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Banks' goal is to increase farmers' income: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka



Hyderabad, August 19: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka gave key instructions to the bankers at the state level bankers' meeting. He suggested

that banks should go to the farmers to ensure that every eligible farmer gets timely loans. He clarified that they should work with the aim of increasing the income of farmers, not just giving loans. He said that Rs. 52,337 crore loans have been provided to the agriculture sector till June 2026. He ordered to further increase loans to the dairy, fisheries, horticulture,

palm oil and food processing sectors. He advised the bankers to analyze why the income of farmers who cannot repay loans has decreased and find solutions to the problems. He said that it is important not only to sanction loans to MSMEs but also to provide funds on time. He revealed that 16,265 proposals worth Rs. 4,463 crore have been approved under

CGTMSE. He clarified that traders should not be troubled with collateral terms for loans. Bhatti Vikramarka suggested that special banking strategies should be formulated in accordance with the Cure, Pure and Rare. He said that a 'banking roadmap' should be prepared in accordance with the goals of Telangana Rising 2047.

He said that the goal is to take the state's economy to 1 trillion dollars by 2034 and 3 trillion dollars by 2047. He said that 19.13 lakh accounts in Jan Dhan accounts are in zero balance. He ordered that business correspondents should be made more active so that banking services are provided to every village.

Don't believe rumors and fabrications CM Revanth Reddy's key statement on 22A lands

Hyderabad, August 19: Telangana CM Revanth Reddy made a key announcement on the 22A land issue. He made it clear that private land owners will not face any problems. He said that even if a slot is booked for registration for lands in the 22A list, the revenue officials will examine it within two days and take steps to register it immediately if it is private land. CM Revanth Reddy has made it clear that the owners will not face any difficulties in the 22A land issue. The Chief Minister, who held a review with Revenue Minister Ponguleti and other senior officials on this issue, made it clear that his government is committed to protecting the property rights of the people. He said that the government will take



steps to ensure that those who own properties do not face any obstacles in registering them. He said that if it is private land, they can get it registered immediately. CM Revanth Reddy advised people not to believe in rumors and fabricated stories and not to resort to brokers. Revanth Reddy said that if the properties of those who have taken a slot online for registration are in the 22-A list, the revenue officials will examine them within two days and if it is private land,

the registration will be done immediately. He said that the district collectors will thoroughly examine the 22-A list lands and prepare a proper list for permanent settlement. He ordered that there should be no mistakes in it and this process should be completed quickly. Revanth Reddy said that people need not worry about their land rights. He advised them not to resort to brokers and middlemen in the matter of 22-A lands and not to believe in rumors and fabricated stories. He assured that the state government is committed to protecting the property rights of the people and will not let even an inch of land come into trouble regarding private lands..

'If the Gowdas decide, we will have power for another five years'.. CM Revanth at the unveiling of Papanna's statue!

Hyderabad, August 19: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy unveiled the statue of Sardar Papanna Goud in Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, he made sensational remarks that if the Gouds wanted, the Congress could be brought to power for another five terms. Remembering the sacrifices of Papanna Goud, he said that the government is committed to the welfare of the Gouds and other castes. He reiterated that social development is possible only through education and that he is ready to allocate funds for this. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy

unveiled the statue of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud in front of the State Secretariat in Hyderabad. The CM praised Sarvai Papanna Goud as a hero who fought for the establishment of an equal society. He said that despite achieving many successes in history, they have not been able to fully share them with the society. Revanth Reddy said that there are books and historical evidence about Papanna Goud in the British Museum. He said that a suitable place has been provided for the Papanna statue on Necklace

Road so that tourists coming to Hyderabad from India and abroad can visit it. He said that not only unveiling the statues but also their maintenance is important. He said that the same importance will be given to the Papanna statue as the martyrs' stupa. The CM announced that the Bahujan leader Pandanga Sayanna will also be given due respect. He said that steps will be taken to officially celebrate his birth anniversary. He said that the government is paying special attention to the welfare of Gowda, Weavers and Geeta workers. It was revealed



that it has been decided to provide pensions to Weavers and Geeta workers and that the cultivation of palm and coconut trees will be encouraged. Revanth Reddy commented that if the Gowdas wanted to, they could bring the Con-

gress government to power for another five terms. He expressed confidence that the Congress would come to power again if 117 assembly seats are formed in Telangana after the delimitation. He said that his government has given key positions to activists.

We will provide complete protection to people's property rights: CM Revanth



Hyderabad, August 19: Telangana CM Revanth Reddy has made it clear that the property rights of

the people will be fully protected. CM Revanth Reddy held a review with top officials on 22-A prohibited lands at the Secretariat on Tuesday. He made it clear that an inquiry will be conducted within 2 days on the private lands in the 22-A list. He announced that if it is found to be private land, it will be registered

immediately. On this occasion, he announced that a comprehensive review of 22-A lands will be conducted district-wise. He issued instructions to the officials to prepare a final list without any errors. He said that not even a single inch of private lands will be disturbed. He assured the people not to worry about land rights.

BRS launches legal cell for victims affected by 22A restrictions

Hyderabad: August, 19: The BRS has set up a legal cell at Telangana Bhavan to provide free legal assistance to people affected by properties being included in the 22A prohibited list. BRS deputy leader and former Minister T Harish Rao announced a panel of 10 advocates led by advocate Kalyan in this regard. He demanded the immediate removal of wrongly included properties from the prohibited list and sought action against officials. He also sought the removal of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy from the Cabinet. He warned that the BRS would mobilise victims for a protest at the Chief Minister's

residence if the government failed to respond within a day or Following a meeting with 22A victims at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Harish Rao assured them that the BRS would stand by them and urged them not to sell their properties at distress prices or pay commissions to get restrictions removed. He



said victims could approach

the BRS legal cell for free legal assistance. "Properties in approved layouts and houses purchased decades ago are being brought under 22A restrictions. The government itself is allowing the system to be exploited for commissions and settlements," he remarked. He suspected a major conspiracy over the inclusion of even approved layouts and apartments in the prohibited list. Citing specific cases, the BRS deputy leader stated that 30 acres in survey numbers 282, 283 and 284 in Budvel were cleared from the 22A list overnight, while properties in Serilingampally were allegedly removed and later re-entered into the

prohibited list. He also raised the issue of 500 houses in Ameenpur's KSR Colony being included in the prohibited list despite a Supreme Court judgment. Downloading Interactive Geographic Maps Harish Rao questioned the government's handling of the issue, pointing to differing statements by Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and officials over the inclusion of private lands in the 22A list. He also asked why Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had not ordered a CID inquiry despite claims by Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy that 40,000 acres in Yadadri Bhongir district had been included in the list.

Tamil Nadu MLAs to get government vehicles, Rs one lakh allowance

Chennai: August 19: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Wednesday announced that MLAs in the state will get a government vehicle and a monthly allowance of Rs one lakh, all for transparent, good governance. Among a series of announcements made on the floor of the Assembly, Vijay also increased the medical insurance cover to Rs 25 lakh per annum from the current Rs 5 lakh under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme. Medical and surgical treat-

ment services for transgender individuals will be additionally provided at seven government medical college hospitals, he said. He also announced a hike in the procurement price of state-run 'Aavin' milk from Rs 38 to Rs 41 per litre, entailing an additional expenditure of Rs 360 crore per annum, benefiting 3.16 lakh milk producers. On the announcement pertaining to MLAs, Vijay said that the string of perks would help legislators not be dependent on others for their official requirements and en-

able them to work without making any compromises, in an independent and honest manner. "I am happy to announce that the government will provide vehicles to all MLAs," he said, adding it would assist newly elected legislators, as well as those serving without financial means, in addressing public grievances. The CM announced Rs 75,000 allowance per month for vehicle maintenance, fuel expenses and expenditure on hiring a driver. Also, Rs 25,000 will be provided to recruit an assistant. He underscored



that the announcement on perks for MLAs is in alignment with the TVK regime's goal of corruption-free, transparent, good governance. Necessary amendments will be made to relevant laws to give effect to the perks, he said..

Tejashwi Yadav detained during Patna march over NEET paper leak



Patna: August 19: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Wednesday braved water cannons before being detained in Patna, where he was leading thousands of supporters during a march to the Lok Bhavan over the recent police action on students who demonstrated against the NEET paper leak. Yadav, also the Leader of Opposition in the Bihar assembly, was bundled into a police van, along with key aides like Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Yadav, and the vehicle took them to an undisclosed location. SSP Kartikeya K Sharma confirmed that Tejashwi Yadav was detained. Police officers, however, were tight-lipped about the whereabouts of the leaders, whose detention left the supporters outraged, with

many of them trying to clamber atop the vehicle to prevent it from moving. The RJD's march is aimed at demanding stern action against police personnel in various districts of the state, especially Siwan, where a constable had allegedly used an AK 47 rifle during the student protests. The constable was suspended days after the July 25 incident and SP Pooran Kumar Jha was transferred on August 18. "Why just a transfer? Both the DM and the SP should have been suspended," one of the RJD supporters screamed when approached by reporters before the march took off from the JP Golambar, a roundabout named after legendary socialist leader Jay Prakash Narayan. Tejashwi Yadav, who had a day ago voiced fears of "excessive use of force" against his Lok Bhavan march, managed to breach the barricades put up at the Dak Bungalow crossing, only to be blocked by a heavy contingent of police

at the Income Tax roundabout, situated close to the Patna High Court premises. The former deputy CM and his supporters stood waving the tricolour, undeterred by water cannons that were used by the police. Some of them also carried dummies of the AK-47 rifle. "These tactics are not going to dampen our spirits. We will make the government see reason and listen to the voice of the students." The government is pushing the future of students into darkness. Exam papers are getting leaked frequently," he alleged, while being put inside a police van. Meanwhile, SDM (Patna Sadar) Kritika urged the agitators to show respect to the national flag during the march. "It is being observed here that several people are holding the national flag upside down. Under the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, disrespecting the tricolour is unconstitutional and punishable," she said. RJD MLA Bhair Vendra

said the rallyists were scheduled to submit a memorandum to the governor at the Lok Bhavan. According to police sources, a delegation of the protesters would be allowed to meet the Bihar governor. "It is important to understand the emotions of Gen Z. The government used AK-47 rifles against the protesting students in Bihar, and pellet guns and nail-embedded batons against them in Delhi, just because they demanded an honest and transparent examination system. "We are staging this march to bring all these aspects to the notice of the Bihar governor," RJD MP Manoj Jha told PTI Videos. Reacting to the party's march, BJP state president Sanjay Saraogi claimed that it was a rally to "save the career" of Tejashwi Yadav. "He failed as a student, cricketer and politician. Now, he is trying to play politics around an issue that the Bihar government has already resolved," Saraogi asserted.

Congress, Revanth Reddy claim credit for KCR's TIMS projects



Hyderabad, August 19: In recent weeks, a familiar political tug-of-war has emerged, with the current Congress administration, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, facing intense criticism for attempting to hijack the legacy and credit of the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) projects. Downloading Interactive Geographic Maps While the incumbent government has overseen ribbon-cutting ceremonies for completed milestones like the Sanathnagar campus, the historical record tells a vastly different story. When the first wave of the Covid-

19 pandemic exposed severe strains on urban medical infrastructure, it was former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and his administration who originally conceptualized this bold, decentralized model to bring corporate-level, super-specialty healthcare completely free of cost to the urban poor. Exploring Guided Local City Tours Realizing that Hyderabad's massive urban sprawl required local affordable super-specialty hospitals rather than depending on a single central hospital like Gandhi Hospital, the BRS leadership came up with the vision of developing a ring of multi-specialty institutions encircling the city. The strategy materialized initially with the emergency conversion of the Gachibowli sports facility, before scaling into a

multi-thousand-crore commitment to build permanent teaching and super-specialty TIMS hospitals in all four directions of the capital. Later, the foundation of these grand plans were set in motion on April 26, 2022 when the former Chief Minister personally performed the bhumi puja and sanctioned funds to simultaneously launch the Sanathnagar, Alwal, and LB Nagar TIMS megaprojects. Heavy infrastructural groundwork and execution contracts were firmly established during the BRS government period, with key architects including former Health Minister T. Harish Rao driving the administrative clearances, site allocations, and foundational construction long before any subsequent administration stepped in. Subscribing

To Political News Outlets A state-of-the-art super-specialty affordable hospital for the general public of Hyderabad is a welcome milestone but the historical record will always remain clear, the TIMS revolution was born entirely from the foresight and administrative resolve of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao. The TIMS TIMELINE: TIMS Project Timeline & Major Landmarks April 10, 2020: BRS Government announces Gachibowli Stadium sports hostel as TIMS multi-specialty hospital. April 25, 2020: Issues G.O. Ms. No. 22 formally establishing TIMS. July 6, 2020: TIMS Gachibowli officially opens a 1,500-bed COVID-19 tertiary care facility.

EDITORIAL

Food Labels: Health First

A packet of biscuits, a bottle of a sugary drink or a box of breakfast cereal can reveal a great deal about what consumers are buying—but only if the information is clear enough to understand. In India, that basic principle has become the centre of a major regulatory debate. The Supreme Court has recently criticised the Centre and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) over delays in introducing front-of-pack warning labels for packaged foods high in sugar, salt and saturated fat. The Court has given the government two weeks to place its final decision on record. This is not merely a dispute about packaging design. It is a question of public health versus commercial convenience. For years, consumers have been expected to turn packets around, search through small print and interpret complicated nutritional tables before making a purchase. That approach assumes that every consumer has the time and knowledge to decode technical information. A simple, prominent warning on the front of a package could make that decision considerably easier. The concern is particularly relevant as India confronts a growing burden of lifestyle-related diseases. Excessive consumption of sugar, salt and unhealthy fats is associated with obesity and several non-communicable diseases. Consumers therefore deserve information that is visible, understandable and difficult to misinterpret. The food industry, understandably, argues that labelling regulations can increase compliance costs, affect product presentation and create confusion if standards are changed repeatedly. Such concerns deserve consideration. But regulation should not become so industry-friendly that consumers are left without meaningful information. The controversy becomes even more significant because FSSAI's latest proposal reportedly favours displaying recommended daily limits for added sugar, saturated fat and salt rather than adopting prominent warning-style labels. Critics question whether such a format will be sufficiently visible and understandable to ordinary consumers. There is also a larger problem: misleading health claims. Terms such as "healthy", "natural", "heart-friendly" and "high protein" can influence purchasing decisions even when the overall nutritional profile of a product tells a different story. FSSAI has recently intensified scrutiny of such claims, demonstrating why stronger labelling standards are necessary. The government must therefore ensure that food regulation is guided primarily by scientific evidence and consumer welfare. Industry consultation is necessary, but public health cannot become negotiable simply because regulation is inconvenient for manufacturers. The objective should not be to demonise packaged food companies. It should be to give citizens honest information before they buy. A transparent food label does not take away consumer choice; it strengthens it. India's food policy must ultimately answer one simple question: When commercial interests and public health collide, whose side should regulation stand on? The answer should be clear. The health of citizens must come first.



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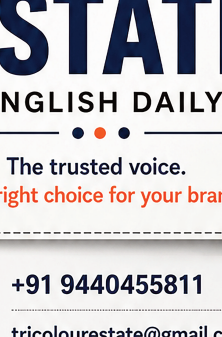
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Bandi Sanjay Urges Students to Excel

Karimnagar: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar visited SR Digi School in Ashok Nagar during the launch of road widening works in the city. Deputy Mayor Sunil Rao, local Corporator Uma Ramana and others were present. SR Educational Institutions DGM Sachin and Principal Manasa warmly welcomed Bandi Sanjay and felicitated him with a bouquet. Addressing the students, Bandi Sanjay appreciated the management and teachers for their efforts towards the overall development of students. He urged students to study hard with discipline, achieve greater heights and dedicate themselves to the service of the nation. DGM Sachin said the institution focuses on quality education beyond textbooks, while encouraging creativity and leadership among students. He said the Minister's visit inspired and motivated the students. Principal Manasa thanked Bandi Sanjay for visiting the school and motivating the students. Teachers, students, staff and local leaders attended the programme.



Fauzi Independence Gift Is Absolute Blast



Rebel Star Prabhas’ first look from the craziest Pan India project Fauzi, directed by Hanu Raghavapudi on Mythri Movie Makers, has become nationwide sensation. The actor indeed changed his instagram DP for the first time after 7 years to Fauzi poster. Meanwhile, the makers have paid a powerful Independence Day tribute through a special poster.

Prabhas is seen in a blood-stained, battle-scarred avatar, walking barefoot through a street in Hyderabad, as we can spot Charminar behind him. His battered clothing with two different guns in his two hands suggests a character who has endured the brutality of war. The old man behind him, dressed in traditional attire and carrying a stick, walks ahead of him, while burning structures and debris create a grim atmosphere around them. The makers have accompanied the poster with a thought-provoking statement: “Saluting the spirit of every Fauzi who fought for our tomorrow.” Through these words, the makers appear to connect the title Fauzi with the spirit of fighters who stood firm in difficult circumstances and sacrificed for the future. Fauzi marks an ambitious period drama featuring Prabhas in a distinctive setting. Prabhas’ mysterious appearance, the war-ravaged surroundings and the historical backdrop collectively create an atmosphere that feels both raw and epic. Fauzi is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on December 3.

SDT’s Sambarala Yeti Gattu Joins Sankranthi Race

It is now a wrap for Sambarala Yeti Gattu. Sai Durgha Tej’s much-anticipated Pan-India project has completed its entire shooting phase, bringing the lengthy production journey to a close. The team has wasted no time moving into the next stage, with post-production activities currently advancing at a fast pace. The film comes from Primeshow Entertainment, the production banner of K Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy, and is helmed by newcomer Rohith KP. The makers have also declared that the movie being crafted on a massive scale will hit the screens during Sankranthi 202 on January 12. This shows the confidence the makers have in the movie, given the sankranthi will witnesses several other big ticket movies gracing the cinemas. Sai Durgha Tej appears in one of his most ferocious avatars in the poster. With a blood-stained appearance, thick beard, untamed hair and a weapon in hand, the actor is seen moving forward through a location engulfed in fire. The dramatic flames and smoke-filled backdrops give the poster a larger-than-life action feel. The project is another unique attempt by SDT to explore a distinctive character while combining performance-oriented moments with action and mass appeal. The film’s early promotional material has already offered a glimpse into its scale. The response to the Asura Aagamanaglimpse in particular has helped build curiosity. The cast includes Aishwarya Lekshmi, Jagapathi Babu, Sai Kumar, Srikanth and Ananya Nagalla in important roles. A leading Bollywood actor is also part of the project in a crucial character.

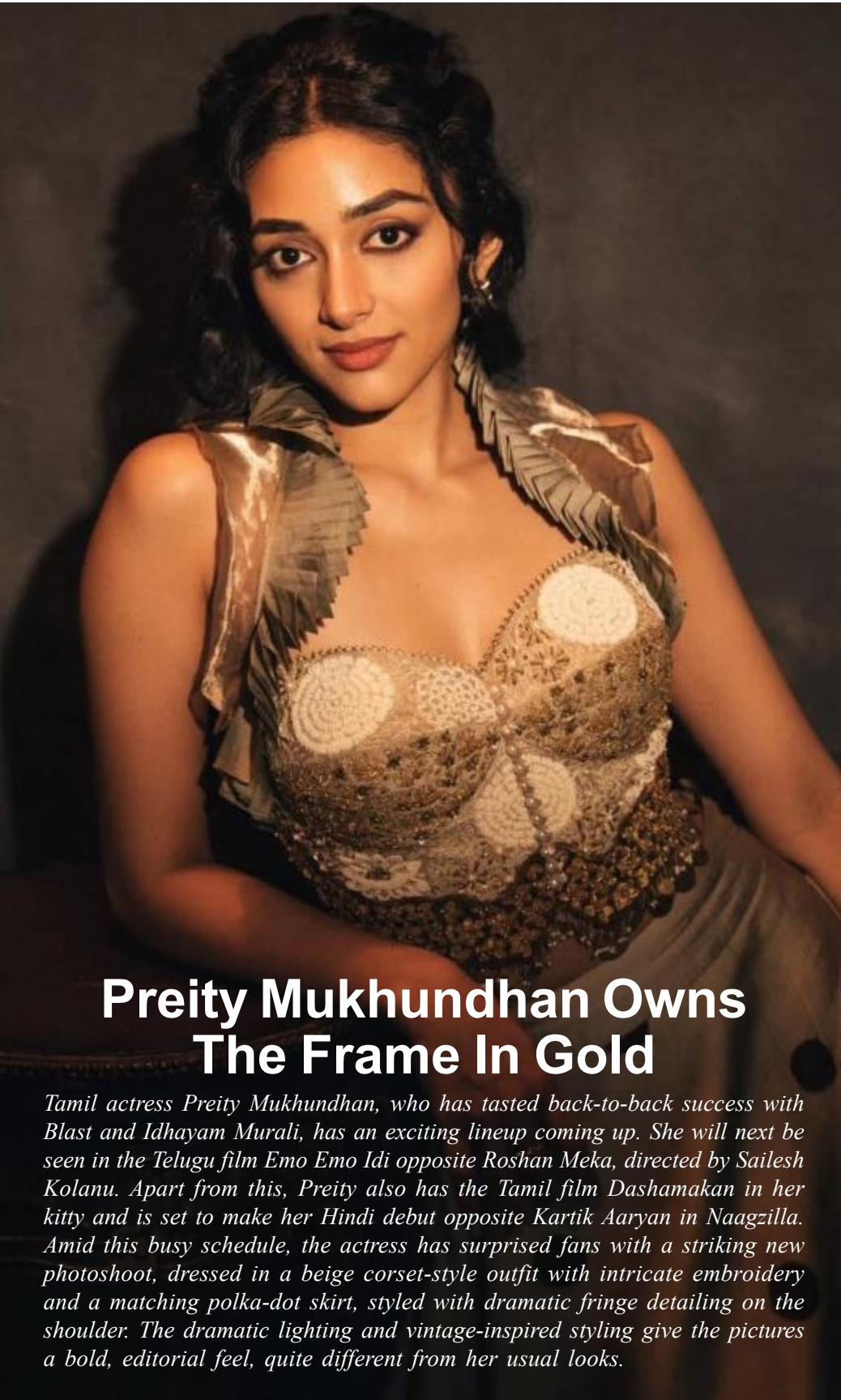


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Shivathmika Rajashekar’s Sage Crop Top Steals Show

Shivathmika Rajashekar, who won hearts last year with her performances in Bomb and Aaromaley, is back in the spotlight with a fresh set of pictures. The actress shared her latest photoshoot on social media, and it did not take long for fans to shower her with likes and comments. In the new pictures, Shivathmika is seen striking relaxed poses by a window, dressed in a soft sage-green crop top paired with flowy black pants. Her wavy, tousled hair and dewy, minimal makeup keep the look effortless, while the soft daylight streaming in gives the frame a warm, candid feel. Shivathmika currently has no film releases lined up, but she continues to stay connected with her fans through regular fashion posts and photoshoots online.



Preity Mukhundhan Owns The Frame In Gold

Tamil actress Preity Mukhundhan, who has tasted back-to-back success with Blast and Idhayam Murali, has an exciting lineup coming up. She will next be seen in the Telugu film Emo Emo Idi opposite Roshan Meka, directed by Saillesh Kolanu. Apart from this, Preity also has the Tamil film Dashamakan in her kitty and is set to make her Hindi debut opposite Kartik Aaryan in Naagzilla. Amid this busy schedule, the actress has surprised fans with a striking new photoshoot, dressed in a beige corset-style outfit with intricate embroidery and a matching polka-dot skirt, styled with dramatic fringe detailing on the shoulder. The dramatic lighting and vintage-inspired styling give the pictures a bold, editorial feel, quite different from her usual looks.

Part 1 Was a Disaster, Part 2 Is Heading Towards Blockbuster!

Emraan Hashmi’s Awarapan 2 is turning out to be one of the biggest surprises at the box office this year. Despite receiving mixed reviews from critics, the film has opened strongly and is now heading towards super-hit status. Interestingly, the first Awarapan was a box-office failure. However, the film slowly gained a cult following through its songs, emotional story, and Emraan Hashmi’s performance, which helped it earn a loyal fan base over time. According to trade estimates, the film has been made on a budget of less than Rs 50 crore by Vishesh Films. In a remarkable start, it reportedly recovered nearly half of its budget on the very first day. Trade



circles are expecting First Weekend collections to touch the Rs 50 crore mark, which would put the film on a strong path. If the current trend continues, Awarapan 2 could recover its entire budget within its first weekend itself, which is huge.

Another surprising aspect is its performance in South Indian cities, especially Hyderabad. Despite facing competition from Vishwanath & Sons, the film is attracting strong occupancy. All eyes are now on its first weekend box office numbers.

Mamitha As Maddy: The New-Gen Hasini

It is already known that heroines often get limited screen time in big-hero films. Be it Srinidhi Shetty in the KGF films, Shruti Haasan’s role in Salaar, Alia Bhatt’s role in RRR, or even the severe backlash that came for Janhvi Kapoor’s role in Peddi, they all had one thing in common that is heroines getting less important roles. Rashmika Mandanna was one of the few actresses who got some memorable episodes in Pushpa, which worked in her favour. Even then, it was Allu Arjun’s dominance all over. At a time like this, when female characters are often given less importance, getting a role that offers both performance scope and almost equal screen space with the hero is a big opportunity for any actress. Mamitha Baiju seems to have got exactly that chance with Vishwanath And Sons. Mamitha plays Maddy, a young medical student who enters the life of Suriya (Sanjay Vishwanath) while taking care of his ailing child. She brings a fresh and innocent feel to the role, which makes the relationship and emotional moments work better. This brings back memories of Bommarillu and the character of Hasini, played by Genelia D’Souza. Hasini’s innocent, care-free and slightly irritating nature became one of the biggest highlights of the film. In fact, many young audiences remembered Hasini more than Siddharth’s character. The dialogues “Anthe



Na?...Inkem Kavali” and “Veelayithe Nalugu Matalu..Kudirithe Cup Coffee?” became quite popular and went viral among the youth. Mamitha’s character in Vishwanath And Sons may not reach the level of Hasini, but in terms of screen presence and importance, she has certainly got a special role. Mamitha was also part of Vijay’s Jana Nayagan, where she played an important character. However, the film’s negative result did not give her much benefit. The film managed a decent run in Tamil Nadu mainly because of Vijay’s image but received a poor response in other markets. VAS, however, delivers the much-needed relief for Mamitha Baiju.

Directed by Venky Atluri, the family entertainer is getting a better response in the Telugu states than in Tamil Nadu. The film could now give Mamitha a much-needed boost in Telugu cinema. With Mamitha’s stunning performance and strong screen presence, more Telugu offers could be on the way. Mamitha plays a character who develops a special bond with a young boy while also having several fun moments with Suriya and Radhika Sarathkumar. She has made the most of the role with a lively performance. After her introduction, it is difficult to find many scenes in the film without Mamitha. Her character has become an important part of the story.

AISTS India, YIPESU partner to strengthen sports education in Telangana



Hyderabad: AISTS India and Young India Physical Education & Sports University (YIPESU) have entered into a strategic academic partnership aimed at strengthening sports education, developing globally benchmarked academic programmes and establishing Telangana as a leading destination for international sports education. The partnership will establish a long-term framework for collaboration be-

tween the two institutions, with a focus on jointly offering the AISTS India Post Graduate Certificate Programme (PGCP). The initiative aims to create stronger pathways for students through exchange opportunities, internships, industry exposure and placements, connecting learners with the broader Indian and international sports ecosystem. The institutions will also explore

the development of internationally benchmarked programmes across sports management and related disciplines. Mr Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, Hyderabad Metropolitan Area and Department of Sports, Government of Telangana, committed his full support to the partnership to ensure that it benefits a wide cross-section of the youth in Telangana. Dr Kishore Gopinathan, Vice-Chancellor,

YIPESU, said, "Through this partnership with AISTS India, we take a decisive step towards a dream we have long held: placing the Indian sports academic system firmly on the global stage. Together, we will build a cycle of excellence that meets the highest international standards, ensuring our institutions, our coaches and our athletes are never found wanting when measured against the world's best." "This collaboration enables the university to move decisively towards its goals, with immediate academic pursuits that can begin without delay and are designed to benefit the students of Telangana directly," he said. "Through AISTS India's expertise, our students will gain access to a quality of learning that strengthens the wider sporting ecosystem of the state in a lasting, sustainable way — building the foundation we need as India looks ahead to major sporting milestones in the years to come, including its Commonwealth Games and Olympic ambitions towards 2036," Dr Kishore said.

PV Sindhu Receives Roaring Welcome As 2026 World Championships Campaign Begins With Victory In Delhi

Delhi: The volume inside the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Delhi rose sharply as India's badminton star PV Sindhu walked into the arena for her first match at the 2026 BWF World Championships on Monday. Videos are circulating on social media from the stadium which shows the home crowd cheering for Sindhu. A video shows even small kids are cheering continuously for her. The chants of "Sindhu PV" are being chanted by the crowd non-stop as she dominates the first game against Sophia Noble 21-6. The fans went crazy as she beat Noble in the second game 21-11 and winning the match 2-0. The home crowd welcomed Sindhu with loud cheers as the former world champion stepped onto the court in New Delhi. Sindhu's latest campaign comes 13 years after she made her World Championships debut in



China in 2013. She is now back at the tournament with a chance to add another medal to her collection. Sindhu has already won five World Championships medals and is aiming for a record sixth.

World Championships return to India

The 30th edition of the BWF World Championships is being held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium from August 17 to 23. The tournament has returned to India after 17 years, making Sindhu's home campaign even more special for the fans watching her in Delhi. Sindhu, the ninth

seed, began her women's singles campaign against Ireland's Sophia Noble. The match marks the start of Sindhu's latest attempt to go deep into the World Championships, with the Indian star receiving strong support from the home crowd from the moment she entered the arena.

Mandhana has 'incredible willpower', Harmanpreet is a 'great competitor' says Ellyse Perry



Mumbai: Smriti Mandhana's "incredible willpower" and a "super-strong mind" and India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's tenacity are the qualities of the Indian superstars that stand out to her, said Australia legend Ellyse Perry. Perry hailed Smriti's approach to the game and said she has got all the qualities. "What makes Smriti so successful? Her amazing skill," Mandhana told

JioHotstar. "She has got incredible willpower and a super-strong mind. The way she approaches the game, the way she prepares, the way she knows herself, the way she thinks about things, and the way that she likes challenges. She's got it all." Talking about Harmanpreet, the veteran all-rounder said, "Harman, I think her greatest strength is her tenacity. She's a great competitor, and when she's

going, she hits some of the biggest shots in the women's game."

Perry also gave a thumbs-up to the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy, which will be held next year. "It is another great opportunity for the women's game and for all the teams competing," Perry said. "From my perspective, it's a new event, so it's always exciting to be a part of something like that and a new spot on the calendar, which will be great for everyone. You want to play every game well. This tournament will be physically and mentally a huge challenge, and preparing for those matches, everyone is going to have to be spot on. But the mindset remains the same; you just want to win every game." Perry said her vast experience in the game has helped in her evolution and growth as a person.

"You just naturally evolve as you grow as a person. Over the many years, there have been a number of different experiences, things to learn, people to work with, and

new avenues to explore."

"Incrementally, as that happens, you add new things or change the way you do things. Often, they're only small changes, but over a long period of time, there's always something new or a way to learn more," she added. Perry said the landscape of women's cricket has changed since she began playing and there is a lot that senior players can learn from the younger ones. "The landscape of women's cricket is really different these days. You walk into a very different environment as a young professional, but those girls are so well prepared for that," she said. "So I don't think there is any one piece of advice. It is probably just as much as they would learn from current players, I learn from them. They have got a different experience, a different energy and a different way of going about things. So, it is just about supporting each other and having a really open mind to learn from each other," Perry added.

Jadeja scripts history, becomes first Indian left-arm bowler to take 350 Test wickets

Galle: Ravindra Jadeja achieved another significant milestone in his illustrious Test career during the ongoing first match against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium in Galle. Jadeja, who returned to the Test side after missing the one-off game against Afghanistan, has become the first Indian left-arm bowler to take 350 wickets in the longest international format.

Jadeja achieved the feat on Day 3 of the first Test at the Galle International Stadium when he removed bowling all-rounder Keshara Nuwantha in the third session of the moving day.

The Indian iconic all-rounder got Nuwantha out with Shubman Gill taking the catch at covers after the Sri Lankan batsman tried whacking a ball towards covers but ended up hitting it to the thigh of an evading Yashasvi Jaiswal at silly point. The ball ricocheted towards Gill, who completed the catch.

In the process, Jadeja became the first Indian left-arm bowler to take 350 wickets in the Test format, with former fast-bowler Zaheer Khan a distant second now with 311 wickets. The 37-year-old is also the fifth Indian overall to have taken 350 wickets, joining the likes of Anil Kumble (619), Ravichandran Ashwin (537), Kapil Dev (434) and Harbhajan Singh (417).

Jadeja is also the third left-arm spinner in the world to



have achieved the milestone, joining the likes of Rangana Herath (433) and Daniel Vettori (362). In the process, he also achieved another significant record.

Jadeja is now only the fourth player in the history of Test cricket to have a double of 4000-plus Test runs and 350-plus Test wickets. Only Kapil Dev (5248, 434), Ian Botham (5200, 383) and Daniel Vettori (4531, 362) have achieved the milestone before him. India managed to put Sri Lanka's resistance to a halt in the third session after the hosts put up a brilliant fight in the latter half of the first and the entirety of the second

session. Returning to the Test side after three years, Niroshan Dickwella scored a strong 80, while youngster Sonal Dinusha made 89 as they forged a partnership of 146 for the sixth wicket.

The hosts were reeling at 90/5 before the two stepped up and put up a fight. They took the team to 236/5 before Prasad Krishna got the veteran Dickwella. Soon after, Jadeja came and removed Nuwantha for his milestone wicket. India had made 462 in the first innings with Devdutt Padikkal leading the way with his 167, while KL Rahul (82) and Dhruv Jurel (51) also made strong contributions on Day 2.

Another draw keeps Praggnanandhaa in joint second spot at Sinquefield Cup



St. Louis (USA): India's R Praggnanandhaa played out another draw with GM Levon Aronian of United States in the sixth round of the Sinquefield cup, part of the Grand Chess tour. The Indian GM remained in joint second spot with 3.5 points with just three rounds remaining. Wesley So of United States remained in sole lead on four points that saw just one decisive game out of a possible five in the USD 475,000 prize money tournament. For the record, Wesley drew with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France.

GM Praggnanandhaa, along with Vachier-Lagrave and German Vincent Keymer shares the

second spot while the American trio of top seed Fabiano Caruana, Sevan Samuels and Aronian are sharing the fifth spot on three points each.

Anish Giri of Holland is next in queue with World Championship contender Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan while Dutchman Jorden van Foreest is in last spot with just a sole point in his bag.

Praggnanandhaa tried his best to complicate matters against Aronian but the former Armenian was quite up to the task in defending a tricky middle game. The Indian at a point lost two pawns in the middle but made a .

Anish Giri was the lone winner of the day at the expense of Foreest. The former launched a decisive middle game attack on the black king and succeeded when his compatriot collapsed one more time.

Results round 6:

Anish Giri (Ned, 2.5) beat Jorden Van Foreest (Ned, 1); Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 3.5) drew with Wesley So (Usa, 4); Sevan Samuels (Usa, 3) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger, 3.5); R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 3.5) drew with Levon Aronian (Usa, 3); Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 2.5) drew with Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 3).

Ajit Agarkar Earns Rs 3 Crore A Year?

Know BCCI Chief Selector's Salary As His Term Nears End

Ajit Agarkar has been one of the key figures behind India's team selection in recent years. The former India all-rounder became the BCCI's senior men's chief selector in 2023 after taking charge of a selection panel that has overseen several major changes in Indian cricket. But while Agarkar's decisions on players often make headlines, there is another question that interests fans: How much does India's chief selector earn?

Reports from 2023 said that the BCCI increased the annual remuneration for the chairman of the senior selection committee from Rs 1 crore to Rs 3 crore when Agarkar took charge. The figure was reported at the time, although it was not publicly announced as an official BCCI salary figure. Before Agarkar's appointment, reports said the BCCI chairman of selectors was paid around Rs 1 crore per year. According to Cricbuzz report at



the time, the amount was increased to Rs 3 crore annually for the chief selector.