

Prime Accused Nithyananda Reddy Surrenders Before Police

YSR Kadapa: In a significant development in the sensational murder case of local realtor Pedda Dastagiri, former Kadapa deputy mayor and YSRCP leader Bandi Nityananda Reddy, the prime accused, surrendered before the District Superintendent of Police on Monday. Nityananda Reddy had been absconding for the past 20 days. The YSR Kadapa police had launched a manhunt across Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring states, and a look-out notice was also issued against him. The YSRCP leader arrived at the District SP's office, accompanied by his lawyer, and surrendered. Police subsequently took him into custody and shifted him to another location. Also Read - Naidu Seeks Centre's Help For Completion of Polavaram Before Godavari Pushkarams In 2027 Pedda Dastagiri, a



resident of Alamkhanpalle, was murdered on April 7th, 2026, near the Rajiv Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) premises. There are widespread allegations that Nityananda Reddy was behind the crime, with the murder reportedly stemming from disputes over land dealings between the two. Police who had conducted raids, seized key documents and registration papers pertaining to lands valued at approximately Rs 100 crore from Nityananda Reddy's residence. Police suspect the motive behind the murder involved significant land disputes, financial transactions, and political factors. Also Read - Ajay Bhalla, Naidu Call on Amit Shah Earlier, Kadapa Deputy Superintendent of Police Venkateswarlu was transferred following allegations of failure in maintaining law and order and charges of corruption. He was also accused of failing to control clashes between two groups in Alamkhanpalle, which had led to Dastagiri's murder. As per police reports, the other accused in the murder had taken shelter at Nityananda Reddy's house after committing the crime. Kadapa police have already arrested 11 people in connection with the case.

Amaravati to Get Punggol-style Integrated Township: Nara Lokesh

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh on Monday said the proposed integrated township in Amaravati modelled on Singapore's Punggol district is set to become a model urban development project for the country. Lokesh participated in a meeting with representatives of the Joint Implementation Steering Committee (under Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry during his visit to Singapore today. Also Read - Naidu Seeks Centre's Help For Completion of Polavaram Before Godavari Pushkarams In 2027 "The proposed integrated township in Amaravati, inspired by Singapore's Punggol model, is envisioned to become a benchmark urban development project for Andhra Pradesh as well as the country," said Lokesh in an official press release.



for Proposals (RFPs) from interested partners for the development of the Amaravati Economic Region. He asked the Singapore side to explore opportunities to facilitate trade access between Andhra Pradesh and Southeast Asian and East Asian countries through Singapore. Also Read - Ajay Bhalla, Naidu Call on Amit Shah The minister said Andhra Pradesh aims to emerge as a global Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) destination on Conferences and the lines of Singapore and would study the Suntec City model for establishing similar infrastructure in the state. Lokesh further said Andhra Pradesh would continue utilising Singapore's expertise in strengthening Real Time Governance and assured support for companies willing to invest in the state. Also Read - Vizag: Newlywed Woman Dies By Suicide Over Alleged Torture Consultations on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Andhra Pradesh and Singapore are being conducted every month through working groups, said the press release. He noted that six Andhra Pradesh Ministers recently attended training sessions in Singapore under the Singapore-Andhra Pradesh Governance Excellence (SAGE) programme, while 37 government teachers also completed training programmes there. The Andhra Pradesh government had signed an MoU with Singapore in November last year covering integrated township development, the Amaravati Economic Region and digital transformation initiatives, including Real Time Governance.

Mercury set to soar as heatwave likely returns in Telangana

Hyderabad: Telangana is bracing for a renewed heatwave, as the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad forecasts a significant temperature surge across the state starting this week. While scattered thunderstorms provided a temporary break, the IMD's Sunday evening weather forecast warns of a 'gradual rise' in maximum temperatures by 2 degree Celsius to 3 degree Celsius over the next three to four days. Isolated light to moderate rain and thunderstorms, accompanied by gusty winds of 30-40 kmph, will likely persist on Monday in districts including Adilabad, Hyderabad, Khammam, and Nalgonda. However, by Tuesday, dry weather is expected to prevail across the entire state, effectively ending the cooling effect of the recent rain. The northern



districts including Adilabad, Nirmal, and Nizamabad are expected to feel the brunt of the mercury, which is expected to range between 41 degree Celsius and 44 degree Celsius. By the middle of the coming week, the high temperature 'orange alert' zone is expected to expand southward and westward. Major centers including Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Vikarabad, and Mahabubnagar are projected to transition from the present 36 to 40 degree Celsius to the higher 41 degree Celsius and 44 degree Celsius range by Wednesday. Meanwhile, eastern districts like Bhadradi Kothagudem and Mulugu are forecast to stay slightly cooler, maintaining temperatures between 36 and 40. In the last 24 hours (till 8:30 am on Sunday), Adilabad recorded the state's highest temperature at 40.5 degree Celsius (1.6°C below normal), followed closely by Nizamabad at 40.4 while Khammam and Nalgonda both reached the 40 degree Celsius. In the capital, the GHMC area continued to witness a relatively low 36.4 degree Celsius at Begumpet, while Dundigal recorded 37.6 and Medak witnessed 38 degree Celsius. As the dry spell takes hold on Tuesday, the maximum temperatures in Greater Hyderabad are expected to climb rapidly and range between 41 and 44 degree Celsius.

Prajwal Revanna case comparison puts Telangana Congress under pressure

Hyderabad: The Congress government in Telangana is facing criticism over what many describe as selective action in certain cases. The criticism comes despite Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy stating in the Assembly that the law would apply equally to film stars and politicians. The government's handling of the POCSO case involving Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar's son, Bandi Sai Bageerath, has triggered strong reactions. Many are questioning why no arrest has been made even three days after a case was registered at the Pet Basheerabad police station. In December 2024, the Chief Minister had referred to the Sandhya Theatre stampede case in the Assembly and asked whether film stars and politicians were entitled to special treatment that shielded them from legal action. Several social media users are now



accusing the Congress government of failing to act in line with those statements. Many have targeted the Chief Minister for making strong promises but not following them with action. Observers are also drawing comparisons with Karnataka, where the Congress government arrested former JDS MP Prajwal Revanna in connection with sexual assault allegations. Prajwal Revanna is the grandson of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda. The former MP was arrested soon after arriving from Germany in 2024. A court later sentenced him to life imprisonment, and he is currently in jail. Social media users are questioning why the Telangana government has not taken similar action despite the political sensitivity of the case. "In Karnataka, the government functions independently. In Telangana, many feel the Congress government is operating under the BJP's shadow," said X user Sridhar Yalala. Some users also criticised the Chief Minister for sharing the stage with Bandi Sanjay Kumar during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programme in Hyderabad on Sunday and referring to him as a good friend. "This is the threshold point. And this is the end of Congress in Telangana," st Rohit another X user.

Sports Hostel To Remain In Kurnool:

Amaravathi Industries minister TG Bharath said the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh is giving top priority to sports. He said that Sports Hostel would not be shifted to any other place and would be established in Kurnool only. The Kurnool Stadium would be developed on par with international standards, he said. People exercising everyday are likely to work 10x times more



enthusiastically in life, he said and added that facilities for exercising would be provided in parks. Bharath, accompanied by MP B. Nagaraju, SAAP chairman Ravi Naidu visited the summer coaching camp being held in Kuarnool. Discussing the development of sports, he said that TGV Group had been promoting sports in a big way for decades. People exercising everyday are likely to work 10x times more enthusiastically in life, he said and added that facilities for exercising would be provided in parks.

MP CM releases two Botswana cheetahs into open forest at Kuno

Sheapur: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Monday released two female cheetahs brought from Botswana into the open forest area of Kuno National Park after they completed their quarantine and acclimatisation period, marking another milestone under India's ambitious 'Project Cheetah'. The two cheetahs, named (for identification) as CCV-2 and CCV-3, were released near the banks of the Kuno River in Sheapur district. The animals were among nine cheetahs — six females and three males — brought from Botswana in February this year under the third international phase of 'Project Cheetah'. Chief Minister Yadav also toured Kuno National Park after the cheetahs were released. New and Renewable Energy Minister Rakesh Shukla and Madhya Pradesh Forest Development Corporation Chairman Ramniwas Rawat were also accompanied him. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Yadav said Madhya Pradesh has provided a suitable and



secure environment for the rehabilitation of cheetahs and has emerged as the leading centre for the conservation initiative in the country. "The land of Madhya Pradesh has provided a favourable environment for cheetahs and has played an important role in their rehabilitation, making them a part of its family," Yadav said. He added that the cheetah reintroduction programme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi nearly three-and-a-half years ago is progressing successfully and rapidly. "Today, the cheetah rehabilitation project in the country is moving ahead successfully with rapid progress. Madhya Pradesh is setting new milestones in this important initiative," the Chief Minister added. The Botswana cheetahs had been kept in controlled enclosures since February to help them adapt to local climatic and ecological conditions before their release into the open forest. According to Kuno's official statement, the addition of the Botswana cheetahs has increased the total number of cheetahs in India, including cubs born in the country, to 57. Of these, 54 are currently housed in Kuno National Park, while three are in the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary. Earlier phases of the project saw the arrival of eight cheetahs from Namibia on September 17, 2022, followed by 12 cheetahs from South Africa in 2023. The Centre's ambitious 'Project Cheetah' aims to restore the endangered species in India, increase its population, and eventually prepare the animals for free hunting and roaming in the wild.

CM Vijay, Ministers And Newly Elected MLAs Take Oath In Tamil Nadu Assembly

Chennai: A day after taking oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief C Joseph Vijay on Monday took oath as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) during the first session of the newly constituted 17th Tamil Nadu Assembly. Along with CM Vijay, nine other ministers, former chief ministers, including Edappadi K Palaniswami and newly elected MLAs also took the oath of office in the Assembly. Pro-Tem Speaker M V Karuppiiah administered the oath of office. The Assembly proceedings for oath-taking of MLAs commenced at 9.30 AM with a brief introduction by the Pro-Tem Speaker. The Chief Minister was the first to take oath as an MLA, and nine ministers including, N Anand and Aadhav Arjuna later took the oath as MLAs. Following this, DMK legislature party

leader and former Deputy Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, former Chief Ministers AIADMK leader Edappadi Palaniswami, AIA Panneerselvam, AIA DMK members including Agri Krishnamurthy and K P Anbalagan were among those who took oath as legislators. Vijay was sworn in as the MLA from the Perambur Assembly constituency, which he retained after winning from both Perambur and Trichy East in the elections. Following his decision to continue as the representative from Perambur, he resigned from the Trichy East seat, paving the way for a by-election there. In the recently concluded assembly elections, Vijay's TVK party emerged as the single largest party in the 234-member House and later formed the government with the support of alliance partners. Addressing the House dur-



ing the proceedings, Pro-Tem Speaker Karuppiiah congratulated the newly elected members and called upon them to work with dedication for the welfare of the people. He said that despite several hardships and obstacles, the new leadership had

overcome challenges and earned the trust of the people. "The public has elected us to serve them. Every member must understand this responsibility and work sincerely for the people," he said. Karuppiiah further stated that the new government should

member must understand function by following the ideals and principles of leaders such as Periyar, Kamarajar, Velu Nachiyar and Anjalai Ammal, while also upholding rationalist and social justice values in governance. (With agency inputs)

Five Gujarati Tourists Among Six Killed As Car Falls Into Gorge In Himachal Pradesh

Chamba: Six persons were killed and four others injured after the vehicle they were travelling in veered off the road and plunged into a 300-foot-deep gorge near Kakira Ghar in Tunuhatti area along the Chamba-Pathankot National Highway in Himachal Pradesh's Chamba district during the early hours of Monday. Among the victims were five tourists from Gujarat and driver of the vehicle. According to police, the accident occurred at around 3 am amid heavy rainfall when an Innova taxi was travelling from Dharamshala to Dalhousie. The driver allegedly lost control and the vehicle skid off the road and fell into the gorge. The vehicle was carrying nine tourists from Gujarat, who had hired an Innova for sightsee-



ng. Upon hearing a loud crash following the accident, local residents alerted the police and the administration. Subsequently, police teams, administrative officials, and relief and rescue teams rushed to the scene

and launched a rescue operation along with locals amid the darkness and rain. The rescue efforts faced significant difficulties due to the torrential downpour. Finally, all the injured passengers were

retrieved from the gorge. The injured were immediately rushed to the hospital, where after preliminary treatment, four tourists who were in critical condition were referred to the Tanda Medical College for fur-

ther care. Chamba Superintendent of Police (SP) Vijay Kumar Saklani also arrived at the scene and an investigation was initiated into the accident. Preliminary probe revealed that the vehicle is from Mandi district. Chamba SP Vijay Kumar Saklani said, "The police have registered a case and have begun investigating the causes of the accident. Efforts are currently underway by the administration to inform the families of the deceased and the injured." Locals said the accident was caused due to the adverse weather conditions and slippery roads but the lives could have been saved had there been a parapet. Police were seen transporting the bodies to the hospital for postmortem in a pickup truck instead of an ambulance, they added.

Book Your French Black Stone Mangoes, Priced At Rs 6,000 Per Kg, From Bhopal's BHEL Garden

Bhopal: If Japanese Miyazaki mangoes can create a buzz, can French Black Stone be far behind? For all those mango lovers, the season of king of fruits is in and so is the craze for this newest entry - the French Blackstone. Though not as pricey as the Miyazaki, this one is no less expensive, with one kilogram costing almost as much as two tolas of silver. Call it a fad or obsession of fruit lovers, the rare French mango variety, priced between Rs 5,000 and Rs 6,000 per kg has turned Jawahar Udyan, an orchard inside Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) into an unlikely hotspot for exotic fruit enthusiasts. It has a distinct aroma, unusual taste and is produced in a limited variety thus marking advance bookings even before the fruits ripen. Book Your French Black Stone, Black Gold Mangoes Priced At Rs 6,000 Per Kg From Bhopal's BHEL Garden



Jawahar Udyan, BHEL's "The taste of French Blackstone is completely different from Indian mangoes and the fragrance is special. People are booking it in advance because production is limited and they want to have a share of it," said Ali, fondly known as Dabi, who has been taking care of the orchard for the last 10 to 15 years. The BHEL garden has only six trees of the French-origin Black Stone and only four have produced fruits this season, making it one of the rarest attractions in the Jawahar Udyan. Home to nearly 1,700 to 1,800 mango trees and more than 152 varieties collected from across India and different parts of the world, the orchard was once a green retreat only. Over the years it has been curated into a living archive of rare mango varieties from all parts of the country. Book Your French Black Stone, Black Gold Mangoes Priced At Rs 6,000 Per Kg From Bhopal's BHEL Garden

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Bihar Watchman Stabbed To Death In Nawada After Allegedly Exposing Illegal Liquor Trade



Nawada: In a shocking murder case from Bihar's Nawada district, a village watchman was stabbed to death near a police station. The incident took place in front of Dhamoul police station, under Pakribarawan block, on Sunday, around 8.30 p.m. Watchman, Jitendra Paswan, posted at Kadirganj police station and a resident of Berami village, was on his way home after duty when around a dozen miscreants attacked him with sticks and rods near Berami Mor. The attackers allegedly stabbed him multiple times in the abdomen and other parts of the body during the assault. As the incident unfolded, a police jeep arrived on the scene and the accused fled. Police personnel then rushed the injured watchman to the hospital. After the attack, Paswan was first admitted to the Community Health Centre in Pakribarawan. As his condition worsened, doctors referred him

to Pawapuri VIMS and later to Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), where he died during treatment late Sunday night. Liquor Mafia Suspected Behind Murder Local sources said Paswan had recently informed police about illegal liquor sales in Turkawan village. It is suspected he was targeted over this tip-off. The murder allegation has been levelled against Rampat Kumar, so Officer (SHO) Ranjan Chaudhary confirmed the incident of Anandi Yadav, who, along with his associates, allegedly carried out the attack. Pakribarawan police station Station House Officer (SHO) Ranjan Chaudhary confirmed the incident and said a forensic science laboratory (FSL) team had been called to Officer (SHO) Ranjan Chaudhary confirmed the incident and investigate the case. The SHO said, "Jitendra Paswan was returning home after duty from Dhamoul

police station when Rampat Kumar and four others suddenly attacked him. He was stabbed and later died during treatment in the hospital. Raids are being conducted to arrest the accused. "Questions Raised Over Police Inaction. The victim's wife alleged that the accused had threatened to kill her husband around six months ago. She claimed a written complaint had been submitted to the police at that time, but no action was taken. She alleged that if police had acted earlier, the murder could have been prevented. After the incident, angry villagers allegedly attacked a police vehicle, escalating tension in the area. The murder Officer (SHO) Ranjan Chaudhary confirmed the incident sparked local panic, with residents questioning the police's effectiveness and wondering why no action had been taken on the threat complaint filed six months prior.

Madhya Pradesh: Damoh Municipal Council Carries Unclaimed Body With Garbage, Buries In Disposal Ground

Damoh: A deceased person was denied the dignity of a respectful funeral in the Tendukhedha Nagar Parishad area under Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh, when, on Sunday evening, his body was transported in a garbage trolley and buried under municipal waste at the disposal ground. With the Chief Municipal Officer (CMO) of the Nagar Parishad claiming to have no knowledge of the incident, questions are now being raised regarding the council's operational protocols. The disturbing image from Tendukhedha emerged 4-5 days after the body was spotted in the forest near the village of Bagdari. Upon receiving information, police arrived at the scene, took custody of the body, and attempted to identify it. When the identity could not be established, the body was officially declared "unclaimed". Garbage-filled Trolley Used On Sunday evening, employees of the Nagar Parishad transported the unidentified body to the municipal waste disposal ground,



located near Sandipani School and College in Ward No. 9 on Khakariya Road, and buried it. The truly shameful aspect of this incident is that the trolley used to transport the body already contained a quantity of garbage. The employees did not even bother to take the trouble of cleaning it beforehand. The site

where the deceased was buried serves as the Nagar Parishad's designated waste disposal ground. A pit was dug at the very location, and the body was interred there. Local resident Maharaj Singh Sukhdev stated, "Even if the body was unclaimed, it was still that of a human being. The employees should have

treated it with dignity and respect. People are now questioning whether the administration lacks any alternative arrangements, as such distressing questioning whether the scenes are witnessed all too frequently in this district. Although questioning whether the district are equipped with dedicated

hearse vehicles, why questioning whether the re unclaimed bodies still being transported in garbage trucks or trolleys. In response to the matter, Tendukhedha Town Inspector Ravindra Bagri said, "I had duly informed the Nagar Parishad regarding this matter," adding that afterwards, the Municipal Council took custody of the body, and their staff buried. "The responsibility for burying bodies lies with the Municipal Council. We merely hand over the body to them after completing necessary legal formalities," he also said. Prem Singh Chauhan, CMO of the Municipal Council, said, "I will speak with the Municipal Inspector regarding this matter. I am currently unaware of the details." When asked, SDO (Police) Archana Ahir said, "The matter has not come to my attention; I am currently on leave. Nevertheless, I will look into it."

'One Kerala Story Communalists Should Note': Tharoor Hails State As Model Of Communal Harmony

Thiruvananthapuram: Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has said that one "Kerala Story" from the recent election results that communalists should note is that a Muslim majority constituency elected a Christian, a Hindu majority constituency elected a Muslim, and a Christian majority constituency elected a Muslim. The MP from Thiruvananthapuram asserted that Kerala remains a model of communal harmony, a state where people see human beings first and caste or religion later. "One Kerala Story from the recent election results that communalists should note: a Muslim majority constituency, Thavanur, elected a Christian, VS Joy; a Hindu majority constituency,



Kalamassery, elected a Muslim. VE Abdul Gafoor, and a Christian majority constituency, Kochi, elected a Muslim, Muhammed Shiyas," Tharoor said in a post religion later," Tharoor said. The remarks came as the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) began the process of forming the government after registering a sweeping victory in the Kerala Assembly elec-

Accompanied by a large number of party workers and supporters, Satheesan greeted people during the procession. Satheesan won the Paravur seat with 78,658 votes, defeating CPI(M) candidate ET Taison Master by a margin of 20,600 votes. He is being considered one of the frontrunners for the Chief Minister's post along with committee (KPCC) is set Thursday in Thiruvananthapuram to attend the meeting, where discussions on the Chief Ministerial face are likely to take place. Earlier, KC Venugopal and Ramesh Chennithala met Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi as consultations over government formation continued.

The UDF secured 102 seats out of 140 seats in the Assembly elections, with the Congress emerging as the single largest party with 63 seats. With this victory, the 10-year rule of the Left government has also come to an end. Meanwhile, Congress MLA-elect VD Satheesan held a roadshow in his Paravur constituency on Wednesday following his victory in the Assembly polls.

Exam Kicks Off In 13 Countries, Check NTA's Full Guidelines

New Delhi: The CUET UG 2026 examination, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), commenced in India and 14 international cities across 13 countries on Monday (May 11). The examination, which is being conducted in a Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode, will continue until May 31. This year, 1,568,866 candidates have registered for CUET (UG), involving a total of 6,756,321 test instances and 12,906 unique subject combinations. The examination is scheduled to take place over 21 days, across 35 shifts. Exam In Two Shifts From today, the examination will be held in two shifts. A total of 124,020 students are scheduled to appear on the first day. The first shift will involve 314 examination centers, 63,247 students, and examinations for eight subjects. The second shift will cover 281



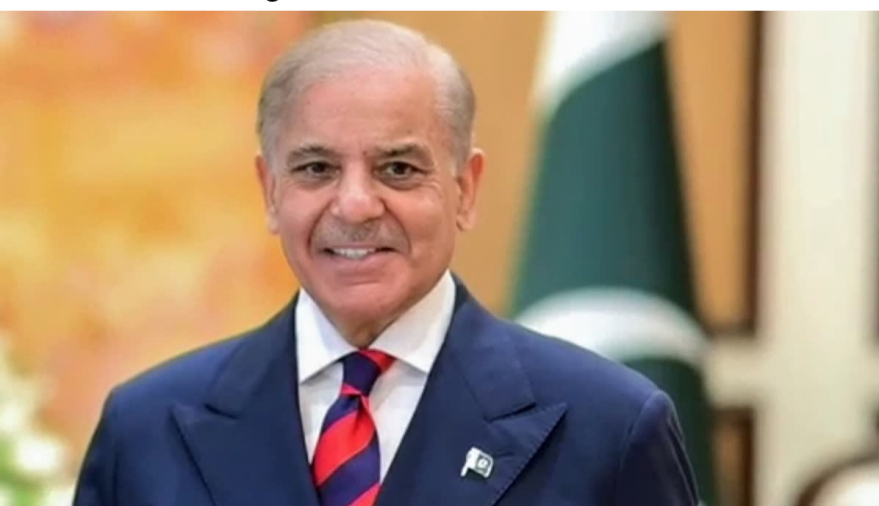
examination centers, 60,773 students, and examinations for eight subjects. On the first day, examinations will be held for the following subjects: English, Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics, History, Political Science, Chemistry, Geography, Computer Science, and Sociology. Candidates have been advised to report at the centres two hours before the commencement of the exam and check their shift timings in the

CUET UG 2026 hall ticket. The gates will close some 30 minutes before the entry time. NTA Guidelines The NTA has issued essential guidelines for students. Candidates are required to carry their admit card along with the self-declaration form, two passport-size photographs, an original photo ID proof, a transparent pen, and a transparent water bottle to the examination center. Additionally, candidates can take along diabetic-

friendly food items if Furthermore, students have been advised to wear light-colored clothing. They may wear regular shoes, slippers, or low-heeled footwear. The wearing of religious threads or other faith-related items is also permitted; however, candidates must arrive early to allow sufficient time checks. Special Arrangements for PwD Candidates All necessary facilities, including the provision of scribes and extra time, have been made available for PwD (Persons with Disability) and PwBD (Persons with Benchmark Disability) candidates. The NTA has advised all verify the details regarding the examination city, center, date, and shift provided on their admit cards, and to reach the examination center before the scheduled reporting time.

Pak PM Announces To Celebrate May 10 As 'Marka-E-Haq Day' Every Year

Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced on Sunday that May 10 will be celebrated as 'Marka-e-Haq Day' annually. Addressing a ceremony to mark the first anniversary of 'Marka-e-Haq', the name given by Islamabad to last year's four-day conflict with India, Shehbaz also claimed that Pakistani armed forces gave a "historic and befitting response" to the enemy. In response to the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 last year, carrying out airstrikes on nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, eliminating at least 100 terrorists. The action triggered a rapid escalation in tensions, with Pakistan launching retaliatory strikes, though



most of them were thwarted by the Indian military. The hostilities ended with an understanding on halting the military actions on May 10, 2025, following talks over the hotline between army officials of the two sides. Addressing the event, PM Shehbaz applauded US President Donald Trump for his role in stopping the war. He also thanked Saudi

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and Chinese President Xi Jinping for their diplomatic and political support during the conflict. India maintains that the understanding to stop military actions was reached directly during the conflict. y between the two sides. Speaking on the occa-

sion, President Zardari said the battle demonstrated what Pakistani armed forces are capable of when the country stands behind them as one. A planned fly past was aborted at the last minute due to bad weather. At the start of the PM address, one minute of silence was observed for those killed during the conflict.

Uttarakhand Startup Stands Up For The Heart, Portable ECG Device To Make Tests Easy & Affordable

Dehradun: Arpit Jain, 23, was deeply troubled by the death of his friend. "A friend of mine passed away due to a heart attack. When I visited the hospital, I observed the heart-related complications and the expensive ECG (electrocardiogram) machines used for their diagnosis. As a result, we conceived the idea of creating a portable device that would be both easily accessible and affordable for the general public. This concept later materialised as the 'Spandan' device — a significant solution to this problem," says Arpit, who is from Muzaffarnagar in neighbouring UP, and belongs to a middle-class family. His parents are associated with the education sector. Arpit, along with his brother Rajat Jain, 21, who was pursuing B.Tech at a renowned private university in Dehradun, and a few of their peers, founded



Sunfox Technologies. Focused on the intersection of healthcare and technology, the team developed a portable device that effectively eliminated the need for bulky, heavy ECG machines typically used for diagnosing heart conditions, thereby making cardiac monitoring accessible to everyone — literally fitting it right into their pockets. The device connects to a smartphone, enabling anyone to easily monitor heart-related issues. The startup was launched in 2016 — the year when the Government of India launched the 'Startup India' initiative, and the

Uttarakhand government also began working towards promoting new innovations and ideas under the state's startup policy. Now, the first startup to be officially registered in Uttarakhand is today making a name for itself as a major tech company valued at Rs 500 crore. From software to hardware — everything is 'Make in India' here. Creation Of Portable ECG Machine Initially, they referred to their invention as a "Pocket ECG". However, Rajat Jain and his team eventually christened the product "Spandan". They successfully engineered the portable

device as a compact, battery-operated unit that enables any individual to perform an ECG test from anywhere, at any time. They conducted numerous trials to verify the accuracy of the ECG reports generated by the device, testing it on a wide range of individuals. From 2016 to 2021, the product remained in the research and development phase. In 2022, the Sunfox Technologies Pvt Ltd entered the market with the mass production of its portable ECG device. Following its launch, the product made an appearance on the "Shark Tank" show, where it received a 5-star rating, along with securing funding. Driven by its unique concept and innovative technology, the company, led by a board of five directors, has, as of today, a workforce of nearly 200 employees and is delivering its services across 25 countries.

Suwendu Aide Chandranath Murder: 3 UP Shooters Arrested, Bihar Link And Digital Trail Emerge In Probe

Patna/Kolkata: The West Bengal Police's special investigation team (SIT) nabbed three persons from Buxar district in Bihar in an operation conducted on Sunday night in the case pertaining to the killing of chief minister Suwendu Adhikari's aide Chandranath Rath. Local police officials said that a team of their counterparts from the neighbouring state conducted raids in Mufassil, Navnagar and Sikraul police station areas and took four persons into custody. They let go one of them and whisked away three identified as Vishal Srivastava, Mayank Mishra, and Vicky Maurya. Though there has been no official confirmation of their arrest so far, Buxar superintendent of police (SP) Shubham Arya clarified about the raid. "A team of the West Bengal police had come. It raided and detained one Vishal Shrivastava. The personnel took him with them after completing the legal formalities. The local police cooperated in the matter," Arya said. Incidentally, Sri vastava is a history-sheeter and has over 22 criminal cases, including those pertaining to murder, robbery, kidnapping and possession of illegal firearms, registered against him in Buxar alone. The Bengal police team took him into custody from Pandeypatti village under Mufassil police station area in the district. Sources in the police said that the Bengal police have also detained a few other suspects from different parts in Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand. They added that the action took place after the police tracked a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payment made by Mayank at a toll booth at Bally near Kolkata. Help from mobile location data and CCTV footage were also taken. Rath was gunned down in his car near Doharia Madhyamgram of the North 24 Parganas dis-



trict of West Bengal on May 6, barely 200 metres from his residence. His driver Buddhadeb Bera was also seriously injured in the attack and is undergoing treatment in a hospital. The murder was decreed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as a political killing. Rath, a former air force official, was with Suwendu as his personal assistant for the past two decades. Meanwhile, sources in Bengal told ETV Bharat that the three arrested suspects were brought to Kolkata under tight security and taken to Bhabani Bhavan, the state police headquarters, where they were interrogated. The accused are expected to be produced before a Barasat district court on Monday, where investigators will seek police custody for further questioning. According to state police sources, investigators relied heavily on digital evidence, transaction records, and crime scene clues to track down the suspects. Officials said multiple teams from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and Special Task Force (STF) are jointly investigating the case from several angles, including contract killing, interstate criminal networks, and potential links. UPI Transaction Became A Major Breakthrough Investigators said a crucial lead emerged from a UPI transaction made at the Bally toll plaza in Howrah by the occupants of the silver car allegedly used in the

murder. The vehicle reportedly crossed the toll plaza shortly before the attack. The digital payment helped investigators trace a mobile number linked to one of the suspects. CCTV footage from the toll plaza captured images of the vehicle and its occupants, providing investigators with a key breakthrough in the case. Police sources said investigators carefully analysed toll plaza records, CCTV footage, vehicle movement patterns, mobile tower locations and financial transaction data to reconstruct the sequence of events. Officials also examined digital cog the operation. d car and motorcycles. Two motorcycles linked to the crime were later recovered, one near the crime scene and another from Barasat, around 6 km away. Planned Assassination, Contract Killing Angle Under Scanner Investigators suspect the murder was not a spontaneous crime but a professionally executed contract killing planned over several days. Police believe the attackers conducted extensive reconnaissance before carrying out the operation. According to officials associated with the probe, the assailants carefully selected a spot with limited CCTV coverage and closely monitored Rath's movements before the attack. Investigators said Rath was returning home to Madhyamgram in North 24 Parganas district from a party programme on the night of May 6

when his SUV was intercepted near Doharia Lane, around 7 km from Kolkata airport. As Rath's vehicle slowed after being blocked by another four-wheeler, bike-borne assailants who had allegedly been tailing his SUV for some time opened fire from close range. Investigators said nearly 10 rounds were fired during the attack. Rath sustained multiple bullet injuries to his chest and abdomen and died on the spot. His driver, Buddhadeb Bera, suffered serious injuries and was rushed to the hospital, where he is said to be recovering steadily. Police later discovered that the registration plates on the four-wheeler used to block Rath's vehicle, as well as those on the motorcycles used in the attack, were fake. Officials also found that the engine and chassis numbers of the vehicles had allegedly been tampered with. Investigators have identified the weapon allegedly used in the murder as an Austrian-made Glock 47X pistol, a sopske passport rackets and cross-border movements, making the region sensitive from an intelligence perspective. Investigators are also probing whether Rath's alleged access to sensitive files linked to cattle smuggling and coal mafia networks could have been a possible motive behind the killing. Political Shockwaves After Murder The murder triggered massive political uproar in West Bengal as it occurred just two days after the BJP secured a landslide victory in the Assembly elections, ending the Mamata Banerjee-led government's 15-year rule. Following the Suwendu Adhikari later visited the crime scene. Senior police officials, including Director General of Police Siddhinath Gupta, also reached the spot as forensic teams began

Head To Head, Pitch Report, And Key Matchups That Might Affect The Result



Punjab Kings will lock horns against Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 clash at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium, Dharamsala. Punjab Kings started their campaign strongly, winning six of their

opening seven matches to emerge as one of the strongest teams in the tournament. However, their momentum has faltered in recent weeks, and Shreyas Iyer's side have suffered three consecutive defeats. As the playoff battle intensifies, PBKS will be desperate

to halt their losing streak and boost their chances of a top-four finish. They have won six of their 10 matches so far, placing them fourth in the points table with 12 points.

Delhi Capitals, on the other hand, are facing the threat of an early exit from the tournament. With just four wins from 11 matches, the Capitals are languishing in eighth place on the points table. They have struggled to maintain consistency this season. If they lose today's match, they will become the third team to be eliminated from play-off contention. But even if they win all their remaining matches, they will be able to reach a maximum of 14 points, which will keep their playoff hopes alive, but they will have to depend on the results of other teams. Head to head Both teams have played a total of 35 matches against each other, with PBKS winning 18 fixtures. On the other hand, DC emerged triumphant in 17 fixtures. The four

matches played at Dharamsala between the two teams have a score-line of 2-2.

Pit report A cold day is expected, and so the fast bowlers may get some swing under the lights. The average 1st innings score at the venue since IPL 2023 is 209. Also, four of the five matches played in the mentioned period were won by the teams batting first.

The average 1st innings score at the venue is 188 from 12 matches. Nine matches were won by the teams batting first, while three matches were won by the chasing teams. Key matchups Left-arm spinner Axar Patel has dismissed Marcus Stoinis twice in T20Is while conceding only 21 runs from 27 deliveries. Also, he has conceded runs only with a strike rate of 77.8. Yuzvendra Chahal has dismissed Axar Patel thrice in a matchup of 33 deliveries while conceding 46 runs. The leg-spinner might trouble the DC skipper once again today.

Barcelona clinches 2025-26 La Liga title with 2-0 win over Real Madrid

FC Barcelona crowned La Liga champion for the 2025-26 season after a 2-0 home win over Real Madrid. The win leaves Barcelona 14 points clear of Real Madrid at the top of the table, confirming its domination over the opponent for the second consecutive year. Real Madrid striker Kylian Mbappe was sidelined with a hamstring problem and with Federico Valverde also sidelined after his well-publicised



fight with Aurelien Tchouameni, Dean Huijsen was a late scratch as he suffered a problem in warmup, reports Xinhua.

Ferran Torres was the architect of Barcelona's best moments in the first half, forcing a foul from Antonio Rudiger in the ninth minute, which allowed Marcus Rashford to open the scoring with an unstoppable delivery that left goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois helpless. Tore doubled

Barcelona's lead in the 18th minute with a sharp finish after Dani Olmo set the striker up with a smart backheel. Rashford had a great chance dangerous Rashford cross and savThe team will take to the streets of Barcelona to celebrate the 2025/26 Liga and Super Cup titles with the fans. The champions' parade will pass through several iconic parts of the city in a huge blaugrana celebration will take to the streets of Barcelona.

India U17 crashes out of AFC Asian Cup after 0-3 defeat to Uzbekistan

India's AFC U17 Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2026 campaign came to a disappointing end after a 0-3 defeat against defending champions Uzbekistan in their final Group D match at the King Abdullah Sports City Hall Stadium in Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) on Sunday night. The result not only eliminated the Blue Colts from the continental competition, but also ended India's hopes of securing a historic qualification for the FIFA U17 World Cup Qatar 2026. Uzbekistan's victory ensured qualification for both themselves and Australia, who will now meet to determine the group winners. Knowing that only a victory would realistically keep their World Cup dream alive after the opening 4-0 defeat to Australia, India began the contest cautiously. Uzbekistan controlled possession in the early stages and repeatedly looked to stretch the Indian defence with direct attacking runs and quick movement in the final third. Despite the pressure, India remained



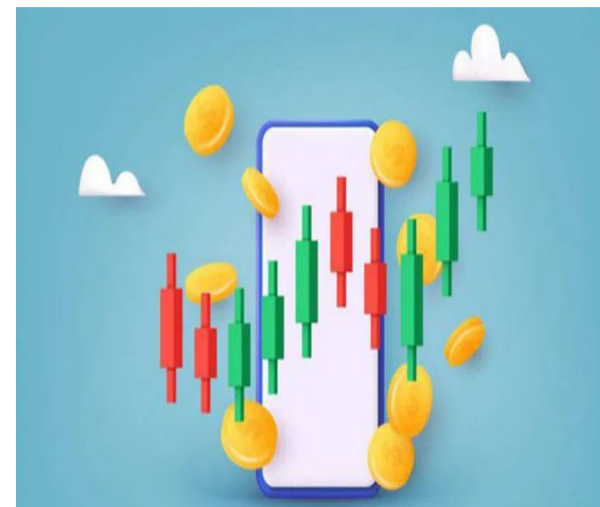
organised defensively for much of the first half. The backline held its shape well, while goalkeeper Rajrup Sarkar made a series of important interventions to keep the defending champions at bay. However, India's resistance was broken in the 32nd minute following a costly mistake. Sarkar rushed out of his line in an attempt to intercept an Uzbek attack but brought down Laziz Abduraimov inside the penalty area. The referee immediately pointed to the spot, and Abduraimov calmly converted the penalty with a low right-footed effort into corner Uzbekistan nearly doubled their lead just

before the interval when Sukhrob Sadirzhonov struck the post with a left-footed effort in the 43rd minute. India, though, almost found an equaliser in first-half stoppage time. Gunleiba Wangkheirakpam delivered an inviting cross across the face of goal, but none of the Indian attackers could apply the finishing touch. The Blue Colts came out with greater attacking intent after the restart and went agonisingly close to levelling the score in the 56th minute. Dallalm uon Gange struck a superb free-kick that rattled the crossbar with the goalkeeper beaten. Heeranganba Seram reacted quickest to the

rebound but failed to convert from close range. That missed opportunity proved costly. Uzbekistan continued to threaten in attack, with Sarkar producing several fine saves to deny Sukhrob Sadirzhonov and Abubakir Rakhimov during a sustained spell of pressure. The defending champions doubled their advantage in unfortunate circumstances in the 60th minute when Wangkhem Denny Singh inadvertently turned Makhmud Muradov's corner into his own net. India continued to fight despite the setback, but Uzbekistan maintained control and sealed the contest in the 78th minute. Akhrorbek Ravshanbekov reacted quickest after his initial effort was blocked and fired the rebound past Sarkar to complete a convincing victory. The defeat brought an end to India's campaign and another painful near miss in their pursuit of a maiden on-merit qualification for the FIFA U17 World Cup.

Asian shares mixed, oil jumps 4% after Trump rejects Iran's response to ceasefire proposal

Asian stocks were mixed Monday after Wall Street set more records, and oil surged more than 4% following US President Donald Trump's rejection of Tehran's response to the latest US proposal on ending the war in Iran. US futures edged lower. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 fell 0.4% to 62,486.84 after briefing reaching another record high in intraday trading at above 63,300. Technology-focused investment holding company SoftBank Group, one of Japan's largest stocks, fell more than 5%. South Korea's Kospi gained 4.1% to 7,804.71. It also hit an all-time intraday high, led by gains from tech-related stocks including Samsung Electronics and memory chip Technology-related stocks and growing artificial intelligence-related interest have supported markets in Japan and South Korea despite the Iran war, with the Nikkei 225 and Kospi rising more than 10% and 30%, respectively, over the past month. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.3% to 26,319.93. The Shanghai index climbed 0.9% to 4,219.13, following official data Monday that showed

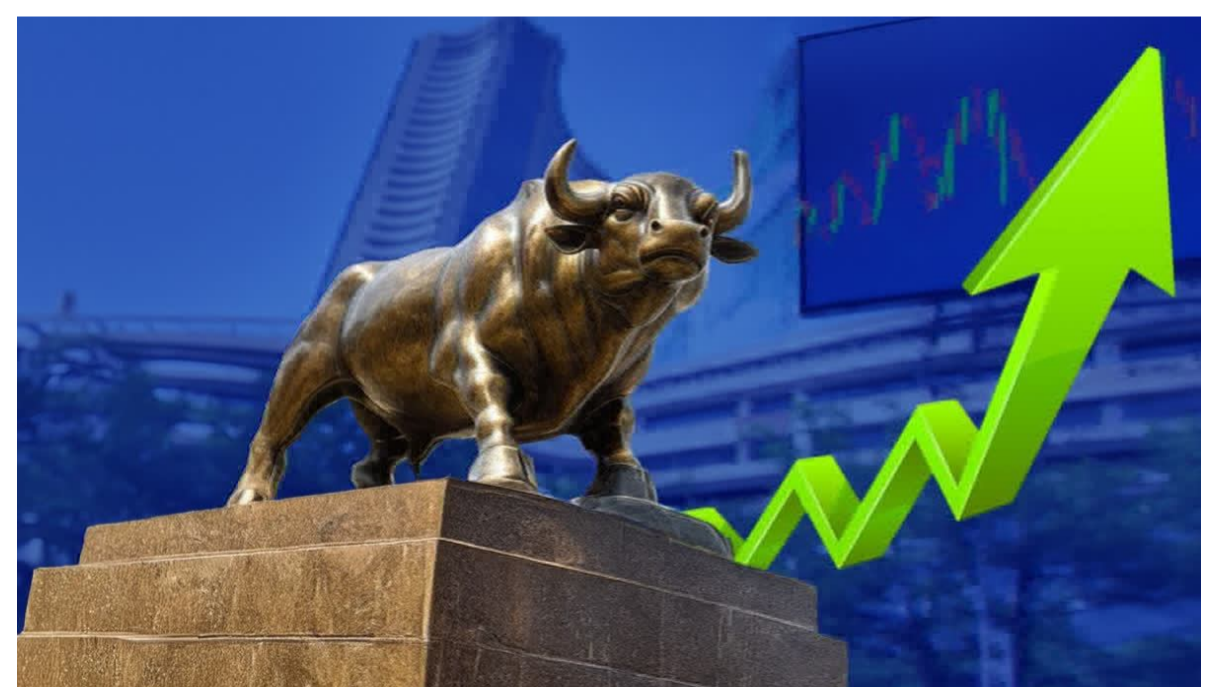


China's factory gate prices rose 2.8% in April from a year ago, the highest since 2022, as well as better-than-expected export figures released over the weekend. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.6%. Taiwan's Taiex traded 0.9% higher, and India's Sensex fell 1.3%. Oil prices jumped early Monday over Iran war uncertainties, after Trump wrote in a social media post that Iran's response on Sunday to the US' latest proposal was "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!" Brent crude, the international standard, gained 4.2% to \$105.57 per barrel. It was roughly \$70 per barrel before the war

began in late February. Benchmark US crude was 4.7% higher at \$99.89 a barrel. With the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial waterway for global oil and gas transport, still largely closed and as the US is continuing its sea blockade of Iranian ports, analysts believe oil prices are likely to remain higher for longer. The Iran war was also set to be part of the discussion agenda when Trump meets with Chinese leader Xi Jinping later this week. China has close economic links with Iran and the US has been pressing Beijing to leverage its influence to help reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

"There remains a glimmer of hope that talks between Trump and Chinese President Xi later this week could yield positive results on Iran," ING commodities analysts Warren Patterson and Ewa Manthey wrote in a note on Monday. "The hope is that China can use its influence over Iran to push it closer towards a peace deal," they said. "Clearly, this is easier said than done." The oil market is still very much "heavily headline-driven," the pair added. Friday, Wall Street rose to new records with the benchmark S&P 500 adding 0.8% to 7,398.93 and reaching its latest all-time high, fuelled by market optimism after a solid report on the US job market which was better than what analysts had expected despite Iran war shocks. The Dow Jones Industrial Average edged up less than 0.1% to 49,609.16, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite climbed 1.7% to its own record at 26,247.08. In other dealings, the US dollar climbed to 157.14 Japanese yen from 156.61 yen. The euro was trading at \$1.1756, down from \$1.1780.

Stock Markets Rally As Oil Prices Decline Amid Progress In US-



Benchmark Sensex rallied by 940 points on Wednesday following a sharp decline in crude oil prices after US President Donald Trump claimed progress in negotiations with Iran towards an agreement to end the war. Helped by fag-end heavy buying, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 940.73 points, or 1.22 per cent, to settle at 77,958.52. During the day, it surged 1,004.99 points, or 1.30 per cent, to a day's high of 78,022.78. The 50-share NSE Nifty rallied 298.15 points, or 1.24 per cent, to end at 24,330.95. A positive trend in global markets aided the rally in domestic stocks. From the 30-Sensex firms, InterGlobe Aviation, Trent, Asian Paints, State Bank of India, HDFC Bank and Eternal were among the major winners. Reliance Industries, Larsen & Toubro, Power Grid and NTPC were among the laggards. Trump had suspended "Project

Freedom," to escort ships through the Strait of Hormuz, claiming progress in negotiations with Iran towards an agreement to end the war. In a post on Truth Social on Tuesday, Trump said, "Great progress has been made toward a complete and final agreement with representatives of Iran. "Based on the request of Pakistan and other Countries, the tremendous Military Success that we have had during the Campaign against the Country of Iran and, additionally, the fact that Great Progress has been made toward a Complete and Final Agreement with Representatives of Iran, we have mutually agreed that, while the Blockade will remain in full force and effect, Project Freedom (The Movement of Ships through the Strait of Hormuz) will be paused for a short period of time to see whether or not the Agreement can be finalized and signed," Trump said. Project Freedom

was launched on Monday to escort ships, stranded due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, to safety. Trump's "Freedom," to escort statement on Truth Social came hours after US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that Operation Epic Fury, launched on February 28, had concluded as its objectives had been achieved. "Operation Epic Fury is concluded. We achieved the objectives of that operation. We're not cheering for an additional situation to occur. We would prefer the path of peace. What @POTUS would prefer is a deal... that is,igger was largely global — renewed optimism around a potential US-Iran peace deal led to a sharp decline in crude oil prices, offering immediate relief to an import-heavy economy like India," Hariprasad K, Research Analyst and Founder, Livelong Wealth, said.

In Asian markets, South Korea's benchmark Kospi, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended higher. Kospi surged over 6 per cent. Markets in Europe were trading sharply higher. US markets ended in positive territory on Tuesday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,621.58 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. On Tuesday, the Sensex dropped 251.61 points or 0.33 per cent to settle at 77,017.79. The Nifty edged lower by 86.50 points or 0.36 per cent to end at 24,032.80

Bhagyashri Borse joins Sivakarthikeyan's 'Seyon' cast

The makers of director Sivakumar Murugesan's next film, 'Seyon', featuring actor Sivakarthikeyan in the lead, on Wednesday wished actress Bhagyashri Borse a happy birthday, even as they announced that the actress had now joined the film unit. The film is being produced by Kamal Haasan's RaajKamal Films International and Turmeric Media. Taking to its X timeline to greet the actress, Raaj Kamal Films International (RKFI) wrote, "A birthday to remember and a journey to look forward to! Wishing #BhagyashriBorse A very Happy Birthday as she joins the #Seyon #HappyBirthdayBhagyashri." riggered huge interest in fans and film buffs ever since the makers released a glimpse video from the film called "The Celebration" earlier this year. The Celebration video showcases an incident that happens on the second day of the Maasi Kalar festival that is held at the Karumaathur Virumaandi Temple. The incident in question is shown taking place two hours after a major scuffle at the festival.

A group of people gather at the local police station, even as the constable explains the situation to the inspector. He informs that a major fight had broken out at the festival, even as the inspector begins inspecting those who have gathered at the station. He finds a group of young men with half-tounged heads and asks them what happened. The constable explains



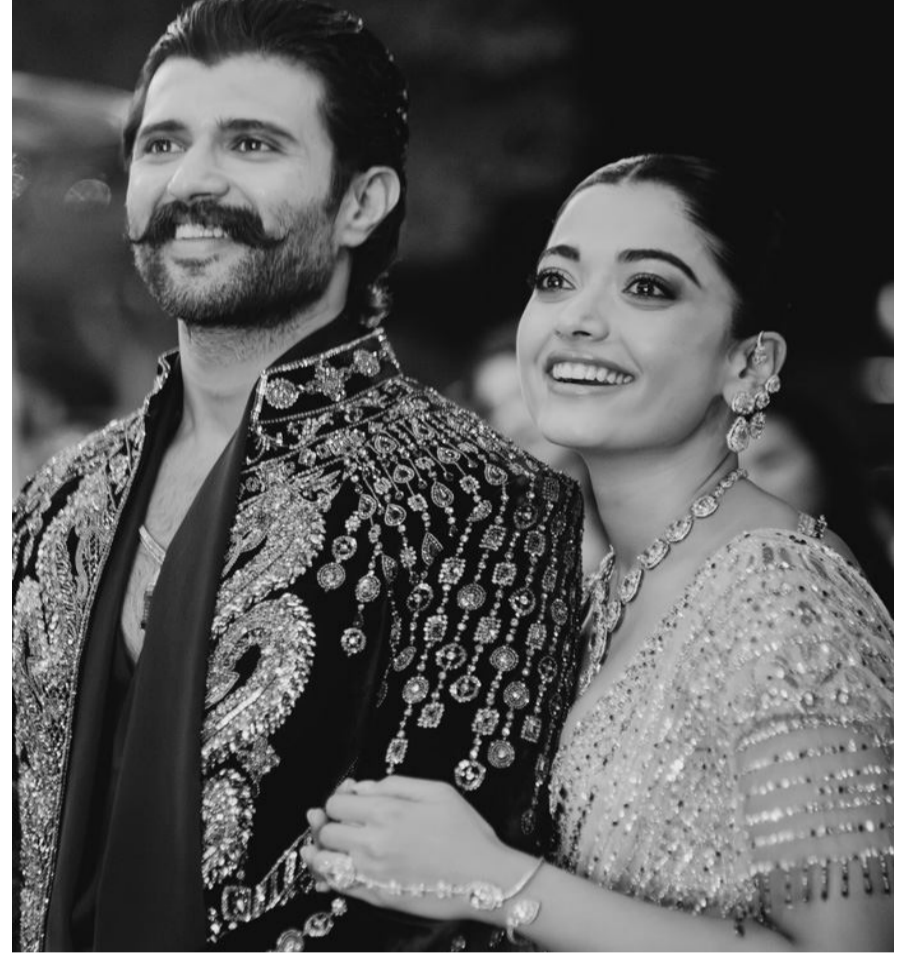
that the young men with half-tounged heads behaved in an indecent manner by flashing laser lights at dancers at the festival and making reels out of it. "Therefore, somebody bashed them up and tounged half their heads," he explains. The inspector then asks another man from another group as to why he was beaten. He says he was asked what play they were to stage at the festival and he had informed them that he was to stage the devotional "Valli Thirumanam (Valli's wedding to Lord Murugan)" and therefore, he too was bashed up. The reply makes those locked up in prison wonder if the person who bashed up the theatre artiste was an atheist. But then another man clarifies, "He is not an atheist. In fact, he is the one who gets possessed by the divine spirit of Virumaandi." The cops realise that everybody from the neighbouring villages is there, save one and that

is the people of Karumathur, who are carrying out the procession. The others try to stop the procession, but according to custom, the procession must not be stopped. The procession proceeds, and the inspector happens to see Sivakarthikeyan in a possessed state and prays to him... The celebration video gives the impression that the story will be set in Madurai. The makers also disclosed that the film would be released in October this year. The film, which will feature Sakarthikeyan in a power-packed and dynamic new role, will be a grand rural commercial entertainer. Now, with Wednesday's announcement, it has become evident that Bhagyashri Borse will be playing the female lead in the film. The film has triggered huge interest as it marks a significant reunion between Sivakarthikeyan and Raaj Kamal Films

International. Their collaboration for this film comes on the heels of the blockbuster success of their earlier film 'Amaran', which garnered both critical acclaim and commercial triumph. Produced by Kamal Haasan and R Mahendran, the film brings together powerful storytelling and a compelling cinematic vision. Director Sivakumar Murugesan will be stepping into his second directorial venture after the much-awaited soon-to-be-released 'Thaai Kizhavi'. Adding to the excitement, this project will mark the first-ever collaboration between RaajKamal Films International, Sivakarthikeyan, and acclaimed composer Santhosh Narayanan. The film has cinematography by Vivek Vijayakumar and editing by San Lokesh. Art direction for the film is by R K Nagu, while Keerthy Sampath and Joshua Maxwell are its costume designers.

Rashmika Mandanna Reveals How Vijay Deverakonda Spent His 'Perfect'

Actor Rashmika gave fans a heartwarming glimpse into Vijay Deverakonda's birthday celebrations with a special Instagram post that quickly grabbed attention online. Sharing unseen photos and videos from the day, Rashmika described the celebrations as a "perfect day" filled with love, family time, workouts, fans and happy moments together. The actress posted a series of candid clips and pictures that captured the couple enjoying simple moments, and wrote: "It's my man's birthday today and my day went like this." From gym selfies and cosy moments at home to family interactions and fan celebrations outside Vijay's residence, the post gave followers a rare inside look at their personal life. The Animal actor revealed that before the evening plans, they hit the gym for a workout session. She mentioned doing quick cardio while Vijay stepped out briefly for a meeting. Earlier in the day, the couple also spent time greeting fans who had gathered outside their home to wish the actor on his birthday. Rashmika added that the love from fans made the day even more special. "We went and met our boys and girls who'd come home to show Vijay lots of love and I also ended up getting lots of it as well," she wrote. She also shared glimpses of family moments involving her sister Shiman Mandanna and their pet dog. Calling the day truly memorable, Rashmika wrote, "Thus it was a



perfect day!" One part of her note that especially caught fans' attention was her excitement over getting unexpected free time together. "I love the days when you had released the date for a shoot and for some reason it gets cancelled and you get to celebrate!" she wrote. She ended the birthday message on a loving note, saying, "Happiest birthday to you my Viiijjjjjuuuuu!" The photos and videos featured several candid moments, including Vijay cutting a birthday cake, interacting with fans and spending quality

time with close friends and family members. Vijay's parents, Govardhan Rao and Madhavi Deverakonda, were also seen in some pictures shared by Rashmika. Earlier in the day, Vijay's younger brother Anand Deverakonda also shared a touching birthday wish for him on social media, calling Vijay more "complete, confident and courageous." The birthday celebration became extra special as it marked Vijay's first birthday after his marriage to Rashmika earlier this

year. After years of speculation around their relationship, the couple tied the knot in a traditional ceremony in Udaipur in February. On the work front, Vijay Deverakonda recently began work on his younger brother Anand's upcoming film with director Shouryuv. He will also be seen alongside Rashmika in Rahul Sankrityan's period drama Ranabaali, marking their first on-screen collaboration after marriage. Apart from that, Vijay also has Rowdy Janardhan lined up for release in December 2026.

Karuppu Trailer And Advance Booking: RJ Balaji Drops Massive Update On Suriya - Trisha's Film Ahead Of Release

As the countdown for Karuppu enters its final days, director RJ Balaji has officially revealed the trailer launch and ticket booking timings for the much-awaited Suriya starrer. The film, which is set for a worldwide theatrical release on May 14, 2026, has already created massive excitement online, and the latest updates have only added to the hype. Taking to X, RJ Balaji shared an emotional note thanking fans for keeping the excitement alive during what he described as "tough times." Referring to the rumours surrounding a possible delay due to elections, the director assured fans that the film's release plans remain unchanged. He wrote, "Amidst all the political chaos, I thank each and every fan, who kept the interest & hype alive for #Karuppu. Now that it's a happy ending, let's get ready for the trailer in the evening at 7pm. Bookings will open simultaneously. @Suriya_offl sir's Peak Sambavam Loading!"

Soon after the announcement, social media was flooded with excitement posts from fans eagerly waiting for the trailer launch. According to the official update, trailer releases and advance



bookings will begin today in phases across states. Tamil Nadu and Karnataka bookings will open at 7 PM, while Kerala bookings are scheduled for 9 PM. The makers also shared a fiery promotional message online that read, "The update you'll have been waiting for... Phones ready... bright-

ness up... Watch #KaruppuTrailer at 7:00PM & Grab your seats at 9:00PM." Meanwhile, massive hoardings and promotional banners for Karuppu have reportedly taken over several cities, adding to the buzz surrounding the film. Fans have especially been praising Suriya's intense

look from the latest posters. Earlier, the teaser showcased the actor in powerful action sequences choreographed by stunt duo Anbariv while also hinting at courtroom drama elements. Suriya appears to play a fierce lawyer who is equally dangerous in street fights, giving fans a blend of action, drama and mass moments. Adding to the excitement is Trisha Krishnan's role in the film. The actress plays a lawyer named Preethi, and her character introduction video recently received a strong response online. Directed by RJ Balaji, Karuppu is described as an action-drama-thriller and stars Suriya as Saravanan. Apart from Tamil, the film will also release in Telugu as Veerabhadru and in Kannada. The cast includes Trisha Krishnan, Indrans, Natty Swasika, Sshiyada, Anagha Maya Ravi and Supreeth Reddy. Music for the film has been composed by Sai Abhyankar

Urvashi Rautela says 'Inspector Avinash' taught her restraint over glamour



Actress Urvashi Rautela, who is all set to reprise her role as Poonam Mishra in the new season of "Inspector Avinash", has spoken about how "glamour" has often been attached to her public image, but the upcoming series demands restraint and realism. Was unlearning "performance vanity" part of Urvashi's process? The actress told IANS: "Absolutely. I think every actor who genuinely wants to grow has to unlearn a certain level of performance vanity at some point. With glamour-oriented public perception, people often expect perfection in every frame, every expression, every moment." "But projects like Inspector Avinash demand emotional hon-

esty more than visual perfection," she added. Urvashi shared that for this role, she consciously focused on "being present rather than trying to 'look performed.'" "Real people in intense situations are not thinking about how they appear they are reacting, surviving, processing emotions. That realism was very important for me to understand as an actor," said the actress. She added: "I think restraint is actually far more difficult than dramatic performance. Silence, stillness, controlled emotions — they require a different kind of confidence. Sometimes doing less truthfully is much harder than doing more dramatically." Urvashi said that as an artist, it was "definitely liberating" for her

"because it allowed me to explore vulnerability without the pressure of maintaining an image every second." Inspector Avinash, which first aired in 2023, is headlined by Randeep Hooda. The first installment featured names such as Amit Sial, Shalin Bhanot, Rahul Mittra, Zakir Hussain, Ayesha S. Aiman, Zohaeb Farooqui, Bidita Bag, Pravin Sisodia, Rajneesh Duggal, Ajay Chaudhary. The show was based on true events and the life of UP super-cop Avinash Mishra. The series revolves around the life of Avinash Mishra, who was brought in to stop the crimes in the state. Urvashi was last seen on the big screen in the film "Daaku Maharaaj".