



PM Modi greets 'good friend' Chandrababu Naidu on his birthday

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday greeted Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on his birthday, calling him a 'good friend'. The Prime Minister conveyed his good wishes to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President and prayed for his long and healthy life. Andhra Pradesh cuisine "Best wishes to my good friend and Andhra Pradesh CM Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu Garu. It is commendable how he is tirelessly working for the development of AP, with a focus on futuristic sectors. Praying for his long and healthy life," PM Modi posted on X. Andhra Pradesh cuisine Union Home Minister Amit Shah also conveyed warm birthday greetings to Chief Minister Naidu. "Your dedicated efforts will certainly lead Andhra Pradesh to new heights of progress. Praying for your healthy and long life," wrote Amit Shah. Also Read - CM

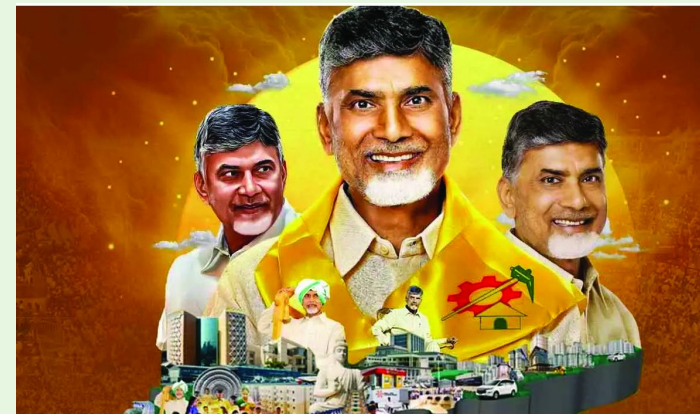


Chandrababu seeks support from 16th finance commission for state reconstruction Naidu, whose TDP is a key partner in the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre, thanked both the Prime Minister and Home Minister for their greetings. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan also greeted Naidu on his 75th birthday. The Jana Sena Party leader posted on X that only a visionary like Chandrababu Naidu can revive the progress of a state that has become economically stag-

nant, development has become impossible, and law and order has deteriorated. "Heartfelt birthday greetings to such a skilled administrator. The vision and enthusiasm shown by Shri Chandrababu Naidu, who is serving as the Chief Minister for the fourth time, is amazing. His approach of predicting the future in advance and running the systems accordingly is inspiring. On the auspicious occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, I pray to God to grant Sri Chandrababu

Naidu a long life and happiness," said the actor-politician. Former chief minister and YSR Congress Party president Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy also wished a peaceful and healthy long life to Chandrababu Naidu. Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao also took to X to wish happy birthday to Naidu. Union Minister for Coal G. Kishan Reddy and Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar also conveyed their best wishes to Naidu. Telugu superstar K. Chiranjeevi also greeted Chandrababu Naidu, saying Telugus are truly lucky to have a hard-working, visionary, passionate and committed leader like him. "May you be blessed with a long life filled with good health, happiness, a long and fulfilling stint in public service with the contentment of realising your vision for the people of Andhra Pradesh," wrote Chiranjeevi.

CM Chandrababu's 75th Birthday Celebrated with Grandeur in Anakapalli



The 75th birthday celebrations of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu were held in a grand manner near the camp office of Home Minister Vangalapudi Anita in Nakkapalli, Anakapalli district. A 75-kilogram cake was cut to commemorate the occasion, during which local leaders and activists gathered to extend their wishes. Home Minister Anita took the opportunity to announce a food distribution initiative for the underprivileged, serving meals to those in need. She expressed her heartfelt wishes for Chandrababu, stating, "I wish that Chandrababu, who is equal to God, may live a full hundred years in good health." Anita further praised him as a visionary leader and a "warrior" committed to the welfare of future generations. Minister Vangalapudi Anita proclaimed herself as Chandrababu's devoted disciple, crediting him as her inspiration and mentor. "He is preparing plans to position Andhra Pradesh at the forefront by 2047," she noted, highlighting his dedication to the people through his "golden family." She also commended his resilience and dedication, recalling his significant efforts for the community during the Hud Hud cyclone. Andhra Pradesh cuisine The celebrations were marked by a spirit of unity and gratitude, with Minister Anita affirming that Chandrababu Naidu remains an influential leader, known for standing with the people, even in times of crisis.

Purandeshwari lays stone for cancer hospital in Mullapudi, express concern on cancer cases

BJP state president Purandeshwari has virtually laid the foundation stone for a new Citizens Force Cancer Hospital & Research Institute in Mullapudi village, located within the Pamarru constituency of Krishna district. Speaking at the ceremony, she reflected on her personal experiences, revealing her mother Basavarama Tarakam succumbed to lymphoma cancer, which inspired her commitment to cancer care through the Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital. Purandeshwari highlighted the growing cancer crisis in India, noting that currently, nine people per lakh are diagnosed with the disease, often leading families into poverty due to overwhelming medical expenses. To address this issue, she mentioned the



central government's health insurance initiative, Ayushman Bharat, which aims to alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with treatment. Emphasising the need for improved medical infrastructure in rural areas, the BJP MP pointed out that while medical facilities tend to be concentrated in urban settings, there is an

urgent need to enhance services in less accessible locations. She also noted an alarming rise in cervical and breast cancers among women and underscored the importance of not only reducing cancer rates but also minimising the suffering of patients. Furthermore, Purandeshwari announced that the central government has committed to establishing cancer care centres in every district, a move she believes is vital, especially in the wake of increased cancer and kidney diseases following the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite governmental efforts, she acknowledged the challenge of reaching remote communities, suggesting that more must be done to ensure adequate healthcare access for all.

Nara Lokesh Releases Video Guide on Mega DSC Applications

Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh has released a video tutorial providing guidance on the application process for the DSC. The initiative aims to assist prospective candidates in navigating the application procedure effectively. The government has launched the Mega District Selection Committee (DSC) notification for the recruitment of 16,347 teaching positions across the state. The comprehensive details regarding the Mega DSC, including related Government Orders (GOs), an overview of the available teacher posts, examination schedules, syllabus, and information about assistance centres, have been made accessible on the School Education Department's official website.



Public participation must for a cleaner Andhra: Minister Janardhan Reddy

Banaganapalle (Nandyal district): Public cooperation is the key to the success of social initiatives like Swachh Andhra, said Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads & Buildings, Investments, and Infrastructure, BC Janardhan Reddy, while participating in the Swarnandhra - Swachh Andhra program held in Banaganapalle on Saturday. As part of the event, Minister Janardhan Reddy actively took part in collecting electronic waste, including old mobile phones, TVs, and other damaged electronics, which were then deposited in designated dustbins set up at the local gram panchayat office. Demonstrating personal commitment,



he also participated in cleaning the locality and administered the Swachh Andhra pledge to local residents, officials, public representatives, and volunteers. Hyderabad nightlife Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said, "As part of our

vision for Swarnandhra 2047, we are organizing Swachh Andhra Day across the state on the third Saturday of every month. Today's theme focused on the collection and safe recycling of electronic waste (e-waste), which is crucial for sustainable environmental management." He emphasized the importance of the Reduce, Reuse, recycle (RRR) mantra and highlighted that e-waste collection centers are being established statewide to streamline the safe disposal and recycling process. "Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu envisions a circular economy where waste is transformed into wealth. In line with this vision, it is essential for officials,

citizens, and especially the youth to actively participate in these cleanliness drives," said the Minister. He called upon every individual to keep not only their homes but also their surroundings clean, thereby contributing to the realization of Swachh Andhra and Swachh Bharat dreams. The Minister expressed optimism that, with consistent efforts and public support, Banaganapalle, already 90% plastic-free and clean, will soon become a 100% clean town. He reiterated that public participation is the backbone of such social campaigns and urged everyone to join hands for a cleaner, greener future.

Sri Abhayanjaneya Swamy ... The temple committee invited MP Eatala to the Ganapati Shikhara Mahotsav ... BJP lines



Hyderabad, April: 20, Metroudayam

Under the auspices of the Sri Sai Baba Temple Committee in Nacharam Raghavendranagar, the temple committee will be held soon, such as Sri Abhaya Anjaneyaswamy, Sriganavathi Shikhara, Machino Station, Ratna Bathing, Navagrahas and Statue. As a result, Medchal parliamentary candidate Eatala Rajender was invited and felicitated with a memorial. Members of the temple committee, Medchal Urban Rangareddy district vice president Mallela Narsingarao, Damodar Reddy and Harikrishna Reddy were honored.

Free Medical Camp under the Jeera Club



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The Kims Sun Shine Hospital under the auspices of the Jeera Club has set up a free medical camp with the aim of serving the poor middle class people with a social perspective. Jeera Club President Gauri Shankar said. He said that many social service programs have been conducted in the presence of the Jeera Club, which began in 1937. Nearly 300 people have been conducting a variety of medical tests, including BP, sugar and eye medicine. He said their goal was to serve all people without any discrimination. The Jeera Club has also held sports competitions and cultural events. He said that in the coming days, the poor middle class people are willing to serve the people of the poor. He congratulated the Jeera Club members on social service activities. President M. Gauri Shankar and Vice President T. Pramod Reddy, Secretary K. Sridhar Rao, Treasurer B. Muralidhar, Members Vinod Kumar, Kamal Kishore Agarwal, Mohammed Sharif, P. Jagannath, Shankar Gajula, Srirang Ojha and others participated.



Uppal legislators BLRs daughter wedding ceremony. MLC Kavita Corporator Shanti Saizan Shekhar Attended.

Hyderabad, April 20, Metroudayam ...

Uppal legislator Bandari Lakshmareddy's daughter Aleksha Reddy wedding ceremony Participated and blessed the new bride and groom MLC Kalvakuntla kavita.



SURPRISE INSPECTION CONDUCTED BY DRM ON KONARK EXPRESS



In an effort to obtain first-hand feedback on passenger facilities and onboard amenities, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shri Lalit Bohra conducted a surprise inspection of the Bhubaneswar - CST Mumbai Konark Express today (20.04.2025). During the inspection, Shri Bohra reviewed the On-Board Housekeeping

Services (OBHS) and examined the quality of linen provided to passengers. He was accompanied by senior railway officials during the inspection. DRM Shri Lalit Bohra also interacted directly with passengers to gather feedback on cleanliness in the coaches and toilets, as well as the general upkeep of onboard facilities.



ties. He further inspected the pantry car, reviewing food safety standards and various safety measures in place in the Pantry Car. During his interaction, Shri Lalit Bohra urged passengers to refrain from trespassing on railway tracks, avoid littering and open defecation, and not to misuse emergency chain pulling. He also advised

passengers to remain vigilant about their belongings and to be cautious of incidents like mobile phone theft and drugging by miscreants. He encouraged passengers to report any suspicious or unattended items found onboard to railway staff or by calling the universal railway helpline at 139.

Mega Health Camp under the Greater Vaishya Youth Association



Hyderabad, April: 20, Metroudayam

Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi said that Health camps contribute to the elders. The mayor was the chief guest at the Greater Vaishya Youth Association in Abids Netaji Nagar on Sunday and the Mega Health Camp organized by Mamata Santosh Gupta Foundation. Afterwards, worshiped

at the temple and opened the mega health camp. The mayor said on the occasion ... The Greater vyshya Youth Association, the Mamata Santosh Gupta Foundation jointly organized by the mega health camp, contributes to this association. The services rendered are immense. In a way that is useful to people Mamata Santosh Gupta told him that the government schemes



along with such camps should be taken into their hands to the poor. The event was attended by former Gunfounder Division Ex Corporator Mamata Santosh Gupta, President of Greater Vaishya Youth Association, Vivek Yashki, Founder Alluri Kiran and General Secretary Chitti Saket. Treasurer Upendra Tatikonda and others participated.

Sahara Jyoti Foundation in Social Service



Buttermilk distribution for summer heat

Medchal April 20 (Metro udayam) There are many social service programs under the aegis of the Sahara Foundation.



On this occasion, a large -scale buttermilk distribution program was held on Sunday for pedestrians and motorists in ECIL Chaurasta Sahara Jyoti Foundation Foundation Founder Jyoti said that there are

many service programs under the slogan Happiness

Our Foundation is serving the elderly with 24/7 with all the facilities. Anil staff were present at the event

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extends Easter greetings, highlights message of truth and unity

On the occasion of Easter, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ and symbolising new life for humanity, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy conveyed his warm greetings to all Christian brothers and sisters. The Chief Minister stated that the holy

day of Easter carries the profound message of truth, compassion, faith, and unity in his message. He wished for peace and joy to prevail among all communities during this time of spiritual renewal and celebration.



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HEAVEN-HELL!

Where are these?
Unseen to any!
But spoken by all!
Sinners to hell!
Pious one to heaven!

But both are on earth!
Source is our act and thought!
Thinking ill of others!
Doing harm to others!
Both are reciprocal!

Happiness is heaven!
To feel Sorrow is hell!
No where heaven or hell!
In your deed and talk!
What you sow you reap!

Leave of punishment after death!
Ready made gift, either to act of sin or generosity!
back to you during tenure of life time!
Be kind to all, helpful to any!

Share neighbours diffi-



culties!
You can witness real heaven on earth only!
I ll treating, misbehaviour, rowdyism will have negative impact!
In turn you see hell only where you are!

Manliness is godliness that is heaven!
Harmful nature, selfishness is hell!
Both on earth during our life tenure!

Composed by:
B. Satyanarayana Rao,
(Ba..Sa.Raa)
Vijayawada.

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ब्रह्माण्ड पर
शासन करने
वाला परमात्मा
ही हम सबका
शासनकर्ता है,
जिसकी उपासना
करने का आदेश
हमें धर्म देता
है। उसके शासन
परिधि के बाहर
यहां कुछ भी
नहीं है।..
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ईश्वर को हवासे खामसा याने पांच इन्द्रियां अर्थात् आंख, कान, नाक, जिह्वा, और त्वचा से नहीं जाना जा सकता। ईश्वर को दृष्टि, श्रवण, गंध, स्वाद और स्पर्श आदि से नहीं जाना जा सकता। यह केवल किसी एक धर्म या पंथ का पाठ नहीं है बल्कि सच्चा धर्म और धर्म के सच्चे अलग अलग सभी पंथ यही तालीम (पाठ) दिए हैं। सभी सच्चे धर्मग्रंथ इसी बात की पुष्टी करते हैं। उपनिषदों में भी ब्रह्मा याने ईश्वर के बारे में, "न तत्र चक्षुर्गच्छति न वर्गच्छति नो मनो न विदमो न विजानिम्..." ऐसा कहा गया है।

केनोपनिषद में आया है कि, "वहां (उस ब्रह्म तक) नेत्रें द्रिय नहीं जाती, वाणी नहीं जाती, मन नहीं जाता। अतः जिस प्रकार शिष्य को इस ब्रह्म का उपदेश करना चाहिए वह हम नहीं जानते, वह हमारी समझ में नहीं आता। वह विदित से अन्य ही है तथा अविदित से भी परे है, ऐसा हमने पूर्व पुरुषों से सुना है जिन्होंने हमारे प्रति उसका व्याख्यान किया था।" (केनोपनिषद, गीताप्रेस गोरखपुर द्वारा प्रकाशित केनोपनिषद, सानुवाद



शांकारभाष्यसहित (पद - भाष्य एवं वाक्य - भाष्य), 01/03, पुष्ट क्रमांक 31)

सृष्टिकर्ता
एकेश्वर को छोड़कर अन्य किस. की उपासक मानने को सभी ज्ञानी, धार्मिक लोगों ने मना किया है। पवित्र कुरान में आया है कि, "सभी प्रशंसा उस अल्लाह (सु.) के लिए है जिसने बहुतेरे आसमानों और जमीन को पैदा किया और उसमें मुखलिफ किस्मों (विभिन्न प्रकार) के तारीकी और रोशनी (अधिकार और प्रकाश) को बनाया, फिर भी वे इनकार करने वाले अधर्मी अपने रब (पालनहार) के साथ दूसरों को बराबर मानते हैं।" (पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 06, सुराह अल अनआम, आयत क्रमांक 01)।

मानव को त्यागभाव अपनाने का आदेश धर्म देता है। त्यागभाव से तात्पर्य दुनिया से पलायन नहीं है बल्कि दुनिया में ही रहकर दुनिया से पृथक जीवन बिताना है। इस सारे ब्रह्माण्ड पर ईशान याने शासन करने वाला परमात्मा ही हम सबका शासनकर्ता है, जिसकी उपासना करने का आदेश हमें धर्म देता है। उसके शासन परिधि के बाहर यहां कुछ भी नहीं है। उस शासनकर्ता परमात्मा के आदेशों का पालन करते हुए जीवन बिताना ही उसकी उपासना कहलाती है।

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he Maestros Touch

When fingers dance upon the drum,
A thousand rhythms softly hum,
From Earth to heavens, notes ascend,
A Souls delight, a heart to mend.

Zakirs tabla, a breath Divine,
A bridge between the mortal line,
With every beat, a tale was spun,
Where silence spoke, and time was none.

The air would bloom with ragas Grace,
Each stroke a brush, a timeless space,
Koyals echoed, waves would rise,
As Stars awakened in the skies.

Listeners bowed, the ground they kissed,
For Earth to heaven, none had missed,
His hands would weave a magic true,
The Universe, in rap-



ture, grew.

Oh musics king, with art so rare,
He gave the World a dream to share,
Immortal rhythms, celestial streams,
Where tabla sings, and silence dreams.

Zakir, the maestro, we adore,
Your music lives forevermore,
A symphony, a whispered lore,
Where echoes dance and hearts restore

Smt. Latha Murthy

'Dear Uma' dedicates film's success to all women



The recently released film Dear Uma, produced under the Suma Chitra Arts banner, has struck a chord with audiences since its release on April 18. Written, produced, and headlined by Sumaya Reddy, the film has received a positive response both critically and commercially, prompting the makers to hold a success meet on Saturday to express their gratitude. Sumaya Reddy, the driving force behind the film, shared her joy, stating, "The media's support for Dear Uma has been phenomenal. In times when many films struggle to release, ours successfully made it to theatres, and that's already a big achievement. This film is our tribute to women, and I dedicate this success to every woman out there." She further credited her mother, younger brother, and her entire team for backing her throughout the journey. She added, "Dear Uma discusses life's beginnings and endings in hospitals. It's a meaningful subject, and I hope the film reaches more hearts." Director Sai Rajesh Mahadev acknowledged the current challenges in drawing audiences to theatres, saying, "Today, it's difficult to get audiences to the big screen, but with the help of media and strong word-of-mouth, we've managed to do that. I'm thankful to all the reviewers and well-wishers." Veteran actor Rajeev Kanakala also praised Sumaya's dedication. "She worked hard and made no compromises in production. The cinematography by Raj Thota and Radhan's music have been widely appreciated. I hope the film continues its successful run."

US Vice President JD Vance to land in India on Monday for four-day high-profile visit

New Delhi: US Vice President J.D. Vance, accompanied by his Indian-origin wife Usha Chilukuri Vance and their three children, is set to arrive in India on Monday for a four-day official visit as part of his broader international tour. The visit marks the first by a sitting US Vice President to India in over a decade, with the last being Joe Biden's trip in 2013. Having landed in Italy on Friday, Vice President Vance will touch down at Air Force Station, Palam, New Delhi on Sunday evening. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to host Vance for talks and dinner at his official residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, on Monday evening. The meeting is expected to cover the long-discussed India-US bilateral trade agreement and explore ways to deepen strategic and economic ties between the two democracies. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar are expected to join the discussions. Meanwhile, the US Vice President will be accompanied by a five-member high-level US delegation, including representatives from the Pentagon and the State Department. Following his engagements in the capital, Vance will fly to Jaipur



on April 21, where he will stay until April 24. On April 22, he will visit the iconic Amer Palace in the morning, where a traditional Rajasthani welcome awaits him and his family. They will don Jodhpuri 'safas' and enjoy folk performances, puppet shows, traditional attire, and regional cuisine during the two-and-a-half-hour tour. The palace will remain closed to the public for the duration of the visit, with 12 trained guides designated to assist and maintain protocol. Rajasthan Police personnel, including plainclothes officers, have been mobilised, and

a 20-vehicle convoy will support the US Vice President's movements. A specially-equipped ambulance with senior doctors and emergency medical infrastructure has been arranged as part of the VVIP protocol. Later that day, Vance will deliver a keynote address at the US-India Business Summit at the Rajasthan International Centre. The summit will see participation from top Indian and American officials, with Vance expected to articulate his vision for enhanced bilateral trade and investment. On April 23, Vice President Vance

will travel to Agra aboard a US Air Force aircraft for a visit to the Taj Mahal. After spending approximately three hours at the monument, he will return to Jaipur the same afternoon and visit the Jaipur City Palace. He is scheduled to meet Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and Governor Haribhau Bagade later on April 22. Vice President Vance will depart for Washington at 6:30 a.m. on April 24, concluding a visit that is expected to reinforce the growing partnership between the United States and India on both regional and global fronts.

Krithi Shetty serves summer realness



Krithi Shetty is turning up the heat this summer, and her latest fashion statement proves she's all about bold moves and breezy vibes. The actress, who's gearing up for her upcoming film LK with Pradeep Ranganathan, recently made a splash on social media with her effortlessly cool style—and fans are here for it. Krithi rocked a cream hoodie paired with casual blue denim shorts, topping off the look with eye-popping yellow sneakers from the cult-favorite Japanese brand Onitsuka Tiger. Lounging stylishly on a blue sofa with her hair cascading freely, she exuded relaxed glam with a splash of street-style flair. The look is a playful mix of comfort and edgy fashion, giving a serious nod to Tokyo's vibrant streetwear scene. It's flirty, fun, and bold—perfect for the sun-soaked season. Whether it's her confident stance or the cheeky pop of yellow on her kicks, Krithi is clearly channeling "Japan cutie" vibes without trying too hard. With this ensemble, she proves that staying comfy doesn't mean compromising on style. Summer fashion just got a serious upgrade—and Krithi Shetty is leading the charge.

Sivaji meets Sukumar: A moment of mutual admiration sparks buzz among fans



In a heartwarming moment that has captured the attention of Telugu cinema lovers, actor Sivaji recently met acclaimed filmmaker Sukumar. The meeting quickly turned into a celebration of mutual respect and appreciation, especially after Sukumar praised Sivaji's powerful performance in the critically acclaimed film Court. Known for his artistic storytelling and depth-driven characters, Sukumar didn't hold back in expressing admiration for Sivaji's role, calling it a standout performance in contemporary Telugu cinema. His recognition of the actor's craft has delighted fans, who have taken to social media in large numbers to echo the sentiment. Photos and mentions of their meeting have been circulating widely, with fans applauding both the veteran actor and the celebrated director for their commitment to meaningful storytelling. The candid interaction has not only boosted visibility for Court once again but also triggered speculation about a possible collaboration between the two. With both Sivaji and Sukumar renowned for their strong narratives and dedication to authentic cinema, fans are already imagining the creative possibilities that could emerge if the two join forces for a future project. While nothing has been officially announced, the meeting itself has sparked enough buzz to keep the excitement alive. Whether or not a collaboration is on the cards, the encounter stands as a testament to the power of artistic recognition and the mutual admiration that fuels the Telugu film industry.

'Shashtipoorthi' teaser unveiled: Ilaiyaraaja & Keeravani share the stage in a rare musical moment

The teaser launch of the upcoming Telugu film Shashtipoorthi turned into a star-studded celebration on Saturday at RK Cine Max, Hyderabad. The film, produced by Rupesh Choudhary under Maa Aayi Productions and directed by Pavan Prabha, stars Rupesh and Akanksha Singh in lead roles, alongside legendary actors Rajendra Prasad and Archana. Music maestro Ilaiyaraaja has composed the film's soundtrack, adding immense anticipation to the project. Hyderabad real estate The highlight of the event was Ilaiyaraaja unveiling the teaser himself. Music director M.M. Keeravani, who penned the lyrics for a soulful track "Yedo Yedeedo..." also attended, reminiscing about his deep-rooted admiration for



Ilaiyaraaja. Keeravani said the song, though written for the film, mirrored his personal journey and life-long connection with the legendary composer. Director Pavan expressed gratitude for collaborating with such stalwarts, while Akanksha Singh called the experience a dream come true. Lyricist Chaitanya Prasad said writing for

Ilaiyaraaja was a long-held aspiration, now fulfilled. Veteran actor Rajendra Prasad, who bowed at Ilaiyaraaja's feet, credited the composer for revitalizing his career with Ladies Tailor, and fondly recalled the bond they shared. Production designer Thota Tharani and cinematographer Ram also praised the passionate efforts of the

entire team. Ilaiyaraaja, moved by the affection, encouraged the debutants and said, "What matters is not how much music I know, but how much music knows me." The event ended with a strong sentiment — that Ilaiyaraaja truly deserves the Bharat Ratna.

Prasidh is a great prospect not only for GT, but for India, says Rayudu

New Delhi: After Prasidh Krishna replaced Noor Ahmad as the leading wicket-taker of IPL 2025, former India batter and multiple times IPL winner Ambati Rayudu said the tall pacer's potential benefits not only the Gujarat Titans (GT), but also the Indian team in future. At the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Prasidh picked 4-41 in GT's seven-wicket win over Delhi Capitals (DC) and took his overall tournament tally to 14, which is two more than the scalps picked by Noor in the competition. Prasidh had been out due to back and quadriceps injuries for a long time but left a strong impression by picking six wickets in the Sydney Test against Australia earlier this year and has just gone



from strength to strength. "He looks in great rhythm. His strength is hitting the pitch hard, but the ball he has bowled to KL Rahul was quite surprising and also it moved right at the end. He surprised KL Rahul, and he has a lot of variations - his slower ball is quite effective as well. I

think he's a great prospect not only for GT but for India also going forward," said Rayudu on ESPNCricinfo. Mark Boucher, the former South Africa player who coached Mumbai Indians, agreed with Rayudu's views, adding that Prasidh is bowling with good heat at the moment alongside

Mohammed Siraj and is benefitting GT big time in the competition. "I think he really enjoys bowling with Siraj in his team. He takes a bit of pressure off him as a sort of wicket-taker. His pace is up. He gets good bounce obviously because of his height. He's also getting nice and tight to off stump when he's delivering. So the ball doesn't have to do a lot. "KL's ball didn't swing a lot, but just swung enough. I think he's high on confidence at the moment; his release points are good, he's bowling with good heat, and it's a great position for him to be in and it's a great position for GT to have a guy who's not taking the new ball but is coming in the middle overs and taking wickets for them," he concluded.

Punjab FC reveal squad for Kalinga Super Cup ahead of Odisha FC clash

Punjab FC have announced squad for the Kalinga Super Cup ahead of their Round of 16 match against Odisha FC, which will be played at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Monday. Head coach Panagiotis Dilmeris has named the squad comprising the players who were part of the Indian Super League (ISL) season where the team finished 10th. He hopes that the mix of experience and youth will take the team ahead in the competition. Speaking on the announcement, Dilmeris said, "We have named a squad who have been together for the whole season. The team performed well in the ISL season even though we could not achieve our target of reaching the playoffs. We will take one game at a time in the competition and hope that we can go far in the competition. We have been training well and we are ready to perform." Punjab have a better head-to-head record against Odisha FC this season, winning one and drawing the other. In the first meeting, they edged past Odisha 2-1 with the help



of goals from Nihal Sudeesh and Leon Augustine while in the reverse fixture the game ended 1-1, with Petros Giakoumakis scoring the goal. The fifth edition of the Kalinga Super Cup kicks off on Sunday with Kerala Blasters FC taking on East Bengal FC. The winners of the tournament will qualify for the 2025-26 AFC Champions League Two Preliminary Round. East Bengal FC are the defending champions, having beaten Odisha FC in the 2024 final in Bhubaneswar. Odisha FC (2023), FC Goa (2019) and Bengaluru FC (2018) have been the past champions of the Super Cup. Unlike the last two years, where the

tournament witnessed a group stage followed by semifinals, this season will purely be in a knockout format like 2018 and 2019, meaning every game is 'do or die'. The round of 16 will be played on April 20, 21, 23 and 24, the quarter-finals on April 26 and 27, the semi-finals on April 30, and the final on May 3. Punjab FC squad: Goalkeepers: Ravi Kumar, Muheet Shabir, Ayush Deshwal. Defenders: Khaiminhang Lungdim, Melroy Assisi, Likmabam Rakesh Meitei, Tekcham Abhishek Singh, Ivan Novoselec, Pramveer Singh, Nongmeikapam Suresh Meitei. Midfielders: Nikhil Prabhu, Ricky John Shabong, Vinit Rai, Manglenhang Kipgen, Ashis Pradhan, Filip Mrzljak, Laishram Rishikanta Meitei. Forwards: Asmir Suljic, Petros Giakoumakis, Ezequiel Vidal, Mohammed Suhail F., Ninthoinganba Meitei, Nihal Sudeesh, Luka Majcen, Vishal Yadav, Leon Augustine. Reserves: Omang Dudum, Manav Singh, Singamayum Shami, Nitesh Darjee.