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PM Modi Meets Delhi Blast victims at hospital after returning from Bhutan



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday visited Lok Nayak Hospital to meet the victims of the blast near the Red Fort, minutes after he returned to the Capital from a two-day Bhutan visit. Security was heightened outside the hospital, where all the victims have been admitted, in view of the visit. The blast in a slow-moving white Hyundai i20 car at 6.50pm on Monday, ripped through a clutch of vehicles near the iconic Red Fort, leaving nine people dead so far. The incident during rush hour gutted several vehicles, leaving 20 people injured. The blast occurred hours after eight people, including three doctors, were arrested and 2,900 kg of explosives seized with the uncovering of a "white collar" terror module involving the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind and spanning Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. The blast occurred hours after eight people, including three doctors, were arrested and 2,900 kg of explosives seized with the uncovering of a "white collar" terror module involving the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind and spanning Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. Among those arrested on Monday were Dr Muzammil Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Sayeed, both connected to Al Falah University in Faridabad, from where 360 kg of ammonium nitrate was recovered.

Another Exit Poll Predicts Majority For NDA In Bihar, But By Small Margin

Patna / New Delhi: The tenth exit poll for the Bihar Assembly elections has been released and it has joined the others in predicting a clear majority for the NDA, albeit by the smallest margin. Vote Vibe has predicted that the NDA will win between 125 and 145 seats in the 243-seat Assembly, where the majority mark is 122. The Mahagathbandhan has been projected to win between 95-115 constituencies and, in line with other exit poll predictions, Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj Party is estimated to either not open its account at all or emerge victorious in two.



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Weeks Before Delhi Blast, Pulwama Conspirator's Wife Joined Jaish Outfit

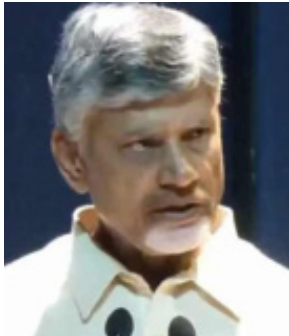
New Delhi: Weeks before the blast in Delhi, the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) added a new member to its ranks. Afira Bibi, the wife of terrorist Yusuf Azhar, the mastermind of Kandahar hijacking who was killed during Operation Sindoor strikes on the Jaish's Bahawalpur camp. Sadia serves a major purpose in Azhar's nefarious designs to spread terror in India.

work alongside Sadia Azhar, the younger sister of UN-designated terrorist Masood Azhar, who has never shied away from publicly announcing his plans to carry out terror attacks across the border. She is the wife of terrorist Yusuf Azhar, the mastermind of Kandahar hijacking who was killed during Operation Sindoor strikes on the Jaish's Bahawalpur camp. Sadia serves a major purpose in Azhar's nefarious designs to spread terror in India.



AP Governor awards gold medals at Rayalaseema University graduation

Kurnool: In a recent graduation ceremony at Rayalaseema University in Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh, Governor Justice Abdul Nazeer delivered a compelling message on the importance of education and gender equality. Notably, he pointed out that 80 percent of the attendees were girls, issuing a gentle warning to boys to step up and match their efforts. Justice Nazeer presented "gold medals" to students, highlighting that education not only boosts self-confidence but also serves as a foundation for personal development. He emphasised that higher education plays a crucial role in alleviating economic and social inequalities, labelling academic achievement as a valuable investment for the youth. In his address, the Governor urged students to concentrate on emerging fields, particularly artificial intelligence, to prepare for a rapidly changing job market. His remarks underscored the necessity of hard work and commitment to education for both genders.



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Nov., 12: The officials are finalising preparations for the 30th CII Partnership Summit set to take place in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15. In conjunction with the summit, details of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's itinerary during his four-day visit have been announced. The CM will travel directly from Rayachoti in Annamaya district this evening, arriving in Visakhapatnam at 6 PM to review preparations for the summit. Naidu holds a meeting with Bharat Forge Vice Chairman Amit Kalyani. His schedule for November 13, 14, and 15 includes a series of one-on-one meetings,

Govt strengthening economy to provide jobs to youth: Min Keshav

From Our Staff Reporter Anantapur, Nov., 12: Andhra Pradesh Finance, Planning, Commercial Taxes and Legislative Affairs Minister Payyavula Keshav said that providing employment opportunities to youth and strengthening the state's economy through industrial investments are the government's top priorities. He participated in the foundation-laying ceremony for the APIIC Flat-

conferences, and both foundation stone laying and inauguration ceremonies.

November 13 (Thursday):
- The CM will engage with representatives from national and international organisations attending the summit.
- He is set to participate in the 'India-Europe Business Roundtable Meeting' at the Novotel Hotel, followed by the inaugural session on 'Partners in Progress: Sustainable Growth.'
- Additional meetings will be held with delegates from Taiwan, Italy, Sweden, and the Netherlands, as well as participation in a programme discussing the 'Vizag Economic Region.'
- The day will conclude with a final networking dinner.
November 14 (Friday):
- The CII Partnership Conference kicks off, featuring Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal as notable attendees.
- Highlights include the inauguration of the AP Pa-

Here is CM Naidu's schedule

vilion and Naidu's special speech during the 'AI for Vikasit Bharat' session.
- Key announcements are expected, including the launch of Drone City and Space City in Andhra Pradesh, as well as an agreement for direct flight services to Singapore.
- The CM will also deliver a keynote address at the 'AP Reimagining Public Finance Summit' and lay the foundation stone for Lulu Mall in Visakhapatnam, followed by an interview with Business Today and a gala dinner.
November 15 (Saturday):
- Naidu plans further meetings with representatives from various countries, including Bahrain, New Zealand, Japan, Canada, and Mexico.
- Foundation stone laying ceremonies for major projects such as Google, Sri City, Raymond, and Indosol are scheduled.
- Sessions will cover topics like 'Green Hydrogen Valley', 'Sustainable Cities', and 'Andhra Tourism Vi-

sion,' culminating in a significant discussion on 'AI and the Future of Jobs.'
- The CM will conclude the day with a media briefing and a valedictory session.
The summit is expected to witness meetings with over 100 international representatives and the signing of more than 30 agreements. Key topics will include advancements in AI, space exploration, green hydrogen technology, tourism, MSME development, and finance. The event aims to enhance the brand image of Andhra Pradesh, attract substantial investments, and create employment opportunities for local youth. Chief Minister Naidu, accompanied by IT Minister Nara Lokesh and other officials, has actively promoted the summit through roadshows targeted at inviting industrialists from India and beyond. Anticipated agreements related to investments worth Rs.10 lakh crore are also on the agenda.



ment outside the U.S. was established in Visakhapatnam due to Naidu's global brand image.

TTD adulterated ghee case: Dharma Reddy turns approver

From Our Staff Reporter Tirupati, November 12: A key development has taken place in the TTD adulterated ghee case. Former TTD Additional EO Dharma Reddy has become the approver in the adulterated ghee case. He gave a detailed statement before the SIT about what happened in the adulterated ghee case. He admitted that all this happened due to pressure from YV Subbareddy, who was the chairman of the TTD governing council during the YSRCP regime. Dharma Reddy provided

key information to the CBI SIT on adulteration. The CBI SIT investigation into the TTD adulterated ghee case is continuing for the second day. TTD former Additional EO AV Dharma Reddy, Bolebaba Director Vipin Jain and Pamil Jain appeared separately at the SIT office in Tirupati's Alipiri center for the investigation. It is understood that Dharma Reddy turned out to be an approver during the investigation. It is understood that he informed the SIT of many things related to this matter. YV Subbareddy, who was



the chairman of the TTD Governing Council, used Anil Kumar Singhal, who was the EO at that time, to bombard Dharma Reddy with allegations that he was responsible for the adulterated ghee.

Devineni Uma slams YSRCP over TTD adulterated ghee case

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Nov., 12: Former Minister Devineni Uma criticized the five-year rule of the YSRCP for damaging the faith of crores of devotees by spoiling the prasad of the Akhilanda Brahmanda Nayak. Speaking to the media on Wednesday, she said that everyone is watching the news that Dharma Reddy revealed in the SIT investigation that he cooperated with the adulteration of ghee under pressure from the high command and that Subba Reddy knew about the adulteration. For years, Dharma Reddy has dominated the TTD in the presence of Tadepalli Palace, Subba Reddy and Karunakar Reddy.

Dharma Reddy was found among the thieves who adulterated Srivari Prasad... He said that Subba Reddy and Karunakar Reddy will be next. A gang of thieves who have no fear of God and no devotion... He said that the Supreme Court-monitored SIT has revealed how ghee was

adulterated. He made comments saying that A6 accused YV Subba Reddy, who had seized hundreds of crores of land in Hyderabad during Rajasekhar Reddy's rule and was facing investigation by the CBI and ED, was involved. He was furious that Bhole Baba palm oil was made with 6.5 lakh kg of monoglyceride and acetic acid esters under the name of Harsh Fresh Foods and Harsh Dairy, with false bills. Jaganmohan Reddy criticized Babai Subba Reddy for making tons of ghee without milk and butter. He was furious that the sanctity of Tirumala was damaged by giving ration rice in the food distribution during the YSRCP regime. He made comments that Jagan Reddy was like an elder brother to thieves by compromising with Ravikumar, who was accused in the case of looting foreign currency from Srivari Parakamani for years, and registering his properties in the name of TTD. He said that he lost badly and fell



to 11 seats because he made peace with Venkanna Swamy... He was fired saying that there was no sin in hanging such evildoers. He said that not only has the Kaliyuga Venkanna Swamy Prasad been adulterated, but the sentiments of the devotees are also being damaged by false news. He expressed his anger by asking if they would still justify using ghee made with hazardous chemicals in Srivari Prasad. Uma questioned Devineni about the YCP group that claims transparency. What answer will they give on the issues of Ajay Sugandh's remand report.

EDITORIAL

The specter of terrorism must be crushed

Two horrific incidents that took place in the country on the same day have shocked the entire nation. Moreover, the new trends that terrorists are following to carry out their acts of destruction are worrying. A huge explosion in a car at a metro station near the historic Red Fort in the national capital Delhi late last night killed thirteen people and injured 24 others. The intensity of the explosion shocked the surrounding people. Many vehicles were destroyed and nearby shops were also damaged. Intelligence sources have launched an investigation into the possibility that terrorism could be the cause of such a huge explosion. On the other hand, our police foiled a huge terror conspiracy on the same day. Eight people, including three doctors, were arrested in three states and shocking facts came to light upon inquiry. It is shocking to learn that terrorists are not only gathering a huge amount of ammunition to create chaos in the country, but are also plotting to use the educated people to carry out sabotage with their help. The initial police investigation has revealed that the car bomb blast in Hastina was carried out by a doctor named Umar, who may have used powerful ammonium nitrate to commit suicide, increasing suspicions that the two incidents are linked. This is because not only was the explosives found by the police who foiled the terror plot containing a large amount of ammonium nitrate, but the police suspect that the doctor who committed suicide is also linked to the doctors arrested in that case. The attempts by terrorists to create havoc in the capital Hastina and challenge the law and order in the country are not new. The gunmen, who began their attacks by killing 49 people with transistor bombs in 1985, have resorted to several acts of violence, including an attack on Parliament. A study by the Institute for Defense Studies has found that more than 92 people have died in terrorist attacks in Delhi in these four decades. However, the latest terrorist plot has revealed that the terrorists, who have been struggling with the efforts of Indian intelligence agencies both at home and abroad to root out the fangs of terrorism for some time, have chosen a new path. Realizing that their games in India are no longer viable, the AGUH terrorist organization affiliated with ISIS seems to be recruiting highly educated people and trying to carry out sabotage with their help. The arrest of three doctors, including a woman doctor, and the seizure of a large quantity of explosives from them strengthens this argument. The discovery of 360 kg of explosives in the house of a doctor arrested in Faridabad shows how even educated people are drawn to terrorism. Another doctor from Hyderabad was found to be making his own poison. It is noteworthy that the doctor's plan was to mix ricin, one of the most dangerous poisons in the world, into temple offerings and drinking water to kill innocent people. In other words, it seems that the terrorists' evil plan is to kill thousands of innocent people by carrying out mass poisoning experiments, in addition to bombs and suicide attacks. The latest incidents show that white-collar terrorism is taking root in the country. It is inhumane for doctors who are supposed to save lives to become terrorists and try to kill innocent people. If this type of terrorism is not nipped in the bud, there is no doubt that the Indian nation will fall into danger. First, the perpetrators of the Delhi blasts and those behind them should be brought to justice and their fate should be sealed. If it is proven that terrorists are responsible for these blasts and that our country is the one who encouraged them, then the international community should be awakened and a strong lesson should be taught. This time, we should make it more clear to our country how dire the consequences will be if we encourage terrorism in the future.

Inside The 'Amendment' That May Make Asim Munir Pak's Supreme Authority

The 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, tabled by Pakistan's federal government and passed by the Senate on November 10, is far from a routine procedural adjustment. It represents a structural reconfiguration of the Pakistani state. The provisions, now awaiting final approval from the National Assembly, will effectively formalise Pakistan's foundational transition from a de facto hybrid military system to a constitutional framework in which the military establishment holds a legally codified and dominant position.

Among its key amendments pertaining to the judicial and security design, the bill critically proposes revisions to Article 243 of the Pakistani Constitution. Amendments to this article would establish the new position of Chief of Defence Forces while abolishing the existing office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC). This article defines the relationship between the prime minister, as head of government, and the President, as head of states in matters relating to the command and control of the defence forces. An alteration to this clause will trigger implications for civilian government in the country and a power shift to Pakistan's constitutional order.

Key amendments proposed under Article 243 would entail:

- Abolishing the Office of CJCSC, effective from November 27
- Establishing a new post of Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), a position that will be held con-

currently by the serving Chief of Army Staff (COAS)

The amendments institute a Commander of National Strategic Command, who will be an army official appointed by the Prime Minister on the recommendation of the CDF

The bill extends life-long constitutional protection to 5-star rank officers, including Field Marshal. This entails privileges, lifetime tenure, and legal immunity granted under Article 248 and protection from removal under Article 47 of Pakistan's Constitution

In essence, the amendment charts a new civil-military dynamic, heavily inclined to accommodate the whims, fancies, and megalomaniacal tendencies of one individual: General Asim Munir. Under the mechanisms, the sitting COAS, Munir, will automatically absorb the new powerful post of CDF, enabling his exclusive constitutional authority to recommend who controls the nuclear arsenal, besides command over all three forces. The bill legitimises his recent promotion to Field Marshal, a rank that previously lacked constitutional basis. The most crucial of them all, this permanence is then fortified with unprecedented, lifelong immunity from all legal proceedings and protection from removal.

Prior to these constitutional alterations, the Pakistani military's influence in the country's politics, economy, and national psyche could not be overstated. But with the latest changes, the time-worn metaphor that 'Pakistan is not a country with an army; it is an army with a country', has found

a new, more palpable meaning.

Echoes of Military Dictatorship?

There can't be any debate on claims that the entire Pakistani military institution already commands unprecedented power in the country. As such, the current move further fortifies the borrowed legacies of former military rulers like Ayub Khan, Zia-ul-Haq, and Pervez Musharraf. In its preliminary form, this resembles the personalist ambitions of General Ayub Khan, who was Pakistan's first Field Marshal, only to be followed by Munir. Following his 1958 coup, Khan anointed himself Field Marshal and subsequently amended the constitution in 1962. The new provisions were included to legitimise his autocratic rule by establishing a presidential system tailored for his personal power. In the creation of a lifetime Field Marshal post, Munir exhibits his desire to build a constitutional structure that concentrates power in one single officer rather than the institution. Second, the bill follows the legalist route taken by General Zia-ul-Haq. After his coup in 1977, Zia faced pressure to 'restore democracy' in the country. He responded by holding a controversial 1984 referendum to secure a five-year presidential term, followed by non-party polls in 1985. A compliant parliament was also forced to pass the 8th amendment for lifting martial law; the amendment fundamentally legalised his past coup and installed measures to control future governments. Eventually, a parliamentary system was restored in 1997 by the 13th



amendment, and the presidential system was definitively abolished by the 18th Amendment passed in 2010.

Finally, the 27th amendment further imitates the 'dual-hat' structure of General Pervez Musharraf, who controversially held the posts of COAS and President. While Musharraf's dual arrangement was brief and constitutionally ambiguous, the 27th Amendment permanently fuses the COAS with the new CDF post, establishing a constitutionally protected command structure.

Internal Gamble, International Attention

As this bill moves toward its vote, there has been no alarm in Western capitals, particularly in the White House. This should come as no surprise. The US has long been comfortable engaging with Pakistan's military dictators - from Ayub Khan to Zia-ul-Haq to Pervez Musharraf - including the recent lunch between Asim Munir and US President Donald Trump at

the White House in June. The unstated US policy has been one of pragmatism where Washington acknowledges the military as the true centre of power, capable of ensuring security cooperation. The far more critical question is how this move will be perceived within the military establishment. The Pakistan Army's influence has not been in one-man rule but institutional in nature. Both Khan and Musharraf's power collapsed when their own corps commanders acknowledged that the individual became a liability to the institution. This formalisation of military power is unlikely to alter New Delhi's Pakistan policy, which is already viewed through a highly securitised lens. Given that India considers the 'Military-Jihadi Complex', treating the Pakistani military and its proxy groups as a single entity, its official response will most certainly remain a quiet game of 'wait and watch'.

'PhD' Handlers To Faridabad 'Doctors', How 'White-Collar' Terrorism Isn't New

Doctors are meant to save lives, not take them, no matter what the cause is. That concept is supposed to be so basic that we rarely feel the need to articulate it. The detention of several doctors and the seizure of nearly 3,000 kilograms of explosive material from two houses in Faridabad, followed by a deadly car explosion near Red Fort that killed nine innocent people, has forced us to confront a far more unsettling reality. Many have started calling this a "white-collar" terrorism module. The shock comes not only from the scale of the plot but from the profile of those accused of planning it. The first reaction is disbelief. We are conditioned to imagine terrorists as desperate youth, school dropouts, unemployed, with little education and no hope. But the blast in Delhi is a reminder that violent extremism does not always arrive wearing the faces we expect. Sometimes it is the physician who examined your child last month. Sometimes it is the engineer who tinkers with gadgets in the flat next door. Sometimes it is the software developer who smiles politely in the lift. They are our next door neighbours - the so-called "white-collar" neighbours who blend in without raising suspicion.

The LSE Student

For me, the profile is disturbing, yes, but not surprising. I have reported on terror long enough to know that the middle classes are not immune. If anything, they often produce the most ideologically rigid foot-soldiers. Men who speak fluent English, quote philosophy, argue with you believing they are fighting for a just cause. I remember one such encounter vividly. In 1994, I met Omar Saeed Sheikh in a private hospital in Ghaziabad. He was barely 18, recovering from a bullet wound after a shootout

with the Saharanpur police. He looked gentle, soft-spoken, almost scholarly. He had studied at the London School of Economics and was a mathematics topper. He spoke to me of Bosnia, where he claimed to have gone earlier for 'jihad'. He had come to India, he said, to abduct foreign tourists in order to secure the release of Pakistani militants. He was wounded precisely during a daring abduction of a few foreign tourists whom he was taking to Kashmir. The moral clarity with which he justified his action came from conviction - though I told him his conviction was misplaced and that his action was terrorism. I told him he was brainwashed by the now-banned British outfit, Hizb ut Tahrir, often busy on campuses. Years later, when I saw him on television - being freed as part of the Kandahar hijack exchange on the last day of 1999 - my heart sank. And then again, when he was convicted for the kidnapping and beheading of American journalist Daniel Pearl, the memory of the soft-spoken young man in that hospital room came rushing back. Brilliant student. Charming. Polite.

The Architect, The Physicians

This is not an Indian anomaly. The 9/11 hijackers included men who had had higher education. They were your normal guys, the ones you would hang out with. They were modern and cool. They came from stable, middle-class families in Saudi Arabia and Egypt, and had studied or lived abroad. Mohamed Atta, the lead hijacker, studied architecture and urban planning at Cairo University and later completed a post-graduate degree in urban design in Hamburg. Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah also studied in Germany, the latter coming from a well-off Lebanese family; he attended Ham-

burg University of Applied Sciences. Investigations and testimony later showed that some members of the Hamburg cell went to parties, drank alcohol, took driving lessons, rented apartments, used gyms and did not outwardly display religious extremism in their early years. ISIS is known to have successfully recruited medical students and young physicians from the UK and Sudan to serve its project. Closer home, the Sri Lanka Easter bombers came from affluent merchant families. From ISIS chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who held a PhD in Islamic Studies, to Al-Qaeda's Ayman al-Zawahiri, a trained surgeon, and Osama bin Laden, a civil engineering graduate - some of the world's most violent extremist leaders have come not from illiteracy or deprivation, but from classrooms, universities and privileged backgrounds.

The 'Educated' Ones

It is also important to recognise that educated militants are not unique to Kashmir or to Muslim-majority contexts. The phenomenon has appeared across ideologies and geographies. The Tamil LTTE drew heavily from Jaffna's educated middle class; many of its senior leaders were graduates, teachers and engineers and its suicide attack squads were often composed of young people who had excelled in school. The Irish Republican Army (IRA) recruited university students, civil servants and professionals who believed they were waging a legitimate political struggle. In India's own recent past, the Sikh militancy of the 1980s included doctors, government employees and young men studying in colleges in Punjab and Delhi, some of whom were pulled into underground cells through networks of identity, grievance and belonging. In 1997, I travelled to Pakistan to report a se-

ries for the Western media outlet I was working with at the time. There, I met Dal Khalsa founder Gajinder Singh, the man who led the 1981 hijacking of an Indian Airlines flight in the name of Khalistan. He was soft-spoken, widely read and spoke with the intensity of someone who believed history had chosen him. He sounded convinced that the hijacking was not a crime, but a moral act in service of the Khalistan movement. During our conversations, he gave me a list of addresses in one of Jammu's most affluent neighbourhoods and said, almost casually, "They will open the door if you take my name." They did. The people who welcomed me lived in spacious kothis, held secure government jobs and were fully embedded in middle-class respectability. Yet, they spoke with unwavering conviction about Khalistan. Years later, in Pulwama, I met the family of the young suicide bomber who carried out one of the deadliest attacks on Indian security forces. They lived in a large, well-maintained home with manicured gardens, not the poverty-stricken stereotype often imagined in narratives of militancy, mistakenly perpetuated by Bollywood. The living room was warm and the surroundings comfortable. The parents and relatives were unrepentant and said their child was a martyr for the cause of 'azadi' (freedom). These cases underline that radicalisation does not require poverty or illiteracy. It perhaps requires a narrative powerful enough to justify violence as duty.

Why Is Violence So Seductive?

So, why do doctors, engineers and ordinary middle-class professionals drift towards violence? These are people raised with the presumed "middle-class values" of careers, stability and coexist-

ence. Yet, some embrace the logic of killing. What breaks inside them? One of the clearest explanations comes from political psychologist Dr. Fathali Moghaddam, who studies radicalisation at Georgetown University. He says, "Radicalisation is not born in poverty or ignorance alone. It happens when people feel morally humiliated, socially disrespected and politically unheard. Educated individuals are often more vulnerable because they seek meaning and grand narratives. Violence becomes, in their mind, not destruction but purpose." Scholar Arun Kundnani, in his book *The Muslims are Coming!* Islamophobia, Extremism and the Domestic War on Terror, explains why radicalisation is not "the product of a sudden psychological vulnerability" but "a political response to a political context". Many scholars suggest a more complex situation: moral outrage at perceived injustices; a "cognitive opening" triggered by personal or political shocks; tight peer networks that normalise radical ideas and, crucially, a yearning for certainty and status that ideologies theatrically supply.

This Is A Moral Challenge

Which is exactly why the Faridabad and Delhi cases must not be dismissed as aberrations. The question is not simply what these educated individuals allegedly did. The real question is why they believed they were right to do it. Many white-collar recruits do not join terror networks because they are jobless. They join because they feel morally superior and are possibly psychologically disturbed. They believe they have seen something others refuse to see. Or they feel betrayed by their fellow faith followers. I would like to emphasise this is not about demonising a community or a state. Nor is it about dismissing legitimate grievances.

Social Reformer Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Honored: Dr. Nookasani Balaji



Ongole, Pen Power, November 12: Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Dr. Nookasani Balaji described Mahatma Jyotirao Phule as a social reformer who proved that education can transform women of all communities. He unveiled posters of the play “Mahatma Jyotirao Phule” at the Telugu Desam Party district office in Bhagyangar, Ongole. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Balaji said that like Gautama Buddha, who fought for equality 2,500 years ago, Phule worked tirelessly for women’s upliftment and eradication of untouchability. The play depicting Phule’s struggles will be staged on

November 16 at 6:30 PM at the Hyderi Officers Club, Ongole. Director Patibandla Ananda Rao said the drama combines several artistic elements to inspire social awareness. He highlighted Phule’s pioneering contribution in appointing his wife as India’s first woman teacher, promoting education among women and the underprivileged. Officials, intellectuals, and citizens were invited to attend and reflect on the social message of equality and reform. Participants included retired Tahsildar K.L. Narasimharao, Maddineni Harinath, Banka Chiranjeevi, and Unnam Venkata Sesaiah.

Collector Urges Employees to Donate Blood



Paderu, Pen Power, November 12: Alluri Sitarama Raju District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar called on officials and employees of various departments to come forward for blood donation. He inaugurated a blood donation camp organized by Union Bank of India on the occasion of its anniversary. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that many people in the district suffer from anemia, and blood is crucial during emergency surgeries for pregnant women and new mothers. He appreciated the Indian Red Cross Society for conducting regular blood donation camps and instructed them to prepare a monthly calendar to coordinate such drives across departments. The Collector lauded the newly formed district Red Cross committee for expanding blood donation and service activities. He also directed officials to conduct blood donation camps at the mandal level to increase blood reserves and suggested that the GGH and DM&HO coordinate efforts to address staff shortages in blood banks. District Medical Officer Dr. Krishnamurthy Naik, Union Bank Regional Head Jitendra Sharma, Lead Bank Manager Mata Naidu, Red Cross Vice-Chairman S. Gangaraju, Secretary G. Gouri Shankar Rao, Treasurer P. Suryarao, and several officials and bank staff participated.

Don’t Believe Social Media Rumours About Transport Department Services: DTO Suresh

Rajamahendravaram, Nov 12 (Pen Power): East Godavari District Transport Officer R. Suresh clarified that all transport department services — including vehicle registration, driving licences, ownership transfers, tax payments, and fitness certificates — are functioning smoothly and transparently. He urged the public not to believe false rumours circulating on social media about service disruptions. The DTO said that all citizen services are available legally and continuously from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all working days. People can resolve issues directly by meeting the DTO or administrative officials, he added. All services can be accessed through official government websites, and fee details are clearly listed online. For public convenience, a special citizen service counter and grievance redressal system have been set up at the district transport office. Suresh emphasized that the department aims to provide efficient, transparent, and technology-driven services without inconvenience to citizens.



Surprise Security Checks at Guntur Railway Station and APSRTC Bus Stands

Pen Power, Guntur, November 12: In view of the recent explosion near the Red Fort in Delhi, Guntur SP Vakul Jindal ordered tightened security and surprise inspections across the district. Acting on his directions, Additional SP (AR) A. Hanumantu led the District Security Wing in conducting extensive checks at the Guntur Railway Station and APSRTC bus stands. Specially trained police teams, along with bomb detection squads and sniffer dogs, inspected railway platforms, stalls, passenger luggage, and parking areas for explosives, narcotics, or other suspicious items. Similar checks were carried out at the APSRTC bus stand under the supervision of Welfare RI Suresh, focusing on parcel counters, luggage sections, and transport details to prevent movement of illegal or dangerous materials. Police urged the public to report any suspicious objects or persons to nearby police stations or dial 112. The SP stated that such inspections and CCTV surveillance will continue to ensure public safety across the district.



Appeal for a New Bridge at Gokavaram



Kakinada, (Pen power) Nov12: Frequent traffic jams and safety concerns have turned the narrow, century-old bridge near Gokavaram Police Station and Devi Chowk in Kakinada into a nightmare for commuters. Local BJP leaders submitted a representation to MLA Jyothula Nehru, MP Tangella Uday Srinivas, and District Collector Keerthi Chekuri, urging immediate construction of a new, wider bridge. They said the old bridge, built during the British era, no longer meets the needs of today’s heavy traffic, causing long jams and endangering lives. Even ambulances are getting stuck, creating severe hardships for the public. The leaders demanded swift action to replace the deteriorating bridge to prevent further accidents and ease traffic woes.

Wealth Creation Through Initiative: ZP CEO Srihari



Eluru, Nov 12 (Pen Power): Zilla Parishad CEO Srihari emphasized that wealth creation is possible only through collective initiative from citizens, leaders, and staff. As part of the Swachh Bharat program, the government has built wealth centers in several villages of Eluru Rural Mandal at a cost of ₹8-14 lakh each. During his visit to Gudivakalanka village, Srihari urged panchayat staff to educate residents on segregating dry and wet waste. He said sanitation workers and Haritha ambassadors were appointed to collect and transport waste to wealth centers, where machines have been set up to produce organic fertilizers. The compost generated will be sold to farmers, turning waste into wealth. Officials including MPDO Nagaraju Kumari, RDO Srinivas, and local leaders participated in the program.

Coalition Government Fulfilling Poor’s Dream of Owning a Home – MP Uday Srinivas, MLA Nehru

- Grand PM Awas Yojana–2.0 Housewarming at Kamarajupeta
- Inauguration of Water Tank under Jal Jeevan Mission
- Foundation for Rs.76.26 Lakh School Infrastructure Works

Kakinada, Nov 12 (Pen Power): Several development and welfare programs were held at Kamarajupeta village on Wednesday. MP Tangella Uday Srinivas, MLA Jyothula Nehru, and District Collector Keerthi Chekuri participated in the events and laid foundations for multiple projects. MP Uday Srinivas said that both PM Narendra Modi and CM N. Chandrababu Naidu are committed to realizing the dream of home ownership for the poor through PM Awas Yojana 2.0. He added that, with the initiative of Deputy CM K. Pawan Kalyan, major funds were secured from the Centre under the Jal Jeevan Mission. Collector Keerthi Chekuri stated that 8,773 beneficiaries across East Godavari district have completed house construction and held housewarming ceremonies. She urged eligible citizens to register for the new housing survey being conducted district-wide. Presiding over the event, MLA Jyothula Nehru said providing houses for the poor is a top priority of the coalition government, which is working under the leadership of Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Lokesh for social justice and development. He noted that over 3 lakh houses were completed across the state in the last 17 months. Beneficiaries Lakkollu Sathyavani Ravi and her husband expressed gratitude, saying, “Our lifelong dream of own-



ing a home has come true thanks to the PM and CM.” The officials also laid the foundation for Rs.76.26 lakh worth of infrastructure at ZP High School Plus, including new science and computer labs and a playfield. Under Jal Jeevan Mission, a 60,000-litre water tank and 1 km pipeline were inaugurated at a cost of Rs.45 lakh. A new paddy procurement center was also launched at Kottapalli village. Local representatives, officials, and coalition leaders participated in the programs.

YS Jagan Only Leader to Establish 17 Medical Colleges at Once: Ex-Minister Thota Narasimham

Kakinada, Pen Power, November 12: Former Minister and YSRCP Jaggaampeta in-charge Thota Narasimham said that Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is the only leader who brought 17 medical colleges simultaneously in Andhra Pradesh. Speaking during a peaceful rally in Jaggaampeta against the state government’s move to privatize government medical colleges, Narasimham criticized the coalition government for “trying to hand over valuable public lands worth 760–70 lakh per acre for just 2100 to their preferred beneficiaries.” He stated that during Jagan’s tenure, seven medical colleges were completed and classes had already begun, while construction of the remaining ten colleges is nearing completion. He emphasized that these institutions were built with thousands of crores to ensure medical education access for poor students. He condemned the coalition government’s privatization plan as “highly unjust.”



Several YSRCP leaders and local representatives participated in the rally and submitted a memorandum of demands to the Tahsildar JVR Ramesh.

Self-Owned House Brings Self-Respect: Collector Rajababu

Ongole, Nov 12 (Pen Power): Owning a house ensures self-respect for every family, said District Collector P. Rajababu, highlighting the government’s efforts to provide houses to all eligible beneficiaries. As part of the statewide house inauguration program under the State Housing Corporation, district-level celebrations were held at Keshavaraju Kunta in Ongole. Collector Rajababu announced that 7,372 houses have been completed in the district, providing Rs.17.77 crore in financial benefits. Another 11,443 beneficiaries received Rs.18.36 crore for houses under various stages of construction. He noted that under PM Awas Yojana–2.0, the housing grant was increased from Rs.1.8 lakh to Rs.2.5 lakh, with additional support for SC, ST, BC, and PVTG (Chenchu) communities. MLA Damacharla Janardhan Rao said the coalition government aims to ensure every poor family owns a home. In Ongole constituency alone, 400 houses have been completed, giving beneficiaries Rs.95 lakh in financial aid. Construction aid worth Rs.1.86 crore was released to 721 beneficiaries, he added, assuring that TIDCO houses would soon be handed over. He also announced plans for inter-nal roads in the housing colony, a road to



Mukthinuthalapadu, and quarterly job fairs for city youth. OUDA Chairman Shaik Riaz and Mayor Gangada Sujatha described the day as a festival for poor families, praising the government’s commitment to welfare and housing. Officials symbolically handed over house keys and documents to new beneficiaries and participated in housewarming ceremonies. Deputy Mayor Vemuri Suryanarayana, Housing PD Srinivasa Prasad, Ongole RDO Lakshmi Prasanna, Municipal Commissioner Venkateswara Rao, and several local representatives attended the event.

Nano-Polymeric materials for Cancer treatment: Prof. KSV Krishna Rao YVU



Kadapa Pen Power Nov 12: Prof. K.S.V. Krishna Rao, Department of Chemistry, Yogi Vemana University delivered an Invited Talk entitled “New Opportunities in Sustainable Nano-Polymeric Materials for Treatment of Cancer” at the 9th Asian Symposium on Advanced Materials (ASAM-9): Chemistry, Physics & Biomedicine of Functional and Sustainable Materials” which held on November 5-7, 2025, in Busan, South Korea. Further, Prof. Krishna Rao, invited to Biomaterial Lab of School of Chemical Engineering, Yeungnam University, South Korea by the Prof. Sung Soo Han to discuss on potential collaborative research in the synthesis and characterization of edible polysaccharides isolated from plant-based seeds from fruits of Indian origin. As part of the discussions, Prof. Krishna Rao delivered a scientific talk on “Smart Polymeric Nanotherapeutics in Portable Inhalers for Lung Cancer”, on 11-11-2025. The outcome of the discussions is to develop biomaterials and food products.

10 Lakh Fish Seed Released into Tandava Reservoir



Anakapalli, Pen Power (Nov 12): Under the supervision of the Fisheries Department, 10 lakh fish seed (fingerlings) were released into the Tandava Reservoir on Wednesday. Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapatrudu and District Collector Vijaya Krishnan participated as chief guests. Speaker Ayyannapatrudu said that the government is committed to developing the reservoir in all aspects to support farmers and fishermen. The reservoir, built with great foresight by ancestors, provides irrigation water to about 53,000 acres across several mandals, including Narsipatnam, Pakalapadu, Kotavuratla, Kotananduru, and Tuni. He criticized the previous government for neglecting reservoir maintenance and appreciated the efforts of the newly elected 324-member reservoir committee for their active role in development. Ayyannapatrudu announced that the irrigation road from Nathavaram to Tandava Junction has been transferred to the R&B Department, with proposals worth Rs.6.36 crore ready for approval. He also promised to mobilize Rs.2 crore through CSR funds for the road from Tandava to the project spillway. Highlighting the livelihood of fishermen from 14 surrounding villages, he said the release of fish seed would benefit them directly. He added that the government has reduced the pension age for fishermen from 60 to 50 years, with 62 beneficiaries already receiving it in the region. Several officials, local leaders, and reservoir committee members attended the event.

Morne Morkel Is Enemy : Graeme Smith's Jibe At India Bowling Coach Ahead Of Test Series

Kolkata: Test cricket is set to make its return to the iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata after a lengthy absence, with the first India vs South Africa Test commencing. Led by the young captain Shubman Gill, the Indian side is widely expected to deliver a commanding performance at home against the defending World Test Championship champions. While the South African squad boasts potent pacers like Kagiso Rabada and Marco Jansen, along with the all-rounder Corbin Bosch, former South Africa captain Graeme Smith expressed strong confidence in the team's two spinners, Keshav Maharaj and Senuran Muthusamy, to perform well against India. "Eden Gardens



is not a bad place for starting the series. The two spin options that we have (Maharaj and Muthusamy) are really good. Taking 20 wickets in a Test match is the most important thing. I have confidence in the side," Smith stated on

Wednesday. He was speaking at an SA20 India Day event in Mumbai. Smith is the League Commissioner for the T20 franchise league, which is scheduled to start on December 26.

When asked about his former teammate Morne

Morkel, who is currently the Indian bowling coach in the Gautam Gambhir-led coaching set-up, Smith offered a humorous response. "Morne Morkel is the enemy now," Smith replied. Shifting to a more serious note, Faf Du Plessis, who also attended the event, stressed that a strong start is absolutely crucial in a short two-Test series like the upcoming contest. "When you start the series well, then the rest of the series becomes easier. Expectations are always high. For the last 12-14 months, we have done well. We did well in Pakistan also. There is a lot of talk about spinning conditions. It's unfortunate that we have only two Tests," Du Plessis lamented.

Need To Get Better At : India Coach Highlights Key Aspect Ahead Of South Africa Tests

Kolkata: India's assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate is hoping that his batters have learnt lessons from the rare series-defeat at home against New Zealand last year as the hosts get ready to take on spin-heavy Proteas in the two-Test rubber. Armed with a potent spin attack, taking on South Africa seems like competing against a "subcontinent team", Ten Doeschate said, admitting that they need to get better at negotiating the challenge posed by tweakers.

South Africa's recent Test series in Pakistan saw their spin quartet of Keshav Maharaj, Simon Harmer, Senuran Muthusamy and Prenelan Subrayen take 35 wickets to draw the two-match series 1-1. "They have got four (three specialist) spinners at their disposal. Most likely they will play three and it is a little bit like playing against a subcontinent team," Ten Doeschate said during a media interaction ahead

of the opening Test. The Proteas arrive with a balanced attack in both pace and spin. If Kagiso Rabada and Marco Jansen spearhead the pace department, they have three specialist spinners in Maharaj, Simon Harmer, Muthusamy, Harmer (13), Muthusamy (11), and Maharaj (9) shared 33 wickets among them in two Tests. Muthusamy also scored 106 runs and was named Player of the Series. "You normally worry about the pace attack first and I am pretty sure they will go with two seamers and three if not four spinners. But that is also the challenge when you are playing in the subcontinent. "Something as a team that we need to get better at. We addressed it early on. We have come up short a few times. So it is a great challenge." The concern seems valid as India had endured an unprecedented 0-3 home defeat to New Zealand exactly a year back. The collapse came largely



against spin, as Ajaz Patel (15), Mitchell Santner (13) and Glenn Phillips (8) shared 36 wickets between them. "Hopefully we have learned from the New Zealand series. We have put some plans into place against how to play the spin. It is going to be so important over

these two games. Particularly how well they did in Pakistan about four weeks ago." He further hailed South Africa's overall development and the quality of their attack, and said the visitors deserve credit for how they have rebuilt into a formidable side in all conditions.

India Coach's Stunning Rishabh Pant vs Dhruv Jurel Playing XI Revelation Stumps All

Kolkata: The selection dilemma over India's wicket-keeping spot in the Indian team was all but resolved, as assistant coach Ryan Ten Doeschate all but confirmed that both Rishabh Pant and Dhruv Jurel will be in India's playing XI for the series opener against South Africa in Kolkata. The first match, which begins on November 14, sees Pant return to the fold for the first time since the conclusion of the England tour. But, with Jurel in arguably the form of his life, he becomes undroppable, putting the team management in a fix. Though a team should be able to fit multiple in-form players in the playing XI, the task becomes herculean when it comes to doing so with two wicket-keepers. Yet, Ten Doeschate feels



the management can resolve this conundrum. "I don't think you can leave him out for this test, is the short answer. But obviously, you can only pick 11 as well. So someone else will have to miss out. I think we've got a pretty good idea of the combination. Given the way

Dhruv's gone in the last six months, scoring two hundreds in Bangalore last week, he's certain to play this week," the Dutchman said in a press conference on Wednesday.

With the likes of Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, and Ravindra Jadeja being all-

rounders, India are spoilt for choice in the spin-bowling department. Kuldeep Yadav, unarguably India's No. 1 spinner at the moment, didn't get to feature on the tour of England but is likely to be preferred in home conditions. Ten Doeschate refused to confirm which of the two, among the three spin-bowling all-rounders, will be preferred. But, there's no question over Pant and Jurel's spots in the team. "Again, like what I mentioned about Washi, Axar, Jadu, for me, you've actually got three batters there. So it does give us a lot of flexibility. But I would be very surprised if you don't see Dhruv and Rishabh playing in this test this week," he said, concluding his response to the question.

West Indies Star Picks Himself Over Rohit Sharma As 'Last Man Standing'. Says This For Virat Kohli

New Delhi: Former West Indies star Nicholas Pooran picked India stalwart Virat Kohli after he was asked to name the "last man standing" during a recent interaction. In fact, he chose Kohli over himself in this 'this or that' challenge, having previously not picked Rohit Sharma in the same scenario. In a video shared by Cric Tracker, he gave a cheeky smile before eventually picking Kohli as the last man standing. Pooran persisted with Australia's Travis Head for a while, despite being pitted with the likes of Steve Smith, Joe Root, and Kane Williamson. He then picked himself over Head be-

fore ignoring former India captain Rohit. The final name on the list was Kohli's. Having retired from Test cricket and T20is, Kohli was recently seen in action during the ODI series against Australia last month. Kohli, after consecutive ducks in the first two matches, came good with a 74-run effort in the final match. There were also impressive individual efforts by Shreyas Iyer and Axar Patel during the series. Just like Kohli, Rohit too made his India comeback during the same series. He shone in two of the three games, including scoring a century in the third.



RUKMINI VASANTH BREATHES ROMANCE IN RETRO STYLE



Rukmini Vasanth has had quite a year already, with Ace, Madharaasi, and Kantara: Chapter 1 keeping her in the spotlight. Now, just before her next big ones, Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups and Jr. NTR's Dragon, she dropped a bunch of pictures that feel like they came out of a quiet dream. Wrapped in a mix of purple and burnt orange, her outfit carried that old-school festive charm without trying too hard. There's zari on her sleeves, gold jewellery catching soft light, and a few pink lotuses scattered around like little props from a memory. She's got her hair tied in a braid with jasmine tucked in, the kind of simple touch that does more than layers of styling ever could. Her look isn't loud, just calm, confident, and a bit poetic. You can almost feel the stillness of the frame. There's something slow and lovely about the way Rukmini carries herself here, like she's not posing for a photo but pausing for a thought. Maybe that's what makes her stand out; she brings a little story even to silence.

'People Will See Me as a True Performer After Kaantha'



Bhagyashri Borse is one of the leading stars in Telugu Cinema with many opportunities. She is pairing opposite Dulquer Salmaan, who has a 100% track record in Telugu, for his upcoming film, Kaantha. The movie has created high buzz and anticipation with its film in film and 1960's set-up. Talking to media about the film, she shared that she has given her best to every shot and the passion of Dulquer, Rana Daggubati has guided her to strive for even better. She called it has an amazing opportunity for any emerging actress and wished for people to recognise her as a good performer post release. She said, "Until now, I've been called a commercial performer. After this film, I hope people recognize Bhagyashri as a performer." She further stated that Rana Daggubati and Dulquer Salmaan are passionate producers as they mounted this period drama on huge budget. Bhagyashri stated that their meticulous planning and precision to push everyone beyond their limits made Kaantha highly special film in her career. The movie directed by Selvamani Selvaraj is releasing on 14th November. The confidence of the movie team further enhances curiosity to watch the film in theatres.