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PM Narendra Modi arrives in Thailand to attend BIMSTEC summit

Bangkok: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday arrived in Thailand for a two-day visit to attend the sixth BIMSTEC summit, where he was warmly received by the Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Transport Suriya Jungrungratkit. During his visit. (Cont.on P2)



Tariffs imposed by US will 'completely devastate' Indian economy: Rahul

New Delhi: Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Thursday claimed that China had taken over 4,000 square kilometre of Indian territory and that reciprocal tariffs or import duties imposed by the US would "completely devastate" the Indian economy, as he (Cont.on P3)



Waqf amendment bill assault on Constitution: Sonia

New Delhi: Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Thursday termed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill as a "brazen assault" on the Constitution, saying it was part of the BJP's strategy to keep society in a state of "permanent polarisation". Hours after the Lok Sabha passed the Waqf amendment bill, Gandhi said the bill was (Cont.on P3)



Lok Sabha passes Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha early Thursday passed the contentious Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, after over a 12-hour debate, which saw the ruling NDA strongly defending the legislation as beneficial for minorities, while the opposition describing it as "anti-Muslim". The Bill was passed (Cont.on P3)



All-India Muslim Jamaat welcomes passage of Waqf Bill in LS

Bareilly (UP): The national president of All-India Muslim Jamaat, Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Bareilly, on Thursday welcomed the passage of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, in the Lok Sabha, expressing hope that it will bring significant economic relief to the underprivileged Muslims. "I extend my gratitude (Cont.on P3)

Senior officials to stay in villages: CM Naidu

The Capital News Amaravati, April 3: The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, has approved the separation of AP Drone Corporation (APDC) from AP Fibernet Limited, making it an independent entity. APDC will now serve as the nodal agency for all drone-related initiatives in the State. The Cabinet also approved the establishment of a captive port at D. Elapuram in Anakapalle district. Another key decision included the

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- Accused YSRCP of maligning govt in pastor Praveen case



reduction of bar license fees for three-star and above hotels, lowering the fee to Rs 25 lakh. The meeting also ratified the Youth and Tourism Department's G.O. and provided

a government guarantee for a Rs 710 crore HUDCO loan. Additionally, the Cabinet gave the green light to the AP Media Accreditation Rules-2025 and the construction

of a retaining wall for the Nagarjunasagar Left Branch Canal. The government has also approved the formation of Jalaharati Corporation, which will (Cont.on P5)

Disqualification row

SC reserves verdict on pleas alleging delay by Telangana Assembly speaker

The Capital News New Delhi, Apr 3: The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its verdict on pleas raising the issue of alleged delay by the Telangana Assembly speaker in deciding on petitions seeking disqualification of some BRS MLAs who had defected to the Congress. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih reserved the verdict after hearing submissions from the parties. While one of the pleas has challenged the November 2024 o



order of the Telangana High Court in a matter concerning petitions seeking the disqualification of three BRS MLAs, another petition relates to the remaining seven legislators who defected. A division bench of the high court in November (Cont.on P2)

Thunderstorms, gusty winds likely in Andhra for three days

The Capital News Vijayawada, Apr 3: The India Meteorological Department on Thursday forecast thunderstorms accompanied by lightning in parts of Andhra Pradesh for three days, from April 3 to 5. It predicted thunderstorms at isolated places in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh (NCAP), Yanam, South Coastal Andhra Pradesh (SCAP), and Rayalaseema. "Gusty winds with speeds of up to 40-50 km per hour are likely at isolated places over NCAP, Yanam, SCAP, and Rayalaseema. Maximum



temperatures are expected to drop by two to three degrees Celsius in Rayalaseema," the Met Department said in a press release, forcast weather conditions for Thursday and Friday. It predicted similar weather for Saturday but said the maximum temperatures could rise by two to three degrees

Celsius over NCAP, Yanam, and SCAP. According to IMD, a trough in the easterlies extends from South Interior Karnataka to Southwest Madhya Pradesh across the cyclonic circulation over Marathwada at 0.9 km above mean sea level. Additionally, an upper air cyclonic circulation lies over North Coastal Andhra Pradesh and adjoining South Odisha at 0.9 km above mean sea level. Earlier, the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) forecast scattered (Cont.on P3)



YS Jagan not to disturb peace in Rayalaseema villages: Paritala Sunitha

The Capital News Anantapur, April 3: Raptadu MLA Paritala Sunitha has made sensational allegations against former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's involvement in her husband Paritala Ravi's murder. She stated that the CBI had questioned Jagan in the past and urged those discussing the TV bomb to also address the car and suitcase bombs

cases. She accused the Topudurthi brothers of reigniting factional conflicts for personal gain, dragging the families of Obul Reddy and Maddalacheruvu Suri into their agenda. Sunitha appealed to Gangula Bhanumathi and Kanumukkala Uma to avoid getting entangled in this conspiracy, emphasizing that their families had suffered enough. Regard (Cont.on P5)

UoH Students Union begins relay hunger strike demanding halt to "bulldozing of trees"

The Capital News Hyderabad, Apr 3: The University of Hyderabad Students Union on Thursday began a relay hunger strike against the Telangana government's plans to develop the 400-acre land parcel bordering the varsity land and set up an IT park there. The relay hunger strike was kicked off at the main gate of the varsity with the demand to stop the 'bulldozing of trees' on the site, removal of earth-moving machinery and withdrawal of



policemen from the campus, UoHSU Vice President Akash Kumar said. The boycott of classes is also continuing though it is voluntary, he said. The UoHSU and other unions and parties aligned with it have launched an indefinite protest

and announced a boycott of classes from April 1 in support of their demands. The UoHSU representatives on Wednesday met Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in Delhi and sought the Ministry's (Cont.on P5)



Myanmar earthquake death toll rises to 3,085 as more bodies found

Bangkok: The death toll from the massive earthquake that hit Myanmar nearly a week ago rose Thursday to 3,085 as more bodies were found by search and rescue teams, the military-led government said. In a short statement, the military (Cont.on P5)

Lokesh defends Red Book, whats wrong with police action

The Capital News Amaravati, April 3: Minister for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh defended the implementation of the controversial "Red Book" policy, questioning whether there was anything wrong with the police acting as per Red Book and taking action against those who violated the law. Referring to its impact, he remarked, "One person had a heart attack, another broke his arm, such is the effect of the Red Book." Lokesh made these remarks on Thursday during the



Mana Illu - Mana Lokesh program in Undavalli, Mangalagiri. As part of the initiative, he personally handed over the first permanent house patta in Undavalli to Rajahmundry Govindu and Seetha Mahalakshmi. Ho using for the Poor, End of Demolitions Em

phasizing his government's commitment to empowering the poor, Lokesh stated that the era of demolitions in Andhra Pradesh was over. He highlighted that the NDA coalition government, within just 10 months of taking office, had initiated (Cont.on P5)

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Assembly wearing a black badge to protest against the passing of the Bill, said adopting the amendment at 2 am "at the behest of a few allies" despite the opposition of the majority parties in India, "is an attack on the structure of the Constitution." "This is an act that disturbs religious harmony. To highlight this, we are participating in today's Assembly proceedings wearing black badges," the chief minister told the House. "I would like to inform you that a case will be filed in the Supreme Court on behalf of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) against this controversial amendment. Tamil Nadu will fight against the Union government's law which destroys the autonomy of the Waqf Board and threatens the minority Muslim population," Stalin said amidst thumping of desk by the Treasury. He pointed out that the state Assembly had already passed a resolution on March 27, against the proposed amendment as it would seriously affect the religious harmony of India besides the minority Muslim community. He said it was highly condemnable that the amendment of the Waqf Act has been passed in the Lok Sabha despite 232 MPs voting against it and this was not an ordinary number, and the number may increase. Only 288 members voted in its favour, he said.

PM Modi to relaunch Amaravati capital project in April: Andhra Chief Secretary

The Capital News Amaravati, Apr 3: Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary K Vijayanand has announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will relaunch the construction of the Amaravati greenfield capital city in April, resuming projects worth approximately Rs 1 lakh crore. Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) Commissioner K Kanna Babu shared these details during a meeting with a Singapore government delegation at the Secretariat. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit this month (April) to restart the construction of Capital Amaravati," Vijayanand stated in an official release,



requesting the Singapore government to extend its support for the project, as it did previously. The Singapore delegation also met CRDA and Municipal Department officials today to discuss various matters. The Southeast Asian city-state was a key partner in the development of Amaravati greenfield capital between 2014 and 2019. According to the Chief Secretary, there is no shortage of funds for Amaravati, as the state has secured substantial financial backing from institutions such as the World

Bank, HUDCO, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In a presentation to the Singapore delegation, Kanna Babu highlighted that the state government is making rapid progress in developing Amaravati over a 217 sq km area. As part of this initiative, significant funds have been raised for constructing the Amaravati government complex, multiple trunk roads, and other infrastructure projects, for which tenders have already been invited, he said. "The Prime Minister will relaunch works worth approximately Rs 1 lakh crore, lay the foundation stone for various projects, and inaugurate several developmental projects this month," he added. Singapore government representative Francis Chong assured that efforts would be made to collaborate with the Andhra Pradesh government to revive the partnership for Amaravati's construction, as in the past, the release stated.

Telangana HC posts hearing of 400-acre land case to April 7

The Capital News Hyderabad, Apr 3: The Telangana High Court on Thursday posted to April 7, the hearing in the case pertaining to the dispute over a 400-acre land parcel adjacent to the University of Hyderabad (UoH) here. On Wednesday, the HC directed the state government to halt all work on the land parcel for a day, until today. When the petitions were heard today, the petitioners' counsels informed the court about the Supreme Court's directive to the Telangana Chief Secretary, instructing that no trees be felled in the Kancha Gachibowli forest area until further orders from the Apex Court. Senior counsel Abhishek Singhvi, representing the state government, informed the court that Telangana expects Rs 50,000 crore in investments, creating job opportunities for five lakh people, following the development of the 400-acre land. The High Court also directed the state government to file its replies, including an interlocutory application filed by senior advocate S Niranjana Reddy, which stated that a UoH student attempting to take pictures at the disputed site was detained by the police. Telangana's plans to develop IT infrastructure on the 400-acre land have sparked protests from UoH student groups, while both the BJP and BRS oppose the state government's move.

HC dismisses MP Mithun Reddy's anticipatory bail plea

The Capital News Amaravati, April 3: The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Wednesday dismissed the anticipatory bail petition filed by YSRCP MP Mithun Reddy in connection with the liquor irregularities case. The CID had registered the case on September 23, prompting the MP to approach the High Court seeking relief. Mithun Reddy had filed a petition for anticipatory bail and a supplementary plea for interim relief. Arguments were heard on March 24, following which the bench reserved its verdict. Delivering its ruling today, the court



rejected his plea. The TDP has alleged widespread irregularities in the Excise Department during the YSRCP's tenure, accusing the previous government of mis-managing liquor sales by directly running retail outlets. After the NDA coalition assumed power, CID officials registered a case against Vasudeva Reddy, the then MD of AP Beverage Corporation. The allegations include favoritism in awarding tenders, mishandling of government funds, and irregularities in liquor supply.

CPI (Maoist) 'ceasefire' call could be tactical move: Telangana police

The Capital News Hyderabad, Apr 3: The reported offer by the banned CPI (Maoist) seeking a 'ceasefire' with pre-conditions appears to be a tactical move by the rebels to save their cadres in light of the heavy casualties suffered in recent times, a senior Telangana Police official said on Thursday. The police official stated that they would verify the authenticity of the statement attributed to the outlawed CPI (Maoist), which was circulated on social media on Wednesday. The statement set pre-conditions for a ceasefire, including halting anti-Naxal operations and stopping the establishment of new security force camps. The banned group, which has been experiencing a decline in its ranks due to heavy casualties in frequent encounters with security forces, has called on the central and state governments to create a conducive environment for peace talks. Dated March 28, 2025, the statement purportedly issued by Abhay, a spokesperson for the Maoists' Central Committee, surfaced two days ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's scheduled



visit to Chhattisgarh. Reacting to the purported Maoist statement, a top Telangana Police official told PTI, "This may just be a tactical move, as they have suffered too many losses in operations against left-wing extremism in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh. So, this could be an attempt to save their cadres." He dismissed the ceasefire call as a mere ploy, questioning, "If they are now talking about a ceasefire, why have they been killing people in the name of informers all these years?" The police official emphasised that the Maoists have continued to target innocent people and attack police forces for years, adding, "How have they suddenly developed an interest in a ceasefire?" It seems they (Maoists) issued the statement from Chhattisgarh," he said, adding that Telangana Police will also verify its authenticity. The Maoists' press note, originally released in Telugu, claimed that

the central and state governments had jointly launched 'Operation Kagar' against what they termed a "revolutionary movement". According to the statement, counter-insurgency operations have intensified, particularly in Chhattisgarh, resulting in the deaths of more than 400 Maoists over the past 15 months. The statement also alleged that several civilians had been "unlawfully detained". "We are always ready for peace talks in the interest of the people. Therefore, we urge the central and state governments to create a positive atmosphere for dialogue," the statement said. It further added, "The government should halt the killings carried out under the guise of anti-Naxal operations in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra (Gadchiroli), Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana, and stop setting up new security camps. If the central and state governments respond positively to our demands, we will immediately declare a ceasefire." The Maoists also appealed to intellectuals, human rights organisations, journalists, students, tribals, and environmental activists to pressure the government into initiating peace talks and launching a nationwide campaign in support of negotiations. The Telangana police had earlier stated that they successfully countered the CPI (Maoist)'s attempts to form small action teams and commit offences in the state. This resulted in four exchanges of fire (EoF) in 2024, leading to the neutralisation of 14 extremists and the seizure of 24 firearms. Additionally, 85 rebels were arrested, and 41 CPI (Maoist) cadres surrendered. Police also accused the Maoists of conspiring in the killing of two men in Mulugu district, Telangana, in November last year on suspicion of being police informers. In August, a 24-year-old female Maoist cadre was allegedly killed by her own group in Bhadrachalam district of Telangana, after being accused of being a police informer.

Centre seeks report from Telangana on felling of trees in Gachibowli forest

(The Capital News) New Delhi, Apr 3: Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav on Thursday said the Centre has sent a notice to Telangana government seeking a factual report on alleged felling of trees on the 400-acre land in Kancha Gachibowli forest area near the University of Hyderabad (UoH) campus. Replying during the Question Hour in Rajya Sabha, the minister said, "In Hyderabad, a very unfortunate incident has taken place. I fail to understand what kind of enmity the state government has with those trees and green area that they have to conduct an operation during dark of the night." "The state government felled more than 400 trees. Wild species like peacock are driven out and you can see that in videos and photos," he said. "We have sent a notice to the chief secretary and we have also sought a factual report. We will certainly take action on this matter," he noted. The minister was responding to a question raised by BRS member Ravichandra Vaddiraju on steps taken by the central government to secure the green cover that is being razed by the state government. On concerns about huge vacancies in Pollution Control Boards raised by Fauzia Khan (NCP-SCP), the minister said there are 11,562 vacancies both technical and scientific and all posts will be filled up by month-end. "We have given sanctions for these posts and we have also decided by April 30 all posts will be filled," he said. On airshed issue, Yadav said the current government first recognised it. "In Delhi, we came with the idea of CQM (Commission for Air Quality Management) and gave it a legal status."

Defence Ministry grants in principle approval for Adilabad airport in Telangana

Hyderabad, Apr 3 (The Capital News) The Ministry of Defence has granted in-principle approval for civil aircraft operations at Adilabad airfield, originally established during the Nizam era. In a letter to the Telangana government, the MoD stated that the Indian Air Force (IAF) plans to set up a training establishment at the location in the future. "However, the IAF has considered the request and agreed in principle to the Telangana government's proposal for civil aircraft operations from Adilabad airfield," the letter read. The IAF suggested that the airfield be developed as a joint-use facility, with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) acquiring

adjacent land for a civil terminal, aircraft parking apron, and other infrastructure. The AAI may be required to submit a detailed proposal for an NOC from the IAF, the letter added. This is the second airport approved by the Centre since the Congress government took office in the state in December 2023. Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu for granting permission. He expressed satisfaction over securing approval for Adilabad Airport, following a similar nod for Mamnoon Airport in Warangal in February.

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he will hold talks with his Thai counterpart Paetongtarn Shinawatra. "Landed in Bangkok, Thailand. Looking forward to participating in the upcoming official engagements and strengthening the bonds of cooperation between India and Thailand," Modi posted on X. Upon his arrival at the Don Mueang airport here, members of the Sikh community performed Bhangra. "Special Maritime neighbours with shared civilizational bonds. PM @narendramodilands in the vibrant cultural city of Bangkok on an Official Visit. Warmly received by the Deputy PM & Minister of Transport Mr. Suriya Jungrungrangkit at the airport," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on X. "Extensive discussions with PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra @ingshin & the 6th BIMSTEC Summit lie ahead," the post read. After concluding Thailand visit, he will travel to Sri Lanka for his first visit to the island country since the election of its new president. On Thursday evening, the Prime Minister will join the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) leaders from Thailand, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar and Bhutan to oversee the signing of the Agreement on Maritime Cooperation.

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last year said the Assembly speaker must decide the disqualification petitions against the three MLs within a "reasonable time". The division bench's verdict came on the appeals against the September 9, 2024, order of a single judge. The single judge had directed the secretary of the Telangana Assembly to place the petition seeking the disqualifications before the speaker for fixing a schedule of hearing within four weeks.





Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu participating in State cabinet meeting along with his council of ministers at AP Secretariat on Thursday



Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan congratulating his brother newly elected MLC Naga Babu during their meet on Thursday

The rank and file of TDP celebrating Waqf bill pass as victory at party office in Vijayawada on Thursday



Minister for HRD Nara Lokesh handing over house pattas to beneficiaries during his Mangalagiri tour on Thursday



TDP leaders paying tributes to senior leader and former NERGS director Peraiah at party central office in Mangalagiri on Thursday.

Tennis star Coco Gauff is starting her own management firm

New York, Apr 3 (The Capital News) Coco Gauff is leaving her longtime agency and launching her own management firm so she can "take greater ownership" of her tennis career as she grows "as an athlete, entrepreneur, and changemaker," she wrote on social media Wednesday. The 2023 U.S. Open singles champion and 2024 French Open doubles champion posted that the new venture will be called Coco Gauff Enterprises. "This is just the beginning of an exciting new era for me, and there is much more to come, which I'll be excited to share in due time," Gauff wrote. "As always, tennis will continue to be my main priority!" The 21-year-old American,



who was born in Florida and is based there now, is currently at No. 3 in the WTA rankings in singles and No. 25 in doubles. She's been as high as No. 2 in singles and No. 1 in doubles. Gauff has won about \$23 million in prize money and collected millions more from endorsement deals. Her total earn-

ings of \$30.4 million in 2024 alone put her at No. 1 among female athletes, according to Sportico. This business move involves starting a relationship with WME — an agency that has represented plenty of other retired tennis stars, including retired tennis great Serena Williams — and ending Gauff's association

with Team8, the management company founded by Roger Federer and his agent, Tony Godsick. Gauff burst onto the scene at age 15 during Wimbledon in 2019, when she became the youngest qualifier in tournament history, then beat Venus Williams in the first round of the main draw and made it all the way to the fourth round in her Grand Slam debut. "From the moment I first picked up a tennis racket, I've always believed my purpose extended far beyond the court," Gauff's post said Wednesday, adding that she wants to make "an impact — not just in tennis, but in business, philanthropy, and beyond."

Hockey India Senior Men's Championship Begins April 4 in Jhansi

Jhansi, Apr 3 (The Capital News): Thirty teams will compete in three divisions in the 15th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship to be held here from April 4-15. This will be the first time the men's tournament, to be held at the Major Dhyani Chand Hockey Stadium, is being played in the new three-division format. The Senior Women National Championship was played in the same new format in March. The domestic competition, which will now also feature promotion and relegation battles, has been divided into three divisions -- A, B and C. The Division A will be the highest one as the teams in it will fight for the championship title. Division B will have teams competing for promotion to Division A next season while in Division C, the teams will fight for a spot in Division B for the next edition. The Division B and C matches are scheduled to begin on April 4 while the Division A matches will com-

mence on April 8. Division A has the top-12 teams in India, including defending champions Odisha and runners-up Haryana, based on their overall performances in the tournament over the years. Other teams in Division A, which will have four pools, are Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bengal, Hockey, Karnataka and Puducherry. Each team will play every opponent once in their respective pools. This will be the only division featuring a knock-out stage as the top-two teams from each pool will advance to the quarterfinals, scheduled for April 12. The semifinals will be played on April 13, and the final and 3rd/4th place match on April 15. The bottom two teams from Division A will be relegated to Division B for the next edition. In Division B, 10 teams will compete for promotion to Division A. The teams are divided into two pools. Pool A has



Chandigarh, Goa, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, while Delhi, Mizoram, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Kerala, Assam are in Pool B. The top two teams from Division B will earn promotion to Division A for the next season, while the bottom two will be relegated to Division C. In Division C, the eight teams will compete for promotion to Division B. The teams are divided into two pools. Rajasthan, Arunachal, Jammu & Kashmir, Tripura are in Pool A while Pool B comprises Chhattisgarh, Himachal, Bihar and Gujarat. The top two teams in Division C will secure promotion to Division B. The points system in all

three divisions is the same. Each team will be awarded three points for a win, one point for a draw, and no points for a loss. In Division A, the league stage will be followed by the knock-out rounds, while Divisions B and C will conclude with final standings determined by points won in the pool matches. Commenting on the tournament, Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey said, "The new format worked out really well during the senior women national championship and we are looking forward to see how it unfolds this time as well. "With promotion and relegation at stake, I expect to see teams give it their all on the pitch and play some exceptional hockey."

Gujarat Titans crush RCB by eight wickets



Bengaluru, Apr 2 (The Capital News) Gujarat Titans produced an excellent

all-round show to beat Royal Challengers Bengaluru by eight wickets in their

Indian Premier League match here on Wednesday. Set a target of 170, GT completed the chase with as many as 13 balls to spare. The swash-buckling Jos Buttler top-scored for GT with an unbeaten 73 off 39 balls, while opener Sai Sudharsan struck a 36-ball 49 as the two added 75 runs for the second wicket to put the visitors on course for their second victory in three matches. Sherfane Rutherford remained not out on 30 off 18. Earlier, Mohammed Siraj struck twice in the powerplay before RCB recovered to post 169 for eight after being sent into

bat. The GT pace trio of Siraj (3/19), Arshad Khan (1/17) and Ishant Sharma (1/27) got rid of the RCB top order in the first seven overs to reduce the hosts to 42 for four. Liam Livingstone (54), who scored a scintillating fifty, and Jitesh Sharma (33) stitched a 52-run partnership to steady the ship. **Brief Scores:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru: 169 for 8 in 20 overs (Liam Livingstone 54, Jitesh Sharma 33; Mohammed Siraj 3/19) Gujarat Titans: 170/2 in 17.5 overs (Jos Buttler 73 not out, Sai Sudharsan 49).

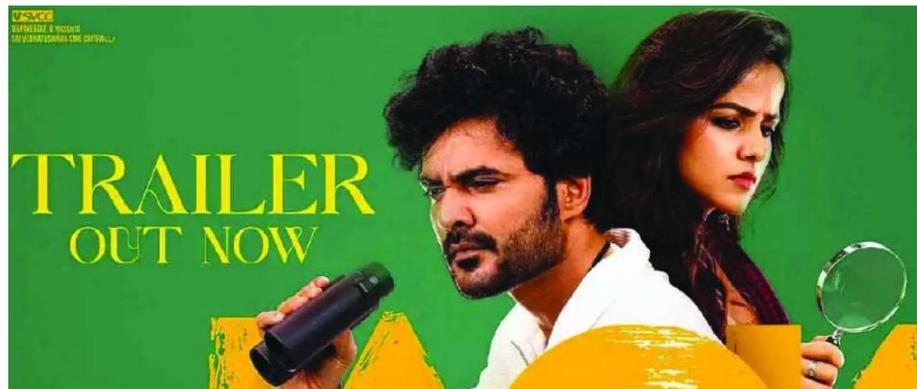
Jonita Gandhi's Juno Look Screams Diva Energy!

If music had a dress code, Jonita Gandhi just set the gold standard. The singer, who made India groove to Arabic Kuthu with Tamil star Vijay and Pooja Hegde and got everyone humming What Jhumka? from Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt's Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani, took her stage presence to the next level at the Juno Awards in Vancouver. This time, it wasn't just her voice that stole the show—it was her jaw-dropping ensemble that had all eyes on her.

Styled by Manish Malhotra, Jonita shimmered in a striking golden, blue, and pink sequined dress that draped her like a dream. With the outfit elegantly covering her head, she exuded a blend of regal charm and modern boldness, making her look like a high-fashion sorceress casting a musical spell. As she performed under the dazzling lights, the sequins on her attire danced along, almost as if they, too, were vibing to the music.



Jack Trailer: Siddhu's Whacky Ride



Siddhu Jonnalagadda and Bommarillu Bhaskar joined hands for the first time in the film Jack. The film's trailer, which was supposed to get released, has been postponed to today. A while ago, the makers released the trailer, which looks like a perfect, fun ride. The trailer begins with the voice-over of Prakash Raj, who heads an investigation and is on a mission to catch a terrorist. The story then shifts to the city, where Siddhu is introduced as

someone who is quirky and fun. He is in love with Vaishnavi Chaitanya. In a dramatic turn of events, Siddhu creates trouble to Prakash Raj's investigation. The story picks up from there, and how the lives of Prakash Raj and Siddhu get intertwined to complete a mission to eliminate the threat to the country forms the story. The trailer looks fun, in Siddhu Jonnalagadda's usual style. Bhaskar's mark is not very evident in the trailer, but it may be seen in the film. The

dialogue is quirky and hilarious. Siddhu's characterization is designed to align with what is expected from him. The making style is excellent and the trailer is technically sound too. Achu Rajamani scored the music and Sricharan Pakala works on the BGM. Vijay K Chakravarthy is the director of photography and Navin Nooli is the editor. Kolla Avinash is the production designer. Jack is hitting the screens on April 10, 2025.

Jr. NTR's Effortless Style



Style isn't just about clothes—it's an attitude, a presence that commands attention without trying too hard. Jr. NTR, currently in Japan promoting his blockbuster Devara, proved this effortlessly. The film, which hit Japanese screens on March 28, has already created waves, and Tarak's dashing look is adding to the buzz. Spotted in a black t-shirt and pants, layered with a sleek white jacket, boots, and statement goggles, Jr. NTR looked like he walked straight out of a high-fashion magazine. His confident strides and undeniable aura made him look less like an actor on promotion and more like a global superstar embracing his moment. Japan's streets just got a style upgrade, courtesy of Tarak himself.