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IN BRIEF



PM Modi congratulates Lee Jae-myung on being elected South Korean president

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday congratulated Lee Jae-myung on his election as president of South Korea. He said on X, "Congratulations to Mr Lee Jae-myung on being elected as the President of the Republic of Korea (Cont.on P2)



Lokesh presents Yuvagalam book to Pawan Kalyan, other cabinet colleagues

Amaravati: Minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday presented a copy of the Yuvagalam Padayatra book to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan at the Secretariat, ahead of the State Cabinet meeting. Pawan Kalyan congratulated Lokesh on documenting the (Cont.on P2)



Amaravati capital land pooling expansion not good to AP's future: Spiritual guru VLN Chowdary

Amaravati: Noted Vedic Astrologer and spiritual management guru VLN Chowdary suggested the government heads not to expand the capital land pooling crossing the river Krishna in NTR district side which plan is not good sign for the future of Andhra (Cont.on P3)

PM Modi to inaugurate Chenab bridge, flag off Vande Bharat trains in J-K

The Capital News New Delhi, Jun 4: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Friday inaugurate the Chenab bridge, the world's highest railway arch bridge, and flag off Vande Bharat trains between Katra and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir. A PMO statement said Modi will launch multiple development projects worth over Rs 46,000 crore at Katra, the home to the Mata Vaishno Devi temple. Lauding the Chenab bridge as an architectural marvel, the statement noted that it is at a height of 359 metres above the river. It is a



1,315-metre-long steel arch bridge engineered to withstand seismic and wind conditions. "A key impact of the bridge will be in enhancing connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar. Through Vande Bharat train moving on the bridge, it will take just about 3 hours to travel between Katra and Srinagar, reducing existing travel time by 2-3 hours," it said, stressing Modi's commitment to boosting infrastructure and connectivity in the region. The Anji Bridge is India's first cable-stayed rail bridge that will serve the nation in a challenging terrain, it added. Among the other (Cont.on P3)

June 4 uprising ended 'Psycho Rule': Chandrababu

The Capital News Amaravati, June 4: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday marked the anniversary of the 2024 election verdict as a "historic people's uprising" that ended the "psycho rule" and restored democracy in Andhra Pradesh. Calling June 4 a day of revolution, Naidu said the state had broken free from fear and tyranny. "The madness in the name of power was chased away by the people. It was a day when democracy was brought back, when every citizen regained peace," he said in a

Naidu, Pawan mark first anniversary of NDA's win in AP



strongly worded post on X. The Chief Minister said the NDA government, comprising TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP, would use the next four years to deliver welfare and growth. "We are treating this mandate as a responsibility. We will rebuild the state with better governance and greater public trust," he declared, thanking party workers and supporters. Naidu also took aim at the previous YSRCP regime, accusing it of unleashing "state-sponsored terrorism" and silencing dissent. "That chapter ended on June 4," he said. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan echoed the sentiment, calling the verdict a "turning point in Andhra Pradesh's political history." He said the people had "used their vote as a weapon" to reject autocracy and set the state on a new path. "One year since the fall of anarchic rule. One year for the people's revolution. One year for Jana Sena's 100 percent strike rate," Pawan tweeted. He credited the people's mandate to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, (Cont.on P2)

Action against Jagan only if law permits : Chandrababu

- Jagan jailed me, but I won't jail him without proof
- CM slams previous regime's 'Ganja Batch'
- Cabinet approves amnesty for 17 life convicts

The Capital News Amaravati, June 4: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday made it clear that his government would not pursue political vendetta against former Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy. Addressing ministers at the Cabinet meeting held at the Secretariat, Naidu said, "He sent me to jail. Should I do the same now? That's not the right approach.



If there is evidence and the law permits, we'll act. Not otherwise." His remarks came in response to a question by Minister Gummadi Sudharani, who asked why action shouldn't be taken against Jagan if he had committed mistakes. Naidu stressed that his administration stands for rule of law and due process, not political retaliation. "A transparent investigation is being conducted into the corruption and ... (Cont.on P3)

AP-Telangana face off over Banakacherla project

Varaprasada Rao K The Capital News vijayawada, June 5: A fresh political and inter-State row has erupted between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana over the proposed Rs 81,000-crore Polavaram-Banakacherla water diversion project. While the Andhra Pradesh government is aggressively pursuing the project to tackle agricultural water scarcity and reduce river water discharge into the sea, Telangana has termed it a serious act of "water exploitation" and vowed to oppose it through all available means. Telangana irrigation m

Telangana threatens to block Rs 81,000-crore irrigation plan



inister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday declared that his government is fully opposed to the Banakacherla project. "We have already raised objections with the Centre and briefed Union Minister C R Patil. If there are further efforts to push this project, we will counter them decisively," he said, adding that he will reveal detailed objections within two days. The Andhra Pradesh government, on the other hand, is positioning the Banakacherla linkage as a strategic and (Cont.on P3)



Botsa collapses during YSRCP's 'Backstabbing Day' protest Vizianagaram: Senior YSRCP leader and Leader of Opposition in the AP Legislative Council, Botsa Satyanarayana, collapsed on stage during a protest meeting in Cheepurupalli on Wednesday, reportedly due to a heart stroke. The incident occurred while he (Cont.on P3)

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NDA TO WIN 145 SEATS
YSRCP 30 to 50 SEATS 18 to 21 LOK SABHA SEATS FOR NDA 4 to 7 MP SEATS FOR YSRCP
The Capital published election survey on 1-6-2024

A Historic Day in Andhra Pradesh Politics: Three Surveys Prove Accurate

PN Srinivasa Rao The Capital News June 4, 2024: will be remembered as a landmark day in the political history of Andhra Pradesh. The state witnessed a sweeping mandate in favour of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), with the coalition comprising the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Jana Sena Party, and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) securing a massive victory. The NDA bagged an impressive 164 Assembly seats and 21 out of 25 Lok Sabha seats, marking a resounding endorsement from the electorate. What mak

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This result even more remarkable is that most political analysts, leaders, and media houses had failed to predict the scale of the NDA's triumph. Despite the e crores of rupees spent by major political parties on hiring top survey agencies, election strategists, and media firms, very few got the pulse of the people right. Among the many pre-election surveys and predictions, only three organisations stood out for their near-accurate forecasts—
1. KK Survey: Score 160 Plus
2. Jamin Rytu, a respected Telugu fortnightly publication: 150 Plus
3. The Capital, an English Daily News Paper: Score 145 Plus The (Cont.on P3)

June 4 uprising ended...

(From Page 1) Chandrababu's political resilience, and the courage of Jana Sainiks. "We're committed to correcting the past, and building Swarna Andhra by 2047 as part of Vikasit Bharat," he said.

PM Modi congratulates

(From Page 1) (RO K). Look forward to working together to further expand and strengthen the India-ROK Special Strategic Partnership. "Liberal opposition candidate Lee Jae-myung was elected president early Wednesday, a victory that would cap months of political turmoil triggered by the stunning but brief imposition of martial law by the now-oust conservative leader Yoon Suk Yeol.



Lokesh presents Yuvagam book to...

(From Page 1) journey, calling the book a powerful record of resistance. "Yuvagam was not just a padayatra, it was a struggle against the demonic rule of the previous regime," Pawan remarked, praising its content and presentation. Reflecting on the past year, Pawan said the State was still recovering from the "nightmares" of the previous YSRCP government. "The Y u v a g a m Padayatra played a key role in awakening the people. It exposed the chaos and misrule that prevailed under the former CM," he said. On the occasion, Lokesh also shared personal anecdotes and experiences from the padayatra with the Deputy CM. Lokesh also handed over copies of the book to other cabinet ministers.

Andhra CM Naidu thanks PM Modi for supporting Yogandhra 2025 initiative



The Capital News Amaravati, June 4: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his support of the state's

'Yogandhra 2025' initiative. 'Yoga ndhra 2025' is a month-long promotion campaign in the run-up to International Yoga Day on June 21, in which PM Modi will take part in Visha

kapatnam. "Thank you for sharing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Yogandhra 2025 embodies the collective spirit of our people in promoting wellness through yoga," Naidu said in a post on X late on Tuesday, replying to PM Modi's post. PM Modi lauded Andhra Pradesh's Yogandhra 2025 initiative, calling it a commendable step in promoting yoga ahead of International Yoga Day 2025. He urged citizens to celebrate Yoga Day on June 21 and make yoga a part of their daily lives.

92 ill from suspected food poisoning in Telangana mental health hospital

The Capital News Hyderabad, Jun 4: Telangana Health Minister C Damodar Rajanarasimha on Wednesday said 92 patients at the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) here were affected due to suspected food poisoning. One patient had died on Tuesday and the cause of death was under investigation. Of those affected, 18 are stable and admitted to the state-run Osmania General Hospital (OGH). They are expected to be discharged in a couple of days. Addressing reporters after visiting the IMH, Rajanarasimha said the remaining 74 patients are also stable and receiving special care from doctors, with recovery expected in a couple of days. While water contamination was initially suspected, analysis showed no contamination "up to 95 per cent". The min-



ister said the quality of food served to the patients on June 2 is under scrutiny and a report is awaited. Further action would be taken as per the report. The services of the "diet contractor" have been terminated. A formal complaint has been lodged with police over the suspected food poisoning incident, he added. The minister also emphasised that the state government would take action after identifying accountability for the patient's death. Describing the incident as "unfortunate", he said the state government would take steps to

prevent such incidents. Asked about the rise in COVID-19 cases in the country, Rajanarasimha said the government is increasing testing and advised against creating panic among the public. The government would periodically review COVID-19 cases and seasonal diseases. As per official sources, one COVID-19 case has been reported so far during the current spell. One person died and around 70 others suffered from vomiting and diarrhoea at the Telangana government's Institute of Mental Health (IMH) here, officials said on Tuesday.

US visa fraud: Telangana student deported, consultancy firm head held

Hyderabad, Jun 4 (The Capital News) A 28-year-old student from Nalgonda district was arrested here following his deportation from the US for allegedly using forged documents to obtain his visa, police said on Wednesday. Authorities also apprehended the managing director of an overseas education consultancy firm on June 2, who is accused of providing the "forged" degree certificates to the student. The student, who was pursuing a master's degree at Webster University in Missouri, was initially arrested on June 1. Both were booked on charges of forgery and cheating. The student's deportation from Dallas in the US took place in the last week of May while he was returning from India, after the US immigration officers found that his SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) status



was inactive. Upon his arrival at Rajiv Gandhi International (RGI) Airport in Shamshabad on June 1, immigration authorities here conducted an inquiry during which he reportedly confessed to securing a US visa in September 2023 using "fake" B.Sc. Computer Science certificates. Following this confession, local immigration authorities filed a complaint at the RGI Airport police station, leading to the student's arrest and the recording of his statement. The student informed police that he had obtained the fraudulent docu-

ments from the MD of the education consultancy firm. During a search at the firm's office, the police seized several documents, including certificates from various universities, and Rs 10 lakh in cash from the possession of the MD, who was arrested. "The student had studied for one year in the US and came to India and stayed for five months. When he returned to the US, immigration officers at the Dallas airport found his student status inactive on the SEVIS and deported him," Assistant Commissioner of Police (Shamshabad Division) V Sreekanth Goud told PTI. During interrogation, the MD of the consultancy firm revealed that over the past five years he has sent 15 students abroad and secured admissions by providing "fake" degree certificates to them. Further investigation is on.

BRS' Kavitha slams judicial commission notice to KCR as 'politically motivated'

The Capital News Hyderabad, Jun 4: BRS leader K Kavitha on Wednesday termed as "politically motivated" the notice issued to party president K Chandra Sekhar Rao by the judicial commission probing the irregularities in the Kalesh waram project. Dubbing the judicial commission as "Congress commission", she said the notice was a deliberate attempt to "defame" Rao, also known as KCR. Addressing a protest organised here by Telangana Jagruti against the commission's notice to KCR, she accused the Congress government of seeking to "erase" KCR's legacy as farmers love him for



his pro-farmer initiatives. "Totally, 40 lakh acres will get water once Kalesh waram project is completed. All that is kept aside. The conspiracy is to tarnish the image of KCR," said Kavitha, daughter of KCR. The judicial commission has been appointed only to defame KCR, she claimed. She further

criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for his silence regarding neighbouring Andhra Pradesh's proposal to "take away 200 TMC of Godavari river" through construction of the Polavaram-Banaka kacherla project. Chandrasekhar Rao is likely to appear before the judicial commission on June

11 instead of June 5, the party sources said on Tuesday. He sought to appear before the panel on June 11 instead of June 5, the day KCR was earlier summoned, they said. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had earlier said the Polavaram-Banaka kacherla project is aimed at taking surplus Godavari waters to the drought-hit regions of the state. Reacting to BRS party's concerns over irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh, Naidu had highlighted that the neighbouring state need not worry as only excess water from the Godavari river will be utilised, which otherwise would drain into the sea.

YSRCP stages 'Betrayal Day' protests across Andhra on first anniversary of 2024 poll results



The Capital News Amaravati, June 4: The YSRCP on Wednesday held 'Betrayal Day' protests across Andhra Pradesh, marking one year anniversary of the 2024 election results and subsequent formation of the TDP-led government. Hundreds of YSRCP leaders, cadres and activists took part in marches across the state, including major urban centres like Tirupati, Vijayawada, Anantapur and several others. The NDA alliance comprising TDP, BJP and Janasena secured a landslide victory,

winning 164 assembly seats out of 175 and relegating the YSRCP to just 11 seats. The 2024 election results were declared exactly a year ago. Carrying placards and black flags, YSRCP supporters denounced the N Chandrababu Naidu-led government and raised slogans against it. "The distinction of cheating and backstabbing all sections of people in this state goes to Chandrababu Naidu and the alliance leaders," a YSRCP leader told media. "Babu (Naidu) definitely cheated and today is betrayal day," read a

protest placard in Tirupati. Protesters also highlighted the "unfulfilled" Super Six promises made by Naidu during the 2024 poll campaign. One placard in the temple town accused the CM of "cheating" women by not delivering on the promise of Rs 1,500 per month to women aged 19 to 59 years. The Super Six promises included among others 20 lakh jobs for youth or Rs 3,000 monthly unemployment allowance and free bus travel for women. Meanwhile, TDP general secretary and IT Minister Nara Lokesh asserted that exactly a year ago democracy won and people won over the "destructive" rule, referring to the previous YSRCP regime. "The people's aspirations won a resounding victory over the

anarchic and factional rule. This victory is the victory of five crore people. The people's verdict has further increased the responsibility of our alliance," said Lokesh in a post on X. With Naidu's experience in governance and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's blessings, the reconstruction of Andhra Pradesh has begun, he said. According to Lokesh, the people's government (NDA alliance govt) is giving top priority to development and welfare. "I thank the five crore people who blessed the NDA government. I request you to stand by us with the same spirit to keep Andhra Pradesh at the top of development. Best wishes to everyone on the occasion of people's verdict day," Lokesh added.

Mild tension in Telangana village during protest against ethanol plant

Hyderabad, Jun 4 (The Capital News) Mild tension prevailed in a village in Jogulamba Gadwal district of Telangana on Wednesday after a large number of villagers held a protest opposing the establishment of an ethanol plant, police said. Scores of people gathered near Pedda Dhanwada village in Rajoli mandal where the company proposed to start the construction work and demanded the government cancel permission given to set up the plant, they said. The protesters from neighbouring seven to eight villages allegedly burnt the temporary shelters and sheds put by the company management and also set fire to a container. TV visuals showed some protesters turning a four-wheeler upside



down and hitting it with sticks while some others pelted stones and damaged the "window panes" of an earth moving machine. Police intervened and dispersed the protesters. The company had got a license and permission to establish the grain-based ethanol plant on a land parcel of 35-40 acres near Pedda Dhanwada village a year ago, officials said, adding that the company management also had discussions with the vil-

lagers, but they continued to oppose the plant. The administration also tried to organise deliberations between the villagers and the company management, but the villagers were not convinced, the officials said. The company management went to the proposed site on Tuesday to commence the work. On Wednesday, the villagers gathered and protested, even as the company management and workers left the place, police said.

The villagers are opposing the ethanol plant as they have apprehensions that it may damage their agricultural lands and it might continuously emit some "foul gases", officials said. Some people were also "instigating" the villagers that they have to leave their places and their agricultural lands would be completely "spoiled with chemicals" if the project came up. However, it is a renewable energy project, and there is no likelihood of such a thing, but the villagers have their own apprehensions, officials said. "The crowd has been dispersed and the situation is now peaceful," a senior police official told PTI, adding cases will be registered, and necessary action will be initiated.

Nehru-Gandhi family surrendered Indian interests, Rahul insulting armed forces: BJP

The Capital News
New Delhi, Jun 4: The BJP on Wednesday accused Rahul Gandhi of insulting the armed forces with his "surrender" barb at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that it amounted to undermining the success of Operation Sindoor and making an allegation favouring Pakistan that even the neighbouring country has not made. Gandhi's jibes reflect a "sick and dangerous" mindset, BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said and claimed the Congress leader had surpassed even Pakistan's army chief, prime minister and the terrorist masterminds based there in speaking in support of their coun-

try. Citing a string of historical developments on the Congress watch, from India's division to China and Pakistan occupying parts of Indian territory to Gandhi himself lamenting the Western indifference to the alleged democratic slide in India under Modi, he said history is full of such surrenders from the Nehru-Gandhi family and lauded Prime Minister Modi as the "lion of mother India". "Rahul Gandhi and the Congress may have a history of surrender but Bharat will never surrender before anyone," Trivedi said. He also took a clear swipe at US President Donald Trump, whose repeated claims of mediating the stoppage of



military actions from India and Pakistan have given the opposition a handle to attack the Modi government. The BJP spokesperson referred to Trump's recent post about a conspiracy theory that his predecessor Joe Biden was killed in 2020 and replaced by a robotic clone. "How much can one trust ... I want to ask even the US government as he made the comment on his official Truth Social

handle. It will be better if Rahul Gandhi tells us if he believes in this," he said, noting that the Indian armed forces and the Ministry of External Affairs have clarified numerous times that there was no third party mediation. He also mentioned how during the presidential campaign, Trump had said that he once told Modi he can "stop the country (Pakistan) which has been annoying India but the Indian

prime minister insisted, 'No, no, we have taught them lessons several times. I will do it'." Trivedi noted controversial comments of various leaders of the opposition INDIA bloc, which met on Tuesday and demanded a special session of Parliament following Operation Sindoor, and claimed the alliance has been unmasked. "INDIA is in their name but Pakistan is in their heart," he alleged. He said Gandhi's comments have shown that he lacked the maturity and seriousness expected of the Leader of Opposition. If the Congress leader made these remarks on his own, then it raises a serious question over his loyalty, h

e said, adding that Gandhi should consider changing advisers if they were behind it. Gandhi had on Tuesday alleged at a Congress event in Bhopal that Modi surrendered after a call from US President Trump during the India-Pakistan military conflict. "A call came from Trump and Narendra ji immediately surrendered - history is a witness, this is the character of BJP-RSS, they always bow down," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha had said. Hitting back, the BJP said that "from Doklam to Pahalgam", Gandhi "chose to stand with forces opposed to India's political and economic resurgence".



Ex-MLA Shankar Malakar joins TMC, jolt to Congress in north Bengal

The Capital News
Kolkata, Jun 4: Former Congress MLA Shankar Malakar joined the Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Wednesday, dealing a blow to the grand old party in the northern part of West Bengal, ahead of the 2026 assembly elections. Malakar, an influential politician among the Scheduled Caste community in north Bengal, Malakar's move to join the TMC is expected to strengthen the party's organisational reach in the region, where it has historically struggled to gain ground.

Bakshi and Aroop Biswas. "I have decided to join the TMC as this is the only party which is fighting against the BJP and its communal politics in Bengal," the former Congress MLA told reporters. Known for his strong influence among the Scheduled Caste community in north Bengal, Malakar's move to join the TMC is expected to strengthen the party's organisational reach in the region, where it has historically struggled to gain ground.

Probe ordered after death of five patients at Odisha hospital

The Capital News
Koraput, Jun 4: Two investigations were ordered after five patients died due to alleged negligence at the state-run Saheed Laxman Nayak Medical College and Hospital in Odisha's Koraput, officials said on Wednesday. Two men and three women died on Tuesday night within a short span of time. Their families alleged that they were administered injections, following which they died. The deceased persons were identified as Shukra Majhi, Rukuni Pentia, Phulmati Majhi, Bhagaban Parija and Bati Khara. SLNMCH's superintendent Susanta Kumar Sahu said a departmental inquiry has been ordered. "We have convened a meeting of all departmental



heads. The patients who died on Tuesday night were admitted to the hospital in a critical condition. Prima facie, the deaths seem not to have been caused by any wrong injection. However, we will inquire into the allegations," he said. Sahu said the patients in the ICU were in a serious condition and were administered the injection to control their dropping blood pressure. He said two of the five deceased patients suffered abdominal injuries, while another suffered from

liver perforation. "We suspect they died due to bleeding and septicemia. The fourth patient was being treated for stage 4 cancer, and the fifth was an accident victim, who was referred from Jeypore," he said. Director of Medical Education and Training (DMET) Santosh Mishra also ordered a separate inquiry into the allegations. A five-member team, comprising three doctors from MKCG Medical College Hospital in Berhampur and two from SCB Medical Co

llege Hospital in Cuttack, will probe the allegations, he said. "The team has been asked to submit the report by Thursday," Mishra said. The families of the deceased held a demonstration outside the hospital, following which police were deployed. The bodies were handed over to the families after post-mortem examination. "Each family was given a cheque of Rs 10,000 from the district Red Cross fund. Arrangements were also made to transport the bodies to the villages of the deceased patients," a district official said. Congress legislature party leader Rama Chandra Kadam demanded Rs 25 lakh each as compensation for the families of the deceased.

Not a word of concern on Indian students affected badly by Trump's actions: Cong slams PM, EAM

The Capital News
New Delhi, Jun 4: Expressing concern over the US' decisions affecting foreign students, the Congress on Wednesday said China has reacted strongly regarding their students but Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar have remained "totally quiet" on how Indian students are being affected by the moves. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh pointed out that according to the Ministry of External Affairs, approximately 3,37,630 Indian students went to the USA for higher studies in 2024 and about a third of the foreign students on American campuses are from India. This means that at some three-and-a-ha



lakh Indian families invested their hard-earned savings or borrowed for the education of their children in the US, he said. "These students, plus those who went in earlier years, face an uncertain future. Large numbers of students planning to go in 2025 may never get to see their aspirations fulfilled," Ramesh said on X. "President Trump has made his intentions clear. China has reacted strongly regarding Chinese students. But not surprisingly,

our PM and EAM have kept totally quiet," he said. "They are completely silent on President Trump's claims on having Operation Sindoor stopped after just four days and they have not said a word of concern on how Indian students and their families are being affected badly by President Trump's actions," Ramesh said, slamming the government. India last Thursday said it expects the US to consider visa applications of Indian students on merit amid

growing concerns over the Trump administration halting new student visa interviews. The changes effected by the US in its visa regime have triggered widespread uncertainty among students worldwide, including in India. There have been concerns among the students planning to pursue studies in the US over the Trump administration's plan to expand and social media vetting of student visa applicants. The Congress last month had said it stands in solidarity with the thousands of Indian students being affected even as the Modi government remains a "mute spectator" to the US president's "continuing assaults" on universities and research institutions.

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Pradesh. He also requested the government should not expand the capital land pooling western side of Guntur- Amaravati Road. He further said that the capital land pooling should not be expanded particularly in the two areas in NTR district side and Amaravati road. He recalled that the entire area was once venue for hundreds of kingdoms and historical temples. He said that there is divine power with powerful yantras which were enthralled in the particular area. Similarly 5900 years old Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple is there at Vedadri and 18 kilometres of temple surrounding area also should be protected without any pooling operations and projects. He said that he predicted several times perfectly about future things including election results. He recalled that he explained many issues to then PM PV Narasimha Rao, TDP founder NT Rama Rao. Former MP Kavuri Sambasiva Rao and several leaders are his close followers.

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

projects to be launched is the 272-km Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project. Constructed at a cost of around Rs 43,780 crore, it includes 36 tunnels (spanning 119 km) and 943 bridges. The project establishes all-weather, seamless rail connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country aiming to transform regional mobility and driving socio-economic integration. In a major boost to last mile connectivity especially in border areas, Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate various road projects. The prime minister will also lay the foundation stone of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence in Katra worth over Rs 350 crore. It will be the first medical college in Reasi district contributing substantially to the healthcare infrastructure in the region, it said.

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transformative move that will prevent an estimated 2,000 TMC of Godavari water from draining into the sea. Officials argue the project would boost irrigation, benefit lakhs of farmers, and eventually become a self-financing model. A high-level AP delegation, including finance secretary Piyush Kumar and irrigation advisor Venkateswara Rao, recently presented the project's roadmap to Union Finance Secretary Ajay Seth. The team explained the scope, benefits, and financial viability of the mega project. According to officials, the Centre has sought full documentation for further consideration. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has personally lobbied for the project in Delhi, asserting that it only utilises surplus water currently going waste. He has also insisted that the project will not harm Telangana, and may even offer mutual benefits. Meanwhile, the opposition BRS in Telangana has intensified its criticism of the Revanth Reddy government, accusing it of failing to stop Andhra Pradesh's "aggressive push." BRS leaders have warned they may move the Supreme Court if the project proceeds. With both states hardening their stance, minister Uttam's remarks have taken the dispute to the next level, making it likely that the Centre and possibly the courts will be drawn deeper into the controversy.

Botsa collapses during YSRCP's... (From Page 1)

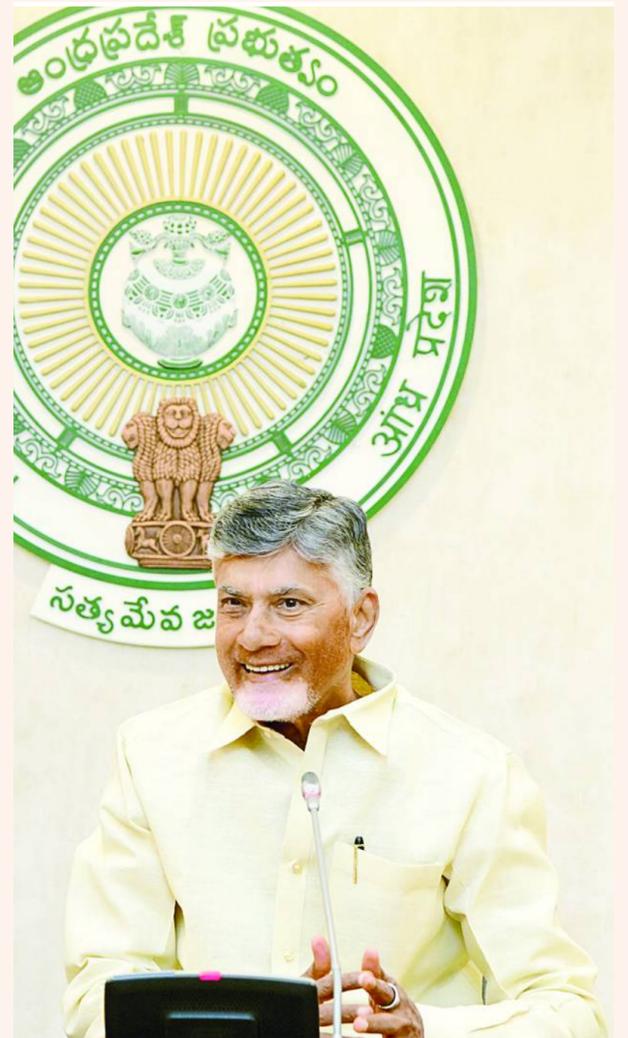
was addressing a gathering as part of the YSRCP's Statewide 'Backstabbing Day' protests. Botsa, who led a rally under the scorching sun from the local petrol station to the Three Roads Junction in Cheepurupalli, fainted while stepping onto a campaign vehicle to speak. Party workers immediately rushed him to a nearby hospital. Doctors later confirmed that his condition is stable. The protest was held on the call of YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to mark June 4, the anniversary of the 2024 election results, as 'Backstabbing Day.' The party alleges that the NDA coalition government has failed to fulfil the key promises made during the polls, including the "Super Six" schemes. Massive rallies and protest meetings were held by YSRCP leaders and cadres across Andhra Pradesh, demanding the immediate implementation of poll assurances by the ruling alliance.

A Historic Day in Andhra Pradesh. (From Page 1)

Capital English Daily, which conducted its survey through a panel of seasoned senior journalists, predicted an NDA victory with 145+ Assembly seats and all 21 Lok Sabha seats. Similarly, Jamin Rytu published its forecast suggesting an NDA win in 150+ Assembly segments. The KK Survey went even further, boldly projecting an NDA sweep with 160+ Assembly seats. In stark contrast, many high-profile national and regional media houses and survey agencies failed to capture the mood on the ground, delivering projections that were significantly off the mark. In the end, it was The Capital, Jamin Rytu, and KK Survey that showcased not only journalistic credibility but also a deep understanding of the political undercurrents shaping Andhra Pradesh. This election result reaffirms the unpredictability of democratic outcomes and underscores the importance of ground-level insights over expensive, data-heavy campaigns. Most importantly, it highlights the renewed trust of the people in the NDA alliance, while establishing June 4, 2024, as a watershed moment in AP's political journey.

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irregularities of the previous government. No one will be spared if a crime is proven," he added. The Chief Minister lashed out at what he called the "Ganja batch" of the previous regime. "They committed crimes and now blame the government. Earlier, criminals feared the government. Now, they are emboldened and blame the system even after committing wrongs," he said. He urged his ministers to work with greater efficiency and focus on solving public issues. "You've performed well over the past year. Now, review your work and plan for the coming year. Whatever we do must empower people," he told the Cabinet. Naidu said the Centre was responding positively to Andhra Pradesh's key irrigation projects, particularly Polavaram and Banakacherla. He said funding would come from multiple sources, including the Centre, the State government, the Asian Development Bank, and the Hybrid Annuity Model. He reiterated that delays in execution would increase project costs and urged for speedy implementation. The Chief Minister also instructed officials to finalise and showcase the design plans for the upcoming Quantum Valley project to Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan. He said the government aims to roll out the tech and innovation hub by January 2026. The Cabinet approved several important decisions during the meeting. These included land allocations and financial approvals under the APCRDA, amnesty for 17 life convicts, and an amendment to the law permitting women to work night shifts. The government also plans to organise a yoga event in Tirupati on June 15, inviting prominent film celebrities. Naidu directed the tourism minister to extend personal invitations, and said he too would invite some celebrities. Recalling the spirit of the early 1980s, Naidu mentioned how in 1983, party activists attended the first Mahanadu by dyeing shirts in turmeric water. "This year's Mahanadu was also a success.



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and other council of ministers discussing in cabinet meeting at AP Secretariat on Wednesday



Minister for HRD Nara Lokesh presenting Yuvagalam tablebook to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan at Secretariat on Wednesday



Union Minister Bhupathi Raju Srinivas Varma and several BJP leaders celebrating the 11 year rule of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at party state office in Vijayawada on Wednesday



Simhavahana Seva as part of annual Brahmotsavalu at Govindaraja swamy temple in Tirumala on Wednesday



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RCB get Rs 20 crore for winning IPL 2025, runners-up PBKS receive Rs 12.5 crore

Ahmedabad, Jun 4 (The Capital News) Newly-crowned IPL champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru have received Rs 20 crore for winning the 18th edition of the league while runners-up Punjab Kings got richer by Rs 12.5 crore. RCB lifted their maiden title in the world's biggest T20 league by getting the better of PBKS by six runs in an exciting summit showdown here on Tuesday, ending a long wait of 18 years for the team as well as its talisman Virat Kohli. Third-Place finishers Mumbai Indians earned Rs 7 crore for reaching Qualifier 2, while the fourth-placed Gujarat Titans were given Rs 6.5 crore for playing in the Eliminator.



Over the years, the IPL prize money has grown exponentially. In the inaugural 2008 edition, the winning side received Rs 4.8 crore, whereas the runner-up team was awarded Rs 2.4 crore. DDCA wins 'Best Pitch and Ground' award. The Delhi District Cricket Association (DDCA) has got the 'Best Pitch and Ground' award for the matches held

at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. Besides the recognition, DDCA also got richer by Rs 50 lakh. The stadium hosted seven matches this season, all of them being preliminary fixtures. DDCA President Rohan Jaitley expressed his gratitude, stating, "This award is a testament to the tireless work of our curators, staff, and management. We are com-

mitted to maintaining the highest standards in cricket infrastructure." **List of winners with prize purse: Winners RCB: Rs 20 crore. Runners-up PBKS: Rs 12.5 crore.**

Third-placed Mumbai Indians: Rs 7 crore

Fourth-placed Gujarat Titans: Rs 6.5 crore.

India to open Women's Asia Cup campaign against Thailand



New Delhi, Jun 4 (The Capital News) The Indian women's hockey team will open its Asia Cup campaign against Thailand on September 5 before taking on defending champions Japan and Singapore. Hockey India announced on Wednesday. The Indian team, which claimed the bronze medal in the previous edition, is placed in Pool B along with Japan, Thailand and Singapore while Pool A consists of hosts China, Korea, Malaysia, and Chinese Taipei. The tournament is set to

take place in Hangzhou, China, from September 5 to 14 and the winner will get a direct qualification to the 2026 World Cup. India's second match will be against Japan on September 6, followed by final Pool B contest against Singapore on September 8. "Being placed in Pool B alongside defending champions Japan will test our skills and character from the very start. However, facing them in the pool stage will be a great opportunity to measure ourselves early in the tourna-

ment," India captain Salima Tete said. "Our focus will be on playing smart, disciplined hockey and taking it one match at a time. The ultimate goal is to lift the trophy and earn a direct spot in the 2026 women's FIH Hockey World Cup." Echoing Salima's sentiments, vice-captain Navneet Kaur said, "It will be a challenging tournament with Asia's top teams competing with each other, but we see it as a chance to bring out our best right from the first whistle." "We've been training with

intensity and purpose, and we will aim to execute our plans on the field during the tournament. Playing against Japan in the group stage gives us an early look at high-pressure hockey, which can only help us grow stronger as a unit. We're determined to make this Asia Cup campaign count and make the country proud. "India had won the Asia Cup back in 2017, when they defeated China in the final. According to the format, the top two teams from each pool will advance to the Super 4s Pool, where each team will play one match against each of the other three teams. The top two teams from the Super 4s Pool will qualify for the final, while the third and fourth placed teams will compete in the 3rd/4th place match. The bottom two teams from Pool A and Pool B will play classification matches to determine the 5th to 8th positions in the tournament.

IPL champions RCB arrive in Bengaluru to rousing welcome



Bengaluru, Jun 4 (The Capital News) The newly-crowned IPL champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru team touched

base at the Garden City on Wednesday afternoon amid roaring welcome from waiting fans. En route to Chief Minister

Siddaramaiah's office at the Vidhana Soudha here, the fans assembled on both sides of the road cheered the triumphant squad with gusto. RCB had beaten Punjab Kings by six runs in the IPL final at Ahmedabad on Tuesday to clinch their maiden title in 18 years. After the appointment with the CM, the RCB players will head to the M Chinnaswamy Stadium for a fan engagement programme. However, the much-anticipated open-top bus parade

from Vidhana Soudha to the stadium might not take place because of traffic congestion, as per a tweet by the Bengaluru Traffic Police. The rainy weather in the city too might have forced the authorities to take such a call, along with the difficulty they faced to contain the crowd movement last night after RCB's victory. However, the parade may still happen if the chief minister gives a special permission, as the open bus is parked near his office.

Rhea Chakraborty Brings Bangles To The Boots

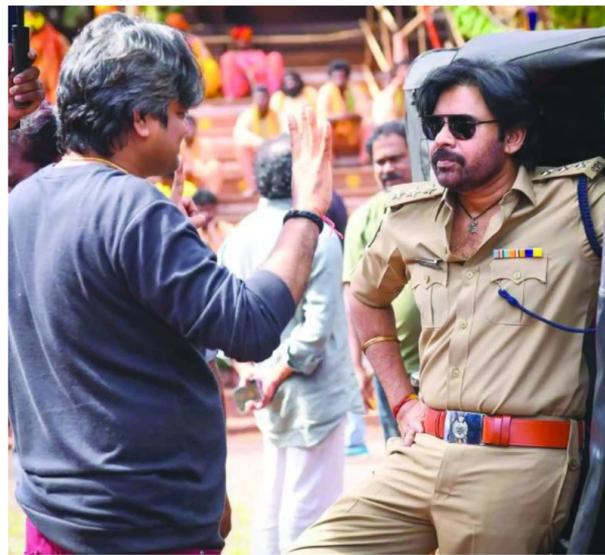
Rhea Chakraborty stepped out on a quiet dirt trail, but her outfit did all the talking. Dressed in a fitted pink crop top with wrap-around tie details and black cargo pants, she effortlessly blended rugged with bold. Her gold bangles and windswept hair gave the whole look a raw, earthy touch.

She didn't need much to stand out. The contrast between her sleek top and the loose, utilitarian bottoms worked without trying too hard. The choice of black boots was solid, practical, but with attitude. It's a look that didn't beg for attention, yet didn't escape it either.

What stood out more was the setting. No red carpets, no city lights, just wild green, open skies, and Rhea walking down a dirt path like she owned the scene. Her expressions stayed quiet, but her presence filled every frame.



Pawan to Resume 'UBS' Shoot with the Original Script!



After a break since September 2023, Pawan Kalyan will resume shooting for Ustead

Bhagat Singh starting June 12. Earlier reports suggested the film was a loose remake of the Tamil hit Theri, but the mak-

ers have now confirmed that the remake idea has been dropped. The film will follow an original script approved by Pawan Kalyan. This change comes after the recent box office performance of director Harish Shankar's Mr. Bachchan, the Telugu remake of Raid starring Ravi Teja, which didn't meet expectations. Taking this into account, the team decided to rework Ustead Bhagat Singh to offer a fresh story. The next shooting schedule will take place at Koti Women's College and an aluminum factory, where key scenes are planned. On another note, Pawan Kalyan's Hari Hara Veera Mallu has been postponed from its original June 12 release date. The new release date will be announced soon. Ustead Bhagat Singh is produced by Mythri Movie Makers, with music by Devi Sri Prasad.

'Avengers: Doomsday': The Most Expensive Film In The World

Here is the most-expensive film that is ever made in the history of cinema. Even if it earned 'Jurassic Park' and 'Lord Of The Rings', it will be considered a flop. 'Avengers: Doomsday' is Marvel Cinematic Universe's (MCU) upcoming crossover event film with an estimated budget of one billion dollars. This huge sum of money will be spent on visual effects and star-studded cast. It is stated that the salaries of the cast alone may exceed \$250 million. It is reported that Marvel has spent \$8 million on its pre-production alone. It is more than three times what was spent on 'Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania', which eventually cost \$388 million. So far the most-expensive Hollywood film 'Star Wars: The Force



Awakens' (2015), which was produced with \$447 million. Second most expensive film was 'Avatar: The Way of Water' (2022) which costed producers a budget of \$350-\$460 million. Next comes 'Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides' (2011). It was produced at the cost of approximately \$379 million. Forbes magazine reported that the per-week production cost of 'Avengers: Doomsday' is

twice as much as 'Quantum mania'. Experts are predicting that the film could cost Marvel Studios anything between \$500-600 million. This is much higher than the production cost of 'Star Wars Episode IX', which currently holds the record with a production cost of \$447 million. However, it is still unsure about how Marvel Studios will end up spending on this humongous film project ever.