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the success.India is elated and prou d, Modi said on X.

Chopra finally (Cont.on P3)





India willing to cut 100% tariffs; trade deal with New Delhi soon: Trump

The Capital News New York, May 17: India is willing to cut 100 per cent tariffs on American goods, US President Donald Tru mp claimed once agai n while saying that a trade deal between N ew Delhi and Washi ngton is coming soo n.In an interview to Fox News, Trump, ho wever, said that he is not in a "rush" for the

proposed trade deal. Against the backdrop of the US president's repeated claim of Ind ia offering to drop all tariffs on American goods, External Affai rs Minister S Jaishan kar said in New Delhi

on Thursday that "an y trade deal has to be mutually beneficial". Trump again describe d India as "one of the (Cont.on P3)

Chandrababu announces free RTC bus travel for women from August 15





Kurnool, May 17: Chief Minister N

Chandrababu Naidu

the State will be allowed to travel free of cost in RTC buses

starting from August 15. He also said that the (Cont.on P5)



Neeraj Chopra finally breaches 90m mark

Doha: Star Indian jav elin thrower Neeraj C hopra finally breache d the 90m mark at the Doha leg of the prestigious Diamond Lea gue Meeting as he be came the third Asian and 25th overall to ac hieve the feat, here o n Friday. The 27-yea r-old double Olympic medallist sent his sp ear 90.23m in his thir d attempt to join a list of (Cont.on P2)

VAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY ANANTAPU XIV CONVOCATION



The Capital News Hyderabad, May 17: After back-to-ba ck visits to various to



on Saturday anno unced that women in



the launch of PSLV-C61 mission commences

Sriharikota: The 22-hour countdow n for the launch of an earth imaging satellite on-board a PSLV rocket co mmenced here on Saturday, ISRO so urces said. The liftoff for the PSLV-C 61 is scheduled to take place at 5.59 am from the first launch pad at this (Cont.on P3)



Pakistan has become threat to humanity: Owaisi

Hyderabad: AIM IM leader Asadud din Owaisi said on Saturday that Paki stan with its long h istory of sponsoring terrorism has b ecome a threat to h umanity, affirming that this will the h eart of his messag e to the internatio nal community as a member of one of (Cont.on P3)

urist destinations in Telangana, the Miss World 2025 contestan ts indulged in sports on Saturday.A celebr atory mood filled Hy derabad's Gachibowli Indoor Stadium as the contestants practised yoga postures, then competed in badmint on, chess, and other games for Sports Day on Saturday.It was fu n and frolic all the w ay for the contestants as they cheered each other and treated the mselves to friendly

banter. Thoroughly en

joying the day, the pa rticipants also danced and waved to the cro wds.Telangana Touris m Minister Jupally K rishna Rao, BCCI Vi ce President Rajeev

Shukla, and Miss W orld CEO Julia Morl ey attended the event at the indoor stadium. Speaking on the occa sion, Shukla said the (Cont.on P5)

high-level review on Polavaram project on May 28 Vijayawada: Pri me Minister Nar endra Modi will hold a high-level review meeting o n the Polavaram project on May 2 8 via video confe rence. The meeti ng will include th e Chief Ministers of Andhra Prades h, Telangana, Od isha, and (Cont.on P3)

AP to become country's quantum technology hub The Capital News

Governor Nazeer at JNTU convocatio

Vijayawada, May 1 7: Governor of Andh ra Pradesh S. Abdul Nazeer and Chancell or of JNTU Anantapu r presided over the X IV Convocation of th e University held at th e University Auditori um in Anantapur on S aturday. Addressing t he students, Governor Abdul Nazeer has sai

d that the State gover nment's plan to establish Quantum Valley, a quantum computing hub in Amaravati, as part of India's Nation al Quantum Mission, will position the State as a leading centre for quantum technology research and development in India. The Ch

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ancellor said that the concept of "Viksit Bh arat" focuses on achie ving economic prospe rity, social inclusiven ess, technological ad vancement, and sustai nable development an d envisions an India where every citizen h as access to quality (Cont.on P5)

Dhanunjay Reddy, Krishnamohan produced in ACB Court in liquor case

The Capital News Vijayawada, May 17 : The Special Investig ation Team (SIT) on Saturday produced re tired IAS officer Dha nunjay Reddy and Kr ishnamohan Reddy, former Officer on Spe cial Duty (OSD) to ex -Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, in the Vijayawada A CB Court in connection with the Andhra Pradesh liquor policy scam. According to th e remand report submitted by the SIT, bot h Dhanunjay Reddy and Krishnamohan Reddy were key players in a liquor syndicate involving several businessmen, politi-



cal leaders' relatives, and senior officials. T he duo were said to b e close aides of A1 in the case, Raj Kasire ddy, and are accused of playing a crucial ro le in orchestrating bri be collections and inf luencing liquor supply orders. The SIT stated that large sums were collected as brib es from distilleries an d liquor suppliers and later funneled to othe r accused individuals.

However, the final b eneficiaries of the mo ney collected by A1 and his associates are yet to be clearly identified. The investigation revealed that Dh anunjay and Krishna mohan took part in se veral meetings with syndicate members to ensure timely collection and distribution of bribes. Others iden tified in the network include Raj KC Redd y (Cont.on P5)



Army Jawan appeals to CM Revanth over land encroachment in Siddipet Siddipet: A distressing land dispute

involving an Army Jawan has sparked public outrage in Dubbaka mandal, Siddipet district. Rama Swamy, a serving jawan from Chaudharpally village in Akbarpet mandal, released an emotional video on social media, alleging that his land was encroached upon while he was serving the nation at the borders.In the selfie video, which has gone viral, Rama Swamy made an earnest appeal to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, urging him to intervene and help reclaim his land. "While (Cont.on P2)

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Neeraj Chopra finally... (From Page 1)

iavelin throwers, led by his current coach Jan Zelezny of Czechia, who had recorded 90mplus efforts. Olym pic champion Ars had Nadeem (92. 97m) of Pakistan and Chao-Tsun Cheng (91.36m) of Chinese Taipei are the two other Asi ans to have bre ached the coveted mark.



Army Jawan appeals to....

(From Page 1) I'm protecting the country at the borders, my land is being seized in my own village," he said, adding that his family is being threatened for raising their voice against the encro achment.The soldier claimed that encroacher, the Chukka Ramesh, managed to transfer ownership of his one-acre land to his own relatives with the alleged support of local revenue officials. "The encroacher's brother is a Village Revenue Officer (VRO), and with his influence, officials including the local MRO are siding with them," he Despite said. approaching the RDO, district officials, and even the collector, Rama Swamy said he had received no justice so far.His brother echoed the allegations, stating that Ramesh illegally transferred the land into the names of his brothers. The family continues to seek urgent intervention from the state government and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to restore their rightful ownership. Am id growing public attention, former Minister Harish Rao responded to the issue and reportedly contacted the district collector. Sources say he has requested a thorough investigation into the matter and emphasized that the land should be returned to the army jawan if the allegations prove true.The case has stirred strong emotions across Tela ngana, with many expressing solidarity with the jawan and calling for swift justice for a soldier who protects the country while facing injustice at home.

CM Naidu congratulates Neeraj Chopra on historic 90m Javelin Throw



The Capital News Amaravati, May 17: Pradesh Andhra Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu congratulated javelin star Neeraj Chopra for creating history by crossing the 90meter mark in the prestigious Diamond League tournament held in Doha. The achievement has dra wn nationwide praise, including from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as leaders and sports enthusiasts hailed it as a moment of pride for the country. Taking to social meter media platform X (formerly Twitter), Chief Minister Naidu Diamond expressed his admiration for Chopra's feat, saying the athlete had

once again etched his name in history. "Neeraj Chopra has once again written his name in the pages of history. He made the country proud by throwing the javelin over the 90-meter mark in the Doha Diamond League. Heartfelt congratulations to Neeraj for achieving this feat. By crossing this milestone, India's sporting talent will be known to the world," Naidu tweeted.Neeraj Chopra, who has long been chasing the 90barrier, achieved a throw of ple 90.23 meters in the League meet, making him the first Indian to do so. He began the compeletes.

tition strongly with an 88.44-meter throw on his first attempt. After a foul in the second round, he returned with a powerful third throw, crossing the much-anticipated 90meter milestone. Ch opra's main competitors in the event included Anderson Peters and Julian Weber, but his commanding performance secured him a historic victory. His latest accomplishment adds to a growing list of achievements that include an Olympic gold medal and multiinternational titles, further cementing his status as one of India's greatest track and field ath-

CM Revanth Reddy says Government Is Committed to Empowering One Crore Women

The Capital News Hyderabad, May17: Chief Minister Reva nth Reddy stated that the strength that led the country to victory is women. He recalled how Indira Gandhi showcased women's power to the world during the India-China war and the 1971 war with Pakistan. The inauguration ceremony of the WE Hub for Women Acceleration took place at the JRC Convention in Jubilee Hills on Saturday, where Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was the chief guest. He visited the stalls set up by women from self-help groups at the event. During his speech, Chief Minister Reva nth Reddy emphasized that the Congress party has always recognized the importance of women. He described women as role models for the nation, asserting that the credit for acknowledging women's power goes to the Congress party. The Chief Minister mentioned that the state government is actively implementing various programs



aimed at supporting women's empowerment. He expressed his government's ambition to create one crore women millionaires. He highlighted that AICC leader Sonia Gandhi gifted women free travel on RTC buses, noting that the RTC is now operating profitably thanks to the Mahalaxmi scheme. Moreover, CM Reva nth Reddy announced that management of government schools has been transferred to girls under the Amma Adarsh Schools initiative. The sewing of student uniforms has also been assigned to women's groups, providing them with

assurance and support. He reiterated the government's encouragement for women entrepreneurs, allowing them to start petrol pumps and solar power generation businesses. He remarked that businesses should not be limited to just corporate giants like Adani and Ambani.Stalls have been allocated in Shilparamam to showcase products made by self-help groups. He believes that the economic progress of the state is tied to the self-respect of women. The government aims to increase the number of self-help group members to one crore, and

he assured that they would continue to provide support."In this country, if you lend Rs. 16 lakh crore to corporate companies, they may default and leave. However, if you lend to young girls, they will repay it without defaulting on any payment, including interest. Our girls demonstrate financial discipline," said CM Revanth Reddy. He noted that the government has already entrusted a thousand megawatts of solar power generation to women and is prepared to allocate an additional thousand megawatts if managed effectively. He also mentioned that the state will exclusively present guests with products made by women from self-help groups. "Our government's policy is to encourage girl children in Telangana. I am instructing officials to organize a special drive to involve women in urban areas in self-help groups. Our goal is to create one crore women millionaires," concluded CM Revanth Reddy.

Police intensify hunt for former minister Kakani in quartz case

The Capital News Vijayawada, May 17: Police have stepped up their efforts to arrest YSR Congress Party leader and former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy, who is absconding in connection with the high-



guesthouses. and Apart from Kakani, police have issued notices to 12 others in the case, including his son-in-law. When officials visited their residences to serve the notices, most of them were unavailable. As a result, notices were pasted on the walls of their houses. If they fail to respond after repeated attempts, police are likely to initiate arrests. As part of the ongoing investigation, police have discovered suspicious financial transactions amounting to crores of rupees in the account of a woman named Supraja. When she too failed to accept the police notice, it was pasted outside her residence. The financial trail is now a key focus of the investigation.

Three killed as car rammed into stationary lorry near Tuni



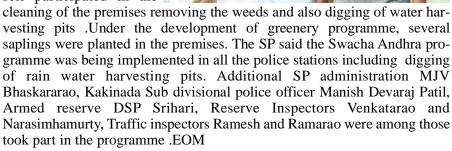
postmortem. for The injured were admitted to Apollo hospital at Kakinada where their condition is stated to be critical. The names of the deceased were given as Shaik Hazarat Ali ,GeddamRamaraju and Varadi Sudheer and the injured as Venkata subbarao and Sivasankar-all from Rajahmundry. it is stated that all the inmates of the car including the driver are under the influence of alcohol .. Peddapuram DSP has visited the accident spot .Further investigation is on,police added. EOM

profile quartz case. District SP Krish nakanth has deployed multiple teams across States to locate Kakani, following the Supreme Court's dismissal of his anticipatory bail petition. DSP Ghat tamaneni Srinivasa Rao is leading the operation, with ten police teams currently deployed in Bengaluru, Hydera bad, and other locations. With the apex court denying relief and indications that Kakani might surrender, police swiftly gathered evidence

and submitted it to the court. However, the accused has been evading law enforcement for the past two months and has refused to accept police notices. Kak ani has been named as A4 in the quartz illegal mining case, and police believe he has been moving between Hyderabad and Bengaluru to avoid arrest. Exten sive searches are underway at properties belonging to Kaka ni's relatives and associates, including farmhouses

SP Bindu Madhav administer Swacha Andhra Oath

(The Capital News) Kakinada, May 17: Superintendent of Police Garikipati Bindu Madhav has administered` Swacha Andhra Oath' with the police personnel of all ranks as a part of the ` Swarna Andhra – Swacha Andhra' programme at the district police office here on Saturday .The SP himself participated in the



The Capital News the Kakinada, May 17: n. Three persons were new killed on the spot and T two others injured for when the car in which he they were traveling day went out of control the and rammed into a the stationary lorry along metals and metals and

the road side on the national highway near Velampeta in Tuni mandal 55kms from here in the early hours of Satur day,police said.All the five inmates of the ill fated car are marketing executives of Apollo pharmacy and returning from Visakhapatnam to Rajahmundry after attending a conference.The Tuni rural police who registered a case shifted the bodies to government hospital at Tuni

Anchor Shyamala Defends Former OSD Krishna mohan Reddy, Calls Arrest Unwarranted

The Capital News Hyderabad, May 17 :YSRCP official spok esperson and media personality Anchor Shyamala has spoken out in strong defense of Krishna mohan Reddy, former Office r on Special Duty (OSD), following his recent arrest in connection with the Andhra Pradesh liq uor scam. Describing the arrest as "unwarranted," Shyamala expressed deep disappointment over the development and described Krishnamo han Reddy as a man of impeccable integrity and commitment to public service. "He is an exceptionally honest and blameless individual," Shyam ala stated, addressing the media. "He served



alongside visionary leaders like Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy and Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alwa ys guided by the belief that one must dedicate themselves to leaders who prioritize public welfare." She emphasized that Krishnamohan Reddy's loyalty and dedication to public service were widely recognized.

trustworthiness and ethical conduct are well known. I am confident that his innocence will be proven and that he will be released soon with his reputation intact," she added. Shyamala highlighted the need to support individuals who serve society with honesty and integrity, stating, "His "Krishnamohan

Reddy is one such individual whose con tributions have been both meaningful and commendable." Her remarks come amid growing political attention on the case, as supporters rally behind the former OSD, asserting that his arrest lacks merit and does not reflect the values he has upheld throughout his career.









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Difference between 'Congress mein hona, Congress ka hona': Jairam Ramesh in dig at Tharoor

The Capital News New Delhi, May 17: There is a difference between "being in the Congress and of the Congress", Jairam Ra mesh said in an apparent swipe at party colleague Shashi Tharoor after a controversy ov er the government nom inating him to lead a multi-party delegation abroad to put across India's stand against P akistan on terrorism." The Congress is like th e mighty Ganga, which has many tributaries... Some of them dry up and some get polluted," Ramesh, the Cong ress general secretary in-charge communications said but ducked questions on if there w ould be any action ag ainst Tharoor. The government named Tharo

or as a leader of one of the seven multi-party delegations to project India's national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism in all forms and manifestations and carry to the world the country's message of zero tolerance against terrorism.Accepting the nomination to lead one of the delegations, Tharoor said in a post on X, "I am honoured by the invitation of the government of India to lead an all-party delegation to five key capitals, to present our nation's point of view on recent events.""W hen national interest is involved, and my services are required, I will not be found wanting. Jai Hind!" he added.A sked about Tharoor's



official

inclusion as a representative of the Cong ress in the government's list of leaders to lead the delegations abroad, Ramesh told reporters, "'Congress mein hona aur Congre ss ka hona mein zam een-aasmaan ka antar hai (There is a difference between being in the Congress and of the Congress).""In a democratic system, when individual MPs are sent as part of an

delegation, MPs must seek the concurrence of the party. If the government wants to send him as part of a delegation, the MP should be asking the party, he said."You (government) cannot include names of MPs (in delegations) without consulting the party," he said. "All of us belong to the party but they (government) need to consult the LoPs."Acc

ording to normal practice and a good democratic system, when MPs are sent on official delegations, they should seek the concurrence of the party concerned, he further said.Asked if there would be any further action on the matter, Ramesh said the government had asked for four names from the Congress and it had sent those four name s.There will be no change of names from the Congress' side, he added."The ball is in the government's court now," he said, adding that no names were discussed during Unio n minister Kiren Rijij u's conversation with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief

Rahul Gandhi.The BJ P, on the other hand, questioned the Congre ss' choice of leaders for the delegations, wo ndering if it did not no minate Tharoor becau se he outshone the p arty high command.In a post on X on Saturda y, Rijiju shared a government communication of names of leaders to head seven delegations to different cou ntries that included Th aroor's name."In mom ents that matter most, Bharat stands united. Seven all-party delegations will soon visit ke y partner nations, carrying our shared message of zero-tolerance to terrorism. A powerful reflection of nation al unity above politics, beyond differences,' Rijiju said in his post.



J-K LG reviews security situation alon LoC in Kupwara

The Capital News Srinagar, May 17: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Satur day reviewed security situation along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district.In a post on X, Sinha said, "Reviewed security situation on the ground with Army and Police officials. Interacted with our brave Jawans in Tangdhar. They are standing tall, full of confidence and with determination to safeguard the territorial

integrity of the nation."Sinha visited the border area in Tangdhar Sector and assessed the damage due to unprovoked heavy shelling by Pakistan.He said the country is grateful to the armed forces for protecting the lives and ensuring the sanctity of our borders with alertness, dedication, bravery and supreme sacrifice."I am confident that our jawans will firmly deal with any misadventure by the enemy," he added.

TN govt throws weight behind state officials in ED's Rs 1,000 cr TASMAC scam probe cause distress for stat

The Capital News Chennai, May 17: Tamil Nadu Excise Minister S Muthusa my on Saturday alleg ed the Enforcement D irectorate harassed sta te government officials in the probe over its allegation of a sc am in state-run TAS-MAC and violated pr ocedures mandated b y the Supreme Court. The minister accused the central agency of "political vendetta" and strongly condem ned it and assured all legal measures again st it. Also, Muthusa my said the governm ent would firmly back the state officials at all times.In a statem ent, Muthusamy, who holds the portfolios of Housing, Prohibition and Excise said ED's searches in the headquarters of govern-



ment-run liquor chain tioning of TASMAC. TASMAC (Tamil Na When this was the case, ED released a pr du State Marketing Corporation) had ulte ess note based on "im agination," claiming rior political motive Rs 1,000 crore scam i s.It was an attempt to portray as if irregularn TASMAC." In ord ities happened in the er to justify this wron TASMAC during the g statement, the ED is DMK regime. Howe continuously causing ver, the ED's action agony for the offici als. In continuation of was based on cases registered during the this, yesterday (May AIADMK regime by 16, 2025) ED held se the Directorate of arches in the houses Vigilance and Antiof TASMAC Managi

e government officials."The TASMAC headquarters here wa s searched in March this year and on May 16, several other locations were searched.T he Minister also alleg ed that the ED was co ercing officials. How ever, he did not elaborate.Further, he said: "I convey my strong c ondemnation on Tam il Nadu government's behalf for the politica 1 vendetta based acti on of the ED by violating guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court in several enfor cement directorate cases."The minister assured that the state government would always stand behind the officials by taking all legal steps against such 'vendetta' action of the ED.

The Capital News New Delhi, May 17: Two brothers in west Delhi's Punjabi Bagh area allegedly attempt ed to extort money from their friend by sending him a threatening letter with two empty cartridges, pol ice said on Saturday. Rohit Nagpal (35) an d his brother Sagar (30) have been arrested in connection with the case, they said.Ac cording to the police, the brothers hatched the extortion plan to repay mounting debts after suffering heavy financial losses in the ir business.The main accused, Rohit, had re portedly taken a loan of Rs 80 lakh which h e was unable to repay, they added."On May 13, Rohit Chauhan re ceived a suspicious courier at his residenc



Two brothers held for extortion

e. Inside were photographs of his wife and child, two empty gun cartridges, and a letter demanding a hefty su m in US dollars. The letter warned that his family would be harm ed if the money was n ot paid," Deputy Com missioner of Police (West) Vichitra Veer said. Scared by the thr eat, the family approa ched the police and a case was immediately registered.During the investigation, the tea

strated the plan to cr eate the illusion of a gang-linked threat, th e officer said. They so urced the empty cartridges from a gun house and gathered personal information about the victim's family to add credibility to the threat, he said.

The brothers th en used a scooter to deliver the materials and communicated using their mobile phones and laptop, all of which have been recovered, the police said.Rohit is a graduate and Sagar has stud ied Bachelor of Comp uter Applications (BC A), he said, adding th at both have been arre sted and further inves tigations are underw ay to ascertain if they were involved in any similar past incidents.

India willing to cut 100% tariffs. (From Page 1)

highest tariff nations in the world.""They make it almost impossible to do business. Do you know that they're willing to cut 100 per cent of their tariffs for the United States?" Trump said. When asked if the deal with India is coming soon, Trump said, "that'll come soon. I'm in no rush. Look, everybody wants to make a deal with us."Then he went on to add: "South Korea wants to make a deal but I'm not going to make deals with everybody. I'm just going to set the limit. I'll make another some deals. Because I can't, you can't meet with that many people. I've got 150 countries that want to make deals."India and the US are holding talks to firm up a trade deal.On Thursday, Jaishankar said trade talks have been going on between India and the US."These are complicated negotiations. Nothing is decided till everything is. Any trade deal has to be mutually beneficial; it has to work for both countries," he said."That would be our expectation from the trade deal."Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal is currently in Washington to assess the progress of negotiations for the proposed trade agreement.He is expected to hold talks with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer. To boost bilateral trade, India is seeking duty concessions for labour-intensive sectors like textiles, gems and jewellery, leather goods, garments, plastics, chemicals, shrimp, oil seeds, chemicals, grapes, and bananas in the proposed pact with America.On the other hand, the US wants duty concessions in sectors like certain industrial goods, automobiles (electric vehicles in particular), wines, petrochemical products, dairy, agriculture items such as apples, and tree nuts.

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Countdown for the....

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space port on May 18, which is also the 101st

mission for the Bengaluru-headquartered space

agency."The countdown started by 7.59 am on

Saturday. Total 22 hours countdown," sources

told PTI. The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

(PSLV) in its 63rd mission, would carry the

Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-09) which

would be capable of capturing high-resolution

images of the Earth's surface under all weather

conditions. The round-the-clock imaging by the

satellite is vital for applications like agriculture,

forestry monitoring, disaster management,

urban planning and national security. Weighing

around 1,696.24 kg, the EOS-09 satellite would

join the constellation of Earth Observation

satellites, aimed at addressing the need for

expanded real-time coverage across the coun-

try's vast territory. The EOS-09 (RISAT-1B) is a

follow-on to the RISAT-1 satellite which is

equipped with similar configuration. It comple-

ments and supplements data from the

Resourcesat, Cartosat and RISAT-2B Series

satellites. The Earth Observation Satellite-09 is

a repeat satellite of EOS-04 launched in 2022.

It has been designed with the mission objective

to ensure remote sensing data for the user com-

munity engaged in operational applications and

to improve the frequency of observation. The

PSLV-C61 rocket, after a 17 minute journey, is

expected to place the EOS-09 satellite into the

Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit (SSPO).

Scientists, after the satellite gets separated in

the desired orbit, would use the Orbit Change

Thrusters (OCT) on the vehicle to reduce the

altitude of the orbit, later. The mission life of

EOS-09 is 5 years, ISRO said. According to sci-

entists, a sufficient amount of the fuel has been

reserved for de-orbiting the satellite after its

effective mission life by lowering it to an orbit

that ensures its decay within two years, towards

to being behind the extortion attempt," V eer added.Rohit reve aled that he and his y ounger brother orche

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the threat, the officer

said.Investigators

began questioning the

complainant's close

circle, including Rohi

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friend of the victim."

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Pakistan has... (From Page 1)

the all-party delegations the government is sending to world capitals.In an interview to PTI Videos, the Hyderabad MP said the world will have to be told about the slaughtering of innocent citizens by Pakistansponsored terrorists for a long spell of time.He said, "India has been a big victim of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. We all have seen the tamasha, slaughtering of people since the time of Zia-ul-Haq."Owaisi, however, added that he is yet to be briefed by the government about the details of the diplomatic drive. The firebrand parliamentarian said it is necessary to call out Pakistan over its projection of itself as an Islamic country in its confrontation with India. "This is nonsense. Nearly 20 crore Muslims live in India. This too must be conveyed."Asserting that destabilising India, fomenting communal divide and stalling the country's economic rise is part of Pakistan's unwritten ideology, Owaisi said this has always been the objective of the Pakistani deep state and its military.India should have understood Pakistan's design long back when it had sent tribal invaders into Jammu and Kashmir after its independence in 1947, he said."They are doing this tamasha since then. They will continue to do it tomorrow and are not going to stop. However, India's patience ran out with the Pahalgam terror attack," he said.Pakistan has become a threat to humanity by arming, training and financing terrorists, he said.

PM Modi to hold....(From Page 1)

Chhattisgarh. This marks the first time PM Modi will directly review the progress of the Polavaram project, which has been accorded national project status by the Centre. The agenda will focus on construction progress, public issues in submerged areas, and inter-state concerns over water retention and submergence caused by the project. As part of the review, the Prime Minister is expected to instruct the chief secretaries of the respective States to conduct public hearings in the floodprone areas impacted by the reservoir. Land acquisition, rehabilitation of displaced populations, and overall project execution will be key focus areas. The Central government has set a deadline to complete the project by 2027. However, Telangana has raised objections regarding submergence in its territory due to backwater effects. Similar concerns have been voiced by Odisha and Chhattisgarh. These states had earlier approached the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Central Water Commission to seek redress. The Polavaram project also includes the diversion of 80 TMC feet of Godavari water to the Krishna river, with portions shared among Maharashtra and Karnataka, as per the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal. Odisha and Chhattisgarh are expected to receive 5 TMC feet and 1.5 TMC feet of water, respectively. The review meeting falls under the PM PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) initiative, aimed at fasttracking priority infrastructure projects by resolving inter-governmental issues and ensuring timely execution. Chief Ministers N Chandrababu Naidu (Andhra Pradesh), A. Revanth Reddy (Telangana), and their counterparts from Odisha and Chhattisgarh will participate in the virtual meeting to finalise steps needed to meet the completion target.

India is elated and proud,...(From P1) breached the elusive 90m frontier with a 90.23th throw but the trail-

blazing Indian had to settle for the second place behind Germany's Julian Weber in a dramatic men's javelin contest at the Doha leg of the prestigious Diamond League Meeting series here on Friday. The 27year-old double Olympic medallist sent his spear 90.23m in his third attempt to join a list of javelin throwers, led by his current coach Jan Zelezny of Czechia, who have recorded 90m-plus efforts. He became the third Asian and 25th overall to achieve the feat. Modi said, "A spectacular feat! Congratulations to Neeraj Chopra for breaching the 90m mark at Doha Diamond League 2025 and achieving his personal best throw. This is the outcome of his relentless dedication, discipline and passion. India is elated and proud."



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Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu participating in Swarnandhra-Swachhandhra programme at Panyam constituency in Kurnool district on Saturday and also inspecting C-Camp Rytu Bazar along with officials



AP Governor Abdul Nazeer participating in JNTU convocation and presenting degrees to students at the venue in Anantapur on Saturday along with the university officials



The contestants of Miss World doing Yoga at Gachibowli stadium on Saturday where roller skating competition conducting in the presence of several government heads

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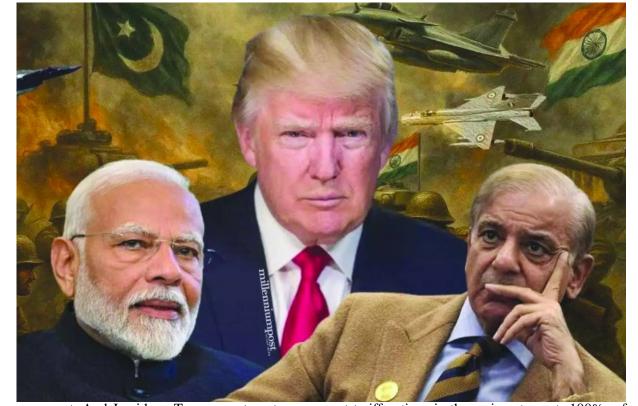




A bigger success than I'll ever be given credit for: Trump on bringing India, Pakistan back from brink

New York, May 17 (The Capital News) US President Donald Trump has said his talking to India and Pakistan and bringing them back from the brink is a "bigger success" than he'll ever be given credit for, saying there was "great hatred" among the two nations and tensions got to a point where the next phase was probably "nuclear". "A bigger success than I'll ever be given credit for. Those are major nuclear powers. Those are not like a little bit, and they were angry,' Trump said in an interview to Fox News on Friday. Trump was asked about the "couple of foreign policy successes" before his trip to the Middle East, when he picked up the

phone and called India and Pakistan. Trump replied, "I did, ya". The interviewer said that was a success. "And the next phase was probably, did you see where it was getting? It was tit for tat. It was getting deeper and more, I mean, more missiles, everyone was 'stronger, stronger', so to a point where the next one's going to be, you know what? The N word. You know the N word is, right?" Trump asked the interviewer, to which he replied "nuclear". "It's the N word. That's a very nasty word, right? In a lot of ways. The N word used in a nuclear sense, that's the worst thing that can happen. And I think they were



was great. And I said, 'We're going to talk about trade. We're going to do a lot of very close. The hatred trade'," Trump said.

Trump went on to say that "I'm using trade to settle scores and to make peace. "India... they're one of the high-

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est tariff nations in the world, they make it almost impossible to do business. Do you know that they're willing to cut 100% of their tariffs for the United States?" Trump said. There has been no announcement from

India over the issue. When asked if the deal with India is coming soon, Trump said, "Yeah, that'll come soon. I'm in no rush. everybody Look, wants to make a deal with us." "South Korea wants to make a deal...but I'm not going to make deals with everybody. I'm just going to set the limit. I'll make another some deals... because I can't, you can't meet with that many people. I've got 150 countries that want to make deals," Trump said. This was the seventh time in as many days that Trump repeated his claim that he "helped settle" the tensions between India and Pakistan. India carried out precision strikes under

'Operation Sindoor' on terror infrastructure early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. Following the Indian action, Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10. The Indian forces launched a fierce counter-attack on several Pakistani military installations. India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the military confrontation after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes. On May 10, Trump had announced that India and Pakistan agreed to a "full and immediate" ceasefire after a "long night" of talks mediated by Washington.

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Indian tourist jailed for molesting child in Singapore

Singapore, May 17 (The Capital News) An Indian tourist has been jailed for three months in Singapore for molesting a 12year-old girl at a swimming complex and sending her inappropriate messages on Insta gram.Pramender, 25, who goes by only one name and was a tourist here, pleaded guilty on Friday to one charge of attempting to procure the commission of an indecent act by a child 31, the CNA report said and one charge of on Friday. Pramender 14, according to a Channel News Asia (CNA) report.A third charge of trespassing was taken into account for his sentencing.



of following the victim to the toilet at Jalan Besar swimming complex, where she was with her family on Mar

that the situation could have been worse if the victim's cousins were not there to proher from tect Pramender. As per Singaporean law, the got scared seeing the punishment for atte messages and reported mpting to procure the the incident to the lifecommission of an indeguard on duty. The viccent act by a child below 16 years old is a tim's mother later complained to police, fol- jail term of up to seven lowing which Pramen years, a fine of up to molesting a child under also took the girl's der was arrested on S\$10,000, or both. For phone and accessed her April 2. During the molesting a child under 14 years old, Prame nder could have faced a cutor Ashley Chin jail term of up to five years, a fine, caning, or any combination of the three.

Flights resume at rebel-held airport in Yemen's capital, more than a week after Israeli strikes

Cairo, May 17 (The Capital News) Flights resumed on Saturday to Yemen's capital of Sanaa, held by the country's Iran-backed Houthi rebels, more than a week after massive Israeli airstrikes disabled the airport. The Israeli strikes on May 6 — a rare daytime attack — destroyed the air-

port's terminal and left craters on its runway, according to Khaled al-Shaif, the head of the airport. At least six passenger planes were hit, Sanaa and Amman. The including three belong- Israeli offensive was in



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Houthis' al-Masirah satellite news channel. The flight had departed from Jordan's capital, Amman, earlier in the day, the airliner said. Three more flights were scheduled on Saturday between



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Instagram account and court hearing on Friday, used it to follow his Deputy Public Prose account. He later sent 13 inappropriate mesnoted that the victim was young and vulnerasages to her on Pramender was accused Instagram. The victim ble at 12 years old, and

Yemenia, he said.On the grounds of Ben-Saturday, a flight oper- Gurion International ated by Yemenia landed Airport near Tel Aviv, the at International Airport flights and commuter with 136 passengers on traffic. The Houthis board, according to the have targeted Israel

ing to the national car- response to a Houthi ly as the last member of rier, Yemen Airway or ballistic missile that hit Iran's self-described "Axis of Resistance" capable of launching regular attacks on Sanaa which briefly halted Israel.Since March, the US military under President Donald Trump launched an

that the Houthis were using the two facilities to transfer weapons. The Houthi-run health ministry said at least one person was killed and 11 others were wounded in Friday's airstrikes.

Fun and frolic mark...(From Page 1)

Sports Day, a unique combination of sports and Miss World, sen ds out a message of fi tness, inspiring the yo unger generation to re main fit and be heal thy, he said. Shukla, who hailed the mega event which saw participation of representatives from 109 countr ies and still more exp ected to join, appreciated the Telangana government for its endeavour in organising the pageant on such a grand scale. The visits of Miss World contestants to various tourist destinations in different districts would motivate rural people, he said. The Sports Minister, who declared the 72nd Miss World Sports Day open, hoped that the participants would become ambassadors of peace, love and prosperity for all humanity. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy would be introducing a new sports policy which prioritises sports development with a special focus on increasing women's participation, he said. As part of this vision, the state government is setting up the Young India Physical Education and Sports University to nurture hidden talent, particularly among the rural population, he said. This initiative would lead to greater women's empowerment and encourage more children to take up sports as a career, Krishna Rao said. He said the primary purpose of hosting the 72nd Miss World pageant in Telangana is to introduce the state to the global stage. Observing that tourism is one of the key industries that significantly contributes to job creation, he said exploring new places is also an act of social service as it paves the way for the generation of employment and livelihoods.

AP to become country's...(From Page 1)

ed ucation, healthcare, e mployment opportunities, and a dignified life. To achieve this vi sion, several program mes like digital econo my, renewable energ y, start-ups, educatio n, health, and skill de velopment have been initiated with a participatory approach, encouraging citizens, students, youth, and all institutions to actively contribute towards this dream. He further said that the Swarna Andhra 2047, the state's own vision aligns with the national mission of Viksit Bharat and the roadmap drawn up by the State government aims to achieve economic prosperity, technological advancement, social equality, and environmental sustainability by 2047. Governor Abdul Nazeer congratulated the students who received gold medals, merit certificates and degrees in the Convocation. Prof. M.R. Madhay, Emeritus Professor (Retd.), IIT Kanpur, has participated as Chief Guest-cum-Orator and Dr. Satyanarayana Chava, founder & CEO of Laurus Labs Ltd, was conferred the Degree of Honoris Causa by the University. Prof. H. Sudarsana Rao, Vice-Chancellor, read out the annual report of the University. Dr.M. Hari Jawaharlal, Secretary to Governor and other dignitaries attended the Convocation.

Convocation. Dhanunjay Reddy, Krishnamohan...(From Page 1) (A1), Vasudeva R eddy (A2), Satya Prasad (A3), Mithun Reddy (A4), and Vijaya Sai Reddy (A5). These indi-

viduals were reported to have frequently visited A1's office to monitor the bribery operations. The SIT also found that the accused established a systematic mechanism for bribe collection and distribution. Both Dhanunjay and Krishnamohan reportedly have detailed knowledge of where and how the bribe money was invested, including the purchase of luxury properties and vehicles. Given the extent of their involvement and the need to uncover further financial links, the SIT has requested the court to remand both accused in custody for seven days for detailed interrogation.

Chandrababu ...(From Page 1)

State government will deposit funds into farmers' accounts in three instalments, matching the Centre's Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. The Chief Minister made these announcements while participating in the 'Swarnandhra - Swa chhandhra' program held in the Panyam constituency of Kur nool district. On this occasion, he administered a cleanliness oath to attendees, urging people to keep their homes and surroundings clean. He declared that the third Saturday of every month will be observed as a state-wide cleanliness day, and called on both citizens and government employees to take part in these efforts. Chandrababu emphasized the im portance of environmental responsibility and cleanliness. He directed officials to ensure that no garbage remains in the state by October 2, adding that electricity is now being generated from gar bage.Projects are underway in Vijayawada, Kadapa, Nellore, and Rajahmundry for this purpose. He said that recycling centres are also being set up in villages to convert garbage into organic fertilizer. During his visit, the Chief Minister inspected the Sea Camp Rythu Bazaar, spoke with sanitation workers and farmers, and observed the process of making compost from vegetable waste. He later laid the foundation stone for horticulture development works in Dhanalakshmi Nagar and announced ?6 crore for the modernization of Kurnool Rythu Bazaar. Chandrababu said the state has 125 Rythu Bazaars and plans to upgrade all of them. He announced that 175 model Rythu Bazaars will be established, one in each Assembly constituency, to provide fair prices for both farmers and consumers. He added that no office work will be done on the third Saturday of each month, with the day instead focused on cleaning and relaxation under green cover. Chandrababu announced that International Yoga Day will be celebrated in Visakhapatnam under the auspices of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and highlighted yoga's role in improving health amid increasing screen time. He said that 16,500 teacher posts will be filled before schools reopen, and every child will be encouraged to salute their mother before entering school. The Chief Minister strongly pushed for waste management and sanitation improvements, stating that nothing in the world is waste and everything has value. He said the previous government left 84 lakh metric tonnes of garbage on the roads, of which 54 lakh tonnes have been cleared so far. He has tasked Minister Narayana with ensuring that the remaining garbage is removed by October 2. Dwakra groups will be involved in producing and supplying compost fertilizer from household waste. He also praised the efforts of a woman named Sudharani for promoting rooftop gardens globally, and said Andhra Pradesh will showcase the power of women through such initiatives. Chandrababu reiterated his commitment to the development of Rayalaseema, calling it his homeland. He recalled eliminating the region's factionalism and laying the groundwork for growth. All four Rayalaseema districts now have airports, and lakes in the region remain full even in peak summer, he said. The Polavaram-Banakacharla link project will help provide irrigation to every acre of land in the region. "I will endure any hardship but will not let the people suffer," Chandrababu said, pledging to deliver on his promises to farmers, women, and the state at large.









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Praggnanandhaa wins Superbet Classic after a tough tiebreak

Bucharest (Romania), May 17 (The Capital News) Grandmaster R Pra ggnanandhaa defeated Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France to win his first-ever tournament on the Grand Chess Tour by showcasing his sup remacy in the Super bet Classic here.The Indian, after drawing with the Armenian-American GM Levon Aronianin in the final round, was assured of a tie for the first place. Maxime Vachi er-Lagrave and Alire za Firouzja also won to match Prag gnanandhaa on 5.5 points. This led to a tiebreaker between the three, with five minutes and a two-second increment after every move. In the first game with black pieces, Praggn anandhaa had to work hard in a slightly difficult



position against Firouzja but the end result was a draw. In the second game Firouzja drew with Vachier-Lagr ave. In the last game of the event, Praggna nandhaa crashed through the defences of Vachier-Lagrave earn the top prize. The Indian scored 1.5 points in his blitz games, half a point more than Firouzja and one more than the other French Grand master. It was a sweet

comeback for Praggn anandhaa after last year's debacle when he lost all his games in the play-offs. "I didn't do so well last time. I guess getting to rest a few hours before the tiebreak certainly helps," Praggnanandhaa said at the prize-giving ceremony. After his relatively early draw with Aronian in the Classical game, the Indian had rested in his room for a few hours.Praggnanandha

a also thanked his second for the tournament, GM Vaibhav Suri, and his permanent trainer Grand master RB Ramesh on the occasion. The Indian won a cash award of USD 77,667 (around Rs 66 lakh) for his efforts.Results (Round 9): R Praggn anandhaa (Ind, 5.5) drew with Levon Aronian (USA, 4); Deac Bogdan-Daniel (Rou, 4) lost to Alireza Firouzja (Fra, Maxime 5.5); Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, beat 5.5) Jan Krzysztof (Pol, 3); Wesley So (4) drew Nodirbek with Abdusattorov (Uzb, 4.5); D Gukesh (Ind, 4) drew with Fabiano Caruana (USA, 5). Tiebreak result: Praggnanandhaa drew with Firouzja; Firouzja drew with Vachier-Lagrave; Praggnanandhaa beat Vachier-Lagrave.

Jacqueline **Fernandez** wows in soft waves at Cannes

acqueline Fernandez turned heads at Cannes 2025 with her stunning style.

Known widely in the South for her special songs, she brought her charm to the red carpet in a red gown that sparkled under the festival lights. The dress had delicate beadwork and a high slit that gave it an edge while still keeping things elegant.

The whole look was nicely balanced and eye-catching without being too much. This will be remembered as one of Jacqueline's best fashion moments. She stayed calm and confident instead of choosing something too flashy. It shows that sometimes, a simple and graceful style makes the strongest impact.

Indian juniors brace up for year's first World Cup in Suhl

New Delhi, May 17 (The Capital News) A first batch of 40 Indian shooters and support staff will leave for the blue-riband event of the junior international shooting calendar, the ISSF World Cup, in Suhl, Germany, on Saturday. The official arrivals are scheduled for May 19 while competitions begin from May 20 and will conclude on May 26. India, two of the three ISSF junior events last year, have fielded the largest contingent of 57 shooters, who will be accompanied by 21 officials, including coaches and support staff. A second batch of 38 members (28 shooters and 10 support staff) will leave for Germany on Sunday. Suhl, a small city with around 40,000 residents right in the centre of Germany, has long been the driving force of the junior international shooting circuit and attracts the best of the future stars in the sport. Many



Olympic and world Others include Naamya champions have been Kapoor, who was a jununearthed in Suhl. ior world champion at 13, reigning double After an absence in the Olympic year last year, who finished on top in the Suhl junior world Divanshi (25m pistol), of them are now seniors cup is back with a bang attracting over 630 athletes from 59 countries, including all the strong nations of the sport. The 50m rifle prone event for junior men and women kicks off the competitions on day one. The trap mixed team final will be the last medal event of the tournament. Olympian Raiza Dhillon (skeet) and mixed team trap bronze medallist in the recently concluded Nicosia Shotgun World Cup, Sabeera Harris, will be among the most prominent names in the strong Indian side.

squad's preparations. "The entire squad has been training very hard at the national camp junior world champion and it is good that some in the junior circuit.

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reigning junior world champion in the 25m pistol Mukesh Nella valli, Asian junior champion Harmehar Lally (skeet) and multiple junior ISSF medallists Shubham Bisla (air pistol) and Abhinav Chaudhary (air pistol), among others.India had emerged on top of the last Suhl Junior World Cup in 2023 with six gold, six silver and three bronze medals. One of the coaches leaving on Saturday, double Olympian and multiple-time ISSF Sanjeev medallist Rajput, spoke about the

"Their experience will help those who are making their first trip to such a big tournament and imposing venue. The youngsters are otherwise excited and raring to go," he said. A total of 36 shooters are going on government costs while 21 will go at their own cost.Each country can have only three shooters contending for a medal in an event while two teams each are allowed in mixed team competitions. The others will shoot for ranking points only.

enior comedian Praveen SJ Movies, the film's shoot steps into the lead role in is Bakasura Restaurant, a "hunger launched by director Maruthi, comedy entertainer" directed by debutant S. J. Shiva. Viva and Praveen's transition to a Harsha plays the title character, lead role.Praveen expressed with key roles by Krishna gratitude for Maruthi's support, Bhagavan, Shining Phani, recalling and KGF Garuda Ram. Produced Prema Katha Chitram on his by Lakshmayya Achari and career. The Janardhan Achari

complete and ready the upcoming film for release. The trailer was who praised the film's concept the impact of cast and crew under praised the film's unique

Nayanthara breaks Her norm,

promotes Mega157 from Day 1

storyline and family-friendly appeal, highlighting Garuda Ram's performance as a major highlight. The ensemble cast includes Srikant Iyengar, Uppena Jayakrishna, Vivek Dandu, Ram Patas, and others. Bala Saraswathi handles cinematography, Marthand K. Venkatesh is the editor, and Vikas Badisa composes the music.

Bhambri and Galloway progress to semifinals of Bordeaux Challenger



New Delhi, May 17 (The Capital News) India's Yuki Bhambri and his American partner Robert Gallo

way moved into the semifinals of the Bordeaux Challenger with a straight-sets win over unseeded

French pair of Que ntin Halys Albano Olivetti, here Saturday. The second-seeded

American combine registered a 7-5 6-3 win over their uns eeded rivals in one hour and eight minutes. They will next take on third seed Brazilians Rafael Matos and Marcelo Melo.India's other contenders have exited the tournament.N Sriram Balaji and his Mexican partner Mig uel Reyes-Varela had lost the doubles quarterfinal and in the singles draw Sumit Nagal had suffered a first-round defeat.

vayanthara is actress who likes to maintain low profile when it comes to film promotions. However, in an unexpected gesture, she has released a video to make an announcement of her being part of the mega venture.Nayanthara is roped in to play the lead actress in Megastar Chiranjeevi's ongoing film Mega157 with director Anil Ravipudi. The announcement was made through a video that shows Nayan interacting with her personal staff in Telugu, then enjoying Chiru songs in her car journey. She then has fun reading to the script of the movie, and uttering Chiru's popular dialogue.Credit goes to Anil Ravipudi, as Nayanthara



stepped out of her comfort zone to take part in the promotional video. More importantly, she is happy to work again with Chiranjeevi for the third time, after Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy,

and Godfather. The entire promotional video successfully creates excitement for the film, ensuring that Mega157 becomes one of the most awaited releases for Sankranthi 2026.

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