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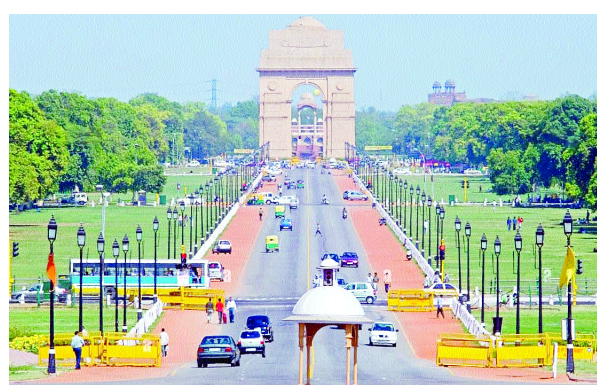
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IN BRIEF



Rahul Gandhi to attend caste census meeting in Hyderabad today

Hyderabad: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would attend a meeting organised by the party's Telangana unit here on Tuesday related to the caste survey initiated by the state government. According to the schedule given to the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee, Gandhi (Cont.on P2)



Kupam Municipal chairman joins TDP

Amaravati: Kupam municipal chairman Sudheer, formally joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) on Tuesday, performing the party's initiation ritual alongside Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at his Undavalli residence. CM Naidu welcomed Sudheer by draping him in the party (Cont.on P2)



Former minister Reddy Satyanarayana passes away

Madugula: Former minister Reddy Satyanarayana passed away on Tuesday morning at his residence in Pedagogada, Chidikada mandal, Anakapalli district, after a prolonged illness. Satyanarayana, 76, was a prominent political figure in the Madugula (Cont.on P3)

US Election Final Day: Harris Vs Trump-Photo Finish on the cards

Washington, Nov 5 (The Capital News): Election Day 2024 arrived on Tuesday — with tens of millions of Americans having already cast their ballots. Those include record numbers in Georgia, North Carolina and other battleground states that could decide the winner. The early turnout in Georgia, which has flipped between the Republican and Democratic nominees in the previous two presidential elections, has been so robust — over 4 million voters — that a top official in the secretary of state's office said the big day could look like a "ghost town" at the polls. As of Monday,



Associated Press tracking of advance voting nationwide showed roughly 82 million ballots

already cast — slightly more than half the total number of votes in the presidential election four years earlier. That's driven partly by Republican voters, who were casting early ballots at a higher rate than in recent previous elections after a campaign by former President Donald Trump and the Republican National Committee to counter the Democrats' longstanding advantage in the early vote. Despite long lines in some places and a few hiccups that are common to all elections, early in-person and mail voting

proceeded without any major problems. That included in the parts of western North Carolina hammered last month by Hurricane Helene. State and local election officials, benefiting from changes made by the Republican-controlled legislature, pulled off a Herculean effort to ensure residents could cast their ballots as they dealt with power outages, lack of water and washed out roads. By the time early voting in North Carolina had ended on Saturday, over 4.4 million voters — or nearly (Cont.on P3)



Chandrababu appointed chairman of Investment Promotion Board

Amaravati, Nov 5 (The Capital News): As part of efforts to streamline investment processes in Andhra Pradesh, the government has appointed Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu as the Chairman of the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB). This decision aims to facilitate quicker decision-making regarding investments in the state, thereby fostering a more conducive environment for both domestic and foreign investors. The SIPB will play a crucial role in evaluating and approving various investment proposals, ensuring that projects are expedited efficiently. This initiative is part of the government's broader strategy (Cont.on P3)



Supreme Court's historic verdict on government rights over private property

New Delhi, Nov 5 (The Capital News): The Supreme Court has delivered a landmark verdict regarding the extent of government rights over private property. The Court ruled that state governments do not have rights over all private property and clarified that not all private property can be acquired for distribution for the common good. The decision highlights that state governments lack constitutional authority in this area. This ruling was announced by a bench of nine judges, with a majority of eight in favor and one against. Chief Justice DY Chandrachud stated that, according to Article 39(b) of the Constitution, the state (Cont.on P2)

No political pressure in investigation: DGP reacts on Pawan comments



Anantapur: Andhra Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP) Dwaraka Tirumala Rao declared that the police force would remain committed to upholding the Constitution, firmly rejecting any notion of yielding to political pressure. The DGP (Cont.on P2)



HM Anita backs Pawan Kalyan's comments

Amaravati: In response to the Deputy CM's remarks, Home Minister Vangalapati Anita expressed support, agreeing that Kalyan's concerns were justified. She acknowledged the urgency of the issues raised and stated that both she and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu regularly engage (Cont.on P3)

YS family grabs lands for Saraswati power: Pawan

Narasaraopet, Nov 5 (The Capital News): Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has unleashed a new political storm with pointed accusations against the Saraswati Power Industries, closely linked to former Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's family. Kalyan alleged that under the regime of former CM Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, violent tactics, including petrol bombs, were used to pressure residents into relinquishing their lands for the establishment of the industry. He vowed to support the "victims" of these alleged land

Targets police again for their inaction towards YSRCP



grabs, signaling a strong stance from the current administration. During his visit to the disputed areas in Machavaram mandal, which included Vemavaram and Chennayapalem villages of Palnadu district on Tuesday, Pawan Kalyan condemned the land procurement methods. He highlighted that in 2009, approximately 400 acres of forest land were reportedly reclassified as revenue land and leased for 30 (Cont.on P3)



Lokesh US tour reminds CBN's creation of Cyberabad!

- Invites HCL, TCS to set up units in AP
- Plans to bring Microsoft, Google, Apple, Tesla

Patibandla Srinivas (pnsjournalist@gmail.com) Amaravati, Nov 5: Nara Lokesh, the successor of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and the future supreme of TDP, seemed to be walking in the footsteps of his father. His recent US tour remembers his father's vision towards the development, establishment of IT companies and creation of employment

in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu got special recognition for his development works in Hyderabad and Cyberabad. He never Hitech City name or Cyber towers is discussed the minds are filled with one image i.e. Chandrababu Naidu. He established several IT companies like Microsoft, Raheja Mind Space IT Park,

International School of Business, ORR and International Airport which are game changer projects of Hyderabad. Naidu also supported the development of Satyam Computers. The whole developments especially the IT companies establishment in Hyderabad provided lakhs of employment. He invited the US President to attract global investors



and international exposure. As a result, then the entire rock hill area was developed as a global city. Nara Lokesh, who completed his studies at Stanford University in the United States of America, is following (Cont.on P3)

Rahul Gandhi to..

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would arrive here at 4.45 pm by a special flight from Fursatgunj Airport in UP. The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha would directly proceed to Gandhian Ideology Centre at Bowenpally here and participate in State Level Consultations on Caste Census till 6.30 PM, TPCC sources told PTL. Later, he will fly back to the national capital. According to TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud, the state unit would organise the meeting to take suggestions from stakeholders on the caste survey. The state government has begun the exercise to conduct the comprehensive socio, educational, economic, employment, political and caste survey as per the promise made by Rahul Gandhi before last year's assembly polls. The survey would begin on Wednesday.

Kuppam Municipal..

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scarf, marking his official entry into the TDP. Sudhir resigned from the YSR Congress Party (YCP) as well as his positions as municipal chairman and councillor before joining TDP. He expressed confidence in CM Naidu's leadership, stating that he believes the comprehensive development of Kuppam is achievable only under Naidu's guidance. He emphasized that his decision to step down from all posts reflects his commitment to working closely with the Chief Minister for Kuppam's progress.

Supreme Court's..

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does not have the right to acquire all resources owned by private individuals. This majority verdict effectively overrules a previous ruling by Justice Krishna Iyer. The key questions addressed were whether private property can be considered "essential resources of society" under Article 39(b) and whether government officials can acquire it for distribution. CJ Chandrachud and the seven other judges ruled against the notion that states can acquire all private property for the common good. In his judgment, CJ Chandrachud remarked, "We believe that material needs alone should not be deemed as community material resources. The inquiry into the questionable resource should fall under Article 39(b) of the Constitution. Factors such as the nature and characteristics of the resource, its utility to the community, its scarcity, and the consequences of its use must be considered. The public trust doctrine aids in identifying the assets that qualify as community resources."

Congress demands AP govt to cancel Rs.18,000 crore electricity charges burden

Vijayawada: Nov 5 (The Capital News): Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) chief Y S Sharmila has called on Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to honor his election promises and immediately revoke the Rs.18,000 crore adjustment charges added to electricity bills. Sharmila announced that the Congress party would launch a three-day statewide protest, starting Wednesday, to oppose the increased electricity charges imposed through true-up charges. Criticizing the Naidu administration, Sharmila accused the government of compounding the financial burden on



citizens by not addressing the previous government's mistakes regarding electricity tariffs. She questioned the rationale behind passing on an additional Rs.18,000 crore in adjustment charges to the public, calling it a

"huge electric shock" inflicted by the NDA alliance government. Sharmila also pointed out that while the previous YSRCP government imposed a Rs.35,000 crore burden over five years, the NDA coalition under Naidu has levied

Rs.18,000 crore in just five months. Reminding the public of Naidu's election promises to reduce electricity rates by 30 per cent, she demanded an immediate cancellation of the adjustment charges. In a stern warning to

the government, Sharmila declared that the Congress party would not tolerate any additional charges and urged citizens to join the protest against the true-up charges affecting their electricity bills.



College student stabbed by youth for 'rejecting' love proposal in Telangana

Hyderabad, Nov 4 (The Capital News) A 19-year-old college student was hospitalised, with injuries to her hand after a youth she had befriended online, allegedly attacked her with a knife, in Medak district on Monday, for rejecting his romantic proposal, police said. The incident took place when the first-year college student, from an open university came to take an exam at the Government Degree College. The accused, from Bengaluru, reportedly argued with her near the college before attacking her with a knife and fleeing the scene. The student, who sustained injuries, was

admitted to a hospital. She stated that the accused approached her, expressed his feelings, and, upon her rejection, "attacked" her with a knife, injuring her right hand. According to a police official, the victim knew the accused through a social media platform, and they had previously met in Bengaluru. Based on a preliminary investigation, police suspect that he attacked her due to her rejection, though the exact motive is still under investigation. The accused is currently absconding. A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway, police added.



Municipal Workers Union AITUC Leaders Request

Vijayawada: Nov 5 (The Capital News): The leaders of Municipal Workers Union AITUC met with Municipal Commissioner Dhyana Chandra on Tuesday morning to discuss significant issues facing municipal workers in the city. During the meeting, Union General Secretary Budde Raja emphasized that, in recognition of the efforts made by municipal workers during the Budameru flood, a bonus equivalent to one month's salary should be granted. He also requested that the minimum wage be set at 26,000 rupees, in accordance with the Supreme Court's ruling on equal pay for equal work. Additionally, Budde Raja proposed that contract workers be provided with permanent positions, the retirement age be increased from 60 to 62 years, and that the number of workers be increased to reflect the city's growing expansion. AITUC City General Secretary Mooli Sambasiva Rao urged for a prompt response to address the workers' concerns. Those who attended the meeting with the Commissioner included AITUC President KR Anjaneyulu, Municipal Workers Union City President SVS Chalam, Honorary President Jakki James, Treasurer Tupakulu Nageswara Rao, and others.

AP Chambers organises a curtain-raiser for AP Chambers Business Expo

Vijayawada, Nov 5 (The Capital News): Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) organised a curtain-raiser for AP Chambers Business Expo 2024 that is being held from 29 November to 01 December, 2024 at SS Convention in Vijayawada. Minister for MSME, NRI Empowerment & Relations Kondapalli Srinivas was the Chief Guest for the event and the CEO of AP MSME Development Corporation Nandani Salaria was the Guest of Honour. AP Chambers also held an interactive session with the MSME Minister and the CEO of AP MSME Corporation. Speaking on the occasion, AP Chambers President Potluri Bhaskara Rao



said, "AP Chambers submitted many inputs for different policies and the government had incorporated many of our suggestions in the recently launched policies. These six policies are the best in the country. The importance given to procurement from local MSMEs and incentives for employment generation are commendable. Further, we request the State government to set up one MSE Facilitation Centre in every district

and revamp the District Industries Centres to make them more efficient. The government should focus on bringing down the cost of production, especially inputs costs like fuel, power and other raw material, which has become a burden for MSME. "The policies that were announced are good and we hope the government ensures their implementation at the ground-level. MSMEs that are in the informal

sector should be brought into the organised sector. Handholding should be done for MSMEs in order to enable them to sell in the global markets. The Ratan Tata Innovation Hub announced by the State government is an excellent initiative." Bhaskara Rao added, "AP Chambers is organising the Business Expo for promoting the MSMEs and business enterprises in the State. This will be the largest

Business Expo in Andhra Pradesh after the formation of the new State government in AP." Addressing the gathering, the Honourable Minister for MSME Sri Kondapalli Srinivas stated, "I congratulate AP Chambers for organising the Business Expo on a large scale. The six policies announced by the State government have created a buzz in the market as they are innovative. The government wants the State to grow 15% annually as the State is currently lagging behind other states. Our theme is, 'Think Global and Act Global.' The Honourable Chief Minister wants to create one entrepreneur from every family. AP Chambers submitted a 'Roadmap for the Rapid Economic (Cont.on P5)

HC refuses to entertain plea to enhance funds allocated to MCD councillors

New Delhi, Nov 5 (The Capital News) The Delhi High Court on Tuesday refused to entertain a PIL seeking directions to the city government to enhance the funds allocated to MCD councillors to at least Rs 15 crore each for carrying out various welfare activities in the national capital. The high court expressed surprise that members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) councillors were approaching courts with their grievances and asked them to raise the issue in the House or before the public. "The forum where you will agitate your grievance is before the House. This issue has to be raised in the House.



Courts are not the appropriate forum for this issue. We cannot increase the budget.... Let the House pass the resolution by a voice vote. We do not decide how the budget is to be allocated or to be spent. How do we increase the allocation at the disposal of the MLC?" a bench of Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela asked the petitioner's counsel. After some arguments, the

counsel for petitioner Sonali, an MCD councillor from the Sidhartha Nagar ward, sought to withdraw the public interest litigation (PIL) plea and the prayer was allowed. "I am not getting the budget for the Delhi High Court. Do you think I can get that for this? Raise this issue before the House and the public. You are a public representative," the chief justice said. The PIL had raised

concerns about insufficient funding for MCD councillors, claiming that it has hindered their ability to perform statutory duties. "This lack of resources has resulted in the decline of essential public services, including the maintenance of parks, schools, dispensaries, roads and community services, adversely impacting the citizens of Delhi," it had said. The plea had sought directions to the Delhi government and the MCD to make the allocated funds available to the councillors at the earliest so that the amount may be utilised for the welfare activities of the general public. It had further sought an appropriate mechanism by which the allocated funds of

the councillors for their respective wards might be enhanced from time to time, looking at the requirements of the public. The plea had said the failure to maintain public facilities and provide adequate funding violates the right to life under Article 21 and right to education under Article 21A of the Constitution. "The deteriorating state of public health, safety and infrastructure directly threatens citizens' fundamental rights. While MLAs receive Rs 15 crore annually, MCD councillors are allocated only Rs 1 crore per year, an amount unchanged for decades. This funding disparity undermines the functioning of local governance," it had said.

DGP rejects political

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made these remarks in response to recent statements by Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan regarding the state's law enforcement and the conduct of Home Minister Anita. However, he refrained from providing specific comments on the Deputy CM's statements. DGP Tirumala Rao emphasized that all cases would be investigated based strictly on factual evidence and protocols, without interference. He also confirmed that an investigation concerning inspector general (IG) Sanjay is underway, with further information to be shared following the investigation's conclusion. Additionally, he noted that previous attacks on the TDP party office had highlighted issues surrounding freedom of expression, underscoring the importance of maintaining integrity in police actions. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan on Monday raised concerns over the State's law and order, voicing particular distress over sexual assault cases. Speaking at a media gathering in Gollaprolu, Kakinada district, Kalyan stressed the need for decisive action against perpetrators, without discrimination based on caste or religion. He criticized what he saw as negligence among some police officials, warning that he may consider assuming more direct responsibilities within the Home Ministry if substantial changes were not made. Kalyan's statements, including a call for greater accountability from Home Minister Anita, have sparked a political debate in Andhra Pradesh. The Deputy CM underscored that recent incidents require officials to act with urgency and commitment to public safety, particularly in cases involving children. He expressed frustration that some officers, instead of prioritizing justice, appeared to focus on unrelated matters, which he found deeply troubling.

People of Wayanad will ask me not to come there often: Priyanka Gandhi

Wayanad (Kerala), Nov 5 (The Capital News) Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the UDF candidate in the Wayanad Lok Sabha bypoll, said on Tuesday that it will be the people of the hill constituency who will ultimately decide if they want her to stay in Delhi, instead of visiting frequently. Priyanka made this remark in response to her rival candidates' comments suggesting that she would rarely be seen in Wayanad if she won the seat. Recalling the time when her son was in boarding school, she said that she had visited him so often that the principal eventually asked her to reduce her

visits. "So, to anyone saying you won't see me, it will be you—like the principal—who will say, 'please, enough now, go and stay in Delhi for a while,'" she said while addressing a corner meeting at Kodancheri in the Thiruvambadi Assembly constituency in Kozhikode district. Priyanka said for her, each person in Wayanad represents "a duty, a responsibility, a strong bond of love and affection" and expressed hope that they would give her the opportunity to represent them in Parliament. LDF candidate Sathyan Mokeri claimed that, like her brother Rahul, Priyanka would treat Wayanad as a



brief stop, visiting occasionally and not being present consistently. BJP's Navya Haridas likened Priyanka's arrival and roadshow to a "seasonal festival" that only comes once a year. On the third day of her five-day by-poll campaign, Priyanka reiterated that essential issues—such as unemployment

and rising prices—remain unaddressed. She noted that due to his pressure, the government upgraded a hospital in Wayanad to a medical college, though it still lacks essential facilities due to "political reasons". Priyanka urged residents to exert pressure to resolve these issues and emphasised the importance of maximising the potential of the district by creating employment opportunities. "We can achieve this by promoting various forms of tourism, such as ecotourism and spiritual tourism," she said. The Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency comprises seven Assembly segments—Mananthavady (ST), Sulthan Bathery (ST), and

Kalpetta in Wayanad district; Thiruvambady in Kozhikode district; and Erand, Nilambur, and Wandoor in Malappuram district. Priyanka resumed her second campaign phase on Sunday, holding public and corner meetings with her brother, Rahul Gandhi, in the hill constituency. The Congress general secretary, who is making her electoral debut, will remain in Kerala until November 7, according to her itinerary. The bye-election for the Wayanad seat became necessary after Rahul Gandhi, who won Lok Sabha seats from both Wayanad and Raibareilly, decided to vacate Wayanad. Voting will be held on November 13.

YS family grabs..

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years, later extended to 50 years, under the pretext of creating industrial jobs. Kalyan criticized the entire process as coercive, alleging that farmers and residents were subjected to severe pressure and intimidation tactics, including the use of petrol bombs, to force compliance. He further claimed that the land procurement targeted marginalized groups, with 24 acres belonging to Scheduled Caste families reportedly taken under duress, in addition to 20 acres in Vemavaram and 24.78 acres of community ponds being seized. Kalyan accused Jagan's family of treating State resources as personal property, using them for private benefit under the guise of development. Stinging criticism of police inaction Pawan Kalyan voiced strong criticism of the police's handling of alleged intimidation tactics associated with land disputes involving Saraswati Power Industries. Addressing the issue, he emphasized that natural resources belong to the people, not to any individual or political entity. Expressing doubts about the current state of law enforcement, he questioned whether police officials had "softened" their stance or were acting out of fear. Kalyan questioned the police's actions, specifically asking what they were doing in cases where local youth were reportedly threatened with "petrol bombs" and "land bombs" under the influence of the previous government. "Isn't it the responsibility of the police to protect the people?" he demanded, stressing that maintaining law and order is essential to prevent "rowdiness." Kalyan said that some YSRCP leaders continue to act as though they are still in power, calling on the police to assert their authority and demonstrate the strength of law enforcement. He urged police officers to fulfill their duties without bias, ensuring the safety and rights of citizens are upheld.

Centre to celebrate 125th birth anniversary of Harekrushna Mahatab across India: Odisha CM

Bhubaneswar, Nov 5 (The Capital News) Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Tuesday said the BJP-led government at the Centre will organise various programmes across the country to mark the 125th birth anniversary of the state's icon Harekrushna Mahatab. In a post on X, Majhi expressed gratitude to PM Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat for the decision. "The Government of India has decided to organize the 125th birth anniversary of Utkal Keshari Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab as a national celebration. This is a great tribute to the legendary nationalist leader of



Odisha and a testament to #OdiaAsmita," he said. The state government has also decided to organise various programmes throughout the year to celebrate 'Mahatab Jayanti', officials said. Besides organising various programmes on his contributions to promote Odisha and its culture, a biopic on him will be exhibited in schools, colleges and universities, they said. The government also

decided to install a statue of Mahatab at his birthplace in Agarpada of Bhadrak district, and build a memorial for him, they added. A national seminar on his life will also be organised in Bhubaneswar from November 23 to 25. The CM said Mahatab was one of those great leaders who contributed to India's freedom and the formation of Odisha. A sub-committee would be formed to plan the program

CBIC asks customs officers to complete inquiry in commercial fraud cases within a year

New Delhi, Nov 5 (The Capital News) The CBIC has asked customs field formations to disclose the specific nature of inquiry being undertaken while issuing letters/summons in export/import fraud cases and also complete investigations within a year. In an instruction, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said officers must maintain a "balanced" approach during an investigation into tax evasion in import or export of goods -- generally referred to as commercial intelligence/fraud (CI) cases -- to avoid disruption in ease of doing business. The CBIC said before initiating an investigation, it is desirable that an analy-



sis of all information, and cross-checking available data be undertaken to minimise interface with the importer/exporter. Within the jurisdiction of the commissionerate, the commissioner is responsible for developing and approving any intelligence, investigation, and its completion. "A CI case investigation must reach the earliest conclusions which is normally not more than a year," the

decision to conduct an investigation, customs officers may seek documents from the exporter/importer, preferably by writing a letter. In seeking information/documents in CI matters, the letter/summons should disclose the specific nature of the inquiry being initiated, it said, adding that vague (or general) expressions must be avoided. "Wherever permissible, the officer indicates to the person summoned, the option to attend by an authorised agent," it added. The CBIC also said the customs commissioner may consider meeting, by appointment, the importer/exporter or his representative whenever a "reasonable grievance" persists in an ongoing inquiry.

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57 per cent of all registered voters in the state — had cast their ballots. As of Monday, turnout in the 25 western counties affected by the hurricane was even stronger at 59 per cent of registered voters, state election board Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell said. Brinson Bell called the voters and election workers in the hurricane-hit counties "an inspiration to us all". Besides the hurricanes in North Carolina and Florida, the most worrisome disruptions to the election season so far were arson attacks that damaged ballots in two drop boxes near the Oregon-Washington border. Authorities there were searching for the person responsible. The absence of any significant, widespread problems has not stopped Trump, the Republican nominee, or the RNC, which is now under his sway, from making numerous claims of fraud or election interference during the early voting period, a possible prelude to challenges after Election Day. He has mischaracterised an investigation underway in Pennsylvania into roughly 2,500 potentially fraudulent voter registration applications by saying one of the counties was "caught with 2600 Fake Ballots and Forms, all written by the same person." The investigation is into registration applications; there is no indication that ballots are involved. In Georgia, Republicans sought to prohibit voters from returning mailed ballots to their local election office by the close of polls on Election Day, votes that are allowed under state law. A judge rejected their lawsuit over the weekend. Trump

and Republicans also have warned about the possibility that Democrats are recruiting masses of noncitizens to vote, a claim they have made without evidence and that runs counter to the data, including from Republican secretaries of state. Research has consistently shown that noncitizens registering to vote is rare. Any noncitizen who does faces the potential of felony charges and deportation, a significant disincentive. One case of noncitizen voting was caught during early voting last month and resulted in felony charges in Michigan after a student from China cast an illegal early ballot. This is the first presidential vote since Trump lost to Joe Biden four years ago and began various attempts to circumvent the outcome and remain in power. That climaxed with the violent January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol to halt certification of the results after Trump told his supporters to "fight like hell". Even now, a solid majority of Republicans believe Trump's lie that Biden was not legitimately elected, despite reviews, audits and recounts in the battleground states that all affirmed Biden's win. A survey last month from The Associated Press-NORC Centre for Public Affairs Research showed Republicans remain much more sceptical than Democrats that their ballots will be counted accurately this year. Seeking to rebuild voter confidence in a system targeted with false claims of widespread fraud, Republican lawmakers in more than a dozen states since 2020 have passed new voting restrictions. Those

rules include shortening the window to apply or return a mail ballot, reducing the availability of ballot drop boxes and adding ID requirements. On the last weekend before Election Day, Trump continued to falsely claim the election was being rigged against him and said a presidential winner should be declared on election night, before all the ballots are counted. Vice President Kamala Harris urged voters not to fall for Trump's tactic of casting doubt on elections. The Democratic nominee told supporters at a weekend rally in Michigan that the tactic was intended to suggest to people "that if they vote, their vote won't matter". Instead, she urged people who had already cast ballots to encourage their friends to do the same. Through four years of election lies and voting-related conspiracy theories, local election officials have faced harassment and even death threats. That has prompted high turnover and led to heightened security for election offices and polling sites that includes panic buttons and bullet-proof glass. While there have been no major reports of any malicious cyberactivity affecting election offices, foreign actors have been active in using fake social media profiles and websites to drum up partisan vitriol and disinformation. In the final weeks, US intelligence officials have attributed to Russia multiple fake videos alleging election fraud in presidential swing states. On the eve of Election Day, they issued a joint statement with federal law enforcement agencies warning that Russia in particular was

ramping up its influence operations, including in ways that could incite violence, and likely would continue those efforts well after the votes have been cast. Jen Easterly, the nation's top election security official, urged Americans to rely on state and local election officials for information about elections. "This is especially important as we are in an election cycle with an unprecedented amount of disinformation being aggressively peddled and amplified by our foreign adversaries at a greater scale than ever before," she said. "We cannot allow our foreign adversaries to have a vote in our democracy."

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with law enforcement matters of peace and security. Anita assured that the Deputy CM's input has been integral to ongoing discussions, adding that his insights align with the government's focus on maintaining public safety across Andhra Pradesh.

Chandrababu appointed..
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to boost economic growth and development across Andhra Pradesh. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, along with several key ministers, will serve as members of the board. The list of members includes prominent figures such as Payyavula Keshav, Lokesh, Sathyaprasad, Narayana, Achchennaidu, Subhash, TG Bharat, BC Janardhan Reddy, Gottipati, and Kandula Durgesh. Their collective expertise is expected to enhance the board's capability in addressing investment challenges and opportunities.

Lokesh US tour..

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his father Chandrababu Naidu's footsteps. His recent US visit impressed the investors and youth for his efforts towards attracting the investments and establishing giant IT companies in Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh met the CEOs of more than 100 companies. He is meeting with Microsoft chairman Satya Nadella and the heads of other IT giants Google, Amazon, Apple, Salesforce, Nvidia, Parot, Revature, Falcon xir, Equinox, Zscaler, Bank of Commerce like many more raised speculations with positive hope on the future establishments in Andhra Pradesh. He also met Tesla Company which has plans to establish a mega car manufacturing unit in India. Lokesh explained the suitability of Anantapur location for their future requirements and where it is already established

restingly, he welcomed the TATA sons group chairman Chandrasekharan HCL Nadar family members at Gannavaram Airport. In New York City also he walked on his way to Bank of Commerce from the hotel to reach there as per schedule. Nara Lokesh recalls his father when he worked in Hyderabad IT development successfully by visiting global investors many times. This time Lokesh has as an advantage with his father's track record and image while there is one disadvantage that in the last five years there was an anti investor policy implemented by former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. Presently Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and IT & HRD Minister Nara Lokesh has taken up the whole responsibility of the employment creation agenda to provide 20 lakh jobs in the next five years.

Former minister Reddy..

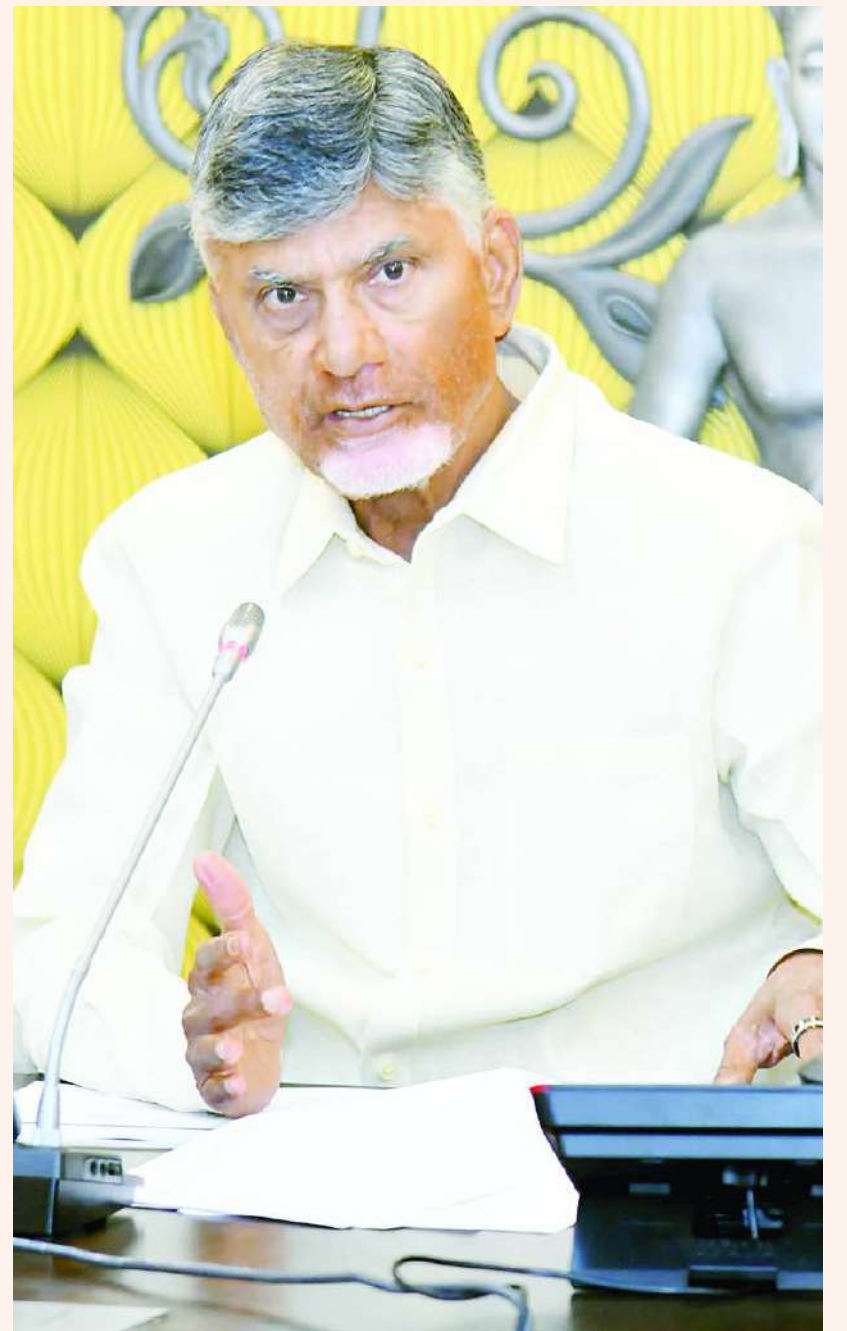
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constituency, where he won five consecutive terms as an MLA. In 1983, he made his political debut as an independent candidate,

winning his first election. He subsequently joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and won four more consecutive terms, later serving as a minister. Led

rs from various political parties expressed their condolences, remembering his contributions to the region and his dedication to public service.

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Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu participating in a meeting with officials of IT, Semi Conductor and drone departments at AP secretariat on Tuesday



Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan inspecting the Saraswati power lands in Machavaram in Palnadu on Tuesday



Nuvvula Bhaskar Rao and Vijaya Lakshmi family members of Jayaprakash Nagar donating Rs 1,00,116 for free meals programme of Durga temple



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Former Trump aide, longtime congressman likely to win in high-profile Georgia races

Atlanta, Nov 5 (The Capital News): A one-time aide to former President Donald Trump will likely win election to Congress from Georgia on Tuesday, while a longtime representative will likely clinch his 17th term in the US House against a former Trump administration official. Those will be the two highest-profile congressional races in the state in an election where no statewide candidates are on the ballot. Voters across Georgia will be deciding three referendums, including a measure limiting increases in a home's value for property tax purposes. But the most competitive elections will be in a handful of state House races, where Democrats are trying to reduce the Republican majority. Both major parties are contesting all 14 of Georgia's congressional districts, where

Republicans currently hold a 9-5 majority. Each party is favoured to maintain control of all the seats they currently hold, an outcome that would not affect the balance of power in the narrowly divided US House. Brian Jack, the former Trump aide, has left no distance between himself and his old boss as Jack tries to win his first term in the House from Georgia's 3rd Congressional District. The GOP-tilting district south and west of Atlanta is open because US Rep. Drew Ferguson is retiring. A 36-year-old Peachtree City native, Jack was the political director in Trump's White House and later worked for former US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy. Trump's repeated endorsement and access to McCarthy's fundraising network carried Jack to victory in a crowded

Republican primary. He now faces Democrat Maura Keller, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and Fayetteville resident. She's running on a platform of abortion rights, better veterans services and higher wages, while Jack emphasizes that he'd be a partner to Trump on economic and immigration issues. In the next highest profile race, Republican Wayne Johnson of Macon faces an uphill race to unseat longtime incumbent Democrat Sanford Bishop in southwest Georgia's 2nd District. Bishop won reelection in 2022 despite Republican hopes of ending his long tenure. Johnson, who worked in the US Department of Education, has pledged to focus on the economic well-being of constituents. The 2nd District runs across 30 counties in southwest Georgia,



stretching into Columbus and Macon. Bishop calls himself a moderate, courting largely white farmers who drive the rural economy and supporting military bases. His campaign focuses on his legislative achievements and what his seniority helps him accomplish. Before all Georgia voters is an effort to curb

rising property tax bills by limiting how much of a home's increasing value can be taxed. The state constitutional amendment would limit increases in a home's value for tax purposes to the broader rate of inflation each year. Supporters say it will protect current homeowners from ever-higher property tax bills, but opponents warn that the caps will unfairly shift the burden onto new homeowners, renters and other property holders. Georgia is one of eight states where voters will decide property tax measures, showing how rising tax bills are influencing politics nationwide. From 2018 to 2022, the total assessed value of property across Georgia rose by nearly 39 per cent, according to the Georgia Department of Revenue. Most governments pocketed increased revenues

without raising tax rates, boosting employee pay and other spending. Lawmakers proposed the amendment after hearing from constituents angry about rising tax bills. The protection would last as long as someone owns their home. The assessed value would reset to the market value when a home is sold, with new homeowners then getting the benefit of the cap on the higher price. Dozens of Georgia counties, cities and school systems already operate under local assessment caps. But school systems have been wary, warning the cap could starve them of needed funds. Most school districts can't raise property tax rates above a certain level. To ease schools' concerns, the measure gives local governments and school districts until March 1 to opt out. Any

that do not would be permanently governed by the cap. Beyond the presidential race, Georgia's most competitive elections this year are in a handful of the state's 180 state House districts. Democrats are trying to reduce the Republicans' current 102-78 majority in the lower chamber of the General Assembly. The hardest fought districts include six stretching across northern Atlanta suburbs in Fulton and Gwinnett counties. Each party is trying to wrest away three districts held by the other. Democrats have campaigned on overturning Georgia's current abortion restrictions, doing more to limit guns, and expanding the Medicaid program to more low-income adults. Republicans have touted their support for low taxes, police and school vouchers.

AP Chambers organises a ...(From Page 1)

Development of AP while we were framing the policies. The government has taken certain inputs from the suggestions submitted by AP Chambers. "The government has received certain grievances such as G.O. Ms. Nos 5 & 6 related to Auto Nagars that are yet to be resolved. We will address them soon. The State government announced one of the best private industrial park policies. We are also coming up with virtual workplace policy with incentives for people who set up workplaces. The government wants to build incubation centres as MSMEs cannot spend much on research and innovation. We are striving hard to address issues such as Mallavalli Industrial Park issue. The government is now offering land at the initial rates. The State government is keen on winning the faith of entrepreneurs." Kondapalli Srinivas further said that the Business Expo's caption, "Connect. Build. Grow." is very apt for entrepreneurs and congratulated AP Chambers for

organising the Business Expo 2024. AP Chambers General Secretary B. Raja Sekhar gave a brief introduction of AP Chambers and mentioned the AP Chambers is organising the Business Expo 2024 from 29 November to 01 December 2024 at SS Convention, Vijayawada with 150 plus exhibitors from various sectors such as Manufacturing, MSMEs, Automobiles, Food Processing, Tourism & Hospitality, Infrastructure & Real Estate, etc. He mentioned the key highlights of the Business Expo. He further stated that many MSMEs are facing skills shortage especially in the core areas like mechanical and electrical engineering and requested the State government to address this issue. In response, Kondapalli Srinivas said that the incubation centres set up will also act as skill centres for improving the skills of youth and bridging the skill gap faced by industries. AP MSME Development Corporation CEO Nandani Salaria said, "The gov-

ernment has to act as a facilitator to MSMEs and should collaborate with them for the growth of the sector. The involvement of the Honourable Chief Minister and his vision to see one entrepreneur from every family is commendable. Andhra Pradesh has great potential to grow. The only hassle is the skill gap. With the various measures taken by the State government to address this, there will be an improvement in skill availability in the State. "The government is implementing the Union government's Cluster Development Scheme and RAMP Scheme for MSMEs. Under the RAMP Scheme, the government is organising 20,000 workshops for MSMEs. The government is in the process of making the MSMEs aware of these schemes. The aim is to take Micro and Small industries to the next level and put them on the global stage. AP Chambers Business Expo with the theme, "Connect. Build. Grow" will certainly help MSMEs to build their networks.

Howard University looks forward for Kamala Harris' election night party in DC

Washington, Nov 5 (The Capital News): The Howard University on Tuesday looked forward to hosting Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris for her election night watch party. This marks the first time in modern history that a presidential election night event will be hosted on a college campus. Harris graduated from Howard University with a bachelor's degree in 1986. Nigel Jhonson, a law student at Howard University, is upbeat about the event. "It is a momentous occasion. You always love to see your alumni, and your classmates doing big things. It is an honour to have the world here and the



world to know the type of people the university produces. We produce leaders and the world ought to know that Howard University is synonymous with leadership," Jhonson told PTL Jade, a freshman at Howard who thinks Harris' election will help the college get prominence, said: "It feels great to have the spotlight on us and hav-

ing alumni like the Vice President of US. I feel like it shows the university produces good students. This is history being created right here." Ben, who lives in the neighbourhood, said they were stoked about the fact that Harris could be the next US President. "It is very cool that we may have the first female president from the universi-

ty." The campus has been transformed as it prepares to host Harris and her running mate Tim Walz. The election is being seen as one of the tightest presidential races in the last several decades with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump pitched against her. If Harris wins the race, she will become the first woman and the first person of South Asian descent to become the US President. Harris, known primarily for embracing her Black identity as her Father is of Jamaican descent, also occasionally reflects on her Indian roots, particularly the influence of her mother who hailed from Tamil Nadu in India.

Explosion occurs at Turkish oil refinery during drills, but no casualties reported

Ankara, Nov 5 (The Capital News): An explosion occurred at an oil refinery in northwestern Turkey on Tuesday, an official said, adding the situation was "under control" and there were no reports of any casualties. Mayor Tahir Buyukakin told private NTV television that the blast occurred at the Turkish Petroleum Refineries company TUPRAS during "planned drills". A fire at the company's facilities in Izmit, in Kocaeli province, was quickly brought under control by the privately owned company's own emergency crews and no request for help was made, he said. "There was a planned drill at TUPRAS. We were made aware of it before hand," Buyukakin said. "The

negative (development) that occurred during the drill is now under control." Video footage from the site showed smoke rising from the refinery, which is one of Turkey's largest. Izmit is about 100 kilometers (62 miles) east of Istanbul. It was not immediately clear what caused the explosion. The Borsa Istanbul stock exchange temporarily halted trading of TUPRAS shares, until the company provides a detailed explanation of the incident, NTV reported.



South Korea fines Meta \$15 million for illegally collecting information on Facebook users

Seoul, Nov 5 (The Capital News): South Korea's privacy watchdog on Tuesday fined social media company Meta 21.6 billion won (\$15 million) for illegally collecting sensitive personal information from Facebook users, including data about their political views and sexual orientation, and sharing it with thousands of advertisers. It was the latest in a series of penalties against Meta by South Korean authorities in recent years as they increase their scrutiny of how the company, which also owns Instagram and WhatsApp, handles private information. Following a four-year investigation, South Korea's Personal Information Protection Commission concluded that Meta unlawfully collected sensitive information about

around 980,000 Facebook users, including their religion, political views and whether they were in same-sex unions, from July 2018 to March 2022. It said the company shared the data with around 4,000 advertisers. South Korea's privacy law provides strict protection for information related to personal beliefs, political views and sexual behavior, and bars companies from processing or using such data without the specific consent of the person involved. The commission said Meta amassed sensitive information by analyzing the pages the Facebook users liked or the advertisements they clicked on. The company categorized ads to identify users interested in themes such as specific reli-



gions, same-sex and transgender issues, and issues related to North Korean escapees, said Lee Eun Jung, a director at the commission who led the investigation on Meta. "While Meta collected this sensitive information and used it for individualized services, they made only vague mentions of this use in their data policy and did not obtain specific consent," Lee said. Lee also said Meta put the privacy of Facebook users at risk

by failing to implement basic security measures such as removing or blocking inactive pages. As a result, hackers were able to use inactive pages to forge identities and request passwords for the accounts of other Facebook users. Meta approved these requests without proper verification, which resulted in data breaches affecting at least 10 South Korean Facebook users, Lee said. In September,

European regulators hit Meta with over \$100 million in fines for a 2019 security lapse in which user passwords were temporarily exposed in an un-encrypted form. Meta's South Korean office said it would "carefully review" the commission's decision, but didn't immediately provide more comment. In 2022, the commission fined Google and Meta a combined 100 billion won (\$72 million) for tracking consumers'

online behavior without their consent and using their data for targeted advertisements, in the biggest penalties ever imposed in South Korea for privacy law violations.

The commission said then that the two companies didn't clearly inform users or obtain their consent to collect data about them as they used other websites or services outside their own platforms. It ordered the companies to provide an "easy and clear" consent process to give people more control over whether to share information about what they do online. The commission also hit Meta with a 6.7 billion won (\$4.8 million) fine in 2020 for providing personal information about its users to third parties without consent.

Jhingan returns, Yadwad earns maiden call-up in India probables for Malaysia football friendly

New Delhi, Nov 5 (The Capital News): Seasoned defender Sandesh Jhingan, sidelined with a knee injury since January, is set for a comeback as he was on Tuesday named in a 26-member probables' list for India's friendly match against Malaysia on November 18 in Hyderabad. Jhingan, who missed the Asian Cup and the remainder of the ISL season due to the injury, has been named in a 26-member probables list for India's home friendly against Malaysia, scheduled for November 18 in Hyderabad. The FC Goa center-back sustained an injury to his right knee during the first half of India's game against Syria in the Asian Cup, forcing him out of the tournament. Now fully recovered, his return is expected to strengthen India's defence. Mohun Bagan captain and defender Subhasish Bose was left out while Rahul Bheke, who led the side against Mauritius in the Intercontinental Cup in September, retained his place. India head coach Manolo Marquez, still searching for his first win since taking over from Igor Stimac in July, has also



given a maiden national call-up to promising forward Irfan Yadwad of Chennaiyin FC. The 23-year-old Goa-born forward assists in seven appearances for Chennaiyin FC in the ISL. He was roped in by Chennaiyin FC last year after a standout performance for FC Bengaluru United in the 2022-23 I-League 2, where he scored 13 goals from 11 matches. Farukh Choudhary, Yadwad's senior teammate, has also retained his spot in the squad. Additionally, Mohun Bagan's Anirudh Thapa and Lalengmawia Ralte (Apuia) made it to the probables' list after missing out of the 23-member squad that travelled to Vietnam for an international friendly on October 12. In their last match

on October 12, India managed a 1-1 draw against Vietnam. **India Probables**
Goalkeepers: Amrinder Singh, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and Vishal Kaith.
Defenders: Aakash Sangwan, Anwar Ali, Asish Rai, Chinglensana Singh Konsham, Hmingthanmawia Ralte, Mehtab Singh, Rahul Bheke, Roshan Singh Naorem and Sandesh Jhingan.
Midfielders: Anirudh Thapa, Brandon Fernandes, Jeakson Singh Thounaojam, Jithin MS, Lalengmawia Ralte, Liston Colaco, Suresh Singh Wangjam and Vibin Mohanan.
Forwards: Edmund Lalrindika, Irfan Yadwad, Farukh Choudhary, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Manvir Singh and Vikram Partap Singh.

Harmanpreet Kaur rises to 9th, Smriti Mandhana remains 4th in women's ODI rankings

Dubai, Nov 5 (The Capital News): India captain Harmanpreet Kaur climbed to the joint ninth spot while opener Smriti Mandhana remained fourth in the latest ICC Women's ODI rankings, released here on Tuesday. Kaur, who played an important part in her team's six-wicket victory over New Zealand in the third ODI of their ICC Women's Championship series in Ahmedabad, had slipped three slots after the first two matches. However, her 59 not out off 63 balls pushed her back into the top 10. Left-hander Mandhana, who won the player of the match award for her knock of 100, added 23 rating points to reach a tally of 728, just five less than Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu in the list led by Natalie Sciver-Brunt of England with 760 rating points. Wicketkeeper Yastika Bhatia moved up from 48th to 45th after chipping in with 35 runs, while for New Zealand, Brooke Halliday's knock of 86 lifted her 12 spots to 24th position and Georgia Plimmer's 39 runs took her from 85th to 74th position. In the bowling chart, seasoned



spinner Deepti Sharma gained important rating points after helping India win the series 2-1. Deepti, who had already attained a career-high 687 rating points last week while consolidating her second place among bowlers, added 16 more to reach 703 rating points after her haul of 3/39 to hold on to the second spot. England's left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone enjoys a huge lead at the top with 770 rating

points. India pacer Renuka Singh was up four places to 32nd while Saima Thakor (up 20 places to joint-77th) and Priya Mishra (up six places to 83rd) also progressed. India are placed in third position in the ICC Women's Championship standings with 25 points while New Zealand are sixth with 20 from 21. Australia and England are at the top with 28 points each, from 18 and 21 matches, respectively.

Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra wins WBF's world title



New Delhi, Nov 5 (The Capital News): Indian professional boxer Mandeep Jangra won the World Boxing Federation's super featherweight world title after defeating Britain's Conor McIntosh in the Cayman Islands. The 31-year-old, who trains under former Olympic silver medallist Roy Jones Jr and has faced only one defeat in his professional career so far, had the upper hand

in most rounds. He delivered powerful punches from the outset, maintaining his stamina throughout the 10 rounds, while the British boxer struggled to keep pace. Conor did try to make a comeback, but Jangra continued to maintain the upper hand in most rounds. "This is one of the biggest victories of my career. I am thankful to my sponsor Nash Built Construction, Chief Coach Roy Jones,

Assistant Coach Asa Beard and Angel," Jangra said in a media release "I have worked hard for years to achieve this. It is a matter of pride for me that I could bring glory to the country." The Haryana boxer, who made his professional boxing debut in 2021, hopes the title will inspire more Indian pugilists to turn professional. "I think this title will open the way for other boxers of the country and they will also decide to make a career in professional boxing. "Our boxers are good and there is no dearth of talent in them. If they get good promoters and managers, they can also become world champions," Jangra added. Jangra has won 11 out of his 12 fights in his pro career with seven being knockout victories. He had a decent run in the amateur circuit as well and won a Commonwealth Games silver medal in the 2014 Glasgow edition.

Meenakshi Chaudhary: A Sexy Siren in Blue



Meenakshi Chaudhary is currently on cloud nine as her recent film, Lucky Baskhar, alongside Dulquer Salmaan, has been a massive box office hit. The actress has been receiving rave reviews for her performance in the film. To celebrate her success, Meenakshi shared stunning pictures of herself on social media. She looked absolutely gorgeous in a chic blue bralette and matching bottom, paired with a stylish shrug. Her hair was styled in soft waves, and she accessorized with golden jewelry and glossy makeup, including pink lipstick. Meenakshi's radiant smile and confident pose perfectly captured her joyful mood. Fans have been showering her with love and admiration for her stunning look and her exceptional performance in 'Lucky Baskhar'.

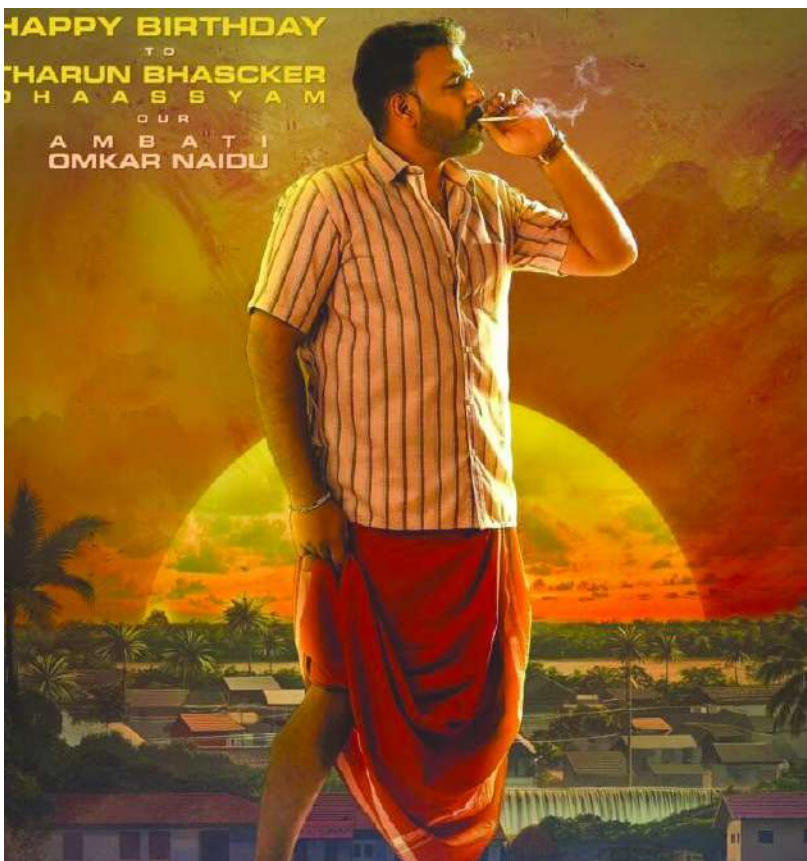
Fans Plan Farewell For Devara

Devara is one of the most successful films in Telugu. It is directed by Koratala Siva and stars NTR in the lead role. The movie is planned to be released in two parts. The first part impressed the fans big time. The movie opened to positive reports unanimously from everyone. The fans are planning a farewell, and the film's theatrical run is almost ending. Devara is one of the most memorable movies for fans since it broke many records at the box office. Compared to other films released in recent times, it has had a lengthy run at the box office. The film will mark its 50th day of release on November 15th. The fans bid farewell to the film and want to revisit it with a grand celebration in the presence of the fans at Sudarshan 35MM at RTC X Roads in Hyderabad. Coincidentally, NTR completes 24 years in the cinema industry



on November 16th. Devara features Jahnuvi Kapoor, Saif Ali Khan, Ajay, Prakash Raj, Srikanth and others in crucial roles. Anirudh Ravichander scored the film's music.

'OM SHANTI SHANTI SHANTHI'- Maatalu, Maarpulu by Tharun Bhascker



The popular director turned actor Tharun Bhascker enthralled us all with Pelli Choopulu and Ee Nagarani Emaidi. The director acted and directed Keedaa Cola recently. Tharun Bhascker is coming up with a new movie 'OM SHANTI SHANTI SHANTHI'. The director this time has picked a Malayalam blockbuster 'JAYA JAYA JAYA HEY' to remake in Telugu. He is acting in the lead role. Eesha Rebba is playing the female lead. The Malayalam language black comedy is a satire on gender stereotypes. The comedy-drama received positive reviews all over and emerged as a blockbuster. Tharun Bhascker appears to have made some changes to the script to make it apt for the Telugu audience. 'OM SHANTI SHANTI SHANTHI' Maatalu, Maarpulu done by Tharun Bhascker.