

Janardhan Rao sensational allegations on Jogi Ramesh
Amaravati, Oct., 13 : Addepalli Janardhan Rao, who is considered the main accused in the case, has revealed sensational facts in the AP fake liquor case. He said that fake liquor was manufactured under the leadership of Jogi Ramesh during the YSRCP regime. However, Janardhan Rao said that the manufacturing of fake liquor was stopped after the change of government in AP. Janardhan Rao revealed all the things that happened behind the manufacturing of fake liquor in the form of a video. Now this video is shaking the political circles. However, in April this year, Janardhan Rao revealed that Jogi Ramesh had again asked him to manufacture fake liquor. 'Jogi Ramesh told me to start manufacturing fake liquor again with a conspiracy to corrupt the coalition government. We wanted to start manufacturing fake liquor in Ibrahimpatnam, but on Jogi Ramesh's orders, we started manufacturing fake liquor in the Tamballapalle constituency.

New Criminal Laws... A HISTORIC REFORM Will Ensure Timely Justice: Amit Shah



Jaipur: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday described the implementation of the three new criminal laws as a historic reform and the biggest overhaul of India's criminal justice system in the 21st century. Under the old system, cases would drag on for 25 to 30 years without sentencing, depriving people of timely justice. The new system will change that, Amit Shah said after inaugurating an exhibition in Jaipur, where he was given a demo of criminal investigation and prosecution under the new laws. The exhibition at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC) showcases the shift in India's criminal justice system from a punitive approach to one focused on justice and transparency. "The three new laws will provide easy and timely access to justice for all. Through new criminal laws, our criminal justice system will be driven by justice rather than punishment," Amit Shah said.

Indian officials likely to visit US this week for trade talks

New Delhi: India and the US are making headway in their negotiations to conclude the first tranche of the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) as a team of Indian officials is likely to leave for Washington, DC this week for further talks on the issue. "Discussions between the two countries are progressing well," a government official said. India has offered to increase imports of oil and gas from the US which will help to offset the trade surplus as well as enable the country to diversify its sources of energy to ensure a reliably supply amid geopolitical uncertainties. India is also likely to sources more renewable energy technologies from the US as part of the trade package, a step that will help the country fight climate change.



Upset Over Rajya Sabha Seats J&K Congress Wants To End Alliance

Srinagar: The alliance between the Congress and the National Conference in Jammu and Kashmir is on the rocks following the rift between the two over Rajya Sabha seats. A break in alliance could put the Omar Abdullah government on sticky wicket, though there is no immediate threat to the government. The Congress has six MLAs and the National Conference 41. Currently, the total strength of assembly is 88, making 45 the majority mark. Two seats are vacant. The National Conference has 41 members and enjoys the support of five Independents/associate members and one CPM MLA. So there is no threat to the government even if the Congress pulls out of the alliance. The trouble between the ruling allies that won the 2024 assembly elections cropped up over the Rajya Sabha seats in the Union Territory.



Lalu Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav Charged In Alleged IRCTC Hotel Scam

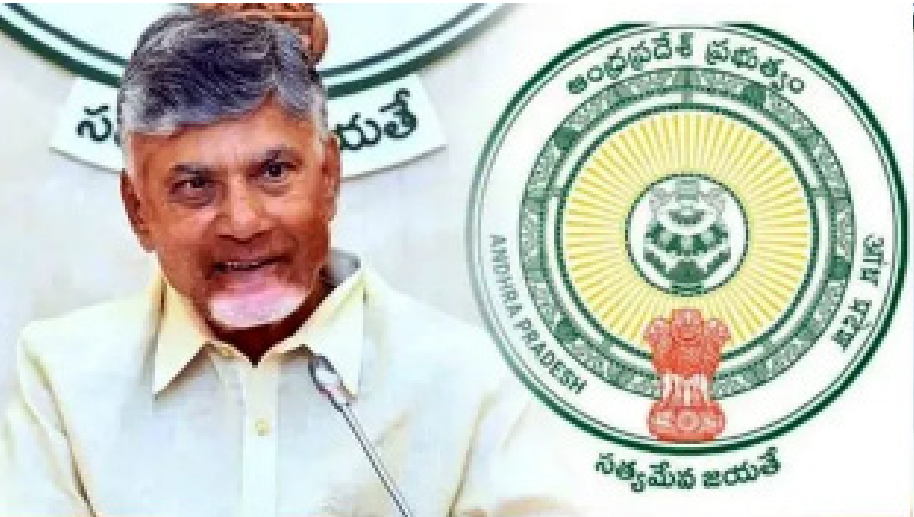
New Delhi: Lalu Yadav and the Rashtriya Janata Dal were handed a rude shock Monday morning after charges were framed against the ex-Bihar Chief Minister in the alleged IRCTC scam case, this timing naming his son and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, and his wife and also ex-Chief Minister Rabri Devi. With less than 30 days for the election - in which it is seen as the only rival to Janata Dal United boss Nitish Kumar's bid to extend a decade-old scrappy tenure - the RJD must now split its focus between managing the case (and the inevitable political jeers and swipes) and its poll campaign.



CPM demands all-party panel on capital issue

VIJAYAWADA: CPM State Secretary V Srinivasa Rao has called for the formation of an all-party panel to address the state capital issue. He criticised the State government's plan to acquire an additional 44,000 acres of land in the second phase of mobilization. Speaking at Balotsav Bhavan in Vijayawada on Sunday, alongside party secretariat member Y Venkateswara Rao, he warned the state government that forcibly acquiring land could endanger the construction of the capital and suggested that setting up government offices on 5,000 acres and commencing administrative operations would be sufficient for now. Srinivasa Rao stressed that farmers in the capital region remain unclear about ongoing developments and emphasized that their opinions should be considered in planning the capital. He also alleged that project estimates are inflating by lakhs of crores without substantial work being carried out. On the Electricity Amendment Bill, Srinivasa Rao urged the State not to accept it, stating that it threatens the federal structure, as electricity falls under the State government's purview. He noted that the Union government has already taken control of sectors like co-operation, agriculture, education, and health, and warned that privatisation of electricity would further undermine state powers. He also criticized development projects, including the Kakinada SEZ, which he said is not progressing despite land acquisition from farmers. Also, he questioned the need for a cargo airport at Uddhanam, Srikaulam, given the proximity of Bhogapuram Airport.

AP government's efforts on mobilization of revenue sources



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Oct., 13 : The AP Government is working on mobilizing revenue sources. To this end, a cabinet sub-committee has been formed to identify alternative ways for mobilizing revenue sources. The AP government has issued orders to form a cabinet sub-committee with six ministers. Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav is a member of the cabinet sub-committee. The coalition government has appointed Ministers Kollu Ravindra, Angani Satya Prasad, Satyakumar Yadav, Kandula Durgesh and

Vangalapudi Anitha as members of the GVM. In this context, it has issued instructions to discuss the identification and implementation of alternative measures for revenue growth. It has ordered to review the monthly revenues against the targets. It directed to recommend reforms to improve revenue performance. It directed to make recommendations on changes to be taken to increase AP's revenue and implementation of technology. It suggested to discuss strengthening the administrative system to increase revenue sources. The AP government has issued orders to review the need for amendments to laws, rules and policies to increase revenue sources. It ordered a discussion on the steps to be taken for coordination and strengthening between various government departments. It suggested that policy obstacles in various government departments be resolved. It ordered that direction be given on medium and long-term revenue strategies in line with the Swamandhra-2047 vision. It ordered a monthly meeting to review performance, discuss new measures, and resolve obstacles. The group of ministers was ordered to make suggestions, reports, and recommendations to the government from time to time. AP CS K. Vijayanand has issued instructions to the Finance Department to take further action in this regard.

Perni Nani retreats after Machilipatnam police take action

From Our Staff Reporter

Machilipatnam, Oct., 13 : Former minister Perni Nani has been arrested after the Machilipatnam Police took action. In this order, YSRCP leaders including Perni Nani queued up at the Machilipatnam police station. Recently, YSRCP leaders staged a dhama without permission at the Machilipatnam Government Medical College. In this order, a case was registered against 400 YCP leaders for agitating without police permission. 41A notices were issued to about 100 people. The fan party leaders had been arguing with the police until recently without responding to the notices. Two days ago, the YCP leaders were alerted by the arrest of YCP city president Mekala Subbanna. They came to the police station along with Perni Nani and replied to the notices. In this context, SI Prabhakar Rao recorded statements from the YCP leaders.



MP praises teachers for promoting health through home gardening

From Our Staff Reporter

Anantapur, Oct., 13 : Anantapur Member of Parliament Ambika Lakshminarayana lauded government teachers Obulesu and Jyothi for setting an inspiring example by developing a natural garden at their residence in Gooty town, Anantapur district. Responding to their invitation, the MP visited their home and personally inspected the well-maintained natural garden. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized the importance of home gardening for physical and mental well-being. "By converting household vegetable waste into organic manure and growing fruit trees, herbal plants,



and vegetables at home, one can improve health, inhale fresh oxygen, and cultivate good habits by spending just an hour in the garden every morning and evening," he said. The MP appreciated the couple for their dedication to environmental awareness and healthy living while continuing their service as government teachers. He noted that their initiative serves as an example for others in the community, as they not only maintain their garden but also distribute saplings to others. As a token of appreciation, Obulesu presented a plant to the MP during the visit.

Massive security blanket for PM Modi's Kurnool visit

From Our Staff Reporter

Kurnool, Oct., 13 : Elaborate security arrangements are being made in Kurnool district in connection with the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 16. District Superintendent of Police Vikrant Patil, held a high-level review meeting with sector police officers and liaisoning officials at the Command Control Room set up near Raga Mayuri Green Hills in Nannuru, Orvakal mandal, the venue for the Prime Minister's public meeting. Addressing the officials, the SP stated that around 7,300 police personnel will be deployed to ensure fool proof security during the high-profile visit. During the



review, SP Vikrant Patil outlined the security plan, traffic diversions, and parking arrangements with the help of a geographical map. Traffic from Adoni, Emmiganur, and Mantra layam will be diverted at Nagalapuram and routed through Bastipadu, Chinna Tekuru, and Tadakanapalli to reach the designated parking zones. Similarly, vehicles from Don, Pyapili, Tuggali, and Pattikonda will be diverted through Tadakanapalli, while those from Kurnool city will be directed through Nannuru toll gate. Vehicles from Nandyal, Allagadda, and Banaganapalle will follow the Nandyal road route. Parking areas have been clearly earmarked for different constituencies, and Parking Area No. 2 has been allotted to officials. The SP instructed the officers to ensure clear signage at all parking locations and smooth vehicular movement.

EDITORIAL

Why is a farmer dying every hour?

In our country, more than 1,71,418 people committed suicide in 2023. These include farmers and farm laborers from the agricultural sector. The hands that feed the country and lose their lives due to hunger and debt are a permanent stain on our society. 66.2 percent of those who committed suicide across the country had an annual income of less than one lakh rupees. The latest statistics from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) show that one farmer took his life every hour across the country in 2023. Reasons such as increasing financial difficulties, debts, and crop damage in the agricultural sector have once again brought this fact to our attention. Out of the 1,71,418 people who committed suicide, 10,786 were from the agricultural sector. These are 6.3 percent of the total suicides. A closer look at these statistics reveals that 43% of the suicides were farmers (4,690) and 56% were agricultural labourers (6,096). Of the farmers who committed suicide, 4,553 were men and 137 were women. Among labourers, 5,485 were men and 611 were women. Maharashtra had the highest suicide rate in the country at 38.5%, followed by Karnataka at 22.5%, Andhra Pradesh at 8.6%, Madhya Pradesh at 7.2% and Tamil Nadu at 5.9%. "Farmer suicides reflect the failure of the Indian government to address the rural crisis that has spread across the country. The central government is siding with capitalists more than the farmers and the poor. As a result, extreme poverty and hardship have increased in rural India. In the past, the policies of the Indian government were based on sympathy and balance between different communities. The central government has been negligent in protecting the vital agriculture sector for the last decade. "Every farmer's suicide is a testament to administrative failure and policy deficiencies," says journalist Dr. Kota Neelima. She has previously studied farmer suicides and written the book 'Widows of Vidarbha'. Minimum support price should be applied to all crops to ensure profit over production costs. Direct marketing and e-NAM platforms should be strengthened to reduce exploitation by middlemen. The opportunity to store crops should be provided by setting up warehouses. Bananas, carrots and jackfruit grown in 'Vikasavanam' near Anakapalle are being processed into value-added products and sold through solar dryers. Thus, even if the yield in that area increases, the crop is not wasted and the market has become a guarantee for the farmers. In rain-fed areas, pond restoration, check dams and rainwater harvesting programs should be accelerated. 'Natural farming methods like multi-cropping that increase soil fertility and water use efficiency should be promoted. This can reduce investment in chemical fertilizers,' say the villagers of Kondabaridi in Parvathipuram Manyam district. There is not a single chemical fertilizer shop in this village! Crops are grown here using completely natural farming. Small farmers should be given loans at low interest rates and there should be transparency in crop insurance. Loans should be given through cooperative societies and farmer producer organizations instead of relying on private money lenders. Also, if farmers suffer crop losses, immediate compensation, health insurance, old age pension, and support for children's education should be provided. Counseling centers and farmer assurance platforms should be set up at the village level. It is a matter of concern to the society that a farmer who is providing food to the country is risking his life in the same field.

Trump's Gaza Plan: Ushering "Peace for Our Time" In West Asia?

President Trump's sudden announcement on October 9 about Hamas and Israel having both "signed on the First Phase of his Peace Plan for Gaza" might have prompted many Indians to call out de ja vous - reminding them of a similar Trumpian claim five months ago, taking credit for stopping the four-day-old India-Pakistan air war. The two claims have similarities, but also fundamental differences. These were both premature and prompted by ulterior motives, viz., a full-throated and self-serving quest for the Nobel Peace Prize, which ironically still eluded him. The differences between the two cases, however, are quite stark and require some analysis.

It's Just That Complicated

Firstly, while taking credit for stopping the India-Pakistan air war might be a Trumpian "Truthful Hyperbole" and confined to largely calling up the two capitals over a relatively short span, the Gaza cessation needed a protracted engagement with the two belligerents. It did not help that Washington had proscribed one of them, Hamas, as a non-state actor deemed a terrorist outfit, while its proximity to the other, Israel, was widely disapproved, particularly by the Arab-Islamic Ummah. Secondly, as compared to the relatively simple act of persuading the two South Asian leaderships to de-escalate, the Gaza bid was quite complex, involving a group of mediators, as Washington needed to cobble an elaborate, sequentially arranged, multi-phase Peace Plan.

Not So Easy, Not So Soon

Thirdly, while Trump's proverbially short transactional attention conveniently moved on to the sub-continent once the ceasefire was achieved, the Gaza ceasefire is a sticky can of worms. The long-elusive ceasefire is only the opening overture of a fiendishly complicated serial act. To begin with, it requires sustained follow-up through multi-layered minefields, involving meeting the humanitarian needs and resettlement of over 2 million Gazans, living amidst millions of tons of debris that the UN estimated might take a decade for clearance. Fourthly, the US and other stakeholders would then have to wade through a veritable obstacle course, which Trump's 20-point programme has charmingly glossed over. For instance, persuading Hamas and associated militias, in power for nearly two decades and having survived through two years of an all-out Israeli onslaught, to agree to disappear both militarily and politically. The initial post-ceasefire developments belie that intention. Further, creating a Hamas-proof political and security state structure from scratch would require patience and perseverance, particularly if Hamas resists it. Further, a universally acceptable pathway to a viable Palestinian State would meander through comprehensive reforms to the Palestine Authority (PA). Morphing the PA into an entity perfect at governance and yet subservient enough to be acceptable to Israel and the settlers is a contradiction in terms and a prescription for instability.

Account For The 'Other' Actors

Once all these mutually contradictory pre-requisites are met, the White House's long-term ambition of extending the Abraham Accords to Saudi Arabia and other prominent Arab and Islamic countries could be realised. Only then can Trump's breezy claim of "Strong, Durable, and Everlasting Peace" in the region at hand become a fait accompli. But the scenario presupposes that in the meantime, the rejectionists led by Iran and motley fundamentalists such as ISIS and al-



Qaeda would lie low. That is a highly unlikely prospect. No wonder seasoned observers of the volatile region, while acknowledging the tactical gains of the typical sleight of hand by Trump, may advise taking it with a ladleful of salt.

The Text Itself

A careful parsing of the 20-point Trump Plan, revealed on September 27 after close consultations with the Israeli Prime Minister and eight Arab and Islamic leaders, makes for interesting reading. It is carefully scripted - to avoid various red lines such as a "two-state solution", "the past UN resolutions and role of its agencies", "Gaza Riviera", "Palestinian territorial integrity", "genocide and war crimes", "Israeli settlements", etc. At the same time, it includes the various essential buzz words insisted upon by various stakeholders: such as Israeli sine quo non "immediate release of all hostages", creating Gaza as a "deradicalised terror-free zone that does not pose a threat to its neighbours", Israeli "security perimeter presence", "No role for Hamas and other factions", etc. For Hamas, there are references to "amnesty", "non-occupation and non-annexation of Gaza", "full restoration of aid", "redeveloped for the benefit of the people of Gaza", "No one will be forced to leave Gaza", and the US-led dialogue between Israel and Palestinians. To entice Saudi Arabia and other fence-sitting Arab-Islamic countries, specific mention has been made of "pathway to Palestinian self-determination and statehood, which we recognise as the aspiration of the Palestinian people", "PA reforms", "transitional governance of a technocratic, apolitical Palestinian committee", "interfaith dialogue" to promote tolerance and peaceful co-existence". Finally, for the personal aggrandisement of the occupant of the White House, the plan talks of a "Board of Peace headed and chaired by President Donald J. Trump" and "Trump economic development plan to rebuild and energise Gaza".

Conspicuous by their absence in the text are any roles for the "international community" (excluding the Western Europeans, Russians, Chinese and the UN at large), the "Arab League", the "OIC", etc. This uncompromisingly ensured that Washington remains the only arbiter of this process - apparently, Trump's regional stakes are too high to accept other meddlers. The only global aspect included is the International Stabilisation Force (ISF), which would do the dirty work of ensuring the return to peace and normalcy in Gaza after two years of volatility. Interestingly, the US has announced an initial contribution of 200 military personnel to the ISF, with the caveat that they would not serve in Gaza. While the Chinese have remained taciturn about the evolving Trump Plan, Moscow has

voiced reserved support.

The Art Of The Deal - No, Really

Even though the contents of the 20-point plan were quite elastic and custom-tailored, the tactics deployed in pursuing its acceptance were straight out of the four-decade-old, ghost-written Trumpian classic, The Art of the Deal. It leveraged the dynamics of his symbiotic relationships with both Netanyahu and the Gulf Arab leaders, alternately coordinating, refining, and even cajoling them. Selective White House leaks and the use of his regional envoy Steve Witkoff and his son-in-law Jared Kushner were deployed to keep his interlocutors off balance and portray the White House as being tough on Israel. Frequent, starkly worded,

one-liner public ultimatata were issued to Hamas to intimidate and create an aura of omnipotency. Pressure was also mounted on Hamas through its traditional supporters such as Qatar and Turkey. As the short-term results showed, the ends justified the means, but we would have to wait for the dust to settle to have the full silhouette of this narrow-based Trump Tower still being built. War prevention and war cessation is a messy and risky business, not given to lofty claims. Most wars eventually end in a political settlement. However, sometimes, the converse is also true. On his return from Munich on September 30, 1938, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told his countrymen that the "Munich Agreement" giving

Sudetenland to Nazi Germany and the bilateral Naval Agreement signed alongside would ensure "peace for our time", recommending them to "go home and sleep quietly in your beds". Within 11 months began the Second World War, the most destructive carnage humanity has ever witnessed. We still remember President George W Bush II claiming the "Mission Accomplished" in 2003 in Iraq - only to be followed over a decade of blood-letting. Consequently, even as we mark the release of hostages and prisoners today, it's too early to tell whether history will etch the Trumpian October 12 claim "The War is Over" and his assertion "I think it's (the region) going to normalise" next to the other two instances of make-believe and braggadocio.

How Pakistan Is Using Its 'Gaza' Protests To Slide Out Of A Deal With Trump

The things Pakistan does can never cease to amaze. Even as it is being pressured by the Americans to be part of the Abraham Accords that basically will lead to recognition of Israel, a well-known Pakistani tool has been set out on the streets, with huge protests in support of Gaza. Apparently, no one told them that the area is finally heading towards peace and that everyone in Gaza is praying for an end to war. The group in focus is the Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan (TLP). It's been out on the streets earlier, too, with decidedly convenient results for the Pakistan army.

A Newbie

The TLP rose to the limelight suddenly in 2017 during protests against the then Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif's, who had angered the army with, among other things, an effort to repair relations with India. The issue spilt over even after Sharif was forced out. The group came pouring on to the streets demanding a minor change in the wording of the Election Act 2017, which allegedly weakened the constitutional declaration of belief in the finality of Prophet Muhammad's prophethood. Led by Bareilvi leader Khadim Rizvi, thousands of TLP supporters launched a sit-in at Islamabad's Faizabad interchange, which rapidly turned violent, leading to the total caving in of the government, including the resignation of Law Minister Zahid Hamid. This heralded the arrival of the erstwhile lowly government employee as a leader of this sect, even as the image of a Major General handing out PKR 1,000 to the protestors went viral. That was November 2017. In the 2018 elections, the TLP, with a suspiciously large purse for such a recent party, contested across the country, playing spoiler to Nawaz Sharif's party in Punjab. The army backed Imran Khan, long a sympathiser to TLP's politics, and he swept to power.

But it seemed the TLP's power had gone to its head. In 2020, it launched protests to close the French Embassy over some 'cartoons' of the Prophet in a French newspaper, much to the embarrassment of the Imran Khan government. Mysteriously, Khadim died in the middle of the protests, and the group was banned, though the ban was lifted just six months later in a 'secret agreement with the then army chief, General Bajwa. The reasons for the secrecy were soon clear, as under the son, Saad Rizvi, the TLP was again on the streets in March 2022 as Imran Khan fell foul of the army. The massive protests did their magic. Khan was out a month later. In 2023, the TLP was readied for election with all restrictions lifted and allowed to register as a political party. In the 2024 elections, it actually lost its vote share, but that didn't really clip its wings. In fact, by 2025, it seems to have trebled itself.

A Lead Role In West Asia Comes With A Price

The background to the latest sudden violence in the streets has to do with the adventurism of Field Marshal Asim Munir and the pliant Prime Minister. Munir's wooing of Washington was all very well, but it seemed that the mysterious and very private lunch with President Trump had a price. Reports soon indicated that Pakistan would be part of the Abraham Accords that hinged on the recognition of Israel came into a rapidly changing Middle East situation. It also seemed that there was an additional reward, as Pakistan also signed a "Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement" on September 15 with Saudi Arabia, and seemed willing to open it to other countries. Trump declared that Sharif had endorsed the peace plan that virtually ended Hamas as a force with its attendant results. It seemed Pakistan was being propped up as a leader of the Islamic world, provided it also took the lead

in recognising Israel. That lit the fire. No sooner the news broke out than the Pakistani Parliament was up in arms against it, with the Jamaat-e-Islami leading the charge. Pakistani leaders quickly walked back on the claims, but the damage was done.

TLP Comes Out In Force

Within days, the TLP gathered itself and was out on the streets over the Gaza issue, its power magically restored, as much of Pakistan came to grinding halt. More than a hundred policemen were injured and hundreds of vehicles were torched as the mob rampaged through at least three major cities. An irate police force pointed out that given that the Palestinians actually welcomed the peace talks and that Muslims in Gaza were celebrating, the protests made no sense. The TLP announced its intention to camp out at Muridke, indicating they have no intention of leaving. There is no clarity from TLP on exactly what they want, but the whole spectacle is being covered well by the western media, which has exactly the effect the establishment was aiming for: easing American pressure. This time, however, it seems the TLP protests have gone out of control, essentially because the Punjab police have had enough of the army games and are hitting back. That is a dangerous internal divide. Expect more of this as the protests roll on.

The Deep State, Again

It's amazing that the TLP was originally - at least in western narratives - seen as an alternative to al-Qaeda and the rest, under a false belief that the Bareilvis were a peaceful force, inclined to Sufism. That was a post-9/11 narrative, and today it has run its course. The reality is that it is the Pakistani deep state that keeps sponsoring one group after another, even as it is forced to put its other groups, like the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, under wraps for the time being.

'Misspelled Son's Name?' Lawyer Claims Twist In Sunjay Kapur Estate Battle

New Delhi: The Bollywood-style drama over the estate of businessman Sunjay Kapur - worth around Rs 3,000 crore - continued Monday as the Delhi High Court resumed hearing the plea by the children of actor Karishma Kapoor. Appearing for Samaira, 20, and Kiaan, 15, senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani claimed the will had been forged to 'disinherit' his children from his first marriage. There was 'something very secretive about this will', Jethmalani argued. "This 'will' does not involve Sunjay Kapur... and we were not supplied with any documents either," he said. He also poked holes at the will for having misspelled one son's name and incorrectly recording the daughter's address. "These bloopers (are) very uncharacteristic of Sunjay Kapur," he said. "Sunjay Kapur was in great health and his Indian property was secured by a tight trust. The circumstantial evidence is so completely contrary it leads to assumptions... that the contents of the will are bad. I say this based on his phone conversations with his 'disinherited' children." He had a very good relationship with his children. So how could he have written his daughter's address wrong and misspelled his son's name in multiple places?" Samaira and Kiaan are Sunjay Kapur's children from his marriage with Karishma Kapur. The two



wed in September 2003 and divorced in 2016, when she accused him of physical and mental abuse. He re-married model Priya Sachdev a year later and had a son, Azarias, with her. The current case involves a plea for status quo in execution of Sunjay Kapur's will, i.e., the one presented by his second wife, Priya Sachdev Kapur. Samaira and Kiaan have claimed Priya 'usurped full control' of Sunjay's assets by forging a will after his death in the UK in June. The will being claimed as Sunjay's last and valid leaves his personal estate to Priya. The allegedly forged will - which Jethmalani called an "ominously uncertified document" - was dated March 21. In court today he argued, "We have no idea what happened to the will. It was modified on March 17. It is not clear who modified it... but it was modified again on March 24." Asked by the court to explain these dates, Priya Kapur's lawyer said the

changed dates - visible on the digital record of the MS Word document - was "because the file was being uploaded". "You can check... all of them are the same document," the counsel said. Jethmalani countered, "There was a modification on March 24. They have not explained it. On March 21 the question of the will was over. Why a three-day delay? Now there are two 'wills'." The senior advocate also claimed a secret WhatsApp group had been set up with Sunjay and Priya Kapur, and Dinesh Agarwal, one of the latter's alleged co-conspirators. The will was sent as a .pdf file and its name was changed, twice, he said. "Two wills were simultaneously prepared... the husband and wife. These were not mutual wills and so have to be explained," he argued, trying to establish the second wife as a conspirator. "They messaged about signed wills... the message was acknowledged by Priya not Sunjay."

"If we see the phone of Dinesh Agarwal, it can be seen there is no group name or phone numbers, and then, separately, it can be checked that the 'SK will' was only seen, not read." Jethmalani was referring to a feature of WhatsApp that allows users to decide if messages sent to them are marked as 'read' on the sender's device. Users can turn this feature off. Last week too there was a dramatic showdown in court after Priya Sachdev Kapur was compared to Cinderella's stepmother. In a no-holds attack Jethmalani accused her of being 'greedy'. "She got 60 per cent of the assets and allotted 12 per cent to her son. She is also getting 75 per cent of the trust... but she is only concerned with her personal assets." Meanwhile, Samaira and Kiaan are not alone in claiming Priya 'usurped' control of Sunjay's assets; his mother, Rani Kapur, has also challenged the will. She said 'nothing has been left for me'.

Top AIIMS Surgeon Suspended After Nurse's Harassment Complaint Reaches PM's Office

New Delhi: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has suspended Dr AK Bisoi as the head of its Cardio Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) department following a complaint of harassment by a female nursing officer. The decision came after a series of complaints from the AIIMS Nurses' Union that reached the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), alleging sexual harassment, use of vulgar language, and workplace intimidation. The AIIMS administration has handed over the charge of the CTVS department to senior professor Dr V Devagourou with immediate effect, "till further orders," according to an official order issued by AIIMS Director Dr M Srinivas.

The order cited a complaint dated September 30 from a female nursing officer, along with representations from the AIIMS Nurses' Union. "In view of the complaint dated 30.09.2025 received from a female nursing officer of the Department of CTVS

against Dr. A.K. Bisoi, Professor and Head of CTVS, and the representations in that regard received from the AIIMS Nurses' Union dated 30.09.2025, 04.10.2025, and 07.10.2025, the Director has assigned the charge of Head of the Department of CTVS to Dr. V. Devagourou, Professor of CTVS, with immediate effect, till further orders," the institute's official order stated. The union later escalated the matter to the PMO on October 9, accusing the institute's administration of inaction and describing the situation as "a case of workplace bullying and sexual harassment." In its letter to the PMO and AIIMS Director, the Nurses' Union alleged that Dr Bisoi had repeatedly used "vulgar, unprofessional, and derogatory language" targeting female nursing staff. "We have received information that during his morning rounds, Dr Bisoi intimidated nurses by openly threatening to teach a lesson to those who had complained against him. This amounts to retaliation



and has created a hostile environment where nurses fear reprisal for raising genuine concerns," the complaint stated.

The union also accused Dr Bisoi of threatening to remove the complainant from her clinical posting as retaliation. The complaint described his remarks as "sexually abusive and deeply derogatory," adding that they amounted to character assassination and gender-based humiliation. Sources said the inquiry is still underway and the matter will be referred to the institute's Internal

Complaints Committee (ICC) for further investigation. While Dr Bisoi has been relieved of his administrative duties, he continues to be part of the institute pending the outcome of the inquiry. According to senior doctors, this is among the rare instances in recent years when the head of a department has been removed over such allegations.

Dr. AK Bisoi for a response to the allegations, but he did not respond. AIIMS media in-charge also did not respond queries regarding the enquiry committee's decision. This is not the first time Dr Bisoi has faced disciplinary action. He was suspended by the Union Health Ministry in 2009 over alleged irregularities and faced similar harassment complaints in 2019, though no action was taken then. In 2012, he was also suspended on charges of medical negligence. The AIIMS Nurses' Union said it expects a "fair and transparent" probe. "We trust that the administration will ensure accountability and uphold the dignity of the nursing community," a representative said.

Delhi Man Stops Scooter During Fight On Road, His 11 Kg Silver Gets Stolen

New Delhi: Around 11 kg of silver was allegedly stolen from a man's scooter storage during a brief altercation he had with two men in northeast Delhi's New Usmanpur area, police said. The incident occurred near JPC Hospital. In his police complaint, Ramratan Aggarwal (22), a resident of Shahdara, told police that he was headed home on his scooter when his vehicle brushed past the two-wheeler of the accused persons. The two accused left after a brief argument with Aggarwal, police said. "However, after reaching home, Aggarwal found that 11 kg of silver which he had kept in the storage compartment of his scooter was missing," a senior police officer said. Based on his complaint, a case has been registered and CCTV footage from the area is being scanned to identify the accused, he said.



"Elections Coming, People Are Watching": Tejashwi Yadav On Court Setback

New Delhi: Shortly after a Delhi court framed charges in a corruption case against him and his family members, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav said such developments are expected ahead of the Bihar election. He added that the "people of Bihar are watching". "Elections are coming, so things like this will happen... We will reach our destination. The people of Bihar are watching," Tejashwi said, after the Rouse Avenue court framed charges against him, his father and RJD founder Lalu Prasad Yadav, and his mother and former Chief Minister Rabri Devi, among others, in a corruption case. The charges include cheating and criminal conspiracy. All three have pleaded 'not guilty' and said they would face the trial. The case relates to allegations of corruption in the allotment of maintenance contracts for IRCTC hotels during Lalu Yadav's tenure as Railway Minister from 2004 to 2009.



It is alleged that the maintenance contract of two IRCTC hotels, BNR Ranchi and BNR Puri, was awarded to Sujata Hotel. The CBI has alleged that in return for this deal, Lalu Yadav got three acres of prime land through a benami company. The CBI filed an FIR against Lalu Yadav and his family members in 2017. The CBI had told the Delhi court that there is sufficient material to frame charges against all the accused. Lalu Yadav's counsel had argued

that there is no material to frame the charges and that the tenders were awarded fairly. The court's ruling today has amplified the political attacks of RJD's rivals ahead of the high-voltage assembly polls in Bihar. The BJP's Bihar unit said the court has accepted that Lalu Yadav plotted the IRCTC scam. "Bihar knows he looted public money. The people will give him an answer," the party said in a post on X. Tejashwi has said he will fight the BJP as long as

it is in power. "It is fun to fight storms. We have chosen the path of struggle, and we will reach our destination. "We will fight and win, we are Biharis, we do not fear Baharis (outsiders)," he said. The 'outsider' attack is aimed at the BJP, as Tejashwi's party tries to position itself as a home-grown political force and paints the BJP as an 'outsider', suggesting that its local leaders follow the instructions of the high command in Delhi.

The Missing 'Nehru': Mumbai Metro Station Fuels Naming Controversy

Mumbai: A fresh political row has erupted after the Mumbai Congress accused the state and the BJP-led central government of deliberately dropping "Nehru" from the name of the Metro Line-3 stop that serves the well-known Nehru Science Centre in Worli. The party demanded that the station be renamed Nehru Science Centre and called the omission "an insult" to the memory of India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. The core of the controversy is the Metro's decision to omit "Nehru" from its station publicity material, which identifies the stop simply as Science Centre or Science Museum. This move conflicts with the official identity of the Nehru Science Centre, a large, government-run science education institution situated on Dr E Moses Road in Worli. The Mumbai Congress has

argued that the omission was deliberate and politically motivated.

In a post on X, circulated by local Congress leaders, the party described the move as reflecting a "narrow-minded, vindictive and intolerant" approach. The statement then called for an immediate reinstatement of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's name on the station. Citing earlier changes - including the controversial renaming of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in Delhi - the Congress argued that the station name omission was evidence of a broader pattern of erasure. The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), which operates Metro Line-3, responded that it used the official nomenclature because the station name was recorded as "Science Museum" in a 2013 notification. MMRC officials told me-



dia that the shorter station name was justified because the actual building is officially named "Science Centre." The inconsistency is further highlighted by the MMRC's own social media, which promotes Line-3 station facilities by listing nearby "Discovery Hubs" that include the Nehru Science Centre and the Nehru Planetarium. The Congress views the Worli controversy as the newest example of administrative and symbolic moves meant to erase Nehru's public

presence. The ruling side, however, explains the station's shortened name by referencing legacy paperwork and technical naming conventions established during the project's initial planning. While the Congress demands the immediate reinstatement of "Nehru" based on public sentiment and the museum's established identity, the MMRC defends the current station label by strictly adhering to its official nomenclature and archival paperwork.

"Income Has Stopped": Union Minister Offers To Resign, Wants To Resume Acting

Thrissur: Union Minister Suresh Gopi has expressed his desire to return to acting, stating that he wishes to continue his film career. Addressing an event in Kannur, the Thrissur MP and actor-turned-politician said that his income has significantly decreased since taking up the ministerial role. "I really want to continue acting. I need to earn more; my income has now stopped completely," he said. Gopi further noted that he is

the youngest member in his party and suggested that Rajya Sabha MP C Sadanandan Master be appointed in his place as Union Minister. "I have never prayed for becoming a minister. A day before the elections, I told reporters that I do not want to become a minister; I want to continue with my cinema." "I took membership of the party in October 2008 ... it was the first MP chosen by people and the party felt they needed to

make me the minister," said the Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Minister of Tourism. Earlier this year, President Droupadi Murmu nominated the BJP veteran from Kannur, Sadanandan Master, to the Rajya Sabha.

Meanwhile, Suresh Gopi in his address at the event in Kannur said that many people were in the habit of twisting and misinterpreting his words. He pointed out

that his usage of the term "praja" to refer to the people of his constituency, Thrissur, came under criticism. Giving an example of how sanitation workers who were referred to earlier as manual scavengers were now being referred to as sanitation engineers, the minister said that the usage of 'praja' and 'prajatantra' by him was twisted by his opponents. "What is wrong with using the word praja?" Gopi said.

Exorcising Ghosts, Solving 'Problems': How A Fake 'Tantrik' Duped Woman

Jaipur: A fake 'tantrik' (spiritual healer) from Rajasthan was arrested on Monday for duping people of lakhs of rupees under the pretext of "exorcising ghosts" from her house and "solving" their problems. The accused, identified as Rahul (20), had posed himself as an "online tantrik" and had an Instagram page called 'aghorji_ji_rajasthan' through which he was duping people. This came to light when one of the victims, Manisha Naveen Jilouya - a resident of Delhi's Chanakyapuri - got in touch with the 'tantrik' on Instagram. The accused convinced her that her house was

haunted by ghosts and that special prayers would be required to remove them. To make it real, he even sent fake images depicting ghost-like figures to scare her. He then asked her to send Rs 1,14,000 for performing "rituals". However, upon receiving the money, he stopped responding to the woman's calls and messages, officials said. Manisha then filed a complaint with the cybercrime portal - based on which the Delhi police filed a case. Subsequently, they collected information about the accused's mobile number, Instagram account, and bank transactions. The police located the accused in



Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu and arrested him.

During interrogation, Rahul confessed that he had created fake Instagram accounts and websites to exploit people's emotions and fears and defraud them. He also revealed that he ran paid ads to promote his

'tantrik' reels to dupe people. Investigation revealed that he has defrauded more than 50 people, officials said. The police have recovered three mobile phones, five SIM cards, three debit cards, and three check-books from the accused.

Guntur's Gadde Harish selected for Indian U-18 Kabaddi Team for Asian Youth Games

HYDERABAD: Gadde Harish, son of Sri Pedda Narasaiah and a native of Papannapalem, residing in Guntur, has been selected to represent the Indian Kabaddi Team (Under-18) at the 3rd Asian Youth Games, scheduled to be held in Bahrain from October 22 to 31. Earlier, Harish represented the Andhra Pradesh State team and participated in the Junior National Kabaddi Championships on four occasions. He also brought laurels by securing a



Bronze Medal in the Khelo India Youth National Kabaddi Championship. His exceptional performance in the Under-18 Junior Nationals at Haridwar earned him a place in the Indian squad for the upcoming Asian Youth Games. KV Prabhavathi (President), N Arjuna Rao (Working President), and Sri Srikanth Yalamanchili (General Secretary) of the Andhra Kabaddi Association congratulated Harish and conveyed their best wishes for him to bring home the Gold Medal for India.

Spain dominates FIP Silver Radha TMT Indian Open with wins in both Women's and Men's categories

Hyderabad: The FIP Silver Radha TMT Indian Open concluded in fantastic fashion with Spanish duos Lucia Manquillo Alarza and Lucia Luján Rodríguez, and G Figuerola Santiago and R Belmont Pastor claiming the titles in the Women's and Men's categories, respectively, at the KPGBA courts. In the women's final, Spain's Lucia Manquillo Alarza and Lucia Luján Rodríguez (1) showcased remarkable resilience to edge past the second-seeded duo of M Koek and V Kurz in a thrilling three-set contest. After taking the opening set 6-3, the Spanish top seeds faltered in the second, allowing Koek and Kurz to level the match 6-4. However, Manquillo and Luján regrouped strongly in the decider, regaining control with sharp net play and tactical precision to close out the final 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 and lift the women's title. The men's final also went Spain's way, with G.



Figuerola Santiago and R. Belmont Pastor (4) prevailing over compatriots M Melero Bernal and N. Zurita (6) in straight sets. Figuerola and Belmont displayed impeccable coordination and strong defensive play, taking the opening set 6-3 before sealing the championship in a tight second-set tiebreaker 7-5. Their consistent shot-making and smart tactical variations proved decisive as they secured the men's crown

in style. Earlier in the semifinals, Manquillo and Luján had breezed past India's S. Dandu and P. Manikonda 6-0, 6-0, while Koek and Kurz advanced following a retirement from Thailand's B Luttikhuis and J Hemmes (4). In the men's draw, Figuerola and Belmont dominated Argentina's M. Conte Gonzalez and M Cabrera 6-1, 6-3, as Melero Bernal and Zurita overcame Great Britain's E. Bardo and Egypt's M. Hesham 6-1, 6-3.

Delhi Toofans defeat Calicut Heroes 3-0 in thrilling RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League encounter



Hyderabad: Delhi Toofans registered a thunderous 15-11, 15-9, 15-11 win over the defending champions Calicut Heroes in the RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League powered by Scapia at the Gachibowli Indoor Sta-

dium here on Sunday. Jesus Chourio was named the Player of the Match. In much need of a win, the Calicut Heroes started strongly with Santhosh firing powerful smashes early on. Vikas Maan played a key

role in the middle zone for Calicut to stop Delhi's attacks. But skipper Saqlain Tariq's smart distribution kept his side in the game. Muhammad Jasim-led triple block earned Delhi a super point, halting Calicut's early momentum.

Chourio started using his power to trouble Calicut's defense. Birthday boy George Antony made two consecutive super serves in a row as the Toofans began dominating on court. Calicut's libero Adarsh and Delhi's libero Anand kept the crowd entertained with energetic defense. Santhosh's super serve gave Calicut a glimmer of hope with a power-packed shot.

Asked If Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli Will Play 2027 World Cup, Ravi Shastri's Blunt Reply

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri, who has held a close relationship with Virat Kohli over the years, believes the upcoming One Day International (ODI) series against Australia will be a critical challenge for both him and Rohit Sharma. Shastri feels that the veteran duo needs to produce some exemplary performances to solidify their places for the 2027 World Cup. Kohli and Rohit, who have now retired from Tests and T20 Internationals, were named in India's squad for the ODI series, which starts on 19 October in Perth. They are set to join the squad before flying to Australia on 15 October for the three-match series, but there isn't much clarity on their future beyond the series.

With the ODI World Cup still two years away, and the recent form of Kohli, 36, and Sharma, 38, having been well below their exceptional best, uncertainty looms over their future in the format. "That's why they're here (playing the ODI series against Australia)," Shastri was



quoted as saying by cricket.com.au at Kayo Sport's Summer of Cricket launch here.

"They're part of the mix. It depends on their fitness, their hunger and, of course, form. So, I think this series is very important to see how they go. They themselves will know by the end of this series how they feel and then it's their call," he added. Currently, ODI cricket is the only international format the duo plays and it remains to be seen whether they fit into India's long-term plans, with the 50-over World Cup still two years away. By then, Rohit will be 40, while Kohli will be 38.

Rohit was recently replaced by Shubman Gill as India's ODI captain. Rohit and Kohli were last seen representing India during their victorious Champions Trophy campaign in February this year.

While Rohit was named player of the match in the final, Kohli featured among the top five batters, repeatedly leading India to victory throughout the tournament. "(It's) the same thing with Steve Smith, who retired from ODIs in March, from Australia's point of view. At that age, you've got to enjoy it, and you still have to have the hunger.

Three Item Songs in One Movie — Isn't It Exaggerating?

Thamma is the latest film from the Maddock Horror Universe. The trailer that was released some time back already impressed everyone big time. The team is promoting the film aggressively and the latest discussion surrounds the third item song from the film. The general audiences are now in an opinion that they are using the glamour factor pretty much in this film. The latest developments reveal us that there are three songs in the film which fill the glamorous parameters for the project. Even though Rashmika's song was special, it also appeared as a Item song. Initially it was a successful attempt for maddock movies, but now they are overriding. In earlier films Stree, Bediyan, Stree 2, the item songs are very limited but in reality, the latest film from franchise puts the film on glamorous fire.

Many movie lovers are even trolling it as the "Item Song Universe" instead of



the "Horror Universe," feeling the overdose of songs is overshadowing the spooky charm. Let's wait and see if

there's a purpose behind this strategy once the movie hits the screens. Ayushmann Khurrana, Rashmika

Mandanna and Nawazuddin Siddiqui are a part of the movie. Aditya Sarpotdar is the film's director.

Telusu Kada Trailer: Lady Director's Big 'Twist' Before Release

Finally, Siddhu Jonnalagadda-starrer Telusu Kada's theatrical trailer has been unveiled, and it turned out to be a major twist for the audiences. Until now, people had certain opinions about the film, and this trailer has changed everything, and on top of everything, it has also increased curiosity right away. Directed by Neeraja Kona, Telusu Kada features Srinidhi Shetty and Raashii Khanna as the female leads. When it was announced that a lady director was going to helm a film with one hero and two heroines, it was assumed to be a regular soft love story. Even the songs and promotional material suggested the same. But the theatrical trailer changed everyone's perception. It introduces Siddhu's character as a radical personality who would keep audiences on the edge of their seats with his hysterical antics. His love story with two women forms the main crux of the film.

In one sequence, the heroine tells the hero that she is feeling afraid of him, and then the hero replies, "Then, Be Afraid." In another sequence, we get to



see the hero asking a sobbing heroine to undress herself. In another scene, he is seen getting ready to make out with a heroine in front of another heroine. These scenes suggest the hysterical characterisation of the hero and increase the curiosity about his journey right away. Despite being a female director, Neeraja Kona seems to have broken all stereotypes in pre-

sending this story in the most unique way. The trailer itself showcases how challenging this story will be for a debut director. Instead of choosing a safe subject given her reputation as a leading costume designer, Neeraja chose a bold path and came up with Telusu Kada. Until now, audiences had a certain perception about this film, and the trailer changes ev-

everything. It also makes Telusu Kada a different film from the rest of the Diwali releases. Due to this bold trailer and Siddhu's fantastic antics in it, Telusu Kada is now expected to take a huge opening at the box office. Produced by the People Media Factory, Telusu Kada is slated for worldwide release this Friday (October 17). Thaman S is composing the music for it.

Sankranthiki Vasthunam Hindi Remake Confirmed

Remaking South Indian films in Hindi has been common, and many have become big hits over the years. While not all remakes succeed, there is still strong demand for Hindi versions of popular Telugu films. The latest Telugu hit to get this treatment is Sankranthiki Vasthunam.

The film, released in January, was directed by Anil Ravipudi and stars Venkatesh. It became a major hit and set a record for a Telugu film that wasn't dubbed in other languages. With around ₹280 crore at the box office, it was also the highest-grossing Telugu film of the year till September. Now, the film is being remade in Hindi. The story is described as a triangular crime entertainer, focusing on a man, his ex-girlfriend, and his wife. Akshay Kumar will play the lead role, originally played by Venkatesh.

Director Anees Bazmee, known for comedy films like Welcome and Bhool Bhulaiyaa series, will direct the remake. He has also



directed the Hindi remake of the Telugu film Ready with Salman Khan. Dil Raju, who produced the original film with Shirish under Sri Venkateswara Creations, will also produce the Hindi remake. Discussions are ongoing to finalize the two female leads, along with other cast and crew members. Interestingly, Anil Ravipudi's National Award-winning film Bhagavanth Kesari is also being loosely remade in Tamil. Thalapathy Vijay will star in the Tamil version titled Jana Nayagan, directed by H Vinoth. The original Sankranthiki Vasthunnam starred Venkatesh, Meenakshi Chaudhary, and Aishwarya Rajesh. It was written and directed by Anil Ravipudi, produced by Dil Raju and Shirish, and had music composed by Bheems Ceciroleo.