



Putting an end to riots in Gujarat biggest lesson from 2002 violence: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the ability to put a total stop to riots in a volatile state like Gujarat was the biggest lesson or takeaway for him from the 2002 communal flareup. Talking to AI researcher and podcaster Lex Fridman in a podcast, PM Modi expressed himself for the first time on the 2002 violence in Gujarat since he assumed the top office. Looking back at the communal flare-up, barely six months after he took charge as the Chief Minister, PM Modi said, "The most important thing is, in Gujarat, where riots used to happen some way or the other every year, but after 2002, in 22 years, there hasn't been a single major riot in Gujarat. Gujarat remains completely peaceful." The PM recalled the Kandahar hijacking, the attack on parliament, or even 9/11, and "then to have so many people killed and burned alive, you can imagine how tense and volatile the situation was". "The perception that these



were the biggest riots ever is actually misinformation... Before 2002, Gujarat witnessed over 250 significant riots. The riots in 1969 lasted nearly six months. So there was a long history, long before I was in the picture," he told Fridman on lessons drawn from that time. PM Modi also highlighted the rule of law that prevailed after the violence. "The judiciary thoroughly investigated the matter. At that time, our political opponents were in power, and naturally, they wanted all allegations against us to stick. Despite their relent-

less efforts, the judiciary analysed the situation meticulously twice and ultimately found us completely innocent. Those who were truly responsible have faced justice from the courts." PM Modi credited the long-lasting communal harmony in Gujarat – since 2002 – to the strategy to end the politics of appeasement and replacing it with politics of aspiration. "Because of this, anyone who wishes to contribute joins us willingly. We've continuously strived to turn Gujarat into a well-developed state. And today,

Gujarat is actively contributing towards building a developed India as well," he said. Earlier, Fridman described the 2002 Gujarat riots as one of the most challenging periods of modern Indian history, when there was violence between Hindu and Muslim citizens that led to over 1,000 deaths. During the three-hour-long dialogue, the PM also showered praise on the AI researcher for the intensive ground work done before the programme. "I personally feel you've put in tremendous care. You've done extensive research and have dived deeply into every small detail. So I think you've done very well, and all the efforts you've put in during our conversation and in all our conversations are appreciated," said PM Modi. "I feel you're trying to deeply understand India. That's why I strongly feel there's genuine honesty in your sincere effort to uncover the truth. And for that sincere approach, I genuinely congratulate you," said PM Modi.

Heatwave Intensifies in Telangana, Residents Brace for Prolonged Extreme Temperatures



Hyderabad: Telangana continues to endure an intense heatwave, with temperatures soaring beyond 40°C across most of the state. As per the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs), 28 out of 33 districts are facing extreme heat conditions, with Bela in Adilabad recording the highest temperature at 42°C. Other severely affected regions include Kothagudem in Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem and Makthal in Narayanpet, both registering 41.9°C.

Rising Urban Temperatures Raise Concern

The heatwave is not limited to rural areas, as urban centres are also experiencing unusually high temperatures. In Hyderabad, Bandlaguda recorded 40.1°C, while Dundigal in Medchal-Malkajgiri saw 41.1°C. Abdullapurmet in Rangareddy emerged as one of the hottest urban spots at 41.4°C. Even in areas that saw relatively lower temperatures, such as Jangaon and Hanumakonda, the mercury touched 39.8°C, offering little relief.

Orange Alert Issued as Heatwave Persists

With no immediate respite in sight, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an Orange heatwave alert for multiple districts, including Adilabad, Kumaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherla, and Jagtial, for Monday, March 17. Authorities have urged residents to take necessary precautions, stay hydrated, and avoid direct exposure to the sun during peak hours.

Experts warn that the ongoing heatwave could extend further, intensifying concerns over water shortages and increased health risks. With summer still ahead, Telangana braces for what could be one of its hottest seasons in recent years.

Collectors extend wishes to SSC students

TIRUPATI: Ahead of the SSC public examinations set to commence on Monday, Tirupati District Collector Dr S Venkateswar and Chittoor District In-charge Collector G Vidyadhari extended their best wishes to the students appearing for the exams. They advised students to reach their respective examination centres by 9 am — at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start at 9.30 am — to avoid last-minute rush and stress. The officials emphasised that a calm and focused mindset is crucial for students to perform well. They assured that stringent arrangements have been made to ensure a smooth and peaceful conduct of the exams. Additionally, students travelling from

remote areas can avail of free transportation by displaying their hall tickets on buses, allowing them to reach their centres on time without any hassle. The SSC public examinations will be held from March 17 to March 31, while open school examinations will continue until April 1. Across the two districts, a total of 282 examination centres have been established to accommodate 49,904 regular students and 2,184 open school candidates. Parents and students are urged to adhere to the



guidelines issued by the district administrations to facilitate a smooth examination experience.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Vows to Develop Warangal on Par with Hyderabad

Warangal: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has reaffirmed his commitment to transforming Warangal into a major urban centre, stating that the city would witness development on par with Hyderabad. Speaking at the "Praja Palana – Pragati Bata" meeting, he highlighted Warangal's historical significance and the crucial role played by the people of the erstwhile district and students of Kakatiya University in the Telangana movement. As part of the development initiatives, the Chief Minister announced a budget allocation of ₹6,500 crore for key infrastructure projects, including the Outer Ring Road and an underground drainage system. He also emphasised that the state government had



fulfilled its promise of establishing an airport in Warangal and vowed to continue efforts to set up a Kazipet Railway Division. Virtual Inauguration of Projects

in Station Ghanpur The Chief Minister virtually inaugurated multiple development projects from Shivunipalli, Station Ghanpur constituency, amount-

ing to ₹630.27 crore. Some of the major projects include: ₹200 crore for a Young India Integrated Residential School in Konaayachalam village, Jafargadh mandal. ₹5.5 crore for a degree college in Ghanpur. ₹45.5 crore for a 100-bed hospital. ₹26 crore for an Integrated Divisional Level Office Complex. ₹148.76 crore for the second phase of the Devadula project and RS Ghanpur main canal lining works. Approval for 512 Indiramma houses. Expansion of several roads and establishment of new substations. Empowering Women Through Financial Support Revanth Reddy distributed ₹102.1 crore under the Mahila Shakti scheme, providing seven RTC buses to self-help groups (SHGs). Additionally, he

handed over cheques worth ₹92.74 crore to 48,717 SHGs in the erstwhile Warangal district as an interest subsidy on bank loans. Another ₹100.93 crore was sanctioned for 1,289 SHGs in Jangaon district. Leaders in Attendance The event witnessed the participation of Ministers Konda Surekha, Danasari Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Chief Minister's Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, MP Kadiyam Kavaya, local MLA Kadiyam Srihari, and other district representatives. With large-scale investments and infrastructure expansion, the Chief Minister's vision for Warangal aims to position it as a key urban hub in Telangana, driving regional growth and development.



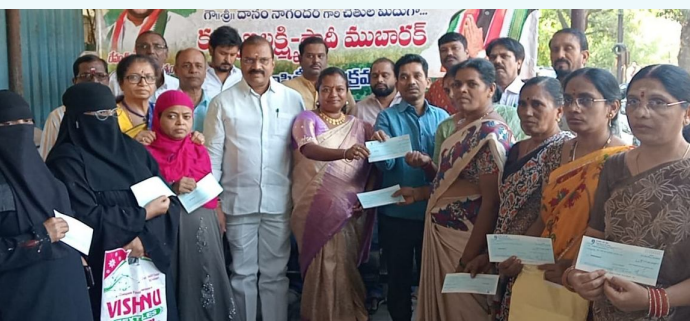
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The new Amavasya Jatara festival at the Sri Nookambika temple in Anakapalli, North Andhra, was organized with the support of our beloved leader, former minister, local MLA Konatala Ramakrishna, and the leaders of the Kootami government. It is well known that the festival was conducted as a state event. On this occasion, to ensure that devotees visiting the temple in large numbers do not face any inconvenience, Janasena party constituency in-charge Bhimara Shetty Ramki, under the directions of Sri Konatala Ramakrishna, toured the temple surroundings and gave several suggestions to the officials. These included maintaining queue lines, providing drinking water, distribution of prasadam, setting up toilets, hair cutting (Keshakhandana), parking arrangements, and ensuring cleanliness in the temple surroundings without any litter or garbage. Since the heat was intense, he directed the officials to provide drinking water, buttermilk, and milk for small children at regular intervals for the devotees standing in the queue. He also advised that arrangements should be made in such a way that devotees can have a hassle-free darshan of the goddess and leave without any difficulty during the 30-day-long new Amavasya Jatara Mahotsav. The event saw the participation of special festival officer K. Shobharani, temple assistant commissioner and EO Vempali Rambabu, DSP Shrvan, CIs TV Vijay Kumar, Venkatanarayana, municipal electricity officials, former chairman of Nookambika temple Pilla Nagasreenu, Kootami leaders, workers, and others.

Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud distributed Kalyana Lakshmi and Shadi Mubarak Cheques



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Himayat Nagar Division Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud distributed Kalyana Lakshmi and Shadi Mubarak Cheques to the beneficiary with the behest of Khairatabad legislators Danam Nagender today. A total of 18 cheques were distributed at the event, including 10 Cheques Shadi Mubarak 8 Kalyana Lakshmi V. Nampally Emmarvo M. Prem Kumar Congress senior leaders G Raman Goud, Priya Raj, Madhavi, Mahesh Jaswal, Ramesh, Sandeep, Shekhar, Jagdish, Abhishek and others participated in the event

Inauguration of the office of the Madipally Zonal Education Officer

Medipally March:17 (Metro udayam) : Medipally Zonal Education Officer New Office was inaugurated on Monday by CEO G Srinivas Reddy. To this extent they said that the office has been opened to educational institutions and students.



Install Green Mat Roofs at Traffic Signals to Provide Relief from Rising Heat -Keshaboina Sridhar-

Hyderabad, March 17, Metroudayam

With summer temperatures rising in Hyderabad, commuters, pedestrians, and two-wheeler riders are facing extreme heat stress while waiting at traffic signals. In view of this, Keshaboina Sridhar, General Secretary of Hyderabad Central BJP OBC Morcha, has urged the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to install Green Mat Roofs at major traffic signals and busy junctions across the city. In a state-



ment, Keshaboina Sridhar highlighted that the scorching sun is causing severe discomfort to the public, often leading to

health issues such as heat strokes and dehydration. Installing Green Mat Roofs will not only provide shade but also help in reducing

the surrounding temperature, improve air quality, and encourage better traffic compliance.

He requested GHMC to initiate this project at key locations as a pilot initiative, which can later be expanded across the city. He emphasized that such an eco-friendly solution would contribute to making Hyderabad a more livable and sustainable city. He urged GHMC authorities to take immediate action to implement this much-needed public welfare measure.

Young people and students should play sports for psychological merry.



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On the occasion of SFI-DYFI Bhagat Singh youth festivals The final match in the HMWS cricket ground was inaugurated by former SFI state sec-



retary Srinivas, Amberpat CI Ashok and DYFI state secretary Venkatesh. Speaking on the occasion, they congratulated the Hyderabad Cricket League as part of the youth festivities on the occasion of Bhagat

Singhs anniversary. He said that the talents of the students of Hyderabad, the students and the youth, are conducting games competitions. Drugs should be avoided for drugs. Bhagat Singh called for the development of the country. It is best to take a program called Say Note Drugs on the occasion of Bhagat Singh's anniversary. Bhagat Singh said that the life of Bhagat Singh should be read by everyone. JK Srinivas, Chairman of the event, JK Srinivas. Hyderabad Secretary Ashok Reddy, Lenin, Dyfi District President Secretary La Javid, Hasmi Babu, Nagender, Likita, Ramya, Hasmithi, Rajayy.

Allocate the 20% budget for education sector

- Aam Aadmi Party Telangana State Convener Dr Diddi Sudhakar demands

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Aam Aadmi Party Telangana state convener Dr Diddi Sudhakar has demanded that the Telangana state government be introduced in the state budget in the state budget. In a statement released from the AAP state office on Monday, it is shameful that the country is the last in the country in Telangana education. The

state government needs to recognize the importance of education and the need to allocate more funds for education in this budget. The closure of public schools and colleges should be stopped immediately and resolved the problems of public schools and colleges across the state, providing infrastructure, strengthening and replac-



ing the posts of vacant teachers, lecturers and professors. More than 90% of the lower classes in the state have to pay more funds for education and pay their pending scholarships and fee reimbursement immediately. Dr. Diddi Sudhakar demanded immediate implementation of the State Education Commission Report.

Discipline and confidence

- Will increase with karate practice



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karate practice will increase the discipline and confidence. Health Secretary Sri Shanti Swarup Leele said. He was awarded colour belts and certificates to 25 students at the Bergade Test held at the Kachiguda Health League Ground on Monday. Sujun was presented with prestigious Black Belt Japan D, Mukund, Naveen Nayak, Krishna, Gopal, Srikanth, Sensei Damodar Nayak and others participated in the event. Mukund, Naveen Nayak, Krishna, Gopal, Srikanth, Sensei Damodar Nayak and others participated in the event.

Motorists Must Wear Helmets



Two-wheeler riders must wear helmets and adhere to traffic and road safety rules, stated Two Town Traffic SI K. Srilakshmi. A special drive was conducted on Sunday under the leadership of Visakh East Sub-Division Circle 01 Traffic CI M. Sreenu. During this drive, 16 individuals traveling without helmets were identified, and their vehicles were seized.

On Monday morning, Traffic SI Srilakshmi inspected the documents related to the vehicles and returned the two-wheelers. She emphasized the use of quality helmets and created awareness about the risks of not wearing one and the benefits of wearing a helmet. She stated that wearing a helmet could save lives in case of accidents. She urged everyone to work together to reduce road accidents and pointed out that most road accidents occur due to driving under the influence of alcohol. SI Srilakshmi asked everyone to follow traffic rules and cooperate with the police.



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WHAT PURITY IS?

Be pure, be pure!
Wide spread saying!
Not catching inside meaning!
Never observe in depth!

Whether refers external or internal purity is stressed!
Like swimming in shallow waters!
True meaning not coming out!
Purity is of two kinds!
One physical other mental!

First one pertaining to body!
Neatness and cleanliness!
It is a routine process, to keep hale and healthy!
It is called external purity!

The second one internal purity!



Entirely relates to mind and heart!
Good thoughts, helping nature,
Kind and generosity!
Not feeling proud, treating all equal!
Possessing forgiving nature!

If second quality of purity is not there!
No use of physical purity.

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Maestro

When fingers glide upon the drum,
a thousand rhythms awaken—
soft murmurs that rise from the Earth,
spiraling upward, touching the heavens.
Each beat becomes a pulse of life,
a song to soothe the restless Soul.

In Zakirs hands, the tabla breathes—
a voice between Worlds,
where the mortal dissolves into the Divine.
With every stroke,
a story unfurls without need for words,
time folding into itself,
silence shaped into sound.

The air shimmers with the Grace of a raga,
each note painting invisible Skies,
koyals answering from distant groves,
waves lifting,
Stars stirring from slumber.

Listeners, entranced,
bend to the Earth as if it



were sacred—
for in that moment,
nothing separates ground from Sky.
His hands conjure something infinite,
a magic that binds the Universe together in quiet awe.

O master of rhythm,
bearer of dreams,
you give the World not merely music,
but a breath, a prayer,
a place where silence listens.

Zakir—
your art endures,
woven into the fabric of time,
where every echo finds a home
and every heart finds its peace.

Smt. Latha Murthy

Priyamani stuns in cream elegance

Actress Priyamani once again captivated fans with her impeccable style at the IIFA Awards. Following her intense performance in the Malayalam thriller Officer on Duty, she turned heads on the red carpet, exuding grace and sophistication. Draped in a cream-colored sleeveless gown that accentuated her flawless figure, Priyamani embodied elegance. Complementing her look with matching heels and a sleek high bun, she was the epitome of glamour, earning her the title of the "Beautiful Cream Girl" of the evening. Her poise and charm made her one of the standout celebrities of the night. On the professional front, Priyamani is gearing up for her upcoming Tamil film Jana Nayagan and the Kannada project Khaimara. With her versatility and unwavering presence across multiple industries, she continues to prove why she remains a force to be reckoned with in Indian cinema.

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आकिल दुश्मन (बुद्धिमान शत्रु) अहमक दोस्त (बुद्धिहीन मित्र) से बेहतर होता है। क्यों के दुश्मनी भी उसूल के साथ निभाया करता है।.. (शकील उवाचा - 303)

इंसान को चाहिए के जहां तक हो सके प्रेम और मैत्री को अपने हृदय में अधिष्ठित किया जाए और नफरतों को मिटा दिया जाए। क्योंकि जिसके भी दिल में नफरत और दुश्मनी (शत्रुता) पनपती है उसके दिल में सुकून नहीं रहता। जो भी शत्रुता रखता है वह उस शत्रुता के नतीजे में निदामत (लज्जा) ही पाता है। जबकि प्रेम और मैत्री इंसान की इज्जत बढ़ाते हैं।

इंसान की एक आदत है के वह जिसे चाहता है उसकी कोई भी बुराई वह नहीं देख पाता लेकिन वह जिसे नहीं चाहता उसकी छोटीसी गलती भी उसे बहुत बड़ी नजर आती है। हम जिसे चाहते हैं उसकी हर खता नजर अंदाज की जाती है। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब (अ.) फर्माते हैं के, "इंसान के दो ही मुकाम हैं, एक वह दिल में उतर जाता है या दूसरा वह दिल से उतर जाता है।" दुश्मनी दिल से उतार देती है और दोस्ती दिल में जगह देती है।

दुश्मनी के भी कुछ उसूल होते हैं। उन उसूलों को केवल वही दुश्मन निभाता है जो आकिल याने बुद्धिमान होता है। और ऐसा बुद्धिमान शत्रु भी मिलना बड़ी नसीब की बात है, क्योंकि ऐसा दुश्मन बुद्धिहीन दोस्त से बेहतर होता है। इस बारे में पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब (अ.) फर्माते हैं



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जो आदमी अपने दुश्मन से असावधान रहता है वह अपने दुश्मन के धोखाधड़ी में आसानी से फंस जाता है। इंसान को हमेशा अपने दुश्मन के बारे में होशियार रहना चाहिए। हजरत इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब (अ.) फर्माते हैं के, "जो अपने दुश्मन से गाफिल जो जाता है वह उस (शत्रु) के मक़्रो फरेब (धोखाधड़ी) का शिकार हो जाता है।" (हैदरी कुतुबखाना, मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब अदावत, 143, हदीस क्रमांक 28, पुष्ट क्रमांक 315)।

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Helping Hands

Lending a hand, a helping deed,
Is a service thats truly in need.
A selfless act, a gesture so kind,
Can change a life, leave a heart and mind.

In times of strife, when troubles abound,
A helping hand can turn lives around.
A listening ear, a comforting word,
Can soothe the soul, and calm the bird.

Helping others, a service so true,
Is a gift thats given, with a heart thats anew.
Its a chance to make a difference, to shine,
To leave a mark, thats truly divine.



So lets lend a hand,
and help those in need,
For in serving others,
our own hearts are freed.
For helping hands, are a service so grand,
A gift thats given, from a heart thats truly in demand.

Rathod Latha
(Teacher)
Adilabad

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MISSILE MAN OF BHARAT

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, also known as the Missile Man of India was a renowned scientist, engineer, and statesman who served as the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. Here are some of his notable achievements:

Dr. Kalam was born on October 15, 1931, in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India. He came from a humble background and was raised by his parents, Jainulabudeen and Ashiamma. Dr. Kalam completed his schooling in Rameswaram and later moved to Trichy to pursue his undergraduate degree in physics.

Dr. Kalam's career spanned over five decades, during which he worked as a scientist, engineer, and administrator. Some of his notable achievements include:

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO): Dr. Kalam joined ISRO in 1963 and worked on various projects, including the development of Indias first satellite launch vehicle, SLV-3.

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO): Dr. Kalam joined DRDO in 1980 and worked on various defense projects, including the development of Indias first missile, Agni.

President of India: Dr. Kalam was elected as the 11th President of India in 2002 and served a five-year term.

Author and Educator: Dr. Kalam wrote several books, including Wings of Fire Ignited Minds and The Luminous Sparks He was also a visiting professor at several institutions, including the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

Achievements and Awards
Dr. Kalam s achieve-

ments and awards are numerous:

1. Padma Bhushan: Dr. Kalam was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1981 for his contributions to science and technology.
2. Padma Vibhushan: Dr. Kalam was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1990 for his contributions to science and technology.
3. Bharat Ratna: Dr. Kalam was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1997 for his outstanding contributions to science and technology.
4. International Awards: Dr. Kalam received several international awards, including the King Charles II Medal from the Royal Society, UK.

Legacy
Dr. Kalam s legacy is immense:

Inspiration to Youth:
Dr. Kalam inspired millions of young people to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Contributions to Science and Technology:
Dr. Kalam s contributions to science and technology helped India become a major player in the field of space exploration and missile technology.

Leadership and Vision:
Dr. Kalam s leadership and vision helped shape Indias scientific and technological landscape.

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam passed away on July 27, 2015, but his legacy continues to inspire people around the world.

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Vishwak Sen's House Robbed: ₹2 Lakh Diamond Ring Stolen, Police Investigating



Theft in Vishwak Sen's house

Tollywood actor Vishwak Sen's house was robbed. A thief, who broke into Vishwak Sen's house in Film Nagar, reportedly stole a diamond ring worth ₹2 lakhs, according to a police complaint. According to the complaint filed by Vishwak Sen's father, Karate Raju, on March 17, when he returned from his morning walk, the door of the house was open. Upon entering, he noticed that the diamond ring worth ₹2 lakhs was missing. Immediately, he filed a complaint at the local police station. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway, the police stated. The police identified an unknown bike in front of Vishwak Sen's house in the CCTV footage. The investigation is ongoing, with a focus on the person who may have committed the robbery. Vishwak Sen's father, Karate Raju, is a martial arts karate instructor. Vishwak Sen's real name is Dinesh Prasad Naidu, but he changed his name to Vishwak Sen after entering the film industry. His father also produced the film Falaknuma Das, in which his son starred as the hero and also directed. Vishwak Sen's last two films incurred significant losses at the box office. Mechanic Rocky, which was released in November 2024, received positive reviews but failed to meet box office expectations. His February 14 release Laila was a disaster, failing to recover even ₹1 crore, falling short of its ₹8 crore break-even target. Currently, Vishwak Sen is working on a movie titled Funky, directed by Anudeep, known for the success of Jathiratnalu.

Pradeep Machiraju's 'Akkada Ammayi Ikkada Abbayi' locks April 11 release date



After making an impressive debut with 30 RojulloPreminchadam Ela, popular TV anchor-turned-actor Pradeep Machiraju is set to return with his much-awaited second film, AkkadaAmmayilkkadaAbbayi. Directed by the Nitin-Bharath duo, the film blends romance, family drama, and rural action to offer a wholesome entertainer. The film stars Deepika Pilli as the female lead, marking an exciting on-screen pairing. Backed by Monks & Monkeys banner, the film is expected to appeal to both youth and family audiences. Adding to the excitement, the makers have officially announced that Akkada Ammayi Ikkada Abbayi will hit theaters worldwide on April 11, making it one of the big releases of the summer. The release date poster, featuring Pradeep and Deepika being chased by a gang, has further piqued curiosity. The film has already gained attention, with the first look and two released singles receiving a highly positive response. The supporting cast includes Vennela Kishore, Satya, and Getup Srinu, with MN Balreddy handling cinematography and KodatiPavankalyan serving as the editor. Sandeep Bolla has penned the story and dialogues, while AsishtejaPulala is the production designer. With the release date locked, the team is gearing up for intensive promotions, promising a fun-filled cinematic experience this summer.

Nithin's 'Robinhood' gears up for release with grand event at SRKR College

The much-awaited heist comedy Robin Hood, starring Nithin and Srileela, is set to hit the big screens on March 28. Directed by Venky Kudumula and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the film also features Kiriti Rajendra Prasad in a pivotal role. With its promotional content already generating excitement, the songs composed by GV Prakash Kumar have become instant chartbusters. To amplify the buzz, the makers recently organized a grand promotional event at SRKR Engineering College, Bhimavaram, where the film's team interacted with an energetic



crowd. Speaking at the event, Nithin playfully requested the college principal to declare a holiday on March 28 or encourage students to mass bunk to watch Robin Hood. He expressed his excitement

about visiting the college and urged everyone to watch the film, promising a complete entertainer. Srileela, the film's leading lady, also encouraged the audience to catch the film in theaters, stating, "This is

a perfect movie for a study break. You will enjoy it a lot." Director Venky Kudumula compared the film's songs to different types of students, humorously categorizing them as high achievers, backbenchers, and those who follow unconventional paths like producer Y Ravi Shankar, an SRKR alumnus. Producer Y Ravi Shankar expressed his gratitude towards the college, calling it an emotional homecoming. Confident about the film's success, he urged audiences to watch Robin Hood in theaters and promised a blockbuster entertainer.

'Court – State vs A Nobody' team celebrates success

The latest sensation from Wall Poster Cinema, Court – State vs A Nobody, starring Priyadarshi, has taken the box office by storm. Directed by Ram Jagadish and produced by PrashanthiTipirneni, with Deepti Ganta as co-producer, the film received an overwhelming response during its premieres. Released worldwide on March 14, the courtroom drama has been declared a unanimous blockbuster, with packed theatres and exceptional reviews. To mark this achievement, the team hosted a "Celebration of Audience Verdict" event.

Natural Star Nani, speaking at the event, expressed his gratitude to the audience: "I have always believed in two things—scripts and audiences. The script won our team over, and the audience turned Court into a success. This weekend felt like a festival, and I am proud of the entire team. The journey of Court has just begun, and I believe its name will resonate for a long time." Lead actor Priyadarshi reflected on the film's impact post-Balagam, stating, "When Ram narrated the story, I felt its power instantly. Deepti and Prashanthi's support propelled us to great heights. Every mem-



ber of the team has given their best, and I'm grateful for this journey." Veteran actor Shivaji called Court a once-in-a-lifetime role, likening Nani to Superstar Krishna for backing bold cin-

ema. Director Ram Jagadish shared his pride in the film's success, while actors Rohini, Harsha Vardhan, and Shubhalekha Sudhakar praised the film's writing and execution.

IPL 2025: Veteran Faf du Plessis appointed vice-captain of Delhi Capitals

Veteran batter Faf du Plessis has been appointed as the vice-captain of Delhi Capitals for the upcoming 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) season. The franchise shared the news through its social media accounts on Monday.

"You mean right now? I'm at home, where else would I be? Yes, that's true, I'm vice captain of DC and I'm very excited. Delhi's been great, the boys have been fantastic, definitely feel happy and I feel ready," said du Plessis in a video posted by the franchise on its social media accounts. The Delhi-based franchise acquired du Plessis at the base price of Rs 2 crore in last year's mega auction in Jeddah. He was released by his previous franchise - Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) - ahead of the auction.

The development means that the Proteas batter will now be a sure starter in DC's playing eleven, and will aid captain Axar Patel in crucial decision making skills on and off the field. Du Plessis, who captained South Africa in international cricket, led RCB previously in IPL seasons 2022-24. As the RCB skipper, du Plessis led the team in 42 matches, with 21 wins and as many losses, and the win-loss ratio standing at 1.000. Under



him, the side reached the playoffs twice, but lost in the Eliminator on both occasions. In the last five years, du Plessis has amassed 2,718 runs in 74 innings of the IPL. Du Plessis and Axar will work in their respective leadership roles with a new coaching staff at DC, comprising Hemang Badani (head coach), Venugopal Rao (director of cricket), Munaf Patel (bowling coach), Matthew Mott (assistant coach),

Kevin Pietersen (mentor), Gnaneswara Rao and Anton Roux (fielding coaches). DC will begin their IPL 2025 campaign by hosting Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam on March 24. DC are one of three teams alongside Punjab Kings and Royal Challengers Bengaluru to have never won an IPL title.