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Warning on social media saying 'He is coming to Australia for his death'..

Australian security agencies are alarmed.. IP address tracing and investigation is in full swing

New Delhi, The death threat received on social media by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is preparing for his Australia visit, has created a stir. A comment made by a person under a Facebook post related to the "Melbourne Meets Modi" program to be held in Melbourne on July 9 has become a topic of discussion across the country. Australian security agencies have taken the

comment saying "Close the stadium roofs.. otherwise Modi is coming to Australia for his death" very seriously. It is reported that this threatening post came from a Facebook account named 'Abu Mustafa'. The officials who immediately responded to this identified the IP address of the relevant account and where did the person post it from? Is there anyone else behind him? A detailed inves-

tigation has been launched into the aspects of. Is this just a social media threat? Or is it part of a real conspiracy? The investigation is also ongoing. However, there is no official information about any arrests so far. With this incident, it seems that the security agencies of that country have decided to tighten security for Prime Minister Modi's visit to Australia. Special security arrangements will be made for

the "Melbourne Meets Modi" program at Marvel Stadium, which will be attended by thousands of people. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand from July 6 to 11. Key events such as bilateral talks with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, participation in a CEO forum, and meeting with the Indian diaspora are on the schedule.



BJP FLAGS PROCEDURAL LAPSES IN VOTER ROLL REVISION, SUBMITS MEMORANDUM TO CEO

Bengaluru, : The Karnataka BJP on Saturday submitted an official memorandum to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Karnataka, alleging serious procedural irregularities in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and demanding immediate intervention by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to safeguard the integrity of the voter verification process. The memorandum was submitted by Karnataka BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, senior MLA S. Suresh Kumar, and other senior party leaders. In the memorandum, the BJP alleged that the implementation of the SIR exercise across Karnataka had witnessed severe procedural deviations and systemic irregularities, raising concerns among elected representatives, Booth Level Officers (BLOs), party workers, and members of the public over the transparency, consistency and credibility of the electoral roll revision process. The party expressed concern over the simultaneous implementation of the statewide SIR exercise and

a parallel electoral revision process in 27 wards under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA). According to the memorandum, the parallel exercise has created confusion among electors, BLOs, political representatives and field officials regarding the applicable verification methodology and the authority responsible for implementation. The BJP urged the Chief Electoral Officer to immediately examine the continuation of the parallel exercise and issue appropriate directions to ensure that only one uniform electoral roll revision process is followed across the state. The memorandum further alleged that the Election Commission's mandatory house-to-house verification process was being diluted in several places through centralised camps conducted in community halls and other public locations. It said the Commission had specifically mandated door-to-door verification to identify duplicate voters, deceased persons, those who had permanently shifted their residence, and other ineligible entries in the electoral rolls.



According to the BJP, conducting verification through centralised camps defeats the objective of an intensive revision as it prevents proper verification of an elector's ordinary place of residence. The party claimed this increases the possibility of erroneous inclusions and omissions in the electoral rolls while reducing the reliability of the verification process. The memorandum also alleged that Booth Level Officers were being sidelined and denied the opportunity to discharge their statutory responsibilities independently. Instead of empowering BLOs to conduct field verification, the state administrative machinery was allegedly adopting procedures

MAMATA BANERJEE ANNOUNCES HERSELF AS TRINAMOOOL'S BENGAL CHIEF

Kolkata, : In a swift political move aimed at consolidating her control over the party organisation amid a deepening internal crisis, former West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress national chairperson Mamata Banerjee on Saturday took over as the party's West Bengal state president, hours after Chandrima Bhattacharya resigned from the post following her decision to join the rebel faction led by expelled legislator Ritabrata Banerjee. Shortly after Bhattacharya officially announced her resignation from that post on Saturday afternoon, Mamata Banerjee went live on Facebook, announcing her decision not to appoint anyone to the post of state president and instead to operate from that chair herself. At the same time, she announced the names of the party legislators, namely Kunal Ghosh and Madan Mitra, who continue to be loyal to her, as the two state general secretaries of Trinamool Congress in West Bengal. In her Facebook Live message, the former West Bengal Chief Minister also issued an appeal to those legislators and leaders who have united under the "rebel by majority" faction under the leadership of the expelled party legislator Ritabrata Banerjee, to directly join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), instead of continuing to claim themselves as the "real Trinamool Congress". "I know you are doing all these things to grab the party name, election symbol and the party funds. I know that ultimately you might



not be able to get control over the election symbol. But even if you are successful in doing that, courtesy of the Election Commission of India, I will not be bothered. A is what the common people and the grassroots workers accept. When I first got the symbol, I contested the election with it just 1 month and 22 days later. Now, if necessary, I will go out to the people with the symbol hanging around my neck. Will you be able to silence my voice? It will not be that easy. You will have to kill me to silence my voice," Mamata Banerjee said. Speaking on the occasion, she also gave a message to her followers about the uncertainties surrounding the party's annual Martyrs' Day rally on July 21, with the Kolkata Police already having granted permission to

DELHI COURT REJECTS BAIL PLEAS OF UMAR KHALID, SHARJEEL IMAM IN 2020 RIOTS CONSPIRACY CASE

New Delhi, : A Delhi court on Saturday dismissed the regular bail pleas of Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam in the larger conspiracy case linked to the 2020 northeast Delhi riots. Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Sameer Bajpai of the Karkardooma Court rejected the bail applications after hearing arguments from both sides. Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam had sought regular bail in the case registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and other penal provisions. Last month, the trial court had issued notice on their bail applications and directed the Delhi Police to file its response. In his plea, Sharjeel Imam contended that despite the



passage of more than six months since the Supreme Court rejected his bail application in January, there had been no meaningful progress in the trial. He had submitted that arguments on the question of framing of charges were yet to conclude and that he had remained behind bars for nearly six years in

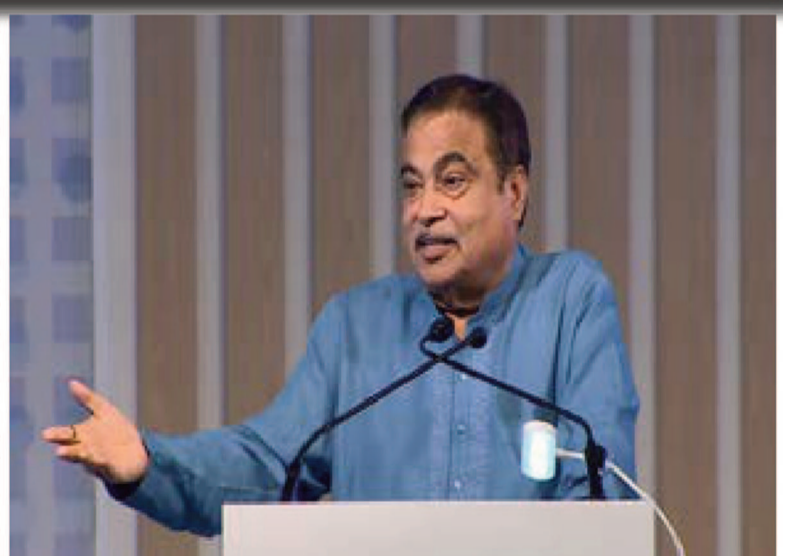
the case. Umar Khalid had also sought regular bail before the trial court. Both applications were heard together by the Karkardooma Court. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court dismissed the bail pleas of Khalid and Imam, holding that the prosecution material disclosed prima facie grounds

Parliament's Monsoon Session from July 20, key Bills likely to be tabled

New Delhi, : Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday announced that the Monsoon Session will commence on July 20 and will continue until August 13, for what he called a "meaningful debate" on the issues of national importance. Taking to X, Rijiju said, "On the recommendation of the Govt of India, Hon'ble President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu ji has approved the summoning of both the Houses of Parliament for the Monsoon Session 2026. The session will commence on 20 July, 2026 and continue till 13 August, 2026 for meaningful debate, discussion and decisions on issues

GOVT WORKING ON 15 PC ISOBUTANOL BLENDING IN DIESEL TO CUT OIL IMPORTS: NITIN

New Delhi, : Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has said that the government is working on introducing up to 15 per cent isobutanol blending in diesel, describing the biofuel as a potential alternative to conventional diesel that could help reduce India's dependence on crude oil imports. Speaking during the launch of India's first flex-fuel passenger vehicle by Maruti Suzuki India Limited on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 4, in the presence of Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Gadkari said ethanol cannot be blended directly with diesel and the government is therefore developing isobutanol from ethanol. "Isobutanol can be an alternative to diesel. We are also working on allowing 15 per cent isobutanol blending in diesel,"



the minister said. Gadkari has said testing of isobutanol has already begun for construction and agricultural equipment, while successful trials have demonstrated the fuel's viability. "I have launched two generator sets running 100 per cent on ethanol and isobutanol. This proves engines can be developed to operate on these fuels," he

has said. Moreover, the minister has said the proposed diesel blending programme forms part of the government's broader strategy to promote alternative fuels, reduce fossil fuel imports and move towards energy self-reliance. Besides isobutanol, the government's focus on ethanol, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), bio-CNG, metha-

EDITORIAL

The 2026 IT rules

quietly threaten India's democratic

At a time when democracies across the world are grappling with misinformation, artificial intelligence, and the rapid evolution of digital ecosystems, India stands at a critical crossroads. The proposed amendments to the Information Technology Rules, 2026, are being framed as a necessary response to emerging technological threats. But beneath the language of regulation and responsibility lies a deeper, more troubling shift — one that could fundamentally alter the relationship between the state, the press, and the citizen. - Advertisement - Advertisement en Are jeans too tight or too big for you try these hacks Now Playing en do you know these everyday items are toxic UP NEXT en saw these dreams recently do you know what it means en things pilots are not allowed to do on board en what does the music in your playlist reveal about your personality ALSO READ Opinion: The vulnerability and necessity of Free Speech Opinion: Free(ing) Thought This is no longer just about governing digital platforms. It is about redefining the boundaries of speech itself. The government argues that the new rules are essential to curb misinformation, deepfakes, and harmful online content. On the surface, this objective appears both reasonable and necessary. The digital age has indeed complicated the idea of truth, and the proliferation of synthetic media poses genuine risks. However, the tools proposed to address these challenges risk creating a system in which the cure may prove more damaging than the disease. Coercive Compliance One of the most concerning provisions is the imposition of an extremely narrow compliance window—reportedly as short as three hours—for content takedown. Such a mandate transforms platforms from neutral intermediaries into anxious enforcers. Faced with the threat of legal liability, they are unlikely to deliberate or verify. Instead, they will remove content first and ask questions later. This is not regulation. It is coercive compliance. In such an environment, the logic of survival will inevitably override the principles of free expression. Platforms will err on the side of caution, leading to widespread over-censorship. Content that is critical, investigative, or even mildly controversial may be taken down—not because it is unlawful, but because it is risky. For independent journalism, this shift is particularly alarming. Invading Editorial Domain The proposed rules blur the distinction between professional news organisations and independent digital creators. By expanding the definition of “publishers” and bringing a wide range of content creators under regulatory scrutiny, the state effectively extends its influence into the editorial domain. This raises a fundamental question: who gets to decide what qualifies as news?



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Has the fear of the law gone? Attack on a woman on the main road.. People stood by and watched! Increasing crimes, people becoming silent spectators.. Extreme concern over law and order

Datia: Is the fear of the law among criminals gradually decreasing? Are people's lives and the safety of women becoming questionable? Recent incidents are raising doubts. Recently, a video of some anti-social elements attacking a woman on the main road went viral on social media, causing a huge stir. What is even more disturbing about this incident is that many people present there simply stood by and watched, without coming forward to stop the attack or save the victim. Many are of the opinion that this situation is a clear indication of the decline in humanity and social responsibilities in society. In recent times, a series of murders, robberies, attacks on women, sexual harassment and other crimes have come to light, leading to a growing sense of insecurity among the people. The way criminals are committing crimes openly is also raising questions about the effectiveness of the law enforcement system. Law is not just rules on books. The test of real governance is to implement them impartially and without compromise. Only by taking strict action against everyone who commits a crime



and ensuring that the guilty are punished according to the law will faith in the law increase in society. At the same time, fear of the law will also arise among criminals. People are demanding that the government and the police system act more strictly and take uncompromising action against those who commit crimes to protect the lives of people, the safety of women and the maintenance of law and order. It is believed that only then will crimes be curbed and the rule of law in society be strengthened.

"How did KCR get a thousand-acre farmhouse?.. Don't give a chance to rule again": CM Revanth Reddy -- Questions rain on the assets of KCR, KTR, Kavitha, Harish Rao.. Call to make Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister..

Mahabubnagar: The gratitude meeting held in the joint Midjil mandal of Mahabubnagar district has become a political hot topic. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy lashed out at former CM KCR and the BRS leadership. "How did KCR get a thousand-acre farmhouse in Gajwel? Where did KTR, Kavitha, and Harish Rao get lands and farmhouses worth thousands of crores?" he asked a series of questions. The CM, who thanked the people of the middle class for his 20-year political career, urged the people not to give Telangana another chance for a predatory regime. He criticized that during the ten-year BRS rule, the poor did not get double-

bedroom houses, Dalits did not get three acres of land, and the unemployed did not get any jobs. Accusing that the state was being pushed into a huge debt trap, the CM said that his government was fulfilling the dream of the poor to have their own homes with Indiramma's houses. He said that they had set an example for the country by conducting a caste census in Telangana. Criticizing KCR for not coming to the assembly and not having the courage to speak on the problems of the people, Revanth Reddy made harsh comments, saying, "Just like they imprisoned Pashupathi in the movie Arundhati, people have imprisoned KCR in a farm-



house. There is no way he can get out of there." The CM expressed confidence that the rule of law in Telangana will continue till 2034 and said

that if the people give Congress a chance once again, the development of the state will progress faster. He warned that if BRS is given a chance,

the rule of exploitation will start again. Revanth Reddy called for the need to make Congress leader Rahul Gandhi the Prime Min-

Police crackdown on illegal weapons.. Youth arrested with 32 bore shotgun Indergarh Police's lightning action.. Live ammunition along with shotgun seized, case registered under Arms Act

Datia: The police are cracking down on illegal weapons in the district. During a special check conducted under Indergarh Police Station limits, the police arrested a youth who was illegally carrying a 32 bore shotgun and live ammunition. A case has been registered against the accused under the Arms Act and an investigation has been initiated. On the orders of Datia District SP Mayur Khandelwal, a team led by Additional SP Manjeet Chawla and Sevdha SDOP Ajay Chanana, led by Indergarh Police Station In-charge Inspector Gaurav Sharma conducted a raid near New Colony Road on Saturday based on reliable information. In this attack,

Girdhari alias Srikrishna Yadav (21)** of Godan village was arrested and searched, and a 32 bore illegal pistol and a live bullet were recovered from his possession. The police said that a case has been registered under Section 25(1)A of the Arms Act and a case has been registered under Crime No. 196/26 and the investigation is underway. Station In-charge Inspector Gaurav Sharma, along with Sub-Inspector Avtar Singh Yadav, Bhanu Dubey, Manjesh Tyagi, Praveen Parihar and Constable Ramniwas Yadav played a key role in this operation. This is considered a key success in crime control in the district as another il-



legal weapon was recovered with the swift action of the police officers.

Rabbani nominated for post: CM Revanth Reddy -- In 2006, Rabbani was defeated.. He made me win.. I will never repay your debt" The decision of the people of Midjil brought me to the CM's

Mahabubnagar: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy made emotional and politically interesting remarks at a thanksgiving meeting held in Midjil, Mahabubnagar district. He recalled that in 2006, he contested the ZPTC elections from Midjil mandal as an independent candidate and won. Revanth Reddy said that Rabbani contested on behalf of the Congress party in that election, and even though the then Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy had promised to give him the post of ZP chairman if he won, the people of Midjil blessed him and made him win. "The deci-

sion given by the people of Midjil that day shaped my political career. That victory brought me to the level of Chief Minister today. I will never forget your debt for the rest of my life," he said. At the same time, the CM, who showed political generosity, also remembered Congress leader Rabbani, who was defeated in that election. He revealed in the assembly that he had suggested to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to recognize his services for the party and give him a nominated post. The CM made it clear that he has an inseparable bond with the people of Midjil and will always



Promote Crop Diversification, Expand Oil Palm Cultivation: CS

Khammam: Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed officials to promote crop diversification and accelerate the expansion of oil palm cultivation across the State. Reviewing monsoon preparedness and public services through a video conference, he stressed coordinated action by all departments to ensure adequate farm inputs, prevent seasonal diseases and strengthen flood preparedness. District Collector Divakara TS informed that Khammam has no drinking water shortage, sufficient fertilizer stocks and a fully



Wanaparthy district journalists' group participated in TWJF state wide

Hyderabad / Wanaparthy, The Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF) state wide meeting was held on Saturday at the Padmavati D.P. Reddy Convention Hall in Amberpet, Hyderabad. The district team, led by TWJF Wanaparthy district president Ambati Swamy, attended the meeting and brought various issues of journalists to the attention of the state leadership. On this occasion, district president Ambati Swamy submitted the issues faced by journalists in Wanaparthy district to the state presidents in writing. Responding to the issues, General Secretary Ramakrishna Reddy said that TWJF should always stand by journalists in their legal matters and placed several issues before the state committee. In this state-wide meeting, Wanaparthy District President Ambati Swamy, District Chief Secretary Gangavaram Ramakrishna Reddy, State Council



Member M.D. Niranjan, Working Erramanna, Balaraju and others participated.

SFI Calls for Siege of Collectorates on July 6 Demands: Release of fee arrears, hike in mess bill allowances, and scrapping of FRS

Nandigama: SFI leaders from the Nandigama Mandal announced plans to stage protests in front of Collectorates on July 6, demanding the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement arrears across the state, the regular implementation of the fee reimbursement scheme, and the abolition of the FRS (Facial Recognition System) policy. Speaking on the occasion, they expressed concern that the issue of student fee arrears persists despite the change in gov-

ernment. They criticized the coalition government for failing to take concrete action on pending arrears, noting that promises to resolve fee-related issues remain unfulfilled. They highlighted that students in both private colleges and government universities/colleges are being denied permission to take exams due to unpaid fees, causing them severe hardship. They also expressed alarm over incidents where hostel facilities were closed to students who had not paid



their fees at Rayalaseema University. Furthermore, they demanded an increase in the monthly mess bill allowance to at least ₹3,000 to ensure the provision of quality food, arguing that current rates do not align with rising costs. Alleging that the FRS policy could reduce the number of beneficiaries eligible for

MLA 'Tatayya' Pays Grand Tributes to Eminent Figures Massive Bike Rally for Vangaveeti Ranga's Birth Anniversary

Jaggayyapeta : MLA and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Politburo member Sriram Rajagopal ('Tatayya') paid grand tributes by garlanding the statues of Swami Vivekananda (on his death anniversary), the legendary 'Manyam Veerudu' Alluri Sitarama Raju (on his birth anniversary), and Konijeti Rosaiah—former Chief

Minister of the undivided Andhra Pradesh and former Governor of Tamil Nadu (on his birth anniversary)—at the Jaggayyapeta RTC Bus Stand area. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA remarked that Swami Vivekananda's teachings continue to inspire the youth today, and that Alluri Sitarama Raju's sacrifice and patri-

tism serve as an ideal for future generations. He also lauded former Chief Minister Konijeti Rosaiah, describing him as symbol of simplicity, honesty, and administrative acumen. Subsequently, to mark the birth anniversary of the popular leader Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga, a massive bike rally was organized, starting from

the MLA's residence. At the Ranga statue located on Kodad Road, MLA Sriram Rajagopal ('Tatayya') and Sriram Chinnababu, accompanied by party leaders, paid their respects by garlanding the statue. The MLA stated that Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga was a leader who fought throughout his life to resolve the people's is-

TRISHA KRISHNAN REMEMBERS HER LAST MEETING WITH BHAGYARAJ

Mumbai, June : Actress Trisha Krishnan expressed her grief on the sudden demise of veteran Tamil actor, director, and screenwriter K. Bhagyaraj, who left for heavenly abode in Chennai on June 27. He passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest at the age of 73. Sending her condolences to the grieving family, Trisha recalled her last meeting with K. Bhagyaraj at the wedding of Avantika Sundar, the elder daughter of actor-politician Khushbu Sundar and filmmaker Sundar C, in Goa. She remembered how they even shared a meal during the wedding. Trisha took to the Stories section of her official Instagram handle and wrote, "RIP Dear Bhagyaraj, sir. It's hard to believe we were just sharing a meal together yesterday and I hear this heartbreaking news today. All my love and strength to Poomima Maam, Shanthanu, Amlu, Kiki. (sic)" In a tribute to the late filmmaker for his immense contribution to Indian cinema, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister



C Joseph also announced full state honours for K. Bhagyaraj. In his statement, the Chief Minister said that the director enjoys an everlasting place in the hearts of the Tamil people with his films that showcase rural lifestyles, along with a deep emotional connection with the family. "His demise is an irreplaceable loss to Tamil cinema. I convey my deepest condolences and sympathies to his grieving family, relatives, friends fans and members of the

film fraternity. I pray that his soul rests in peace at the divine feet of the Lord," he shared. "In recognition of Thiru. K. Bhagyaraj's contributions to the film industry and as a mark of respect, state honours will be accorded to his final journey," the Chief Minister added. One of the gems of the Tamil film industry, K. Bhagyaraj is survived by his better half Poomima Bhagyaraj, his son Shanthnu Bhagyaraj and his daughter Saranya Bhagyaraj.

ROHIT SHETTY RECEIVES ₹20 CRORE EXTORTION THREAT FROM LAWRENCE BISHNOI GANG

Mumbai, June : Months after the firing at his Juhu home, filmmaker Rohit Shetty has reportedly received a threat from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, demanding Rs 20 crore as extortion money. The threat was allegedly made through an audio clip, in which the accused reportedly said that if the director fails to pay the money, he will be the direct target this time. The reports suggest that in the audio clip, they further said that the firing at Rohit Shetty's Juhu house was only a trailer, and if he does not pay them, this time, the bullets would be directed at the filmmaker himself. Threatening the filmmaker through the audio clip, the Lawrence Bishnoi gang has allegedly ordered him to pay an extortion of Rs 20 crore. According to the police, on Saturday morning, Rohit Shetty's staff found an audio clip about 90 seconds long. The clip is believed to have the voice of Shubham Lonkar, a close aide of Lawrence, who is wanted in connection with the 2024 murder of leader Baba Siddiqui, along with the firing at Rohit Shetty's house in Feb-



bruary 2026. A Mumbai Crime Branch official shared that Rohit Shetty's staff has handed over the audio to the police. As per the initial investigation, the voice in the clip is believed to

be that of Shubham Lonkar. The clip has been sent for forensic examination.

Refreshing your memory, in February, five bullets were fired outside Rohit Shetty's Juhu

residence near Hasya Kalakar Mehmoed Chowk. The responsibility for the attack was claimed by the Lawrence gang. The shots were fired by a bike-borne Deepak Shanna, who was

When Aishwarya Rai Bachchan spoke about building a lasting friendship with Rani Mukerji

Mumbai, June : Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan had once opened up about her friendship with Rani Mukerji. In a throwback interview, the 'Taal' actress spoke warmly about her bond with Rani, revealing how the two grew close while touring together for nearly 45 days on an international concert tour. Aishwarya recalled how their bond strengthened during an international world tour. During her old appearance in the show "Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai," Aishwarya revealed that spending nearly 45 days together while traveling, performing, and staying with their families helped them develop a close and comfortable equation. The 'Devdas' actress also dismissed the perception that actresses in the same industry cannot be friends, describing Rani as "very warm" and "very friendly." Aishwarya said, "Two years ago, actually, we had met once. She's also a very warm girl. Very friendly. Very easy, also. We've got no hang-ups. It's really, really easy. And we were on the world tour together, our first world tour together, doing shows." "During the



shows, we got to live together for virtually 45 days. We were performing, we were working, we were staying together, and the bond grew from there. We were with our families. This was two and a half years ago, and we've kept in touch ever since and through it all. I mean, I know people find it very tough to believe that actresses in the same world can have all kinds of problems. But no." Rani Mukerji was also expected to appear on the show alongside Aishwarya, but she was unable to attend due to ill health.

Despite her absence, she made sure to be a part of the occasion by sending a heartfelt video message for Aishwarya. In her message, the 'Bunty Aur Babli' actress stated, "You know I love you. I'm so sorry I couldn't come for the show because you know I'm unwell. As you know, I'm always unwell and couldn't make it to Delhi. But just to let you know that I love you and you mean a lot to me. I just love you Aish. I don't think I need to say it. But because of everyone I have to say it on TV

again. I just want to say one thing that we are going to be friends forever." However, their friendship reportedly did not last long. The turning point came during the making of the 2003 film "Chalte Chalte." Aishwarya Rai Bachchan was originally cast as the female lead opposite Shah Rukh Khan, but she was later replaced by Rani Mukerji. Over time, this incident created a rift between the two actresses, and they eventually drifted apart. What began as a promising friendship soon became one of Bollywood's

VISHNU MANCHU ON 1 YEAR OF KANNAPPA: A JOURNEY THAT TESTED ME IN EVERY POSSIBLE



Mumbai, June : It has been a year since Vishnu Manchu's epic devotional drama 'Kannappa' reached the audience. Marking the special occasion, Vishnu Manchu penned a heartfelt note on social media, looking back at the fulfilling journey, which he claims ended up testing him in every way possible. He wrote on the photo-sharing app, "One year ago today, Kannappa found its way to all of

you. (Red heart emoji) Some films entertain. Some films change you. Kannappa did both for me. It was a journey of faith, sacrifice, and belief. A journey that tested me in every possible way and gave me memories I will carry for a lifetime. (sic)" Vishnu Manchu further expressed his gratitude to the viewers for keeping the momentum for "Kannappa" going long after its release. "To everyone who watched it

in theatres, discovered it later on OTT, celebrated it, critiqued it, and kept talking about it... thank you. Your love has kept Kannappa alive far beyond its release. A year later, my heart is still full. Har Har Mahadev. (folded hands emoji)," concluded the post. Made under the direction of Mukesh Kumar Singh, the script for the drama has been provided by Vishnu Manchu himself. Backed by Vishnu Manchu's father

Mohan Babu, the project has been inspired by the legend of Kannappa in the Hindu mythology, a devotee of Lord Shiva who sacrificed his eyes. Produced under the banner of AVA Entertainment, along with 24 Frames Factory 'Kannappa', features Vishnu Manchu in the title role, with Mohanlal, Prabhas, Akshay Kumar, Kajal Aggarwal, Preity Mukhundan, Mohan Babu, R. Sarathkumar, Madhoo, Mukesh Rishi,

TN CM VIJAY ANNOUNCES FULL STATE HONOURS FOR DIRECTOR K BHAGYARAJ

Mumbai: Expressing shock and profound sorrow at the demise of veteran director K. Bhagyaraj, who passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph on Saturday announced full state honours for the iconic director as a mark of respect to the late filmmaker, who has made phenomenal contributions to the film industry. In a statement, which was shared on the official handle of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on X, Vijay expressed profound shock and grief at the demise of one of Tamil cinema's finest directors K. Bhagyaraj, who, he pointed out had also made his mark as an actor, screenplay writer, dialogue writer and music director as well. Stating that the director had earmarked an ever-



lasting place for himself in the hearts of the Tamil people through his unique manner of story telling, humor-infused performances and his films that showcased rural lifestyles and the deep emotions attached to family relationships, Vijay said Bhagyaraj's contributions to the Tamil film industry were immeasurable. Pointing out that each of Bhagyaraj's creations would

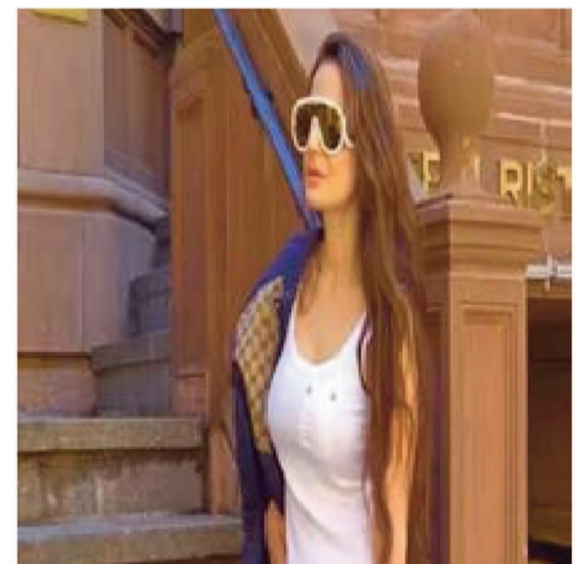
remain forever as timeless memories, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister said that they would not only continue to entertain but would also stress on human and social values. "His demise is an irreplaceable loss to Tamil cinema. I convey my deepest condolences and sympathies to his grieving family, relatives, friends fans and members of the film fraternity. I pray that

his soul rests in peace at the divine feet of the Lord," he added. "In recognition of Thiru. K. Bhagyaraj's contributions to the film industry and as a mark of respect, state honours will be accorded to his final journey," the Chief Minister said. For the unaware, one of India's finest screenplay writers and eminent Tamil film director and actor K. Bhagyaraj passed away here on Saturday after suffering a major cardiac arrest. He was 73. The veteran director and actor, who is considered to one of the legends of the Tamil film industry, is survived by his wife Poomima Bhagyaraj, son Shanthnu Bhagyaraj and daughter Saranya Bhagyaraj. Sources close to the actor said that Bhagyaraj complained of chest pain after returning

AMEESHA PATEL SOAKS IN THE NEW YORK SUN, ENJOYS SUMMER VIBES

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Ameesha Patel is currently enjoying her getaway in the Big Apple as she is soaking up the summer vibes and the sunny day in New York. Ameesha shared a glimpse into her holiday with a video montage featuring the actress looking gorgeous in blue denim shorts, a white T-shirt, a baseball cap and a jacket. The clip featured the actress catching up with friends and exploring some of the city's picturesque locations. For the caption, Ameesha wrote: "NEW YORK — soaking in the New York sun n vibes !!! Summer summer summer time!!" The 51-year-old actress made her acting

debut in 2000 with the romantic thriller film 'Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai'. This success continued with the Telugu action film 'Badri' and the top-grossing period film 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha'. She was then seen starring in 'Humraaz' and 'Kya Yehi Pyaar Hai'. Ameesha was then seen in films such as 'Honeymoon Travels Pvt. Ltd.', 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' and 'Race 2'. Her latest success includes 'Gadar 2'. The sequel to 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha', it stars Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel, and Utkarsh Sharma, all reprising their lead roles from the original, with Simrat Kaur, Manisha Wadhwa, and Gaurav Chopra. The film follows



Tara Singh's return to Pakistan in order to rescue his imprisoned son Jeete during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. She was last seen in 'Tauba Tera Jalwa', a roman-

tic comedy directed by Akashaditya Lama. It stars Jatin Khurana, Ameesha and Angela Krislinzki. The film released in 2024 and was a dud at the box-office. On June 26, Ameesha