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Mesrams begin Nagoba Jatara, the second largest tribal fair in Telangana

Adilabad: Mesrams, a clan from aboriginal tribal communities initiated the process of worshipping Nagoba or serpentine god or Nagoba Jatara, a five-day long important religious and cultural affair of these people with the onset of new moon. A decision to this effect was made by elders, priests and members of the clan who convened a meeting on the premises of Nagoba temple at Keslapur village in Indervelli mandal on Monday night. According to the elders, priests and Mesrams decided to begin Kachur Prachar or publicity about Mahapuja slated for January 18 by a bullock cart in seven villages from Tuesday. They then place an order to buy sacred pots to be used for performing various rituals during the fair at Rajampet village in Sirikonda mandal. Following the activity, the Mesrams would embark on an arduous task of fetching sacred water from Godavari river at Kalamadugu in Jannaram mandal before performing special prayers at Nagoba temple in Keslapur village in Indervelli mandal by trekking covering a distance of over 150 kilometers and passing through 150 tribal villages enroute. Traditionally, they bring holy water in Jhari, a 1,400-year-old brass container used for carrying the water. Distinctively, the tribal clan uses pots and various utensils made of clay and molded



by a family of potters residing at Sirikonda mandal centre. They fetch water in the pots from a holy pond situated near the temple of Nagoba and consecrate Naivedyam or offering to the presiding deity by cooking it in these pots. Around 100 Mesrams would ceremoniously perform Mahapuja and Satheek puja, to kick start the affair. They then worship Persapen or the great god and Banpen puja the next day. Bheting, introduction of new daughters-in-law to the deity, Mandagajili puja and Betal Puja, Praja Darbara or grievance redressal programme etc are going to be held as part of the fair. Nagoba Jatara, a five-day-long annual important and religious affair of Mesrams, is the second largest congregation of tribals after the biennial Sammakka Saralamma jatara at Medaram in Mulugu district. Ethnic tribes belonging to several parts of not only Telangana, but also Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh visit the temple and perform prayers during the fair.

ACB registers case against Deputy Transport Commissioner Mahbubnagar

Hyderabad: The Anti Corruption Bureau Telangana registered a case of Assets Disproportionate to Known Sources of Income against Deputy Transport Commissioner, Mahbubnagar, and are conducting searches at different places in the State. Teams of the ACB in early morning swoop started searches at the houses of the official Kishan Naik, his relatives, friends and suspected bena



mi. The searches are continuing at Mahabubnagar, Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad.

Telangana: Former councilors slam govt for delaying salaries of sanitation workers in Kagaznagar



Kumram Bheem Asifabad: Former councilors of the BRS said delaying salaries to sanitation workers was an unfair act by Kagaznagar municipality. They extended solidarity to sanitation workers who were staging a protest seeking wages for five months by staging a sit-in in front of the municipality in Kagaznagar, on Tuesday. Political party merchandise The councilors regretted that the government had not been paying salaries to the workers for the last five months. Delaying the salaries by the government was a shameful act. They stated that it was

acting as if it had no connection to the workers. They slammed local MLA Dr Harih Babu for showing negligence in addressing the challenge for five months. They affirmed that they would always stand in support of the workers. They demanded the government to take steps to release the salaries at the earliest. They warned that they would intensify a stir if it did not accede to the demand. Former councilors and leaders, including Banka Shiva Prasad, Vijay Yadav, Thati Jai Chander, Vanamala Ramu, Vali, Baba, Maheboob, Wasim, and Zakir, were present.

Congress double standards exposed yet again

Hyderabad: The Congress government's double standards got exposed yet again. The Congress government spent about Rs.13.50 lakh for organizing a briefing session for MPs ahead of the Parliament session. Hyderabad city guide This expenditure was made in contrast to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's repeated assertions over lack of funds for extending retirement benefits, to clear pending allowances to employees and contractors bills. any are also pointing out the Chief Minister's claims that he often travels in economy class to save money for the government. Contradicting this, the government spent Rs.13.50 lakh for a briefing session. The Congress government's double standards are evoking sharp criticism from different sections, especially over social media. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka had held a meeting with MPs from the State at Praja Bhavan on March 8 this year. The meeting was held to brief the MPs on demands and pending issues pertaining to the State to be raised in the Parliament. Copies of the government or-

der issued by the planning department on December 22 sanctioning the bill amounts are being shared extensively in social media. Accordingly, Hotel Taj Krishna, Banjara Hills was paid Rs.8.43 lakh, Hotel The Plaza, Begumpet was paid Rs.1.95 lakh, NM Company was paid Rs.3.06 lakh, Anjali Florists, Himayathnagar was paid Rs.6,000 and Santhosh Enterprises, Malakpet was paid Rs.7,200. The total bill amount for the briefing session was Rs.13,59,217. Questions are being raised over the State government's priorities particularly after it repeatedly expressed concerns over loan repayment and lack of funds for executing development works. "Strangely, the Congress government keeps raising concerns over debts and loan repayments and the challenges in raising new loans. On the other hand, huge amounts are spent on meetings," Pavanbrs6, an X user said.



5 policemen killed in attack in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Peshawar: Unidentified armed assailants opened fire at a police van, killing five policemen in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Tuesday, officials said. The incident occurred in the Karak district when the police officials were on a routine patrol. District Police Officer (DPO) Saud Khan said that all five police personnel in the van have been killed in the attack. A heavy contingent of police rushed to the spot, cordoned off the area, and began collecting evidence. A search operation to apprehend the attackers was launched. Chief Minister Sohail Afridi strongly condemned the attack in the Karak district, describing the incident as "highly unfortunate" and "deplorable." He added that



maintaining law and order across the province remains the top priority of the government and that such cowardly attacks cannot weaken the resolve of the state and security institutions. The government accuses the banned terror outfit Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) of carrying out terror attacks, especially in provinces bordering Afghanistan, after its ceasefire deal ended in November 2022.

Two years of Congress rule: Adilabad farmers slap themselves with footwear



Adilabad: Resenting that the two-year-long Congress ruling was nothing short of slapping themselves with slippers, residents staged a unique protest by beating themselves using their own footwear at Mukhra (K) village on Tuesday. Men from the village gathered at a farm and took part in the protest, expressing their ire against the government for failing to fulfill its poll promises. They regretted that farmers were facing an acute shortage of urea ever since the party assumed power, while waiting to receive Raithu Bharosa

crop investment support from the government for two years. The agitators stated that the Congress duped the farmers and said the party punished them and taught a bitter lesson for voting it to power. They recalled that they were getting the crop investment support on time during the regime of BRS, besides availing fertilizers without a problem. Political party merchandise Former Sarpanch Gadge Meenakshi and ex-MPTC member Subhash and scores of farmers were present.

Editorial

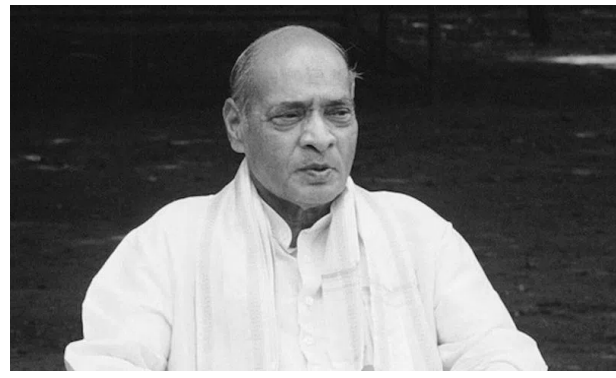
Unrest unlimited: On the crisis in Bangladesh

The violent unrest that rocked Bangladesh on Thursday night, following the death of Sharif Osman Hadi, a prominent youth leader of the July 2024 uprising against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government, was both a reflection of where the country stands today and a warning of what lies ahead. Hadi, an Islamist and a virulent critic of India, played a key role in transforming the July uprising into a broader movement aimed at remaking the country. He sought a decisive break from Bangladesh's liberation-era values and advocated greater political space for parties such as Jamaat-e-Islami, as well as for Islamist student groups. Hadi was shot by masked gunmen on December 12 and succumbed to injuries on December 18 at a hospital in Singapore, triggering widespread protests across Bangladesh. Although the police have arrested at least half a dozen suspects in connection with the attack, it remains unclear who orchestrated the killing. Some of Hadi's supporters blamed the Awami League. On December 18, mobs torched the offices of Prothom Alo and The Daily Star, two of the country's largest dailies, trapping staff inside. Cultural centres, Awami League offices, the homes of former ministers, and even the residence of Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh's liberation hero, were attacked. In Mymensingh city, a Hindu man aged 25 was lynched over alleged blasphemy, as a crowd cheered and filmed while his hanging body was set on fire.

Fifteen months after Ms. Hasina was toppled, Bangladesh continues to reel under mob rule. Ms. Hasina's authoritarianism undoubtedly contributed to the eruption of public anger in July 2024. Her fall offered Bangladesh a chance to begin anew, grounded in reconciliation, pluralism, and democracy. That opportunity has since been squandered. The period following the uprising saw widespread violence against minorities and Awami League workers. The Awami League and its student wing, the Chhatra League, were banned, while the ban on Jamaat-e-Islami was lifted. Muhammad Yunus failed to keep Islamist forces, who have a dark past, in check even as reactionary groups pressed for a total rupture with the immediate past. The result has been near-anarchy. Anti-India sentiments, amplified by Islamist forces, have further inflamed tensions. Bangladesh's rulers must heed these warning signs. The focus must shift from vendetta politics to rebuilding state capacity and restoring law and order. Mr. Yunus appears to lack either the legitimacy or the resolve to steer the country through this crisis. For Bangladesh, the only viable path forward lies in inclusive elections with the participation of all the major political parties.

KTR pays tributes to PV Narasimha Rao on death anniversary

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President KT Rama Rao on Tuesday paid rich tributes to Bharat Ratna PV Narasimha Rao, the former Prime Minister of India, on his 21st death anniversary, calling him the architect of modern India and a source of immense pride for Telangana. Telangana tourism guide He described Rao as "the builder of new India and Telangana's beloved son" and emphasised that Rao is a matter of pride for the entire nation. "As Prime Minister, economist, politician, reformer, and a scholar, the services rendered by PV Narasimha Rao are eternally memorable," he noted. He hailed Rao's economic reforms as historic, noting that they "paved the way for the construction of modern India." Hyderabad city guide KT Rama Rao also highlighted the honours bestowed upon Rao by the previous BRS government after the formation of Telangana state in 2014. The K



Chandrashekhara Rao-led administration grandly organised Rao's birth centenary celebrations, renamed Necklace Road as PV Narasimha Rao Marg, named the Veterinary University after him, and installed his statue. The government had also passed a resolution urging the Centre to confer the Bharat Ratna on Rao (which was awarded posthumously in 2024) and honoured his daughter by appointing her as an MLC. KT Rama Rao offered "homage" to PV Narasimha Rao on the occasion of his death anniversary.

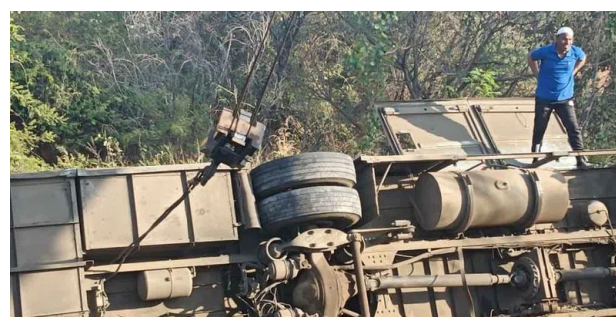
Entering this Adilabad village by wearing footwear can attract a fine of Rs 5,000



Adilabad: In a tradition that looks somewhat strange to modern society, ethnic tribals set a rule restricting outsiders from entering their village wearing footwear for not just a day or two, but entire a month. Those who violate the rule are required to pay a fine of Rs 5,000. They put up a flex poster stating the norm at their village, Thummuguda in Indervelli mandal on Monday. Their self-mandate has become a talk of the town. Aboriginal tribals locally known as Adivasis worship their deities in the holy month Pushya or Poos starting from Tuesday and ending on January 22. As part of their ancient tradition, the tribals observe an austere routine every day. They shun consumption of liquor, smoking, sleep on ground and walk barefoot during this sacred period. The residents imposed a rule mandating outsiders to duly enter the village by leaving their slippers on the village outskirts. They cautioned that those who flout the norm would have to pay the fine. "Not only locals, but also outsiders must respect the traditions of our village. We have been following this distinct culture for many decades," Kesav Rao, an elder from Thummuguda said.

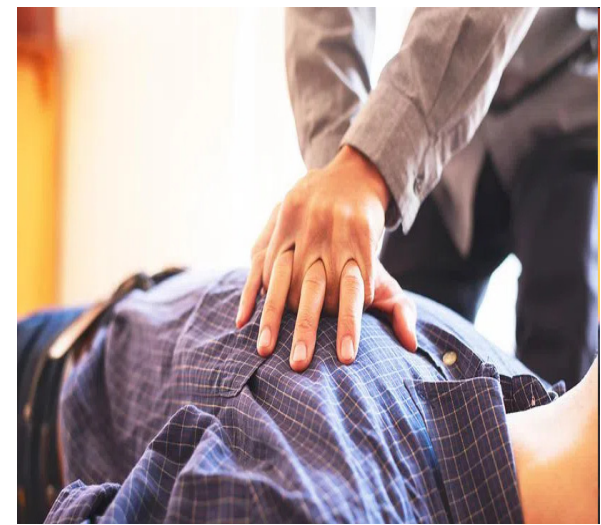
Karnataka Hyderabad Bus Skids Off Road On Nh 65 Near Sangareddy

Sangareddy: Two persons were seriously injured while several others had a lucky escape as a private travel bus veered off the road and fell on its side on roadside near Kohir on NH-65 in the early hours of Tuesday. The passengers scrambled out of the emergency door fearing that flames would erupt from the bus. The locals have also come to their rescue and helped the passengers to get out of the bus. en-what-does-the-music-in-your-playlist-reveal-about-your-personality The incident reportedly occurred when the driver attempted to overtake a vehicle near



Chintha Ghat. The bus carrying 36 passengers was heading to Hyderabad from Karnataka. The injured were rushed to the government hospital in Zaheerabad. The bus was pulled off and shifted to the local police station.

Hyderabad doctors call for AEDs in public spaces, CPR training in schools



Hyderabad: The first few minutes of a medical emergency often decide how well a patient recovers. However, more often than not, by the time such patients are wheeled into a hospital's emergency wing, the 'golden window' has closed. To prevent these avoidable deaths, public health specialists in Hyderabad are advocating for public places to be made emergency-friendly for such patients and integrating basic emergency medical training into school curriculum. For several years, Dr B Vijaya Rao, senior emergency cardiac resuscitation specialist from Hyderabad, has been pushing the State government to equip high-traffic public zones in Hyderabad, like the metro, railway stations, and bus terminals like JBS and MGBS, to handle cardiac emergencies. "There is a dire need for our public spaces to be equipped with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), in addition to ensuring there are trained individuals who can handle these devices. Prompt administration of CPR and AED within five to six minutes of a cardiac arrest improves chances of survival of patients by 80 per cent. Why can't we have such life-saving equipment in public spaces?" asks Dr Vijaya Rao, the US-trained master instructor in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS).

Expanding on this vision of community empowerment, senior pediatrician from Hyderabad, Dr Sivaranjani Santosh, has launched a campaign, urging the State government to include CPR and first-aid choking, seizures, fainting, fever, diarrhoea, nose bleed, etc in the school syllabus from class 7. In most emergencies, bystanders have less than 4 minutes to act, yet over 90 per cent of people do not know CPR or basic first aid. In India, thousands of children lose their lives every year because help does not arrive in time, Dr Sivaranjani points out. "Students above 12 years can easily learn CPR, choking response, seizure first aid, and emergency skills. Schools are where children spend most of their day, making school-based training essential. I request the State government to include a mandatory first-aid and emergency response module in schools," she said. Public spaces in Hyderabad should be made cardiac-responsive. RTC, railway and other public spaces must be equipped with AEDs. First Aid and Emergency Response should be made part of school syllabus.

What can be taught in schools? Hyderabad city guide

CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) for cardiac emergencies

Choking-response techniques (Heimlich maneuver, back blows)

First aid for seizures (protecting airway, preventing injury, identifying warning signs)

Basic drowning response & rescue awareness

Emergency preparedness for teachers, staff, and students

Creating school environments where quick lifesaving action is possible

Passenger beaten by off-duty Air India Express pilot suffers nasal fracture, seeks justice

New Delhi: A passenger allegedly assaulted by an off-duty Air India Express pilot at the Delhi airport has said a CT scan confirmed a displacement of his left nasal bone. The complainant, Ankit Dewan, said he is now seeking justice in the matter. Dewan said he has submitted a written complaint to the Delhi Police and learned through media reports that an FIR has been filed. "I am right now focusing on my health, and a CT scan today showed a displaced fracture of left nasal bone. I hope I get justice in the matter," Dewan said. The Delhi Police on Monday said based on Dewan's complaint received via email, a case has been registered under sections 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 126 (wrongful restraint) and 351 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. An investigation is underway, they said. Earlier, the police had said they had not received a formal

complaint and only became aware of the incident after Dewan's post surfaced on social media platform X. Dewan alleged that he was physically assaulted by Air India Express captain Virender Sejwal near the security area of Terminal 1 of the airport on December 19. He claimed the assault caused him to bleed and traumatised his seven-year-old daughter, who witnessed the encounter. According to Dewan, the altercation began when he objected to certain staff members allegedly cutting the queue at the security checkpoint. He alleged that the pilot verbally abused him before the physical attack. Air India Express issued a statement, saying it is aware of the incident involving an employee who was travelling as a passenger on another airline at the time. The airline has removed the pilot from official duties with immediate effect, pending an internal investigation.

12 Rameswaram fishermen held by Sri Lankan Navy amid Palk Strait tensions



Chennai: Sri Lankan naval personnel on Tuesday arrested at least 12 fishermen from Tamil Nadu's coastal belt on charges of allegedly poaching in international waters, once again highlighting the persistent tensions faced by Indian fishermen in the Palk Strait region. According to officials of the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Department, the fishermen hailed from Rameswaram and Thangachimadam in Ramanathapuram district. The fishermen were reportedly engaged in fishing activities in the waters between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar when they were intercepted by a surveillance unit of the Sri Lankan Navy. Fisheries department officials said the Sri Lankan naval patrol apprehended the fishermen and escorted them, along with their mechanised trawler, to a naval port in Sri Lanka for further legal proceedings. The arrested fishermen have been accused of crossing the maritime boundary and fishing illegally in Sri Lankan waters, a charge that Indian fishermen frequently dispute, citing the narrow and contested nature of the fishing zone. On Monday (December 22), around 450 fishing tokens were issued to fishermen operating from the Rameswaram fishing jetty, indicating a large-scale fishing operation in the region

ahead of the Christmas and New Year period. Officials revealed that the seized trawler belonged to Jothibas, a fisherman from Manthoppu in Thangachimadam. Though the vessel was reportedly not formally registered with the authorities, it had obtained a fishing token, raising questions about regulatory lapses. Among the 12 arrested fishermen are Prabhat (28), James Heiton (29), and Antony (32), all of whom are said to be the sole breadwinners for their families. News of their arrest has triggered anxiety among fishing communities across Rameswaram and neighbouring coastal villages. Local fishermen expressed deep concern over the recurring arrests and the impounding of boats, which they say severely affects their livelihoods. They have appealed to both the Tamil Nadu government and the Union government to intervene diplomatically and secure the early release of the arrested fishermen and the confiscated trawler. Meanwhile, fishermen's associations in the region are expected to convene an emergency meeting later on Tuesday to deliberate on the incident and decide on the next course of action, including possible protests and appeals for sustained government intervention.

US warns of delays in H-1B, H-4 visa processing after new rules

Hyderabad: The US government has indicated that H-1B and H-4 non-immigrant work visa processing may take longer than usual due to new rules that have come into force on December 15. Hyderabad city guide While the US Embassies and consulates across the world continue to accept and process H-1B and H-4 non-immigrant visa applications, the US Embassy in India urged the applicant to apply as early as they can. "Anticipate additional processing time for these visa classifications," it said in an advisory to applicants on Monday. Commencing December 15, the US Department of State has extended the online presence review of all H-1B and H-4 applicants as part of standard visa screening. The H-1B and their H-4 dependents have to mandatorily make their social media accounts public, disclose their usernames or IDs used on major platforms, including Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube, even if the accounts are inactive in the past five years. This is being done to ensure thorough background checks on the applicants. "This vetting is being conducted globally for all applicants of all nationalities for H-1B and H-4 visas. It is an effort to address abuse of the H-1B programme while still per-



mitting companies to hire the best of the best temporary foreign workers," said the US Embassy in India. This rule has already placed jobs of hundreds of Indians at risk, as the H-1B and H-4 visa appointments scheduled on or after December 15 have been rescheduled to as late as October 2026. Indians who returned for their visa appointment are stranded as their visa dates have been postponed. Several of them have already lost their jobs and many are pitching for remote working from abroad. However, the companies are not inclined to permit as it violates Labour Condition Application and other visa rules. Meanwhile, major technology companies, including Google, Microsoft, Apple and ServiceNow, cautioned their H-1B and H-4 visa-holding employees against travelling abroad, citing prolonged delays at the US Embassies that could leave them stranded outside the US for a long time.

Bangladesh summons Indian envoy over security concerns for missions

Dhaka: Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Pranay Verma, was on Tuesday summoned to Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs amid concerns over the security of Bangladeshi missions in India. Bangladesh's Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam summoned the Indian High Commissioner, Prothomalo.com reported. Diplomatic sources confirmed the

matter. According to the sources, Verma was summoned in light of the emerging security situation surrounding Bangladesh missions located in various parts of India, including New Delhi and Kolkata, the report added. Diplomatic sources said that Verma has been requested to ensure strengthened security for Bangladesh missions located in various parts of India.

INSV Kaundinya to set off on voyage to Oman on Dec 29

New Delhi: INSV Kaundinya, the Navy's pioneering stitched sailing vessel built using traditional techniques, will undertake her maiden overseas voyage to Oman starting December 29, officials said on Tuesday. The vessel will be flagged off from Porbandar in Gujarat for Muscat, symbolically retracing the historic maritime routes that connected India with the wider Indian Ocean world for millennia.

Inspired by depictions of ancient Indian ships and constructed entirely using traditional stitched-plank techniques, INSV Kaundinya represents a rare convergence of history, craftsmanship and modern naval expertise, the defence ministry said. The Indian Navy's pioneering stitched sailing vessel, which revives India's ancient shipbuilding and seafaring traditions, will undertake her maiden overseas voyage on December 29, it said.

"Unlike contemporary vessels, her wooden planks are stitched together using coconut coir rope and sealed with natural resins, reflecting a shipbuilding tradition once prevalent along India's coasts and across the Indian Ocean," the ministry said. This technology enabled Indian mariners to undertake long-distance voyages to West Asia, Africa and Southeast



Asia long before the advent of modern navigation and metallurgy, the officials said. The project was undertaken through a tripartite agreement between the Ministry of Culture, the Indian Navy and Hodi Innovations as part of India's efforts to rediscover and revive indigenous knowledge systems. "Built by traditional artisans under the guidance of master shipwright Shri Babu Sankaran and supported by extensive research, design and testing by the Indian Navy and academic institutions, the vessel is fully seaworthy and capable of oceanic navigation," the ministry said in a statement. Named after the legendary mariner Kaundinya, who is believed to have sailed from India to Southeast Asia in ancient times, the ship embodies India's historic role as a maritime nation.

Chaos at Bangladesh High Commission as VHP, Bajrang Dal protesters clash with police

New Delhi: Holding saffron flags and shouting slogans against the lynching of a Hindu man in Bangladesh, hundreds of supporters of the VHP and the Bajrang Dal broke barricades and clashed with police near the fortified Bangladesh High Commission on Tuesday. Protesters forced several barricades down as police struggled to contain the surge. The high security area witnessed a beefed-up police presence in the morning ahead of the protest announced by the Hindu right against the lynching of a Hindu man in the strife-torn neighbouring nation. The area had been secured with three layers of barricades and a reinforced presence of police and paramilitary. An officer said a 15,000-strong police force was deployed ahead of the demonstration. He said police managed to hold the protesters about 800 metres from the high commission. DTC buses were asked as an obstacle to thwart the protesters' bid to reach the high commission. A sea of banners and placards bobbed in the air, reading denunciatory messages against the Bangladesh government. A placard read: "Hindu rakt ki ek ek boond ka hisaab chahiye (Each drop of blood of a Hindu must be ac-



counted for)." On December 18, Dipu Chandra Das, a 25-year-old garment factory worker, was lynched by a mob and his body set on fire over blasphemy in Baluka in Mymensingh. According to the police, Das was first beaten up by a mob outside the factory and then hanged from a tree. The crowd left the body of the deceased by the Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway and later set it on fire. "A Hindu man was brutally assaulted and killed. We request our government to take strict action against those who are behind the killing. We also demand that the Bangladesh police take strict action against those who are behind the killing," a protester said. Another said, "We in India consider every community as our brothers and sisters. Every Hindu in every country must be treated in the same way."

Delhi HC dismisses plea of Hizbul chief's sons against framing of charges in terror funding case

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday dismissed the pleas of two sons of Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin and others challenging framing of charges against them in a terror funding case. A bench of Justices Vivek Chaudhary and Manoj Jain rejected the appeals on the ground that they were not maintainable. According to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the case pertains to the transfer of funds through hawala channels by Pakistan-based terrorists to Jammu and Kashmir, in a criminal conspiracy hatched with some operatives in India, to fuel and fund the secessionist and terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir. While Salahuddin's son Shahid Yousuf was arrested in October 2017, his other son Syed Ahmad Shakeel was arrested by the NIA on August 30, 2018, from his Srinagar residence in connection with the terror funding case lodged in 2011. The NIA had said Yousuf was arrested on the allegations of receiving funds



from Hizbul Mujahideen from abroad and was charge-sheeted in 2018. It had said that Shakeel allegedly received money through Western Union from absconding accused Aijaz Ahmad Bhat and his name had also surfaced in raising, receiving and collecting funds from the terrorist organisation through cadres from Saudi Arabia. Salahuddin, designated as a global terrorist by the United States, is the self-styled commander of Hizbul Mujahideen.

Top 5 Supernatural Shows That Kept Viewers Hooked This Year

Hyderabad: Supernatural stories have been a major highlight on television this year. From mysterious love stories to battles between good and evil, these shows take viewers into worlds where destiny and emotions play a key role. With engaging plots and strong characters, each of these shows offers a different take on the supernatural genre. Here's a look at the top supernatural shows that kept audiences hooked this year. Hyderabad city guide A beautiful mix of love, destiny, and mystery, Divya Prem; Pyaar Aur Rahasya ki Kahani on Sun Neo tells the story of Divya, a young woman from Ujjain whose ordinary life takes an extraordinary turn when destiny brings her face-to-face with Prem. Set between two contrasting worlds one of light and the other of darkness the show weaves romance, ancient powers, and hidden secrets, as a forgotten past slowly unfolds and shapes their remarkable journey.

Noyontara:

Noyontara on Colors TV stands out with its emotional depth and mystical touch. The show revolves around a woman gifted with supernatural vision, allowing her to see beyond the ordinary



world. As she struggles to balance her powers with real-life relationships, danger and destiny follow closely. Backed by strong performances and a haunting narrative, Noyontara on Colors TV delivers a thrilling yet emotionally engaging viewing experience.

Jaadu Teri Nazar – Daayan Ka Mausam:

Dark magic meets intense drama in Jaadu Teri Nazar – Daayan Ka Mausam on Star Plus. The show dives into the chilling world of daayans, curses, and hidden agendas. With sharp storytelling and powerful visuals, every episode brings unexpected twists. The battle between good and evil is constant, making it a gripping watch for viewers who enjoy supernatural thrill blended with strong emotions.

Rashmika Mandanna praises Vijay Deverakonda's fierce look in 'Rowdy Janardhana'

Mumbai: Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda has announced his next titled, "Rowdy Janardhana", leaving his admirers excited for what he has in store for them next. Joining them, actress Rashmika Mandanna, who is rumoured to be engaged to the 'Liger' actor, also gave a shout-out to him with a social media post. Rashmika re-shared the announcement post for the movie on her X (Earlier known as Twitter) handle and penned, "Let's go! Let's go! Let's gooooo!! @TheDeverakonda (sic)". However, the 'Pushpa' actress did not stop there and compiled another encouraging message for Vijay on her Instagram Stories. "You Rowdy fellow. Such mental stuff this is! What visuals! What music! What vibe! What an actor! You boys are crazy and I love it (sic)," wrote Rashmika. Announcing his next, VD treated the netizens with a power-packed first promo from the project on Instagram. Vijay was seen in a fierce avatar for his next. Shirtless, he posed drenched in blood, with long hair and a thick moustache. Wearing a dark lungi, he was seen wielding a machete. VD will essay the role of a feared rowdy from Kalingapatnam in the forthcoming drama. Vijay wrote, "The Biography of a Wounded man. in 1 year. #RowdyJanardhana December 2026 (sic)." Apart from their professional commitments, Vijay and Rashmika also keep on making headlines for their alleged relationship. The speculations of the 'Dear Comrade' co-stars being romantically involved have been doing the rounds for some time now. From appearing at airports at the same time to going on vacations at similar locations, these two have been keeping the netizens on their toes for years now. Now, going by the latest reports, Vijay and Rashmika are finally engaged after years of being in a relationship. The reports also claim that the lovebirds plan to tie the knot in February next year. However, there is no official announcement from either side till now.



Amitabh Bachchan lauds Agastya Nanda's performance in 'Ikkis'

New Delhi: Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan penned a heartfelt note for his grandson Agastya Nanda, praising his performance in "Ikkis" and said it's nothing but the perfection in every shot. In "Ikkis", the 24-year-old actor essays the role of Khetarpal, who was martyred at the age of 21 during the Battle of Basantar in the 1971 Indo-Pak war. For his courage and sacrifice, he was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra, making him the youngest recipient of India's highest military honour at the time. Bachchan, who attended the screening of the film on Monday in Mumbai, shared a note on his personal blog, lauding Nanda's maturity and unfiltered honesty in his performance. "Tonight to see him in frame, unable to take my eyes off each time he fills the frames of the film .. his maturity, his unfiltered honesty in his performance, his presence justifying the character he portrays .. nothing frith or froth, just the Arun Khetarpal soldier, who fought in his bravery as the



21-year-old, defending the nation during the India-Pak war of 1971 .. nothing excessive, just the perfection in every shot," he wrote. "When he is in the frame you only watch him .. and this is not a grandfather speaking, this is a hardened viewer of cinema .. And the film flawless in its presentation .. its writing .. its Direction .. And when it ends .. the eyes filled with tears of joy and pride .. unable to speak out," he added. Produced under Dinesh Vijan's production banner Maddock Films, the film is directed by Sriram Raghavan. It is written by Raghavan alongside Arijit Biswas and Pooja Ladha Surti. Nanda made his debut with Zoya Akhtar's directorial "The Archies" in 2023.

Iniyan wins Ekagra International Open Rapid Chess Tournament in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The prize distribution ceremony of the Ekagra International Open Rapid Chess Tournament held at the second hall of Hitex Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad was conducted with great pomp. Iniyan from Chennai, who emerged as the winner of the tournament, was awarded the first prize with prize money of Rs 5 lakh. Mitroba Guha was awarded Rs 3 lakh as the second prize and Harikrishna received Rs 1 lakh as the third prize. The remaining amount, Rs 13 lakh 22 thousand 222, was distributed to the winners according to their various categories and rankings. Speaking at the event as the chief guests, Varun Agarwal and tournament chairman Panasha Agarwal said that chess plays a very important role in developing concentration and intelligence in children. They said that to excel in this sport, one has to practice hard and continuous effort is the way to success. Congress leader Feroz Khan said it was a joy to organize such an international level chess tournament in Hyderabad. He suggested that winning and losing are natural in the game, and that if you keep playing and moving forward, whether you win or lose, you will definitely succeed one day. Speaking on the occasion, music director Anoop Rubens said that parents need to encour-



age interest in children. At the beginning of the program, the organizers specially praised twins Amaya Agarwal and Anay Agarwal from Hyderabad, who trained at Ekagra Academy and achieved the title of Candidate Master. They honored them, stating that their academy has received special recognition through these twins. Hyderabad city guide Academy Founder Director Sandeep Naidu said that his organization will soon organize international FIDE rated chess competitions and urged everyone to cooperate.

Film actor Gemini Suresh said that it was a pleasure to organize this tournament in Telangana with a huge prize money of Rs 22,22,222 and that seeing this atmosphere, he had the idea of teaching chess to his children as well. He congratulated everyone who participated in these competitions. Grandmasters Deepen, Sethuramen, international masters, coaches, Ekagra directors Chaitanya Naidu, Girish Reddy and others participated in the program.

Formula 1 booms in India: Fanbase hits 78.8 Million as Kush Maini, Arvid Lindblad spark motorsport excitement

Hyderabad: Formula 1 has witnessed a monumental surge in popularity across the sub-continent, with the sport's fanbase in India swelling to an impressive 78.8 million. Hyderabad city guide This historic growth coincides with a season defined by stellar performances, highlighted by Kush Maini's gritty victory in Monaco and Arvid Lindblad's meteoric rise to the F1 grid, and a Drivers' Championship battle that went down to the absolute wire. As the world celebrates Lando Norris's dramatic triumph in the closest season finale in 15 years, the Indian motorsport community looks forward with renewed optimism. The 2025 campaign will go down as a modern classic; Lando Norris's maiden title triumph highlighted a year where grit was necessary across the grid, while McLaren's return to the top ended a historic drought. The sport's growth continues to accelerate, with a record-breaking 6.7 million fans attending races globally. For the Indian market, the connection to F1 is stronger than ever. This record-breaking viewership solidifies the country as a critical pillar of the sport's global strategy. This growth is further bolstered by the extension of FanCode's exclusive broadcast partnership through 2028, ensuring Indian fans remain close to the action as local talents prepare to take the world stage in 2026. The 2025 season has not only delivered thrilling on-track action but has also paved the way for a resurgence of Indian talent on the global grid in 2026. Despite a season filled with mechanical troubles, Kush Maini helped Invicta Racing claim the Constructors' title in Formula 2, headlined by a famous Sprint race victory at the prestigious Monaco GP. After an impressive show during the post season testing for Alpine, Kush Maini is eager to impress for his new Formula 2 outfit ART Grand Prix in a bid to propel him to the pinnacle of the sport. Mean-



while, Arvid Lindblad, the Red Bull Junior Team prodigy who proudly traces his lineage to India, has been promoted to the Racing Bulls team. His 2025 campaign demonstrated raw speed and racecraft that caught the eye. His arrival on the F1 grid in 2026 marks a significant milestone, giving Indian fans a new hero to cheer for as he prepares to battle the world's best under the revolutionary new regulations. Formula 1 is now the most popular global sport, with a fanbase 11.4% greater than the second biggest sport (NBA). Formula 1 has also been the fastest growing global sport league on social media for the fifth year in a row, with F1 social platforms delivering more than 2.3 billion engagements; the most engaged tier 1 rights holder, outperforming NBA, UEFA Champions League, NFL and the Premier League. Off the track, F1® The Movie performed incredibly at the box office, becoming both the highest-grossing Apple film, and the most successful sports movie of all time. With a global box-office figure of more than \$630 million, F1® The Movie was shown on more than 44,000 screens in 78 markets outside the US & Canada, contributing to the growth of their young fanbase with 43% of the total fan base being under 35 years old this year. As the sport gears up for the new 2026 regulations, featuring sustainable fuels and new power units, the stage is set for a new era. With Audi and Cadillac joining the grid and talents like Lindblad and Maini representing the tricolour's spirit, the next chapter of Formula 1 promises to be unmissable for Indian fans.