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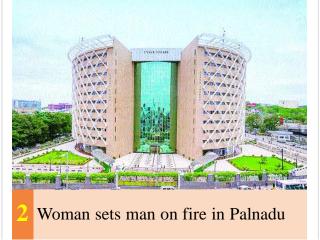
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Amaravati: Mini ster for IT and HR D Nara Lokesh is set to lay the foundation stone for R eliance's first Com pressed Biogas (C BG) plant in Kani giri, Prakasam district on April 2. T he plant marks the beginning of a significant partnershi p between Relian ce (Cont.on P5)



notice to former AP CID chief Sanjay

New Delhi: The S upreme Court has issued notices to f ormer Andhra Pra desh CID chief Sa njay in connection with a corruption case in the fire dep artment. The Andh ra Pradesh govern ment had filed an FIR against Sanja y, following which the AP High Court (Cont.on P5)



SC orders **Dr** Prabhavati to appear in **RRR** case

New Delhi: The Supreme Court ha s directed former Guntur Governme nt General Hospit al superintendent Dr. Prabhavati to a ppear before the in vestigating officer on April 7 and 8 in connection with th e custodial torture case filed by Depu ty Speaker (Cont.on P5)

Trickle to a Flood Trend in Inward remittances by the Indian diaspora 2020 2021

India receives record \$129.4 billion in remittances in 2024

The Capital News New Delhi, April 1: Indians working abroad sent home a record \$129.4 billio n in 2024, with the highest-ever inflow s of \$36 billion in the October-Decem ber quarter, according to the latest data from the Reserve B ank of India (RB I).India remains the top recipient of re mittances globally, surpassing secondplaced Mexico with \$68 billion. China follows with \$48 b illion, while the Ph ilippines and Pakis tan receive \$40 billion and \$33 billi on, respectively, as per figures compile d by World Bank ec onomists.The grow th in remittances fo r (Cont.on P3)

PM Modi to Visit Thailand for **BIMSTEC Summit**

New Delhi: Prime M inister Narendra Mo di will embark on a two-day visit to Thail and starting Thursd ay to attend the sixth BIMSTEC Summit. During the visit, PM Modi will meet Thai Prime Minister Paeto ngtarn Shinawatra to discuss bilateral relations and cooperatio n.At the summit, the med "BIMSTEC -(Cont.on P2)

NASA's newly returned astronauts say they would fly on Boeing's Starliner capsule again

The Capital News Cape Canaveral, Ap **r 1:** NASA's celebrity astronauts Butch Wil more and Suni Willia ms said Monday that they hold themselves partly responsible for what went wrong on their space sprint-tur ned-marathon and wo uld fly on Boeing's St arliner again.SpaceX recently ferried the du o home after more tha n nine months at the International Space Station, filling in for Boeing that returned to Earth without them last year.In their first news conference sin ce coming home, the pair said they were ta



ken aback by all the interest and insisted they were only doing their job and putting the mission ahead of themselves and even their families.Wilm ore didn't shy from ac cepting some of the bl ame for Boeing's bun-

gled test flight."I'll st art and point the finge r and I'll blame me. I could have asked som e questions and the an swers to those questio ns could have turned the tide," he told repo rters. "All the way up and down the chain.

We all are responsibl e. We all own this."B oth astronauts said th ey would strap into St arliner again. "Beca use we're going to rec tify all the issues that we encountered. We'r e going to fix them. We're going to make it work," Wilmore sai d, adding he'd go bac k up "in a heartbe at."Williams noted th at Starliner has "a lot of capability" and she wants to see it succee d. "We're all in," she s aid. The two will meet with Boeing leadersh ip on Wednesday to provide a rundown on the flight and its probl ems."It's (Cont.on P3)

Chandrababu aims for zero poverty in AP by 2029

The Capital News Bapatla, April 1: Chi ef Minister Nara Cha ndrababu Naidu has set an ambitious goal to eradicate poverty in Andhra Pradesh by 2029. Speaking durin g his visit to Bapatla district on Tuesday, h e emphasized that the welfare of the people comes first, ahead of all other priorities. D uring his visit to Kot hagollapalem of Chin aganjam mandal, the Chief Minister distributed pensions to beneficiaries, personally visiting their hom es and inquiring abou t their issues. Speakin



g at the Kothagollapal em Prajavedika Sabh a, he stated, "People come first, and everything else follows," re iterating his commitment to welfare programs. He also highlighted that the pensi ons provided in And hra Pradesh were mor e generous than in nei ghboring Telangana, calling for respect in the distribution of suc h benefits. The CM fu rther discussed several key projects, includ ing the ongoing devel opment of Amaravati, which he said was pro gressing rapidly despi

• CM distributes pensions to beneficiaries in Prakasam

also mentioned the si gnificant investment of Rs. 11,000 crore fo r the revival of Visak hapatnam Steel Plant and the creation of a railway zone for the city. In terms of educa tion, he announced th at the DSC recruitme nt process would be completed by the end of the month, with tea chers being appointed by June. Chandrabab u Naidu also assured that the Polavaram irr igation project would be completed by 2027 and (Cont.on P2)



WhatsApp bans over 9.7 million accounts in India

during Feb New Delhi: WhatsA pp on Tuesday said it banned more than 9.7 million accounts in India during Februa ry 2025, 1.4 million o f which were proacti vely banned prior to any user reports.Rele asing its monthly saf ety report, the Metaowned messaging ap p also shared tips on using the platform re (Cont.on P2)



Major tax, banking changes take effect from April 1

The Capital News Mumbai, Apr 1: As the new financial yea r begins on April 1, se veral key tax and fin ancial regulations wi ll come into effect, im pacting taxpayers, in vestors, and banking users. These changes include higher tax ex emptions, stricter UP I regulations, updated pension schemes, and mandatory KYC for financial accounts.

Higher tax

exemption limits: From April 1, individ uals earning up to Rs 12 lakh annually will be exempt from inco me tax. Additionally, salaried employees w ill receive a standard deduction of Rs 75,00 0, making income up to Rs 12.75 lakh taxfree under the new ta x regime.

UPI deactivation for inactive numbers: To enhance security, the (Cont.on P3)

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Indian markets tumble ahead of Trump's tariff announcement

• Rs 3.2 lakh crore wiped off

The Capital News Mumbai, Apr 1: Ind ian stock markets fac ed a sharp decline on Tuesday, as trading re sumed after the long weekend, ahead of U S President Donald Trump's highly anticipated tariff announce ment on April 2. The Nifty fell over 350 po ints, and the Sensex dropped as much as 1,500 points at its low est point. This market

slump is a direct resp

onse to the recent vol atility in global markets. On Friday, US markets saw a steep sell-off, and while the re was a late recovery on Monday, investor nerves remain frayed as Trump's tariff pla ns draw closer. Trum p's upcoming tariff an nouncement, dubbed "Liberation Day" by the US President, has stirred significant unc ertainty. White House Press (Cont.on P5)



Lokesh to distribute 3,000 house pattas under 'Mana Illu - Mana Lokesh' programme

Amaravati: Minister for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh will launch a program on April 3 to grant permanent righ ts to residents who ha ve built houses on go vernment lands in M angalagiri. As part of the first phase, 3,000 house pattas will be distributed, resolving a long-pending issue for thousands of families. The initiative w ill regularize both the land (Cont.on P2)



The Capital News Hyderabad, Apr 1: The University of Hy

derabad Students' Un ion (UoHSU) has an nounced an indefinite protest and boycott of classes from Tuesday, demanding the remov al of police personnel and earth-moving ma chinery from the cam pus.UoHSU Vice Pr esident Akash said stu dents and teachers w ere urged to join the protest on campus an d boycott classes.In a joint statement, the UoHSU and other stu dents' associations ac cused the university administration of "b etraying" students by



facilitating land clearing activities for the state government on 400 acres at Kancha Gachibowli abutting the university. They also condemned the "brutal police crackdown" on peaceful de monstrators. The pro testing students dema nded a written assurance that the land wo uld be formally regis-

tered under the univ ersity.Additionally, th ey called for the public release of minutes of the Executive Com mittee meeting held o n the issue by the university and greater tr ansparency in land-re lated documents. A BJ P legislators delegation led by its Legisla ture party floor leader Alleti Maheshwar Re

heduled to visit the sit e on Tuesday. A large number of police personnel have been depl oyed near the MLAs quarters here.Mahesh war Reddy told PTI that he was not permi tted to step out of his residence by the polic e.Also, the police did not issue any notice t o him as to why he w as being prevented.A ccording to Reddy, ot her saffron party ML As and leaders were also prevented by the police from coming out of their residence s.The Telangana government's plans to de velop (Cont.on P3)

India receives.. (From Page 1)

2024 is estimated at 5.8%, a significa nt increase compar ed to the 1.2% gro wth in 2023. The numb er of Indians wo rki ng abroad has tripl ed from 6.6 million in 1990 to 18.5 million in 2024, wit h I ndia's share of glob al migrants rising fr om 4.3% to o ver 6% during this period. Indian migr an ts in the Gulf cou nt ries make up abo ut half of the total Indi an migrant pop ulation globally.Th e r ecovery of job markets in high-income countries, particula rly in the Organis at ion for Economic C o-operation and De velopment (OEC D), post-pandemic has been a key driver of remittances, especially in the Un ited States, where employment amon g foreign-born wor kers is now 11% hi gher than the pre-pa ndemic level of Feb ruary 2020.Official remittances to lowand middle-income countries (LMICs) are expected to reac h \$685 billion in 20 24, continuing to o utpace foreign dire ct investment (FDI) as the primary exter nal financial flow. Over the past dec ade, remittances to LMICs have risen 57%, while FDI has declined by 41%.

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PM Modi to.. (From Page 1) Pr osperous, Resilie nt, and Open," lead ers will focus on en hancing collaboration within the BIM STEC frame work including capa city building, trade, sec urity, and digital co nnectivity.India has actively worked on initiatives within B IMSTEC to foster r egional cooperatio n, including strengt hening maritime, physical, and digita I connectivity, as w ell as promoting fo od, energy, climate, and human security. This visit, at the invitation of the Thai government, marks the second m eeting between PM Modi and Shinawat ra. The leaders are expected to build on the positive mo mentum from PM Modi's 2019 visit, further reinforcing India's commitmen t to regional cooperation.BIMSTEC. established in June 1997, connects Sou th and South-East A sia, with members from both regions, including Banglad esh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Thai land.Thailand, a ma ritime neighbor and key partner in Indi a's Act East Policy, plays a vital role in the Indo-Pacific reg ion. Recently, India strengthened ties by sending the holy relics of Lord Budd

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25-day exposition across Thailand, sy

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religious bonds.

AP Chambers Urges Emirates Airline for Direct Vijayawada-Dubai Flight

Vijayawada, April 1: The Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Comme rce and Industry Fede ration (AP Chambers) has formally requested **Emirates Airline to int** roduce a direct flight between Vijayawada and Dubai. A letter w as addressed to Mr. H H Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, C hairman & Chief Exec utive of Emirates Airli ne & Group, highlighting the increasing dem and for seamless connectivity between Vija yawada and Dubai. AP Chambers has been advocating for a direct flight for over five yea rs, citing the substantial demand for international connectivity from the region. A tea m from Emirates Airli

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ne recently conducted a feasibility study at Vijayawada Internatio nal Airport and was reportedly satisfied wit h the airport's technical capabilities. In its letter to the Chairman of Emirates Airline, AP Chambers stated that Vijayawada, a key economic hub in Andh ra Pradesh, has witnessed significant gro wth in trade, tourism, and industrial activity.

The airport serves the Capital Region of Andhra Pradesh, enc ompassing Vijayawad a, Amaravati, and Gun tur, with a catchment population of approximately 20 million. Ad ditionally, around 500, 000 Non-Resident Indi ans (NRIs) from Kris hna, Guntur, Prakasa m, and the Godavari districts frequently tra vel to the Middle East, Europe, and the US,

h other Indian cities due to the absence of a direct flight. Currently, passengers from Andh ra Pradesh must endur e long layovers in Hyd erabad, Bangalore, or Chennai to reach Dub ai and other international destinations. A direct flight connection would significantly reduce travel time and enhance convenience for both business and leisure travellers. AP Chambers mentioned that Vijayawada is a major centre for ag riculture, food process ing, textiles, auto components, and industrial exports. A direct flight will strengthen busines s and trade ties betwe en Andhra Pradesh and the Middle East, further promoting invest-

often transiting throug

ment and commercial collaborations. Dubai serves as a crucial gate way to global markets, and improved accessibility will encourage trade expansion and to urism. With a large vol ume of travellers from the region and the strat egic advantage of Dub ai as an international transit hub, AP Cham bers is confident that the route will maintain an occupancy rate abo ve 80%, ensuring profitability for Emirates Airline.AP Chambers' President Mr. Potluri Bhaskara Rao urged E mirates Airline to com mence direct flight ope rations between Vijaya wada and Dubai at the earliest, considering its immense potential in terms of demand and growth.



Woman sets man on fire in Palnadu

The Capital News Palnadu, April 1: A shocking incident un folded in Uyyandana village of Krosur man dal, where a woman al legedly set a man on fi re over accusations of false propaganda. The victim, identified as Tammisetti Chiranjee vi (35), sustained burn s after Devalla Srilak shmi (30) poured pet rol on him and ignited the flames. According to reports, Srilakshmi was enraged over Chir anjeevi's alleged defa matory remarks about her. Despite multiple

warnings, when he ref used to stop, she resor ted to the extreme act. Locals, witnessing the incident, immediately doused the flames and rushed Chiranjeevi to Sattenapalli Governm ent Hospital. After initial treatment, he was shifted to Guntur Gov ernment General Hos pital (GGH) for further care. The victim h as since filed a police complaint, accusing Srilakshmi of attempted murder. Police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

NHAI hikes toll charges by 4-5 pc across country

The Capital News New Delhi, Apr 1: Commuters on nation al highways and expr essways will need to pay more for their r oad journeys, as the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has increased toll charges by an average of 4 to 5 per cent on highway sections across the country. The revised toll charges for motorists on national highways across the country have come into effect

from Tuesday, a sen-

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the change in toll fee is part of an annual exercise to revise the rates that are linked to the changes in the wholesale price inde x-based inflation. Eve ry year, it is implemented from April 1. There are around 855 user fee plazas on the national highway network on which us er fee is levied as per National Highways Fee (Determination

of Rates and Collect ion) Rules, 2008. Out of these, around 675 are public-funded fee plazas and 180 are concessionaire-operated toll plazas. The revised rates will affect the commuters of key routes across the country, including Delhi-Meerut Exper ssways, Eastern Perip heral Expressw ay, and Delhi-Jaipur Hig hway, among others.

Special Flower Offering to Durgamma



The Capital News Vijayawada, April 1: On the third day of Vasanta Navratri, which falls on April 1, a special flower offering was made using yellow and white chamanthuli along with jasmine flowers. The ceremony began at 9 a.m. in the newly constructed puja mandapam within the Nataraja Swamy temple premises. After the priests and officials arrived at the archana site with flowers sourced from the main temple, they brought the flowers

in bamboo baskets to commence the special poojas. A large number of devotees participated and were able to have darshan of the goddess. Notably, two women from Tokyo, Japan, joined in the flower offering Durgamma. During their visit to Vijayawada, they learned about the special poojas performed for Durgamma during the festivals, as described by locals, and decided to participate in the flower offering.

Lokesh to distribute.. (From Page 1)

and houses occu pied by residents, ens uring legal ownershi p and secu rity for the poor. The first patta will be handed over in Undavalli villa ge on April 3, with Lokesh personally visiting beneficiaries' homes to mark the launch of the 'Mana Illu -Mana Lokesh' program. For years, low-income families have lived on government lands, urging authorities to legalize their settlements. Over the past ten months, Lokesh has directly overseen the process, from collecting resident details to coordinating with departments and ensuring a hassle-free application process for the poor. The large-scal e distribution will continue from April 4 at a designated venue near Mangalagiri Don Bosco School. The schedule for patta distribution is as follows: April 4: Yarrabalem, Neerukonda, and Kaja villages, April 7: Penumaka, Undavalli, Ipp atam, Kolanukonda, and Padmasali Bazaar, April 8: Ratnala Cheruvu and Mahanadu-2, April 11: Sitanag aram, Salam Center, and Drivers Colony and April 12: Mahanadu-1 and Undavalli Center.

Chandrababu aims.. (From Page 1)

emphasized the importance of linking rivers for the State's d evelopment. Addres sing concerns about the State's debt, whichh stands at Rs. 10 lakh crore, the Chief Mi nister reassured that b oth welfare and devel opment would procee d in parallel. He anno unced several new we lfare initiatives, inclu ding a free gas cylind er every four months for households, remunerative prices for far mers' crops, and Rs. 20,000 for fishermen during the hunting ban. Additionally, he vowed to create employment opportunities and bring modernization to agriculture. Speaking on the legacy of Dr. B R Ambedkar, he highlighted the importance of education and empowerment, citing historical figures such as Ambedkar and former President Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, who overcame adversity with the help of others. He also spoke about the savings of Dwakra communities, which now amount to Rs. 35,000 crore, and the importance of mobile phones, which he once advocated for when they were considered a luxury. Chandrababu Naidu announced plans to provide 2 cents of land in urban areas and 3 cents in rural areas, ensuring that every homeless person in the State would have a house within five years.

WhatsApp bans.. (From Page 1)

sponsibly. It listed ou t ways to do so, inclu ding respecting boun daries, avoiding spa mming with bulk and auto messages, and u sing broadcast lists re sponsibly." According to the report for the month of February 2025, WhatsApp banned over 9.7 million accounts in India for violating its Terms of Service. More than 1.4 million of these accounts were proactively banned prior to any user reports," WhatsApp said.A WhatsApp spokesperson further said the platform has consistently invested in Artificial Intelligence and other technology, data scientists and experts, and processes, to keep users safe on the platform."In accordance with the IT Rules 2021, our latest published report outlines user complaints received, actions taken, and WhatsApp's proactive approach to preventing abuse, including accounts that were proactively banned, before any reports from users," the spokesperson added.

Farmers Demand for Expansion of Budameru at Enikepadu

The Capital News Vijayawada, April 1: The Budameru under-tunnel near Enikepadu should be expanded to protect the Eluru canal ayacut in the Krishna Eastern Delta from flood-related submersion. Alla Venkata Gopala krishna Rao, State President of the Federation of Irrigation Water Users Associations, has appealed to the state government for this expansion. Last September, the Budameru main drain overflowed during heavy floods, causing water to flood the area near the Enikepadu under-tunnel and the Egadatti Eluru canal. This flooding resulted in the complete loss of the first crop on 500 acres in the Enikepadu ayacut, severely impacting local farmers.In response to the floods, farmers found themselves in dire circumstances and planted paddy during the Kharif season. Gannavaram MLA and Government Yarlagadda Venkat Rao informed the state government of the situation last month and instructed Alla Venkata Gopalakrishna Rao and local distributary



committee Kosaraju Rambabu and Kommareddy Rajesh to ensure timely irrigation for the affected 500 acres, ultimately saving the harvested paddy crop.In line with Alla Venkata this, Gopalakrishna Rao, along with the Distributary Committee Chairmen Kosaraju Rambabu (Buddhavaram), Komma reddy Rajesh (Kakulapad u), Yarlagadda Ravibabu (Gudivada), and Drainage Assistant Engineer K. Srinivasa Murthy, inspected the under-tunnel of the Eluru canal at the 36th km of Budameru in Enikepadu village this morning. During the inspection, Alla Venkata Gopalakrishna Rao stated that the damage

caused to the Eluru canal from the Budameru floods had been presented to the state government by the Gannavaram MLAs in the assembly. The under-tunnel near Enikepadu was originally built during the British era with 11 shafts to carry 4,300 cusecs of flood water. To accommodate increased flooding, it needs to be expanded by 22 shafts to handle 15,000 cusecs. From 2014 to 2019, during the previous Telugu Desam government, an estimate of Rs 506 crore was proposed for the development of the Budameru drain from the Velagaleru regulator to Enikepadu. This development plan included dredging the Budameru main drain,

strengthening embankments, and constructing new bridges to replace old culverts near the railway line at Mustabad. The expansion project for the Enikepadu under-tunnel was launched last year. However, the Y.C.P. government not only neglected the concerns of the then MLAs but also allowed encroachments on the Budameru embankments in Vijayawada town, leading to turmoil during recent floods and damaging the Eluru canal in the Krishna eastern delta. On this occasion, the farmers expressed gratitude their Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao and the team of irrigation association leader Alla Venkata Gopalakrishna Rao for saving the 500 acres of crops in Enikepadu. Former Enikepadu Sarpanch Koneru Sivarama Krishna Rao (Pedababu), as well as Eluru canal ayacut leaders Gogam Balakoteswara Rao, Ukti Venkateswara Rao, Gogam Srinivasa Rao, and Patapanchala Venkat Rao, also participated in the programme.

Security tightened at rape survivor's house after interim bail to Asaram Bapu

The Capital News Shahjahanpur (UP), **Apr 1:** After the interi m bail granted to religious preacher Asara m Bapu for three months, police have tightened security at the residence of the rape survivor's family here. The rape surviv or's family members, who have expressed fears for their safety, will now have to inf orm the police before travelling outside the district.Asaram was first arrested in 2013 after a minor girl (16) from Shahjahanpur accused him of sexual assault at his Jodhpur ashram. Convicted in 2018, he was sentenced to life imprisonment under the POCSO Act. His lat-

est conviction in Gujarat in 2023 result ed in another life sentence.Shahjahanpur Superintendent of Po lice (SP) Rajesh Dwi vedi told PTI on Tue sday that after Asara m was granted interim bail for three mont hs, authorities took suo motu cognisance and enhanced the sec urity of the rape survivor's family.Current ly, a guard is deploye d at the victim's house while her father and brother have been provided with personal gunners.Instructio ns have been issued to Azizganj police outpost to keep a close watch on their residence, he said.Dwive di added that surveillance cameras have



been installed at the rape survivor's house and additional longrange cameras are be ing set up as needed. Besides, police personnel are monitoring not only the main road but also the connecting routes near the house.A complete ban has been imposed on any unauthorised gatherings in the vi cinity.The SP further informed that Kotwa

ment was a victory for them. But after securing bail on medical grounds, he is now allegedly managing everything fro m outside the jail.He claimed that Asaram's li police have been supporters were asser directed to ensure that ting that he would not the victim's family return to prison and members must notify now their words seem the police in advance to be coming true.As if they leave the disaram, 86, who is servtrict so that authoritie ing life sentence in th s can alert the police e Jodhpur Central Jai in the respective are l, was granted relief a." Our officers are re on Friday to seek trea viewing security ar tment for his heart ailrangements at the vicments and other agetim's residence both related health issues." during the day and at When Bapu was in jai night. We stand with 1, it was our victory the victim's family,' but now he is manag-

Dwivedi said. The vic

tim's father had told

PTI on Sunday that

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ing everyone. I am surprised that the court is continuously gra nting interim bail to Asaram, first for se ven days, then 12 day s, then two-and-a-half months and now for three months," the rap e survivor's father sai d while talking to.The victim's father said th e person who came ou t of jail for illness is roaming from Jodhpu r to Indore, Ujjain and Surat and is constantly meeting his followers.Asaram was previously granted interim bail by the Supreme Court until March 31, also on medical grounds. With the new order, his temporary release has now been extended further.



Outreach: EC holds nearly 5,000 meetings with political representatives at different levels

The Capital News New Delhi, Apr 1: S eeking to resolve the issues of political part ies, the Election Com mission has held nea rly 5,000 meetings w ith their representativ es at different levels across the country.In a span of 25 days, a to tal of 4,719 meetings were held, including 40 by state chief electoral officers (CEOs), 800 by district election officers, and 3,87 9 by electoral registra tion officers. The proc ess involved engagements with over 28,0 00 representatives of

political parties natio nwide, the Election Commission (EC) sai d on Tuesday. The de cision to hold the me etings was taken at a recent conference of CEOs held here. The engagements were ai med to resolve any pe nding issues by the concerned competent authority at different levels.An action tak en report has been so ught from all the state s for further assessment. Any issue, if unresolved within the existing legal framework, will be taken up by the poll panel.

TN govt implementing schemes without party discrimination, says CM

The Capital News Chennai, Apr 1: The Tamil Nadu government is implementing developmental works without any party discrimination, and the proposals from legislators from various political parties were accepted depending u pon the financial viability, Chief Minister M K Stalin said on Tuesday.Refuting the opposition AIADM K's charge in the Asse mbly House, the CM said development wor ks proposed by the M LAs including those belonging to the AIA DMK were executed without any prejudic e."In your party's cas e, we sought and obt ained the proposals from your member Dr

C Vijayabaskar when

he failed to send the



list of works to be taken up in his constituency," Stalin said responding to an allegation of the Leader of the Opposition AI ADMK Edappadi K Palaniswami."All the projects are being exe cuted keeping in min d the financial viability and according to the demands of all the legislators irrespective of their party aff iliation," the Chief Mi nister said and stres sed that he has been

reviewing the works once every two mont hs.Earlier, drawing th e attention of the Hou se, Palaniswami said the list of works proposed by the member s under the Ungal Th oguthiyil Mudhalama ichar (Chief Minister in your Constituency) were invariably reject ed citing lack of fund s."Even a request to construct a building for a school was turne d down," the opposition leader claimed.R eplying, the Chief Mi nister said the school education department has been entrusted wi th the task of improving school infrastructure.Later, intervenin g the speech of DMK legislator Anbazhaga n, Stalin announced that the library being built in Tiruchirappal

li at a cost of Rs 290 crore would be name d after former Chief Minister Kamaraj.Thi s was in the DMK's tradition of naming world-class libraries executed by the state government, after ico nic leaders like Anna (for the Centenary Li brary) in Chennai, an d Kalaignar (library) in Madurai, he said. He had already annou nced that the library in Coimbatore would be named after the rationalist leader 'Peri yar.' "I think it would be appropriate to nam e the library being built in Tiruchirappal li after Kamaraj, who started schools in all villages in Tamil Nadu and provided mid-day meals for school children," the Chief Minister said.

Opposition wanted a repeat of hundreds of deaths in past Kumbh tragedies: Adityanath

The Capital News Lucknow, Apr 1: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditya nath has said that the Opposition "wanted a repeat of hundreds of deaths in past Kumbh tragedies" but his gov ernment's arrangemen ts and public cooperation ensured every vi ctim received immediate medical care d uring the January sta mpede.In an interview to PTI, Adityana th recounted meeting survivors in the hospital, where he said th ey told him: "The gov ernment is not at fau lt. We were rushing fo r the holy dip... police tried stopping us, but we were desperate to bathe at the ghats by 4 AM".He said the p ilgrims told him they "got trapped in the



chaos, but don't take action against anyone". On allegations of opposition parties that the government suppressed the death toll, Adityanath dismissed the claims while comparing the 2025 Kumbh's safety measures to the "mismanagement" under previous regimes. "In 2013 (under the SP

rule), no permanent ghats or corridors we re built. This time, we ensured cleanliness, security and digital tracking," he said."Th ey wanted a repeat of hundreds of deaths in past Kumbh tragedie s. Remember 1954 when 1,000 died? Or the 1974 stampede? B ut this time, our systems and public sup-

port helped safely ho spitalise everyone," he said.As many as 30 people were killed and 60 others injured in the stampede at the Maha Kumbh venue in Prayagraj on Janu ary 29 when a large crowd broke the barricades as lakhs of pilgrims jostled for space to take a holy dip on the occasion of Mauni Amavasya.Th e 45-day Maha Kumb h saw a footfall of ov er 66 crore devotees with days like Mauni Amavasya drawing 15 crore alone. Aditya nath credited tech-dr iven crowd management, AI surveillance, and public cooperation for the overall su ccess."Every good tas k has challenges, but we turned them into solutions," he said.

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not for poin ting fingers," Wilmo re said. "It's jus t to m ake the path clearer going forward."The lo ngtime astronauts and retired Navy captains ende d up spending 286 days in space — 278 days mo re tha n planned when they blasted off on Boein g's first astronaut flig ht on June 5. The test pilots had to interven e in order for the Sta rliner capsule to reach the space station, as thrusters failed and h elium leaked. Their sp ace station stay kept g etting extended as en gineers debated how to proceed. NASA fin ally judged Starliner too dangerous to brin g Wilmore and Willia ms back and transfer red them to SpaceX. But the launch of their replacements got stalled, stretching their mission beyond nine months.President Donald Trump urged SpaceX's Elon Musk to hurry things up, adding politics to the stuck astronauts' ordeal. The dragged-out drama finally ended two weeks ago with a flawless splashdown by SpaceX off the Florida Panhandle."It's great being back home after being up there," Williams told The Associated Press in an interview. She waited until she was steadier on her feet before reuniting with her two Labrador retrievers the day after splashdown. "Pure joy." Wilmore already has a to-do list. His wife wants to replace all the shrubs in their yard before summer. "So I've got to get my body ready to dig holes," he told the AP.NASA said engineers still do not understand why Starliner's thrusters malfunctioned; more tests are planned through the summer. If engineers can figure out the thruster and leak issues, "Starliner is ready to go," Wilmore said. The space agency may require another test flight — with cargo — before allowing astronauts to climb aboard. That redo could come by year's end.Despite Starliner's rocky road, NASA officials said they stand behind the decision made years ago to have two competing US companies providing taxi service to and from the space station. But time is running out: The space station is set to be abandoned in five years and replaced in orbit by privately operated labs.

Hyderabad varsity.. (From Page 1)

IT infrastructur e and others on 400 acres of land over which student groups of UoH held protests intensified on Mond ay with the governme nt maintaining that the land parcel belonge d to it and not the varsity. However, the Uo H Registrar issued a statement asserting th at the boundary of the disputed land in question was finalised, contradicting the government's claim.In a detailed note on the land issue, the government alleged that students are being misled by some political leaders and realty groups. The student groups and environmental activists have voiced opposition to the proposal to undertake development work at the site, citing environmental conservation concerns.T he union had staged a protest on Sunday after noticing deployment of police and earthmovers at the land following which over 50 students were detained and released later. According to police, when the TGIIC initiated development work at the site on March 30, as per a Government Order, a group of people from UoH and also others gathered at the site and tried to stop the work "forcibly". They "attacked" the officials and workers with sticks and stones and two persons were arrested in this connection. The TGIIC (Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation) on Monday said it has proved its ownership of the land in court and that the UoH (a Central university) does not own any land in the land parcel in question. Disputes, if any, created on the ownership of land, will be a contempt of the court, it said. The state government led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is giving top priority to the sustainable development of any local area and conservation of the environment in every plan, it said. The revenue records clearly state that the land is not forest land, it said. With the consent of the University of Hyderabad Registrar, a survey of the land was conducted in July 2024 in the presence of the university officials for identification of boundaries. "The officials finalised the boundaries on the same day," it said. However, the UoH on Monday said no survey was conducted in July 2024 by the revenue authorities in the campus to demarcate the 400 acres of land resumed by the state government in 2006. The only action taken thus far has been a preliminary inspection of the land's topography, UoH Registrar Devesh Nigam said in a statement. The university also denied the government statement that it has agreed for such demarcation of the land. Countering the university's claims, official sources pointed out that there are documents which show that the land in question in Kancha Gachibowli has been handed over to the state government in 2004.

Major tax, banking..

National Payment s Corporation of Indi a (NPCI) will deactivate UPI IDs linked t o mobile numbers that have been inactive for an extended period. Users with old or unused UPI accounts must update their details before April 1 to avoid disruptions.

New Unified Pension Scheme (UPS): A new pension sch eme will be introduced for Central government employees currently under the National Pension System (NPS). Employees with at least 25 years of service will receive 50% of their average basic salary (from the last 12 months) as pension.

PAN-Aadhaar link deadline: Failure to link PAN with Aadhaar by March 31, 2025, will result in loss of dividend income, increased TDS deductions, and noncredit of TDS in Form 26AS.

GST rules tightened: To strengthen security, multifactor authentication (MFA) will be mandatory on the GST portal. Additionally, e-way bills can now only be generated for documents issued within the last 180 days. **Minimum balance rules updated**: Banks, including SBI, PNB, and Canara Bank, will update their minimum balance requirements from April 1. Account holders failing to maintain the required balance may face penalties.

KYC mandatory for mutual funds, Demat accounts: From April 1, Know Your Customer (KYC) verification will be compulsory for all mutual fund and demat account holders. Additionally, nominee details will be re-verified.

Higher loan limits under priority sector lending: Home loan borrowers can access higher loan limits under Priority Sector Lending, with the ceiling raised to Rs 50 lakh in metro cities, Rs 45 lakh in Tier-2 cities, and Rs 35 lakh in smaller towns.

Positive pay system for cheques : To curb cheque fraud, banks will introduce the Positive Pay System. Any cheque of Rs 50,000 or more must be electronically verified by the issuer before clearance.

Higher TDS exemption for senior citizens: The TDS exemption limit on interest income for senior citizens will be increased to Rs 1 lakh. With these changes, taxpayers and financial users must stay informed and take necessary actions to avoid any disruptions.

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2024 is estimated at 5.8%, a significa nt increase compar ed to the 1.2% gro wth i n 2023. The nu mber of Indi ans wo rking abroad has tr ipled from 6.6 million in 19 90 to 18.5 million in 2024, wit h India's share of global migrants rising from 4. 3% to o ver 6% during this period. Indian migr ants in the Gulf cou ntries make up abo ut half of the total Indian migrant pop ulation globally. The recovery of jo b markets in high-income countries, particularly in th e Organisation for Econom ic Co-operation and Devel opment (OECD), post-pandemic has been a key driver of remittances, especially in the United States, whe re employment among foreign-born workers is now 11% higher than the pre-pa ndemic level of February 2020.Official remittances to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are expe cted to reach \$685 billion in 2024, continuing to outpace foreign direct investment (F DI) as the primary external financial flow. Over the pas t decade, remittances to LM ICs have risen 57%, while FDI has declined by 41%.T he World Bank anticipates that remittances will continue to rise due to ongoing migration pressures driven by demographic trends, inc ome gaps, and climate change.

























Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu participating in NTR Bharosa pension distribution programme at Kottagollapakem village in Bapatla district on Tuesday







The priests performing puja with flowers to goddess Durga on the occasion of third day in the Vasantanavaratrulu on Tuesday





Minister Kollu Ravindra, RTC chairman K Narayana distributing pensions at door strip in Machilipatnam on Tuesday

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Trump administration says it deported 17 more violent criminals' to El Salvador

Washington, Apr 1 (The Capital News) The Trump administration said Monday that it has deported 17 more "violent criminals" from the Tren de Aragua and MS-13 gangs to El Salvador, as it doubles down on a policy of removing people from the US to countries other than their own despite criticism over lack of transparency human rights issues. The State Department said the immigrants were removed Sunday night. The statement said murderers and rapists were among them but didn't give details of the nationalities or alleged crimes of those removed. The office of El Salvador President Nayib Bukele, however, said Salvadorans and Venezuelans

among the prisoners. "These criminals will no longer terrorize our communities and citizens," Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in the statement. "Once again, we extend our gratitude to President Bukele and the government of El Salvador for their unparalleled partnership." The men were flown to El Salvador by the US military, the State Department said. As seen in video from the Salvadoran government, they were transported by bus to El Salvador's maximum security prison, changed into the prison's standard white T-shirts and shorts and had their heads shaven. They were walked by guards into a cell block, the video shows, and some were made to kneel upon the



floor with their wrists cuffed behind their and ankles shackled. Guards put one or both hands on the men's necks and forced them to walk quickly while bent at the waist and shackled with their heads down. Some men in the video grunted from the exertion, and one appeared to vomit on the floor while listening to instructions. More than 200 Venezuelan immigrants

deportation were sent to El Salvador earlier this month and are also being held in the maximum security prison. The Trump administration also has deported immigrants of various nationalities to other countries in Central America. But El Salvador is the only country where the US is sending people so they can be imprisoned there. Bukele offered to jail immigrants the US wanted to deport dled the removals

regardless of nationality — during a February meeting with Rubio. Trump has claimed Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua is invading the United States and invoked the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, a wartime authority that allows the president broader leeway on policy and executive action to speed up mass deportations. He sent dozens of people to El Salvador before a judge barred further deportations under the act's authority. The administration is now asking the Supreme Court to allow it to resume those deporta-The State tions. Department, Department Homeland Security and the Department of Defense, which han-

Sunday, did not give detailed information about who was on the flight, their alleged crimes or under what legal authority they were removed from the country. Immigration and civil rights advocates have challenged the Trump administration's deportations of people to countries other than their own, saying they first need to be given the opportunity to say whether they fear persecution or torture there. Advocates have also sued to prevent use of the Alien Enemies Act. A federal judge on Friday temporarily blocked the Trump administration from deporting people to third countries without first being allowed to argue that it would jeopardize their safety.

Capital News): China on Tuesday launched joint military exercises consisting of multiple forces around Taiwan as a "stern warning" against Taiwanese independence forces and to assert its sovereignty over it.The People's Chinese Trump Liberation Army (PLA) Eastern Theatre Command on

Beijing, Apr 1 (The

Tuesday started to

conduct joint exercis-

es around Taiwan

Island, a spokesper-

son of the Command

said. The theatre com-

mand organised its

army, navy, air and

rocket forces to close

in on Taiwan Island

from multiple direc-

tions, said Senior

Colonel Shi Yi, the

spokesperson for the

theatre command was

quoted by state-run

Xinhua news agency.

China, which claims

Taiwan as part of its

mainland, has con-

ducted similar mili-

tary exercises in the

China launches major military

exercises around Taiwan

recent past, but this is the first major military exercise around Taiwan since US President Donald assumed power for a second tenure.According to Shi, these drills mainly focus on sea-air combat-readiness patrols, joint seizure of comprehensive superiority, assault on maritime and ground targets, and blockade of key areas and sea lanes to test the joint operation capabilities of the troops. The drills serve as a stern warning and forceful deterrent against "Taiwan independence" separatist forces, and are a legitimate and necessary action to safeguard China's sovereignty and national

unity, Shi said.

Venezuela will have its first female saint after approval from Pope Francis which cerebrospinal

Caracas, Apr 1 (The Capital News) Venezuela is set to have its first female saint following approval from Pope Francis. On Monday, he paved the way for the canonization of Blessed María Carmen Rendiles by authorizing a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to her, the of Congregation of the Handmaids of Jesus. A date for her canonization has not been set.

Who was Carmen Rendiles?

She was born on Aug. 11, 1903, in the capital, Venezuelan Caracas, and died there on May 9, 1977.From a young age, following her father's death, Rendiles helped her



local parish. She joined a French congregation in Venezuela in 1927 and became a novice at age 24. In 1961, sup-Catholic hierarchy, she founded

autonomous congregation.The Catholic bishops conference of Venezuela said in a news release Monday that she struggled with mother support the the loss of an arm, but

family and worked at a her physical deficiency "did not prevent her from developing an exemplary Christian life."Catholic leaders in ported by the local her canonization in Another Venezuelan 1995. She was beatified in 2018. What's the mirattributed to Rendiles? According to the Vatican, she miraculously cured a young woman diagnosed with a type of hydrocephalus, a condition in

fluid builds up within the brain.Her condition had worsened until a Mass was celebrated before Rendiles' grave. Loved ones prayed for her recovery. And after sick touched Rendiles' porher health improved."The young woman's recovery was complete, stable and long-lasting, and the event was deemed scientifically inexplicable," the Holy See said Venezuela requested in a written statement. saint Earlier this year. Pope Francis approved the canonization of Blessed José Gregorio Hernández (born Oct. 26, 1864), known as "the poor's doctor," the first Venezuelan layperson to be beatified.

Tokyo Gas purchases Chevron's Texas gas assets for \$525 million

Tokyo, Apr 1 (The Capital News) TG Resources, Natural owned by Tokyo Gas Co and Castleton Commodities Interna tional, is acquiring a 70% stake in the East Texas gas assets of Chevron USA Inc, a subsidiary of Chevron Corp, for \$525 million. The move, announced Tuesday, marks Tokyo Gas' expansion of its be seen favourably by US business at a time the Trump administra-Tokyo Gas denies the TG East Texas Reso move is in response to Trump's policies - the investment was being studied long before he came to office - but an Holdings. Of the purinvestment of this scale chase amount, \$75 milin the US is expected to



as capital to fund the when President Donald tion.TGNR is a major Haynesville develop-Trump is seeking to gas producer in East ment in Texas. The million during the boost US gas exports. Texas, jointly owned by shale gas produced on development of the the site is for the US urces LLC, a wholly market for now, but owned subsidiary of exporting it in the form of liquefied natural gas Tokyo Gas America, and CCI US Asset to Japan is an option for the future, according to Tokyo Gas. Tokyo Gas lion will be paid in cash is Japan's largest Australia and the US.

provider of city-area gas, primarily serving the Tokyo area. Besides Texas, it also has operations in the US in the Louisiana area. "We are excited to partner with a world-class company like Chevron on this transaction. There is considerable operational overlap between the Chevron acreage and the legacy TGNR acreage, which will allow TGNR to realise synergies of over \$170 asset," TGNR Chief Executive Craig Jarch ow said in a statement. Resource-poor Japan imports almost all its energy, and its main sources for gas are now

Brazil's government admits to spying on Paraguay during **Bolsonaro's presidency**

Sao Paulo, Apr 1 (The Capital News) Brazil's government said on Monday that its intelligence agency spied on Paraguayan authorities during the presidency of Jair Bolsonaro, the predecessor of incumbent Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, a move that stopped in March 2023, three months into Lula's administration. The statement from Brazil's foreign ministry came hours after a report by news website UOL accused Lula's administration of spying on Paraguay. The ministry did not detail the specific Paraguayan officials targeted but said the surveillance stopped "as soon as the current administration became aware of the fact." "President Lula's administration categorically denies any involvement in the intelligence action reported today against Paraguay, a member country of (trade bloc) Mercosur with which Brazil maintains histori-

cal relations and a close partnership," Brazil's foreign ministry said. Paraguay's Foreign Minister Rubén Ramírez Lezcano told journalists in Asuncion earlier on Monday that he has "no evidence that Brazil has attacked our system." Bolsonaro did make comments about the case. The ministry also said the current director-general its intelligence agency was waiting for Senate confirmation early in 2023, when the espionage was still active. According to the UOL news report, Brazilian intelligence agents infiltrated Paraguayan computer systems to obtain information regarding tariff negotiations related to the Itaipu hydroelectric dam, one of the world's largest. Brazil and Paraguay share the rights of the energy generated at the Itaipu dam, which has an installed capacity of 14,000 megawatts.

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Secretary Karo line Leavitt highlighted what she called "u nfair trade practices," singling out countries like India for imposing high tariffs on Am erican goods. Her co mments have fueled market fears that Tru mp's reciprocal tariff s could escalate trade tensions further. The Nifty's decline was p rimarily driven by major heavyweights such as HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Reliance Industries, Infosys, and TCS, collectively contributing nearly 200 points to the 350-point drop. However, midcap stocks have shown relative strength, limiting the broader market's decline. Despite this, the market has lost around Rs 3.2 lakh crore in value. Market analysts are advising a cautious approach, suggesting that large-cap stocks are likely to outperform mid- and small-cap ones in the current volatile environment. They pointed out that the focus should remain on large-cap companies as earnings pressures and liquidity concerns continue. Although foreign institutional investors have made a return in recent weeks, They warned that the market is unlikely to see the same sustained bull run experienced over the last nine years.

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granted him anticipatory bail. Howe ver, the State government has now challenged the High Court's decision in the Supreme Court. A bench comprising Justice Amanutullah and Justice P K Mishra took up the matter on Tuesday and directed Sanjay to file a counter in response to the AP government's petition. The next hearing has been adjourned until the end of the month.

Lokesh to lay...

Industries and the Andhra Pradesh government. At the initiative of minister Lo kesh, Reliance has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the state government to establish 500 CBG plants across the state with an investment of Rs 65,000 crore. The event will be attended by energy minister Gottipati Raviku mar, along with other government officials and key Reliance executives, including director PMS Prasad, RIL mentor PVL Madhav Rao, and Reliance Bioenergy Business CEO Harindra K Tripati. In the next five years, the project is set to utilize 5 lakh acres of wasteland for energy plantations, alongside the development of the 500 CBG plants. This initiative will generate direct and indirect employment for 2.5 lakh people in the state. Once fully operational, these plants are expected to produce 40 lakh metric tons of compressed biogas annually. Reliance is setting up four integrated CBG hubs across the country, with one of them located in Prak asam district. The CBG plants will be set up on high-wasteland areas in Prakas am, Anantapur, Chittoor, and Kadapa districts. Reliance aims to produce renewab le energy using energy crops from just 3-4 percent of the State's wastelands, with each plant requiring 1,000 acres of land. The total investment for each CBG plant is Rs 130 crore, with Rs 105 crore allocated for plant establishment and Rs 25 cro re for revitalizing surrounding wastelands. Each plant will produce 7,800 metric tons of compressed biogas and 22,000 metric tons of high-quality fermented man ure annually. This will help in converting 3,000 acres of wasteland into fertile la nd. Reliance plans to grow hybrid Napier grass and other energy crops on 5.5 lak h acres of wasteland in Andhra Pradesh. The green fertilizer produced at the CBG plants will be used to improve soil quality, transforming barren lands into produ ctive areas. This initiative is expected to boost rural economic activities and provide employment opportunities for local youth in the areas surrounding the plants.

SC orders Dr Prabhavati..

Raghurama Krishnam Raju. The court warned that her interim protection will be revoked if she fails to cooperate with the probe. A bench comprising Justice Vikramanath and Justice K Viswanatham issued the order after senior government advocate Siddharth Luthra presented evidence that Prabhavati had repeatedly failed to cooperate with the investigation. Dr. Prabhavati, who was the Superintendent of Guntur Government Hospital at the time, had reported that Raghurama suffered no injuries in custody. The government subsequently filed a case against her report, prompting Prabhavati to seek anticipatory bail in the AP High Court, which was denied. She then approached the Supreme Court, which granted interim protection while directing her to attend the hearings. However, the AP government filed a fresh petition, arguing that Prabhavati had refused to appear before investigators despite being summoned multiple times. The court noted that she had responded through her lawyer and husband but avoided direct participation in the probe. The Supreme Court has now mandated her presence at the designated police station at 10 AM on April 7 and 8. The bench made it clear that non-compliance would lead to the cancellation of her interim protection. The next hearing is scheduled for April 15.

Veteran forward Vandana Katariya retires from international hockey

New Delhi, Apr 1 (The Capital News) Indian women's team stalwart Vandana Katariya bid farewell to international hockey on Tuesday, stating that she is stepping away at the "zenith" of her 15year illustrious career. Katariya, the 32-yearold veteran striker with international appearances and 158 goals to her name, leaves as the most capped player in the history of Indian women's hockey. "Today, with a heavy yet grateful heart, I announce my retirement from international hockey -- a decision that feels both bittersweet and empowering. "I'm stepping away not because the fire in me has dimmed or the hockey in my tank has run dry, but because I want to bow out at the zenith of my career, while I'm still at my



very best," Katariya wrote in an Instagram post. "This isn't a goodbye born out of exhaustion; it's a choice to leave the international stage on my terms, with my head held high and my stick still blazing. The roar of the crowd, the thrill of every goal, and the pride of wearing India's colours will forever echo in my soul," she added. Katariya, who made her senior team debut in 2009, was an integral part of some of the most defining moments in the sport, including

India's historic fourthplace finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, where she became the first and only Indian woman to score a hattrick at the Games. "To my teammates, my sisters-in-arms, your camaraderie and trust have fuelled my spirit. To my coaches and mentors, your wisdom and faith in me have shaped my path." Hailing from Roshnabad, Haridwar, Katariya played her last match for India during the Bhubaneswar leg of the FIH Pro League in

my late father — my rock, my guiding light — without you, this dream would have remained out of reach; your sacrifices and love have been my foundation. You've given me a platform to dream, to fight, and to win," she wrote. "But this isn't the end of my story it's a new beginning. I'm not hanging up my stick; I'll keep playing, keep scoring, and keep inspiring in the Hockey India League and beyond. The turf will still feel my footsteps, and my passion for this game will never fade. "Today, I retire from international hockey, but I carry forward every memory, every lesson, and every ounce of love you've given me. Thank you for being my family, my fuel, and my forever teammates in spirit,"

February. "... And to

Ashwani credits MI skipper Hardik for memorable IPL debut

Mumbai, Apr 1 (The just scare the opponents Capital News) Mumbai Indians newcomer Ashwani Kumar on Tuesday said skipper Hardik Pandya settled his nerves before his IPL debut by reminding him that "Punjabis are fearless" and that he should just go out and scare the opposition.The 23year-old left-arm pacer from Jhanjeri, Punjab, became the first Indian ever to take four wickets in maiden IPL appearance as he ended on his strengths and with figures of 4/24 in that three overs to blow away KKR's star-studded batting lineup here on Monday.Ashwani, who only ate a banana before the match, credited his captain for making him feel at for the match and ease."It is a very good Mhambrey explained feeling. I hadn't thought the rationale behind his that I'll do so well. selection. "Left-arm Hardik bhai told me, seamer who swings the

and enjoy yourself'," Ashwani told iplt20. com about the unique advice he received.He also became the first Indian bowler in the last decade to take a wicket off his very first ball in the IPL.Bowling coach Paras Mhambrey was impressed with Ashwani's composure. "To see someone coming in, first game, under pressure, happy for him. He worked on his strengths and focused gave him going and enjoying what you do best," Mhambrey Ashwani was one of three changes MI made 'you're from Punjab and ball and has got a high



boxes for us. Wankhede, we always knew, is a wicket that has a lot of bounce results. It's not about the right surface for Ashwani said, "When performance, it's about him to play." The debu- he fumbled, I was just Punjabis are fearless, so pace, ticks a lot of Hardik bhai told me of big players.

don't be afraid, so I just wanted to bowl to my plans." Ashwani struck off his first ball to discompared to others. miss KKR skipper He's the kind of guy Ajinkya Rahane but not who swings the ball before a fumble from and has a high pace as Tilak Varma. Speaking well, so we felt it was about that moment, tant was overjoyed to hoping he catches it bag Andre Russell's because when you take wicket in particular. a wicket off your first "Manish Pandey had hit ball, the match usually me for a four already. goes well." Ashwani's Hardik bhai told me to success left his family bowl at the body for and friends overjoyed him. My favourite too. "My whole village wicket was Andre was very happy Russell's because he is because Mumbai is the a very big player. best team and has a lot

India's campaign at World Boxing Cup begins with Lakshya Chahar's defeat



New Delhi, Apr 1 (The Capital News) India's campaign at the first World Boxing Cup was off to a disappointing start as Lakshya Chahar lost his opening 80kg bout to local Wanderley boxer Pereira in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil.The reigning national light heavyweight champion, Chahar, suffered a comprehensive 0-5 unanimous decision defeat to the 2023 World Championship silver medallist and Paris Olympian in the prequarterfinals at the Rafain Palace Hotel & Convention late Monday night. It was always going to be a tough task for the Indian, and Pereira proved to be far superior in the ring. All but one judge gave

Brazilian a total of 149 out of a possible 150 points, while Chahar finished with 135.Three Indian boxers -- Jadumani Singh Mandengbam (50kg), Nikhil Dubey (75kg), and Jugnoo (85kg) -- will step into the ring on day two of the six-day tournament. The 20year-old Jadumani will face a tough challenge against last year's World Boxing Cup finalist silver medallist, Trowbridge of Great Britain, in a bid to secure a spot in the semifinals.Nikhil will square off against local hope Kaue Belini in the quarterfinals, while Jugnoo will aim to out-punch

him 30, giving the

France's Abdoulaye Traore to earn his place in the last eight. This is the first event hosted by World Boxing since it received provisional recognition from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in February and the inclusion of the sport in the 2028 Angeles Olympics. It also marks the first time elite Indian boxers are competing on the international circuit since the Paris Olympics. Additionally, it is the first international competition where Indian boxers are participating in the new weight categories introduced by World Boxing.

Queen Hansika Just Made Black the New Sexy!

ashion isn't just about clothes; it's about attitude, and Hansika Motwani wears both effortlessly.In her latest photoshoot, she transforms a simple black saree into a power move. The sheer drape hugs her silhouette, while a daring red lip adds just the right amount of rebellion. She doesn't just wear the saree she owns it.

The setting is cinematic—a grey curtain backdrop that lets Hansika's presence take center stage. Her high ponytail adds a sharp edge, emphasizing her striking features. Every pose, every glance is deliberate, turning the shoot into a masterclass in confidence and style. She's not just a fashion icon; she's a mood.



Sreeleela Faces Setbacks Amidst **Bollywood Debut and Telugu Film Criticism**

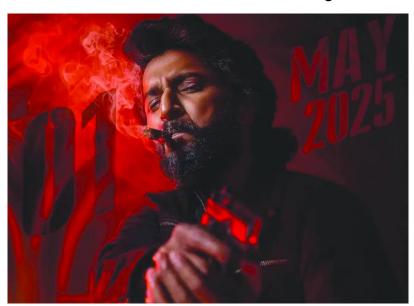


actress who quickly rose After signing several films to to fame, is now grap- build her fan base, she is now

facing criticism, especially as she prepares for her debut in Bollywood. The actress, who was initially slated to star opposite Kartik Aryan in two films the third installment of the Aashiqui franchise directed by Anurag Basu and the sequel to Pati Patni Aur Woh (PPAŴ) – has now been replaced in the PPAW sequel by Rasha Thadani. While the makers haven't made an official statement, sources suggest the decision stems from a desire for a fresh pairing, with Sreeleela already set to appear with Kartik in Aashiqui 3.In addition to her Bollywood troubles, Sreeleela is facing criticism in Telugu cinema. Her recent film Robinhood was a commercial disappointment, further adding to the challenges in her career. As she navigates these hurdles, her next moves will be closely watched by fans and critics alike.

Nani's HIT: The 3rd Case Countdown Begins, Set for Release on May 1st

ly anticipated Pan-India action thriller, \overline{HIT} : The 3rd Case, is all set for release in just 30 days, hitting theaters on May 1st. In the meantime, the makers have unveiled a 30-day countdown poster, showcasing Nani in an intense action-packed look, with a cigar in his mouth and a gun in his hand, signaling the highstakes drama to come. Nani has undergone a significant transformation for his role in this film, with a complete shift in body language and diction, presenting a tough and intense persona that has already been teased in the trailer. However, the film's first single, Prema Velluva, offers a softer contrast, with a beautiful romantic melody featuring Nani and Srinidhi Shetty.Directed by



Sailesh Kolanu, HIT: The 3rd Case is produced by Wall Poster Cinema and Unanimous Productions, with a soundtrack composed by Mickey J Meyer.

The film has already generated a lot of excitement, and the team is gearing up for an intensified promotional campaign as the release date draws closer.

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