprorogued for more than 90 days. The arrangement left open the option of an extended or special sitting to take up the proposed constitutional amendment at short notice.

While an extended sitting of the existing session requires a minimum notice of two days, convening a fresh session requires a minimum 14-day notice. Passing a constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority of members present and voting which works out 361 votes out of a total current strength of 540 sitting MPs.

Since the ruling NDA has around 320 members, it will require the backing of some opposition parties for the passage of the Bill with the required two-thirds majority. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the Delimitation Bill, 2026, will not harm the Southern states but will, in fact, benefit them. He added that under the 50 per cent increase model, the current 543 seats in the Lok Sabha will rise to 816, leading to an increase in the number of seats for all Southern states.

India Seeks Role in Russia-Ukraine Peace Efforts

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Open Frame): After its initial reluctance to get involved in the Russia-Ukraine war, India has of late tried to insert itself as a mediator, seeking limited yet fruitful outcomes, as peace in Ukraine could bring direct benefits to the country, a report said.

According to The Diplomat, on November 9, a day before US-mediated two-day talks between Russia and Ukraine began in Abu Dhabi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, following which External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar dialled his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov. Referring to Zelenskyy's post on X following the call, the report said: "According to the post, Zelenskyy briefed Modi 'on the latest diplomatic developments.'

He also revealed that they 'discussed Russia's blocking of grain exports via the Black Sea' and claimed that 'India is ready to mediate in establishing food corridors'." The report stated that India has its own reasons to make an attempt at peacemaking, as the prolonged war has been one of the three primary drivers of global economic disruption, and its end would matter greatly to New Delhi.

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Revanth woos global investors, promises healthcare boost

Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Opne Frame): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has described Telangana as one of the fastest-growing states in the country, assuring investors that there is no policy paralysis or discrimination in the state. He said the government was committed to continuing development policies introduced by previous administrations while working towards the ambitious goals of a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2034 and a three-trillion-dollar economy by 2047.



Addressing an event related to the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), the Chief Minister said institutions such as the Indian School of Business (ISB) and NALSAR University had enhanced Telangana's reputation and helped attract investments to Hyderabad. He expressed confidence that the new PHFI institution would bridge existing gaps in the healthcare sector and bring greater recognition to the city. Revanth Reddy said the government was investing Rs. 12,000 crore in developing major healthcare institutions. The TIMS facility at Sanathnagar had already been inaugurated, while other TIMS hospitals were also being developed. A new Osmania General Hospital was being constructed at Goshamahal, he added.

He said Hyderabad was attracting attention not only from across India but also from the Middle East and other Asian countries. The Chief Minister attributed the city's growth to the vision and policies of previous leaders, including Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, P.V. Narasimha Rao and former state leaders.

Recalling India's journey since Independence, he said the country had transformed from food scarcity to food-grain surplus through investments in education, irrigation and infrastructure. He credited Nehru with laying the foundation for institutions such as IIT Kharagpur and major irrigation projects, including Bhakra Nangal, while Rajiv Gandhi had strengthened India's technological capabilities by introducing the internet.

He also highlighted the achievements of Hyderabad Public School alumni, many of whom are now leading Fortune 500 companies. Emphasising the importance of education, he said students from remote villages must be equipped to compete with professionals and students at global centres such as New York. The Chief Minister said Telangana had continued progressive policies introduced by successive governments, including those led by Chandrababu Naidu, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and K. Chandrashekar Rao. Differences in political ideologies should not come in the way of continuing beneficial policies, he said, adding that the government did not discriminate against investors or educational institutions.

He said research and development activities had strengthened the pharmaceutical industry, with Hyderabad accounting for a significant share of the country's bulk drug production. Global pharmaceutical major Eli Lilly was set to invest one billion dollars in Hyderabad, while several multinational companies were establishing Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in the city.

He noted that internationally renowned universities were establishing branches in Hyderabad, enabling students to access quality education without travelling to countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom. Explaining the government's development roadmap, Revanth Reddy said the vision document 'Telangana Rising 2047' aimed to transform the state into a major economic powerhouse. The Outer Ring Road (ORR) had become a major asset for Hyderabad, with around 1.34 crore people living within its limits. The government was planning to transform this area into a service-sector hub by relocating existing industries beyond the ORR.

Parvathagiri distributes Rs 34.92 lakh in Aasara Pensions

Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Opne Frame): Minister Seethakka said the government was committed to extending welfare benefits to every eligible poor person, ensuring financial security for the elderly, widows, persons with disabilities and single women. Participating in the Aasara pension distribution programme in Parvathagiri constituency, she distributed pension sanction letters to beneficiaries. A total of 1,386 beneficiaries were sanctioned pensions worth 34,92,176. These include 634 beneficiaries in Parvathagiri mandal receiving 16,28,144, 546 in Wardhannapet mandal receiving 13,38,736 and 206 in Wardhannapet Municipality receiving 5,25,296. The beneficiaries include



15 handloom workers, 349 persons with disabilities, 789 widows, 128 toddy tappers and 105 single women. Kalyana Lakshmi cheques were also distributed on the occasion.

Speaking about the government's welfare initiatives, Seethakka said financial assistance under the Indiramma housing scheme would be released to beneficiaries in instalments based on construction progress. She welcomed banks coming forward to extend loans to poor families for house construction and said more than 70,000 crore in bank-linked loans had been facilitated, including interest-free loans of up to 10 lakh for women. Highlighting women's empowerment, she said self-help groups were being entrusted with responsibilities such as running Indira Mahila Shakti canteens, paddy procurement centres and RTC bus services. She noted that women's groups had earned 164 crore in commissions through procurement centres, while buses allotted to mandal federations could generate monthly earnings of up to 70,000. She also announced that sarees would be distributed to women aged 18 and above and elderly women through ration cards on November 19, marking Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary.

Bhatti Urges Youth to Become Entrepreneurs, Create Jobs

Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Opne Frame): Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has urged the youth not to wait for jobs, but rather to pursue self-employment, become entrepreneurs, and create employment opportunities for others. On Sunday, the Deputy Chief Minister inaugurated 'NS Industries', located in Mankhal, Maheshwaram Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.



Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister congratulated Vishal and Sagar—the young men who have embarked on a new journey as entrepreneurs by establishing 'NS Industries'. He commended their resolve to stand on their own feet by setting up an industry, rather than relying on others for employment.

He noted that their initiative—aimed not only at becoming entrepreneurs themselves but also at providing jobs and livelihood opportunities to others—is highly inspiring. He assured that the State Government is always ready to encourage young entrepreneurs and will provide the necessary support for the establishment of industries. It was expressed that Vishal and Sagar should reach even greater heights in the future and serve as role models for other young people who aspire to establish industries within the state. There is hope that their successful journey will inspire many more youths, encouraging them toward self-employment and industrial development. The Deputy Chief Minister suggested that the skills, intellect, and creativity possessed by the youth should be harnessed for the betterment of society. He urged young entrepreneurs to engage in initiatives that not only foster their own personal growth but also contribute to the welfare of the community.

Hyderabad to Hold 'Pillala Prajavani' for Children's Rights Week

Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Opne Frame): The Hyderabad District Collector and District Magistrate has taken a special initiative to foster awareness about children's rights within society and to encourage a sense of collective responsibility toward the issues faced by children. As part of the 'Children's Rights Week'—observed from November 14 to 20—a program titled "Pillaala Prajavaani" (Children's Public Grievance Forum) will be held on November 16.



The event is being organized under the aegis of the Department of Women Development and Child Welfare, in partnership with UNICEF, the Alliance for Child Rights (ACR), and its state-level nodal organization, 'Mahita.' A dedicated desk for children will be set up at the same venue where the general public grievance forum (Prajavaani) is held.

Through this platform, children can directly voice their concerns and submit petitions regarding issues such as education, health, nutrition, protection, infrastructure, and access to welfare schemes. They may also bring matters concerning child labor, child marriage, abuse, or exploitation to the attention of the relevant authorities. This initiative will facilitate appropriate follow-up actions, coordinated by the concerned departments, in response to the petitions received.

The Department of Women Development and Child Welfare implements various programs and schemes aimed at the welfare, protection, and holistic development of children in the district. The primary objective of "Pillala Prajavani" (Children's Voice/Public Forum for Children) is to raise public awareness about these services, prioritize the opinions of children, and foster community participation in the protection of their rights.

The District Department of Women Development and Child Welfare urges children, parents, teachers, and voluntary organizations to make use of this opportunity and contribute to the success of this initiative.

Dignity of office a rare trait with Congress, BJP leaders, says KTR

Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Opne Frame): BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao said on Sunday that Telangana was founded on the principle of self-respect, but it seemed that Congress and BJP would never be able to comprehend it.



"Dignity of office seems like a rare trait with Telangana Congress & BJP leaders CM acting like a body guard of Gandhis, PCC president & Minister running behind Rahul Gandhi's bike like errand boys," he said in a post on 'X'. The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader was reacting to the scenes witnessed at Saturday's event in Hyderabad, where Congress MP and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi led a bike rally with gig workers. Rama Rao also slammed the state leaders of the BJP. "Likewise Union Minister and BJP state president touching the feet of Amit Shah and carrying his chappal. What shameful and unbecoming behaviour," wrote the former minister. "Telangana was founded on the principle of self-respect. Looks like these two national parties will never ever be able to comprehend it," he said. BRS has criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for what it called "acting like a bodyguard" of Rahul Gandhi. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud was seen running behind the bike which Rahul Gandhi was riding.

The TPCC chief, however, stated that he was riding a bike, but it skidded. He claimed that Rahul Gandhi noticed that he wasn't beside him and called him.

Mahesh Kumar Goud said that he ran because he is fit. He called it his good fortune to run alongside Rahul Gandhi. Meanwhile, BRS has asked Rahul Gandhi in what capacity he participated in the state government events. In a social media post, the BRS told Rahul Gandhi that it's not enough to just hold the Constitution and spout platitudes, and also advised him "to first learn its values". "In what capacity do you participate in state government events? Under what protocol do you inaugurate government schemes?" asked the BRS.

GNTC Marks World Diabetes Day with Unani Focus

Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Opne Frame): The Postgraduate Department of Moalajaat at Government Nizamiya Tibbi College (GNTC) organised World Diabetes Day celebrations on Saturday under the supervision of college Principal Dr Shahzadi Sultana.

Uzma Ashai, Member of the Telangana Women's Commission, attended the programme as the chief guest and highlighted the importance of Unani medicine, describing it as a priceless gift of nature for human health.

During her visit, Ashai toured various departments of the college and interacted with the faculty, postgraduate scholars and students to understand the institution's requirements and challenges. She appreciated the ongoing construction and renovation works at the college and hospital, thanking the Chief Minister and Health Minister for their attention to the historic institution. She expressed hope that the initiatives would help restore the hospital's former prominence and benefit a large number of patients. Emphasising the importance of taking traditional systems of medicine to the wider public, Ashai urged the faculty and students to explore and promote the potential of Unani medicine in treating diabetes and several other ailments. She said their knowledge and expertise offered an opportunity to serve humanity.

Professor Ahsan Farooqi, Head of the PG Department of Moalajaat, delivered a special lecture on diabetic foot, explaining the role of Unani medicine in its management. He shared details of cases in which patients who had been advised amputation had reportedly recovered through Unani treatment without undergoing the procedure. He attributed such outcomes to the grace and mercy of Almighty Allah.

Vice-Principal Dr Anjum Sultana, Dr Atika Samrin, Dr Abdul Latif, other professors, lecturers, assistant lecturers, postgraduate scholars and students attended the programme.

MLA Sudheer Reddy attends Karthika Vana samaradhana organized by perika association

LB Nagar, Nov15 (Open Frame): LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy attended the Karthika Vana Samaradhana celebrations held at Karnati Gardens in Vanastalipuram, organized jointly by the LB Nagar Perika Association, Women's Association, and Youth Association on the occasion of the auspicious Karthika Masam.



Speaking on the occasion, MLA Sudheer Reddy extended his greetings to the participants and said that the month of Karthika holds great spiritual significance. He appreciated people for actively participating in spiritual and religious activities during this holy month with devotion and dedication. He further stated that organizing such community gatherings beyond caste and religious differences helps strengthen brotherhood, unity, mutual understanding, and cordial relationships among people.

Association President Burra Venkateshwarlu, General Secretary Muthineni Venkateshwarlu, Finance Secretary Bani Rajinikanth, Executive Secretary Yarramsetti Ravinder, and others participated in the programme.

CS directs collectors to prepare rabi crop plans

Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Opne Frame): State Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed District Collectors to formulate a robust action plan for the cultivation of Rabi crops, encouraging the sowing of crops best suited to the local conditions of each district.



During a video conference held today from the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat—attended by senior officials and District Collectors—a comprehensive review was conducted on several key areas: agriculture, horticulture, micro-irrigation (including drip irrigation), the cultivation of vegetables and pulses, grain procurement, land acquisition issues, and school education programs.

On this occasion, the Chief Secretary outlined the directives issued by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to the District Collectors, as well as the government's core priorities. He noted that the Chief Minister has described District Collectors as "team leaders" for their respective districts, emphasizing that they bear the responsibility for the effective implementation of government priorities at the field level.

The Chief Secretary advised that a comprehensive action plan for crop cultivation be prepared for every district, keeping the upcoming Rabi season in mind.

He instructed that the selection of crops should be based on water availability, while also taking into account the potential impact of the El Niño phenomenon and prevailing weather conditions. Furthermore, he directed that the necessary seeds for Rabi crops be arranged in advance to ensure they are made available to farmers in a timely manner.

It was suggested to promote the cultivation of vegetables and pulses, and to take measures to increase both the area under cultivation and productivity by making maximum use of centrally sponsored schemes.

Emphasis was placed on the widespread promotion of micro-irrigation, particularly drip irrigation. Instructions were given to ensure that the grain procurement process proceeds smoothly, with officials working in coordination to prevent any difficulties for farmers. It was also advised to identify issues related to land acquisition and prioritize their resolution.

Criticism Essential for Democracy and Progress



Makarand R Paranjape

I was recently invited to an international conference on 'Social media and society in India' at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. My topic was the space for criticism in India. The organiser, Joyojeet Pal, affable but focused, teaches at the School of Information. Pal studies the data, both big and small, to understand how social media influences human behaviour. In one of his co-authored papers, he argues that it is not the big as much as the small-but-crucial data that provides a better grasp of how things are really moving.

I couldn't agree more. I consider myself less ideologically programmatic than pragmatic and curious. That is why, in the roomful of left-leaning Indian and US social media influencers, I thought I should offer my main—rather than pain—point in the form of a sutra. India is a criticism-surplus society which is criticism-deficient where it matters.

Improvement is impossible without criticism; modernity depends on it. As also on creativity and innovation. But the more powerful we are, the more imperious and impervious to criticism. In fact, we think that our critics are our enemies. We hound, harass, even jail them. But that is not the path to greatness. Not everyone who criticises us is corrupt or contaminated. When will we realise this? Indeed, we need to regain innocence after experience, as William Blake suggested. I was speaking mostly to myself. Because, as I said quite candidly, "If I read this room right, there is not a single person who supports the Indian Prime Minister or his party. I have also been in rooms which are exactly the opposite. You could make a similar statement about the US. Such fragmentation and polarisation hurts democratic societies." Ergo, one side's hall of fame is the other side's wall of shame. I was using phrases that I had heard over dinner the previous evening. The way out? Intermedial hermeneutics. No side has the exclusive or absolute claim to truth. We can't be ideologically non-aligned. But we must understand and accept our leanings and limitations. After, we can't believe our own propaganda.

That, in a sense, captured why I left academia—and why I also longed to return. The academy ought to be a safe space where differing views can be expressed respectfully and rationally. But it no longer is. Our ability to unpack and bridge such deep social and ideological divides is severely threatened. Whether in the United States or India, many academics seem baffled, frightened, and unsure of their future.

Last year, I took voluntary retirement from Jawaharlal Nehru University, once India's leading Left-leaning institution. My experiences there are detailed in my book, JNU: Nationalism and India's Uncivil War (2022). I experienced a campus suffocated by ideological conformity; the Left's intolerance was stifling. But Right rigidity and anti-intellectualism are scarcely better. Earlier, I had watched scholars and students shunned for daring to question Marxist dogma or exploring nationalist perspectives. Inquiry gave way to loyalty tests. Now, the pendulum has swung to the other extreme.

In the big tech world too, fundamental questions are often sidelined for metrics and growth. In fact, the more negative and more sensational the content, the more eyeballs and clicks. In the superficial digital chatter, one misses the depth of academia, its insistence on probing root causes, even if it is sometimes lost in theory.

What I liked about the conference on social media was the rich and diverse mix of speakers, almost every single one of them smart, well-informed and deeply immersed in their art and craft. The conference, tackling social media's role in India's politics, culture and economy, united scholars, influencers and practitioners. Unlike the usual echo chambers, it offered a lens on the incessant polarisation. Accessible digitally to a larger audience, it invited global voices, proving academia could engage the world without losing rigour. Space constraints allow just one example. Viraj Sheth, co-founder of Monk Entertainment, highlighted social media's complex operations. Sheth, who manages influencers like Bollywood stars and the recently disgraced 'Beer Biceps' creator Ranveer Allahbadia, spoke about navigating the influencer economy. His agency builds brands, turning talent into fame and money. We are all 'users' hooked to scrolling, he said. But when the algorithm is done with you, the platform dumps you. Digital snakes and ladders lead to mental illness. Each night, we seek the last desperate dopamine fix just before we turn in. Sheth called it "hooks and tricks".

Disinformation and drama, cheap fakes as well as deepfakes, devastate lives. The missteps of influencers ripple through millions. Are we going to return to smaller communities to counter the tripe and hype?

To me, rearming the truly educated with deep cognition is the only antidote to pseudo cognition. Criticism and creativity show the way forward. That is how intermedial hermeneutics works, finding clarity and lucidity in a confusing world by refusing to succumb to readymade answers and positions.

But those who speak truth to power need protection. Who will provide it? A social media exposé against the corrupt and the powerful can result in grave personal loss, injury, even death. Who will safeguard the guardians of truth and democracy? The fourth pillar, mainstream or digital, lies broken by political power and public distrust.

I enjoyed listening to presentations across so many disciplines and perspectives. But that is because I have learned to reject ideological cages, preferring disciplined inquiry and the old-fashioned search for truth. Whether by studying algorithms via computational tools, politics and propaganda by social theory, lives via literature, or activism via motivated philanthropy. No one method is perfect. Insularity does persist, even fester. But what is Sanatan Dharma if it is not faith in the dictum satyameva jayate?

Tech's tunnel vision, academics jousting in silos, funded research or activism—all these will persist. But so will the urge to make society more humane, equitable, and the world a better place. To be deeply aware and conscious of our responsibilities is already to have taken sides.

India's strategic dilemma with US

Whenever the issue of the United States as a strategic military ally of India is discussed, discomforting memories of the past resurface. In 1971, when Indian forces were on a blitzkrieg in what was then East Pakistan (later, Bangladesh), the US had ordered its Seventh Fleet's 'Task Force 74' to sail menacingly into the Bay of Bengal. As a complicit partner of Pakistan, the US had overlooked the genocidal actions of the Pakistanis and instead adopted a threatening posture against India. It was a complete public relations disaster for the US is one thing, but the reiterative wrongs of the US actions to be on the wrong side (when Pakistanis created mujaheddins in 80's and re-directed terror towards India) in the hyphenated Indo-Pak equation till late 1990's, is factual. Only when the products of Pakistan's 'terror nurseries' started rebounding and attacking US interests, did the US recoil.

Today, the world has evolved with newer geopolitical realities and threats that call for recalibration of alliances and perspective. China looms large on the global stage with its expansionist tendencies and that naturally makes India the most credible 'pivot' to counter the same, for the US. Beyond convergence on Sino-wariness, the additional threat from religio-terrorism (supported duplicitously by China's 'steel brother' Pakistan) has brought about a more positive bind in the US-India realm. Consequently, recent times have seen unprecedented growth of bilateral trust and engagement that has manifested in increased trade, transfer of weaponry and technology, nuclear deals and strategic jointsmanship, e.g. QUAD etc. All this has led Delhi to shed the shibboleths of the past and usher into a more realpolitik-led nuance that it describes as 'strategic autonomy'. Basically, it suggests walking the most optimum path for India's security without getting constrained with the compulsions of belonging to any binary 'bloc'. This enabled India to acquire cutting edge weaponry like Hellfire missiles, MQ 9B Drones, Apache attack helicopters etc. from the US, and simultaneously S-400 missile batteries, Akula-II nuclear submarines, Kamov KA-226 etc., from the Russians. Such flexibility allows for sourcing the most optimum weapon given various considerations, as also hedging against known and unknown risks of overdependence on one source.

Therefore, while the sourcing for armaments has gone up considerably from the 'Western' nations (even South Korea recently), the dependence on Russian vendors to keep legacy platforms functional, continues. Questions about price-versus-quality (read Russian-versus-Western) always abound, and this along with other tropical considerations e.g., timelines, reliability of spare, maintenance costs etc., determines which nation to source weapons from.

One underlying and often unsaid consideration has always been about the reliability of the alliance with the sourcing country. Questions of supplying country's reliability lurk with murmurs of a proverbial 'kill switch' (backdoor stop for deactivation of weapons platform at the hands of supplying nation) or simply stopping spares, munitions and other wherewithal that could render the platform inefficacious, at critical times. However, while sourcing from Russia has gone down substantially for a variety of good reasons, history is instructive that whenever India has faced external hostility or concerning shortfalls - the Russians have never let India down in terms of supplies et al. The reliability of Russians has been time-tested and perhaps that of the USA as a military supplier, briefly tested in the immediate aftermath of the bloody Summer of 2020 (Indo-Chinese standoff), when it expedited supplies.

However, it made good commercial sense for the Americans and the weaponry that it supplied then was aimed at its own nemesis i.e., China - but would that 'ally' spirit be honoured in similar measure had India sparred against an US-ally (even someone like Pakistan?). One can only conjecture, except that that current geopolitics does pit US and India as 'natural' allies circumstantially, though it requires more test of time and situations.

It is here that the behaviour of the USA via-a-vis India in recent times (even if it were to be in the commercial realm) under Trump 1.0.2 has yet again triggered queries of reliability and trust. The ensuing trade/tariff war has afforded no special leniencies or generosity of treatment to India, as could be expected of a special or natural 'ally' (neither have the NATO/EU countries and allies been spared). Instead, Trump has demonstrated an intent and willingness to inflict as much pain onto other countries (including allies) to further its own interest unilaterally - without considering the urgencies and vulnerabilities of allies. This does not make for reassuring optics.

Former US Secretary of Defense (from previous Trump administration), James Mattis, had bemoaned, "strength of a nation is inextricably linked to the strength of our unique and comprehensive system of alliances and partnerships" and added "we cannot protect our interests or serve the role effectively without maintaining strong alliances and showing respect to those allies".

As a military man well-versed with the importance of trust and 'allies', Mattis had called out Trump's brazen insensitivity that would be counterproductive in the long run. Today, Trump shows the same indifference and selfishness with another lever of governance i.e., economics, that augurs badly in terms of building trust in the US as a military supplier or ally. Trump may not have a long memory, but other countries do, and that lack of trust amongst so-called allies will haunt the US in the long run.

India's LiFE Mission Promotes Sustainable Consumer Lifestyles

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It was the World Consumer Rights Day on March 15. As in the past, Consumer International, a global organisation championing such rights, picked a theme for the day—this year, it was 'A just transition to sustainable lifestyle'. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the theme reflects concerns India has been voicing for years about climate change and sustainability. It aligns with the prime minister's call for adopting a Lifestyle for Environment or LiFE. India is home to the world's largest population of consumers. The term itself is a great leveller. From the richest industrialists to the poorest citizens—everybody is a consumer despite their diverse realities. Yet, the community of consumers remains an amorphous entity that is extremely hard to unite and mobilise. In comparison to various other distinctly identifiable social groups like farmers, labourers and students, consumers usually show little regard for their rights and responsibilities.

A rare experiment in organising consumers effectively and protecting their interests to work towards the lofty ideal of consumer justice is the Mumbai Grahak Panchayat (MGP), which is celebrating its golden jubilee this year. Founded by social and political activist Bindumadhav Joshi of Pune, freedom-fighter-turned-musician Sudhir Phadke and social-worker-turned-municipal-corporator Madhukar Mantri, MGP has evolved as a text-book example of sustainable community organisation. The key to MGP's functionality is its well-knit network of smaller consumer groups. The average strength of each such group remains at 15-20 families. These groups internally distribute and collect a demand sheet of primarily grocery items every month, mentioning the approximate prices of the items sought. Accordingly, members of the group deposit the requisite amount in the group's bank account. The apex federal body of such groups conducts wholesale purchase of the items demanded.



Later, such items are carefully packed in stipulated units and distributed among the groups. Members of every such group, by rotation, select the home of a member family as the distribution centre. On an appointed date, the members collect their items from the distribution centres. This activity cycle continues uninterruptedly all through the year. Every aspect of this community work remains well-orchestrated and on schedule. Rarely would members miss the date for depositing demand sheets. The federal body mandated to make wholesale purchases has earned a name for getting fair and competitive prices and an uncompromising approach towards the goods' quality. Trustworthy leadership, self-regulated discipline and the centrality of consumer justice—transparency and accountability—could be cited as hallmarks of the MGP's success.

It must also be noted that while the MGP is a non-profit, voluntary organisation, it has always refused to compromise with its fundamental value system. Refraining assiduously from the lure of seeking donations from wholesale grocery traders or manufacturers, and not seeking any advertisements from manufacturers or big trading organisations for MGP's magazine are two of the few policy approaches that it scrupulously adheres to. Besides, the organisation has also contributed to consumer activism in its own way at times, like playing a key role in the passage of the law to establish the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority in 2017.

No wonder then that the MGP today has 2,505 consumer groups with around 30,000 members. Its network covers just about six districts in the Konkan and Pune regions, but has a tremendous potential to expand. Meanwhile, its work has earned attention from global consumer protection bodies. It made persistent efforts to make the UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection more comprehensive and for the UN Conference on Trade and Development to create an inter-governmental group of experts. Senior UNCTAD officials have commended MGP, saying that its participation has always added value to the deliberations and "successfully led (them) to the modernisation and expansion of the UNGCP, including on e-commerce, financial services, dispute resolution and redress and international cooperation".

Although MGP's achievements are truly historic, the challenges before the consumer movement in general and the MGP in particular are becoming more complex. This is because, like in politics, in consumer affairs too it is hard to tell people something that is unpopular but in the larger interests of the group. From banks to gyms, and from theatres to public transport, the need for greater efforts to achieve consumer justice is felt every day in different walks of life. Take the example of media. Consumer bodies have been rightly and somewhat sufficiently vigilant about adulteration in food. But what about the growing tendency of adulterating news with views? Consumers of various kinds of media print.

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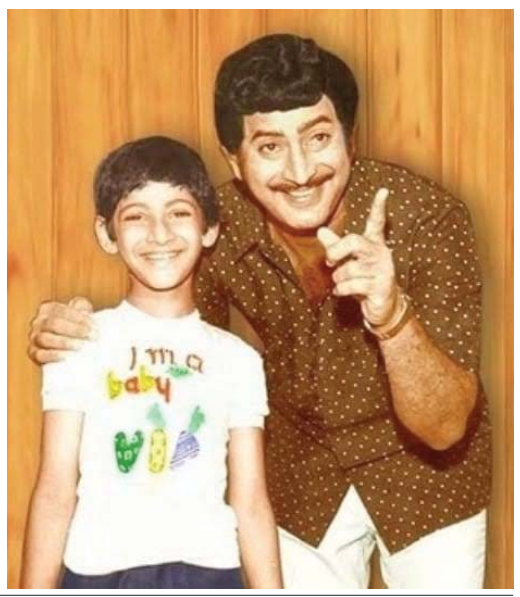
Mahesh Babu remembers 'Superstar' father Krishna on his death anniversary



Tollywood sensation Mahesh Babu remembered his late father and legendary actor Krishna on his 4th death anniversary on Sunday. He took to his official Instagram handle and published a black-and-white photo from his childhood. The pic featured a young Mahesh Babu posing in his father's arms. Mahesh Babu captioned his latest post, "Always my Superstar…(sic)", followed by a red heart emoticon. His wife and former actress, Namrata Shirodkar, reacted to the post with three red heart emoticons. Taking to her Instagram Stories, the 'Pukar' actress shared, "Remembering a life filled with love, dignity and so much warmth. Forever missed (sic)," along with a red heart emoji.

Known for his work in Telugu cinema as an actor, director, and producer, Krishna breathed his last on 15 November 2022 at the age of 79. Some of his most memorable projects include, 'Gudachari 116 (1966)', 'Alluri Seetarama Raju (1974)', 'Mosagallaku Mosagadu (1971)', 'Pandanti Kapuram (1972)', 'Devudu Chesina Manushulu (1973)', 'Agent Gopi (1978)' and 'Simhasanam (1986),' to name just a few. After Krishna's passing in November 2022, Mahesh Babu shared an emotional note, saying, "Your life was celebrated… your passing is being celebrated even more… such is your greatness. You lived your life fearlessly… daring and dashing was your nature. My inspiration, my courage… Now I'm fearless… your light will shine in me forever. I will carry your legacy forward. I will make you even more proud. Love you, Nanna, my Superstar." Last year, Mahesh Babu paid a heartfelt tribute to his late father by posting a photo of Krishna and a younger version of himself from the sets of a film. Honoring the cherished memory of his late father on his death anniversary, Mahesh Babu wrote on his official handle, "Thinking of you a little more today…and knowing you'd be proud nanna." Work-wise, Mahesh Babu is presently busy with SS Rajamouli's much-awaited Globetrotter 'Varanasi ', which will also see Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran in significant roles. Krishna, fondly known as Superstar Krishna, was one of the most influential figures in Telugu cinema. During his illustrious career spanning several decades, he earned a special place in the hearts of audiences with his versatile performances and contributions to the film industry. His pioneering efforts and memorable roles continue to inspire generations of actors and filmmakers.

Mahesh Babu has often spoken about the profound influence his father had on his personal life and career. He continues to cherish Krishna's legacy, remembering him through heartfelt social media posts on special occasions. Fans also joined in paying tribute to the legendary actor, recalling his remarkable contribution to Telugu cinema.



Dulquer Salmaan is the only Malayali actor I admire more after Suma in Telugu: Allu Arjun

The pre-release ceremony of the film 'Akashamlo Okta Tara' held in Hyderabad was a grand affair. Icon star Allu Arjun attended the event as the chief guest and congratulated the film team. The film, starring Dulquer Salmaan and Satvika Veeravalli, was directed by Pawan Sadhineni and produced by Sandeep Gunnam and Ramya Gunnam under the banners of Geetha Arts, Swapna Cinema and Lightbox Media.



Speaking on the occasion, Allu Arjun specially praised the film career of the protagonist Dulquer Salmaan and the stories he chooses. "I have been watching Dulquer Salmaan since the time of 'Ustad Hotel' in Malayalam. He went from Malayalam to Tamil and made films with a legendary director like Mani Ratnam. After that, he came to Telugu and achieved consecutive successes like 'Mahanati', 'Sitaram', and 'Lucky Bhaskar'. He is not only a great actor but also a very good person. Despite being a star kid, he is very humble with everyone without showing that feeling anywhere. He will rise to great heights because of his passion for cinema. After Sumagari, the only Malayali who is so admired in Telugu is Dulquer Salmaan," said Bunny. He said that

this is a dream launch for heroine Satvika, who is making her debut on the Telugu screen with this film, and welcomed her to the Telugu industry and wished her well. He congratulated Shruti Haasan, who played a special role in this film despite being a commercial star heroine. He also praised actress Rohini's screen presence as being very good. He extended his best wishes to music director GV Prakash Kumar, cinematographer Sujith Sarang and other technical experts who are riding high on a string of successes. He expressed hope that director Pawan Sadhineni is talented and will definitely get the recognition he deserves with this film.

Talking about the production of the film, Allu Arjun praised Swapna, Priyanka, Sandeep and Ramya for successfully carrying forward the legacy by providing films with great content as second generation producers. "My father Allu Aravind garu is very excited about this project. If he is usually that excited, the film will definitely be a great success. I also got a very positive vibe when I saw the teaser. This film has a good point that makes every woman's dream come true. It will definitely be well received by the audience," he said. Finally, Allu Arjun thanked the film unit, the media, the police department and his fans for their cooperation in making the program a success.

Ashika Ranganath shares photos with Allu Arjun and expresses her heartfelt wish

Beautiful actress Ashika Ranganath has expressed her desire to act in a full-fledged film with icon star Allu Arjun. Recently, a commercial (ad) was shot in the combination of the two. After the successful completion of this shoot, she shared the experience with her fans. After the shoot, Ashika Ranganath posted two photos with Allu Arjun on her Instagram account. One of these is a selfie, and the other is a photo of the two posing for the camera together. On this occasion, she wrote a special message for Bunny. "It was a pleasure working with you, AA! Goodbye until we meet again. I hope that the combination will happen on the sets of a film," Ashika Ranganath said. This post makes it clear that she strongly wants to get the opportunity to act as a heroine opposite Allu Arjun on the silver screen in the future, rather than just being satisfied with an ad.

Ashika Ranganath is currently trying to make a good name for herself in Tollywood. She entertained the Telugu audience with her roles in 'Naa Samiranga' opposite King Nagarjuna and 'Bhartha Mahasayaluklu Vignaapthi' opposite Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja. Megastar Chiranjeevi is also playing a key role in 'Vishvambhara'. Ashika Ranganath has been steadily expanding her presence in Telugu cinema, sharing screen space with several prominent actors. Her performances have helped her gain recognition among Telugu audiences, while her charming screen presence has attracted attention. She is now looking forward to exploring more opportunities in Tollywood. Meanwhile, Allu Arjun continues to enjoy a massive fan following across the country. Following the success of 'Pushpa: The Rise' and 'Pushpa 2: The Rule', the actor has emerged as one of the most sought-after stars in Indian cinema. His upcoming projects have generated considerable curiosity among fans, who are eagerly waiting for updates.



Not divorced: Ramya Krishna



Senior actress Ramya Krishna has put an end to the rumors about her marital life. She clarified that there is no truth in the news that she has separated from her husband and director Krishna Vamsi... they are still husband and wife. In a recent podcast interview, she shared many interesting things about her personal life for the first time.

Ramya Krishna said that she is not always active on social media and does not like to reveal personal matters except for work-related matters. Talking about her relationship with Krishna Vamsi... "I and Krishna Vamsi are still a couple. But, we happily live in different places. We have to be like that in terms of career. When our son was born, I was busy with serials. At that time, I used to travel between Chennai and Hyderabad once in 15 days. Every time I came and went, our son used to fall ill. So I told Krishna Vamsi that I would educate him in Chennai," she revealed.

Ramya Krishna and Krishna Vamsi got married in 2003. They have a son. Ramya Krishna lives in Chennai for her career and Babu's studies, while Krishna Vamsi lives in Hyderabad and makes films. Since both of them are in different cities, various rumors have been circulating about their marriage for some time now. However, these rumors were put to a full stop when they said that they have not separated and are staying together for their career and family responsibilities with mutual understanding.

When Shah Rukh Khan said he would throw Aryan out of the house if he turns out to be a 'good boy'

Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan once said that he would throw his elder son Aryan Khan out of the house if he turned out to be a 'good boy'.

As he appeared on the popular chat show 'Rendezvous with Simi Garewal' with his better half, Gauri Khan, Rukh admitted that he wanted to spoil his son so much that people complain about him.

SRK further told host and veteran actress Simi Garewal that he wanted Aryan to be a 'spoiled brat' and a 'Playboy', running after girls. The 'Jawan' actor added that he wanted Aryan to have long hair, studs, and a Harley-Davidson jacket.

Shah Rukh shared, "He is going to be completely a spoiled brat. I've told all my heroines that if you have daughters, my son will be running after them, and every day I want complaints from all of them saying, 'Please keep your son out of our houses.' I want him to have a Harley Davidson jacket and I want him to wear studs and everything. He should be really cool, have long hair, and he should be a playboy and really spoiled." When Simi asked King Khan if Aryan would become an actor just like this father, Shah Rukh replied, "Oh yeah that's one of the bad things that you have to do, so he will have to do it."



For the universe, Aryan did make his Bollywood debut, but not as an actor. He stepped into the entertainment industry as a writer and director with the web series, 'The Ba***ds of Bollywood'. Produced by Gauri Khan under the banner of Red Chillies Entertainment, The Ba***ds of Bollywood' premiered on 18 September 2025 on Netflix.

The primary cast of the drama included Bobby Deol, Lakshya, Raghav Juyal, Sahher Bambba, Anya Singh, Manoj Pahwa, Manish Chaudhari, Rajat Bedi, Meherzan Mazda, Divik Sharma, Mona Singh, Gautami Kapoor, Vijayant Kohli, Rohit Gill, Neville Bharucha, and Armaan Khera.

Akshara Singh Says Chhath Puja Brought Mental Peace



Bhojpuri actress Akshara Singh has opened up about the positive changes Chhath Puja has brought into her life. Speaking to, she said the festival has given her a sense of mental peace that she values more than material wealth. Akshara shared how observing the festival has influenced various aspects of her life, including her professional journey, personality and family relationships. Akshara said that since she began observing Chhath, she has noticed a positive transformation in her surroundings and personal life. She added that while money comes and goes, the peace of mind that comes with these changes is far more meaningful. "Since I started Chhath, my life has changed. I don't believe in money. It comes and goes. We work hard, we will earn somehow. But the changes that have come in life, whether it is related to work or your personality, I feel that these changes give you mental peace. And at the end of the day, your mental peace is very important," she said. The actress further shared that she is enjoying this new phase of her life and feels that the festival has brought a positive shift in her world, family and home. "So, I think I am just enjoying my life. And since I started Chhath, I feel that my world, my family, my home, everything seems to be changing. A very good change."

The former 'Bigg Boss OTT' contestant also shared a video offering a glimpse into her Chhath Puja celebrations. In the clip shared on Instagram, she is seen preparing traditional festive offerings and taking part in the rituals associated with the festival.

Janhvi, Khushi Recall Emotional Moments After Mother Sridevi's Death



The sudden death of the late beauty queen Sridevi has left the Indian film industry and millions of fans in shock. Even though years have passed since her death, the family members are still unable to fully recover from the tragedy. Sridevi's daughters Janhvi Kapoor and Khushi Kapoor participated in the popular chat show 'Koffee with Karan' season 8, hosted by renowned producer and director Karan Johar. On this occasion, both of them became extremely emotional as they recalled the terrifying moments of hearing the news of their mother's death.

Janhvi Kapoor revealed that they came to know about the bad news while they were at home that day. "I was in my room when I got the call. I heard Khushi crying loudly from the next room. I immediately ran into her room crying. But surprisingly, Khushi stopped crying when she saw me. She came and sat next to me and started consoling me. I have not seen her cry again since that day," Janhvi shared.

Khushi Kapoor explained why she had to be like that during that difficult time. "I have always been mentally stronger than anyone else. In those difficult situations, I felt strongly that I had to be strong for the entire family and stand by everyone. That is why I held back my tears and was brave," said Khushi.

In the same vein, Janhvi said that her sister Khushi has some of the qualities of her mother Sridevi. She said that she acts like a mother, especially when it comes to work. "Khushi is a very quiet person who does her own work. In that respect, she is just like a mother. But when she comes in front of the camera, she completely changes and acts wonderfully," Janhvi praised.

It is known that Sridevi, who went to Dubai to attend the wedding of Boney Kapoor's relatives in February 2018, accidentally drowned in a bathtub and died there. After the sudden death of their mother, these two sisters are supporting each other and moving forward in their careers.

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