



Pope Francis will always be remembered as beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage: PM Modi

New Delhi/Vatican City: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that he was deeply pained by the passing of Pope Francis, who died on Easter Monday at the age of 88 at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta. Fondly recalling his meetings with the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, PM Modi said that Pope Francis will always be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage by millions across the world. "Deeply pained by the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. In this hour of grief and remembrance, my heartfelt condolences to the global Catholic community. Pope Francis will always be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage by millions across the world," PM Modi said in his condolence message.

"From a young age, he devoted himself towards realising the ideals of Lord Christ. He diligently served the poor and downtrodden. For those who were suffering, he ignited a spirit of hope. I fondly recall my meetings with him and was greatly inspired by his commitment to inclusive and all-round development. His affection for the people of India will always be cherished. May his soul find eternal peace in God's embrace," he added. Pope Francis, who had been suffering from respiratory ailments and pneumonia for a long time, passed away at 7:35 am on Monday, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Apostolic Chamber, announced Monday afternoon, India time. During his meetings with the late Pope, PM Modi had always admired his commitment to serve people and had

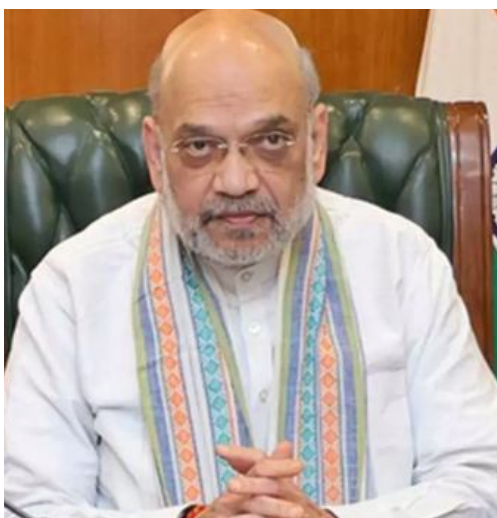


also extended an invitation to him to visit India at an early date. "Met Pope Francis on the sidelines of the G7 Summit. I

admire his commitment to serve people and make our planet better. Also invited him to visit India," the Prime Minister posted on X after meeting the Pope at the G7 Summit's Outreach Session in Borgo Egnazia, last year. In October 2021, the Pope received PM Modi during a private audience at the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican, which was also the first meeting between an Indian Prime Minister and the Pope in more than two decades. It was in June 2000 that late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had last visited the Vatican and met the then Pope, John Paul II. India and The Holy See have friendly relations dating back to the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1948. India is also home to the second-largest Catholic population in Asia.

HM Shah hails security forces' success in anti-Maoist op in Jharkhand

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday hailed the security forces' big success in anti-Maoist action in Jharkhand and reiterated the Government's resolve to eliminate Left Wing Extremism (LWE) by March 2026. "Our march to eliminate Naxalism continues unabated," said the Home Minister's Office (HMO) in a post on social media platform X. "Today security forces achieved another significant success in the ongoing operation to uproot Naxalism. In an encounter at Lugu Hills in Bokaro, Jharkhand, 8 Maoists were neutralised, including a top-level Naxal leader, Vivek, who carried a reward of Rs 1 crore, and two other notorious Naxalites. The operation is being continued. Applaud our security forces," said the HMO. HM Shah, during his visits to Chhattisgarh's Raipur and Jagdalpur in August and December 2024, issued stern warnings to the Maoists from various platforms, urging them to lay down their arms. He firmly stated that acts of violence would be met with decisive action by the security forces. HM Shah also declared an ambitious deadline,



stating that LWE would be eradicated from the country by March 31, 2026. Following this announcement, anti-LWE operations in several states have intensified significantly, reflecting the government's commitment to addressing the insurgency. In Jharkhand's operation on Monday, at least eight Maoists, including senior commander Prayag Manjhi alias Vivek, who carried a bounty of Rs 1 crore on his head, were killed in Bokaro district, officials said. The gun battle began around 5.30 a.m. on Monday with intermittent firing

reported from both sides. Officials said the number of casualties could rise further. Slain Maoist Manjhi, a central committee member of the CPI (Maoist), known by multiple aliases - Vivek Da, Phuchna, Nago Manjhi, and Karan Da - was active in the Parasnath hills and surrounding areas of Giridih over the past few months. Manjhi, originally a resident of Dalbudha in Tundi (Dhanbad district), was a key Maoist figure wanted in over 100 incidents across Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. In Giridih district alone, he was wanted in more than 50 cases. So far this year, 13 Maoists have been killed in encounters with security forces in Jharkhand. Police have set a target to make the state completely Maoist-free by the end of 2025. According to Jharkhand Police data, 244 Maoists have been arrested this year, while nine were killed in encounters prior to this operation. Additionally, 24 Maoists - including four zonal commanders, one sub-general commander, and three area commanders - have surrendered and joined the mainstream.

Andhra Pradesh class 10 results likely to be released on today

The Andhra Pradesh Board of Secondary Education is anticipated to release the Class 10 examination results on Tuesday, 22 April. The outcome will be unveiled during an official media briefing, where authorities will share important statistics including the overall success rate, performance comparison between boys and girls, and the highest scorers—offering a comprehensive insight into this year's exam results. Hyderabad nightlife Pupils who sat the exams between 17 and 31 March 2025 will be able to access their results via the board's official portal. To do so, candidates must visit results.bse.ap.gov.in and click on the link labelled 'AP SSC Result 2025'. They will then be prompted to enter their hall ticket number and date of birth in order to retrieve their digital marksheet. It is advisable to save or print a copy of the document for future reference. Reflecting on last year, the Class 10 results were also announced on 22 April, following examinations that ran from 18 to 30 March. In 2024, the overall pass rate stood at 86.69%, with female students recording a higher success rate (89.17%) compared to their male counterparts (84.32%). A total of 6,16,615 students took part in the exams that year, highlighting the vast scale of the evaluation process.



Telangana Shines at Osaka Expo: Showcasing Culture, Industry, and Innovation

The Osaka Expo is held once every five years. It brings together countries and regions from around the world. Each one showcases its culture, innovation, and progress. This year, Telangana made history. It became the first Indian state to be officially represented at the Osaka Expo 2025 in Japan. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, Shri Revanth Reddy, led the official #TelanganaRising delegation.



This marked the start of India's presence at the Expo. He was joined by Industries Minister Shri Sridhar Babu. Together, they were the first to enter the Bharat Pavilion and unveil the Telangana zone. This is also the first-ever visit by a Chief Minister of Telangana to Japan or to any World Exp At the event, Telangana will showcase its diverse culture, strong industries, traditional arts, tourism potential, and technological progress. The Telangana Pavilion includes many exhibits. These show the state's achievements and future opportunities. Through this global platform, Telangana hopes to attract international investments. It also aims to build stronger cultural and business partnerships.

PM on 2-day Visit to Saudi Arabia from Tomorrow

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Saudi Arabia from Tuesday is set to witness both sides expanding cooperation in an array of crucial areas, such as energy, defence and trade, besides expediting Riyadh's USD 100-billion investment plan for India. Modi will hold talks with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to boost the overall bilateral ties and exchange views on pressing regional and global issues, including the overall situation in the Middle East. Several memoranda of understanding (MoUs), including one on green hydrogen, are expected to be signed by the two sides following the Modi-Salman talks, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said at a press conference. There will be an effort to infuse a "strategic" dimension to the India-Saudi Arabia energy cooperation, he said, without elaborating. The Foreign Secretary said Modi's visit will provide an opportunity to build on the already strong strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia. Misri also indicated that there could be discussions on how to take steps to facilitate Saudi Arabia's plan to invest USD 100 billion in India as announced during the crown prince's visit to India in 2019. "Certain issues they had raised, and we have worked very constructively on those issues," Misri said. The High Level



Task Force on Investment (HLTFI) was set up in October 2023 to expedite the proposed investment, he said. Misri said India approached the issues flagged by the Saudi side with a "very open mind" and assured about addressing its "concerns". He said the implementation of the ambitious India-Middle East-Europe-Economic Corridor (IMEEC) project may figure in the talks between Modi and Salman. The Israel-Hamas conflict as well as the situation in Ukraine are also expected to figure in the talks.

Minor Driving is a Legal Offence Safe Travel Leads to a Better Life - Your Safety is Our Priority

Hyderabad, April :21,
Metroodayam

As per the instructions of Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Hyderabad City, Joel Davis, and DCP Traffic-1, Shri Rahul Hegde, an awareness program was organized at Begumpet Traffic Training Institute (TTI) under the supervision of Shri C. Venugopal Reddy, Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic-1 (North District), on the topic Road Accidents and Prevention through a PowerPoint presentation.

C.Venugopal Reddy, who graced the program as the chief guest, addressed the gathering and emphasized the following key points:

- In cases of minor driving, the parents or guardians are held responsible. may deny issuing a driving license to minors up to the age of 25. The vehicles Registration Certificate (RC) is liable to be suspended. Driving under the influence of alcohol



is a serious offence and endangers the lives of both the driver and others.

- Using a mobile phone while driving is a punishable offence under the Motor Vehicles Act.
- Over-speeding can turn out to be fatal accident and might make it your last day. Driving on the wrong side of the road poses a serious threat to both

drivers and pedestrians..Triple riding, over-speeding, and signal jumping are major causes of road accidents. Driving without a valid license due to lack of awareness can result in penalties and even imprisonment. Every individual must mandatorily obtain a driving license before operating a vehicle. Wearing a helmet is



the responsibility of every two-wheeler rider. Negligent driving has been the cause of accidents involving prominent individuals and students alike. He further added that youth are increasingly falling prey to drug abuse and becoming victims of cyber crimes, urging everyone to stay vigilant.

Around 170 individuals who violated traffic rules participated in the counseling session, accompanied by their family members. This program was effectively organized and conducted by Inspector Shri Nagula Ashok and the staff of TTI Begumpet, Hyderabad.



Hyderabad April:21 (Metro udayam)

Today, Himayat Nagar Division Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud has been immortal for the past few days in the light of street lights. Congress leaders G Raman Goud, Zaki, Sandeep, Jaiswal, Hitesh and Adarsh participated in the event.

Trouble to the people with the negligence of the municipal authorities

- Peerzadiguda 7th Division Vishnupuri Colony as the flood effected
- The residents of the colonist complaint about the negligence of the municipal authorities
- Action should be taken before the arrival of the monsoon season...Tungaturthi Ravi



Medipally April:21 (Metro udayam)

The 17th Division of the Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation, the Vishnupuri colony, is flooded with the floods and the colony is pushing the people in serious trouble. Colony residents have already complained to the municipal commissioner, but the colonists have criticized the lack of direct action so far. Against this backdrop, the colonists, women, local leaders and leaders of various parties under the command of Vishnupuri Colony President Amarnath have complained to the concerned authorities at the municipal office on Monday. Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation Congress President Tungaturthi Ravi responded by saying, 'Before the rainy season, the colony should not be threatened by the flood. He urged the officials to take immediate action to neglect the hardships of the people and take immediate action. It is necessary to take steps to protect their fundamental rights.'

Mettukady Prabhakar requests Joint Collector to undertake repairs of ponds for the development of fishermen..

Hyderabad, April :21,
Metroodayam

Hyderabad: For the development of fishermen, repairs of ponds should be undertaken immediately and ponds should be protected from encroachment. Mahabubnagar District Mudiraj Mahasabha District President Mettukady Prabhakar Mudiraj submitted a petition with various demands to the District Joint Collector for the development of fishermen in Mahabubnagar district as part of the public address on Monday. He demanded that the pending registration of FCS associations, elections for DFCS and FCS be held within the stipulated time. He requested that the joint



gle cutting work in ponds and ponds should be completed during the summer season and that the relevant authorities complete the necessary work to ensure that more water is stored during the rainy season. They want to undertake all the silt removal programs in ponds and ponds and get

the silt removal work done as per the regulations in partnership with FCS associations. Since the ponds were not recorded in the revenue records after the division of mandals and villages, there is an atmosphere of conflict between the two villages and therefore they want to record the ponds

in the revenue records so that they remain there. They demanded that elections be held immediately for the DFCS and FCS associations whose term has expired for 5 years as per the cooperative society regulations. They wanted to supply mobile vehicles on subsidy to the unemployed youth to sell fish. They wanted to provide fish marketing and investment loans to the youth and provide training to the fishing youth to manufacture value-added products. They wanted to allocate suitable space for selling fish in mandal and municipal centers. District Vice President of District Mudiraj Mahasabha Pasula Srinivas and others participated in this program.

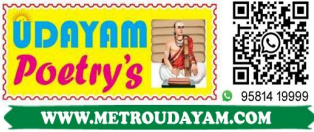
Former MLA Sunke Ravishankar Extends Support to the Ongoing Indefinite Strike of Contract Faculty at JNTUH, Kondagattu

Kodimial, April 21 (Metro udayam):

The indefinite strike by contract faculty at JNTUH, Kondagattu district jagtial entered its third day Monday. Demonstrating their protest in a unique manner, the faculty members stood barefoot under the scorching sun as a mark of resistance. Former MLA of the Choppadandi constituency Sunke Ravishankar visited the protest camp expressed his full solidarity with the striking faculty. Speaking on the occasion, he stated, 'During our BRS government we not only regularized JL, PL, DL posts but also initiated measures to regularize uni-

versity contract faculty. However, due to the elections and change in government, the process couldn't be completed. The current government despite promising to regularize them in their manifesto, has now issued G.O 21, is moving ahead with direct recruitments, thereby attempting to sideline contract faculty, which is unacceptable. We will not remain silent. We stand with you in every way and will support you until your rightful demands are fulfilled. Local BRS leaders including Krishna Rao, several contract faculty members also participated in the program.'





Nandamuri - the Legend

With every role, he breathed a Soul,
A master of craft, a heart so whole.
He donned each part with boundless Grace,
A Divine presence, a timeless face.

From Gods he brought to life on screen,
To human tales, heart-felt, serene.
Acting was not mere art to him,
It was a service, a sacred hymn.

He shattered the mold, redefined the hero,
No longer bound to looks or ego.
A Brihannala, unmatched, Divine,
In his portrayal, the heavens align.

As Girisams wit lit the stage,
He proved heroes come in every age.
Every story, every scene,
He made them immortal, evergreen.

A man of vision, bold and vast,
He forged a legacy meant to last.
With Telugu pride held high above,
He filled our hearts with endless love.

From cinemas throne to politics fight,
He shone like a star, his path alight.



In nine swift months, he rose so tall,
The voice of the people, answering their call.

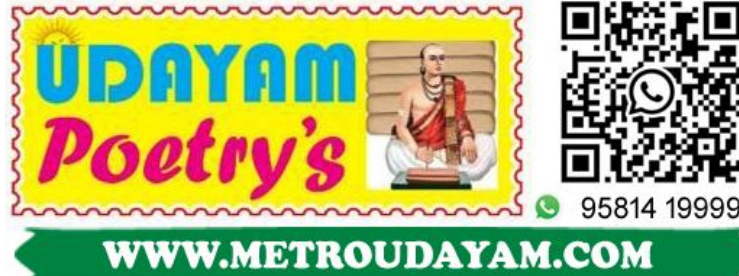
A leader who redefined the state,
His dreams for welfare never abate.
A warriors spirit, a lions roar,
He opened new paths, forevermore.

A cultural beacon, a name revered,
By Telugu hearts, hes always cheered.
With dignity, wisdom, and discipline,
He turned challenges to victories within.

A shining Sun in every sphere,
A name we hold forever dear.
NTR, a legend, a guiding flame,
The world will always honor his name.

Through history s pages, his tale shall flow,
A timeless hero, our hearts aglow.
Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, the Divine,
A legacy eternal, forever to shine.

- Smt. Latha Murthy



Let the Earth Breathe Free

(A Call for Peace, Justice, and Earths True Name)

Man claimed the Earth as rightful gain,
And drenched its soul in silent pain.
They fenced the fields with numbered chain,
Yet gave the sky no voice to explain.

They sold the wind, they scorched the stream,
They turned all life to profits scheme.
The hills were robbed of their green gleam,
And peace became a distant dream.

The Earth, once free, now bears their flame,
A captive ground in lux-urys name.
Man, once wise, now stoops in shame,
A sloth who cheats the living game.

He claims her soil as birthright land,
But spills her blood with greedy hand.
He mocks the worm, the root, the sand—
Yet wonders why no peace can stand.

No ant would hoard, no bird would blame,
But man builds walls



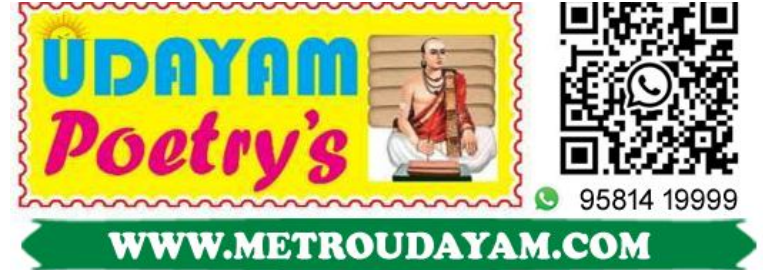
and seeks acclaim.
He wounds the Earth to rise in fame,
Yet blames the stars for wars wild flame.

Lets drop the pride, the poisoned aim,
Let nature breathe and break this chain.
Let all beings live the same,
With joy, with hope, without the shame.

Lets end the price on land and flame,
On trees that grow with none to claim.
On winds that breathe in Natures name,
On waters flow — lifes sacred frame.

Let humans rise with hearts aflame,
To heal the world and end the ruthless game.

By Bitavaram
Srimannarayana
Elukurthi Haveli
Warangal.



हमारी बुद्धि और हमारी समझ उस परमात्मा तक नहीं पहुंच सकते क्यों के हमारी बुद्धि और हमारी समझ की सीमा निर्धारित है, जबकि परमात्मा असिमित है। ... (सकील उवाचा - 337)



समस्त वंदना उसी एक सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के लिए है जिसकी उपासना करने का आदेश हमें धर्म ने दिया है। केवल उसकी उपासना हमारी मुक्तिप्रदाता है। हम लाख चाहकर भी उस ईश्वर की प्रशंसा पूरी तरह से कर नहीं सकते क्यों के प्रशंसा करने के लिए शब्दों का उपयोग होता है, जब के शब्द मर्यादित है और परमात्मा अमर्यादित। हमारी अक्ल (बुद्धि) और हमारी फहम (समझ) उस परमात्मा तक नहीं पहुंच सकते क्यों के हमारी अक्ल और हमारी समझ की सीमा निर्धारित है, सीमा सिमित है जबकि परमात्मा असिमित है।

उस सृष्टिकर्ता परमात्मा तक न हमारी दृष्टि पहुंच सकती है, न हमारी वाणी पहुंच सकती है। उस ईश्वर तक न ही हमारा मन पहुंच सकता है, और न ही हमारी बुद्धि पहुंच सकती है। यही बात हमने केनोपनिषद के 01/03 में हमने देख चुके है। जिसमें कहा गया है के, "ईश्वर तक नेत्रेन्द्रीय नहीं जाती, वाणी नहीं जाती, मन नहीं जाता। और वह ईश्वर वह विदित से अन्य तथा अविदित से भी परे है इसलिए हमारी समझ में नहीं आता के उस ईश्वर के बारे में उपदेश कैसे करना चाहिए।"

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तरा. धिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब (अ.) प्रकाशित हिन्दी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह के पहिले

प्रवचन में फर्माते हैं के, "समस्त वंदना उस अल्लाह (ईश्वर) के लिए है जिसकी प्रशंसा तक बोलने वालों की पहुंच नहीं। जिसकी नेमतों (प्रदानों) को गिनने वाले गिन नहीं सकते, ना प्रयत्न करने वाले उसका हक अदा कर सकते हैं।" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिन्दी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, खुतबा (प्रवचन) क्रमांक 01, पुष्ट क्रमांक 54)।

और इसी प्रवचन में हजरत इमाम अली अलेहिस्सलाम का फरमान है के, "... न बुलंद परवाज हिम्मतें (धैर्य) की ऊँची से ऊँची उड़ानें उस परमात्मा को पा सकती हैं। न अक्लो फहम (बुद्धि और समझ) की गहराइयां उसकी तह तक पहुंच सकती हैं। उसके पूर्णतम अस्तित्व की कोई सीमा निश्चित नहीं है। न उसके लिए प्रशंसा के शब्द है, न उसकी आरंभ के लिए कोई वक्त (काल) है जिसकी गणना की जा सके। और न ही उसकी कोई अवधि है जो कहीं पर समाप्त हो जाये... ।" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिन्दी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, खुतबा (प्रवचन) क्रमांक 01, पुष्ट क्रमांक 54)।

ऐसे बड़ी महिमा वाला ईश्वर ही हम सबका सृष्टिकर्ता है और हम सबका संरक्षक भी है। पवित्र कुरान में आया है के, "ईश्वर (खुदा) ही सभी चीजों का सृष्टिकर्ता है, और वही हर चीज का निगहबान (संरक्षक) है। (पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 39, सुराह अज जुमर, आयत क्रमांक 62)।

-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील मंवर), मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

Earth Day

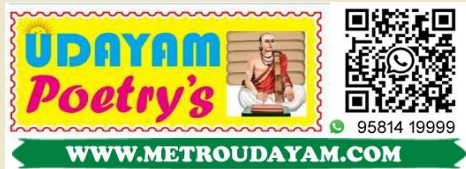
Earth Day, celebrated on April 22nd every year, is a global event that aims to promote environmental protection and sustainability. The day serves as a reminder of the importance of preserving our planet's natural resources and reducing our impact on the environment.

Earth Day was first observed in 1970, and since then, it has become a significant event worldwide. The day highlights the need to address environmental issues such as climate change, pollution, deforestation, and wildlife conservation. It encourages individuals, communities, and governments to take action to protect the planet and ensure a sustainable future.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Minimizing waste, reusing products, and recycling materials can significantly reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and oceans.

Conserve Water, Saving water is essential, and simple actions like fixing leaks and using water-efficient appliances can make a big difference.

Use Renewable Energy



Transitioning to renewable energy sources like solar and wind power can reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Plant Trees: Trees help absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, making them a crucial part of maintaining a healthy environment.

Reduce Plastic Use: Single-use plastics are a major contributor to pollution, and reducing their use can help protect marine life and ecosystems.

Every individual can make a difference in protecting the earth. By making small changes to our daily habits, such as using public transport, carpooling, or driving electric vehicles, we can reduce our carbon footprint. Additionally, supporting organizations that work



towards environmental conservation and advocating for environmental policies can also contribute to a more sustainable future.

Earth Day serves as a reminder of the importance of protecting our planet and preserving its natural resources. By taking individual and collective action, we can work towards a more sustainable future and ensure the well-being of our planet for generations to come. Let us celebrate Earth Day by making a commitment to protect the earth and all its wonders.

HK PUNESH (SA ENGLISH)
ZPHS
BEJJUR.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy extends heartfelt wishes on National Civil Services Day

Hyderabad: On the occasion of National Civil Services Day, Chief Minister Mr Revanth Reddy extended his heartfelt wishes to all civil services officers across the country. Hyderabad sightseeing In his message, the Chief Minister highlighted the crucial role played by civil services officers in the development of the nation and in ensuring good governance. He noted that the day serves as a reminder of their significant contribution to the country's progress. Mr Reddy emphasised that civil servants play a vital role in the formulation and implementation of public welfare policies. He stated that their dedicated service greatly contributes to the advancement of both the state and the nation. Commending their unwavering commitment and professional excellence, the Chief Minister praised the efforts of civil services officers in upholding the values of integrity, accountability, and public welfare.



LEGENDARY EDITOR!

(Tribute to Ramoji)

Once born, death inevitable to any!
A few though depart live ever in our heart!
Such one, The great legendary Editor!
Sri Enadu Ramoji sir!

Just like a small seed grows into big tree!
Though in beginning Born in common family!
Raised to unreachable Heights!
Proved himself no substitute to hard work!

And nothing impossible to a person who makes dreams to real!
Specially to mention about his news paper ENADU! May be so many hurdles faced, never left his aim to reach the target!
Contributed all his might for the growth of news paper sector!



He also knew how to use latest technknowledge in information field!
Whatever he touched, may it be cine field, TV channels!, Margadarsi, Ramoji film city what not!
Never turned back stood first as successful personality. Really today a painful day to all of us but to bear!

Only genuine tribute to the Legendary Editor!
To take his mission to further growth for development of future generations!

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BCCI Central Contracts 2024-25: Rohit, Virat, Bumrah, Jadeja in A+; Iyer, Kishan Return



The BCCI has released the list of cricketers selected for central contracts for the 2024-25 season. Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah, and Ravindra Jadeja are the only players selected in the Grade A+ category. Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan, who were not included in the 2023-24 central contracts due to disciplinary reasons, have been given a chance this time. Shreyas Iyer has been placed in Grade B, and Ishan Kishan in Grade C. Notably, Mohammed Siraj, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Hardik Pandya, Mohammed Shami, and Rishabh Pant have been included in Grade A. Several young Team India players have been given opportunities in Grade C.

Grade B: - Suryakumar Yadav - Kuldeep Yadav - Axar Patel - Yashasvi Jaiswal - Shreyas Iyer

Grade C: - Rinku Singh - Tilak Verma - Ruturaj Gaikwad - Shivam Dube - Ravi Bishnoi - Washington Sundar - Mukesh Kumar - Sanju Samson - Arshdeep Singh - Prasidh Krishna - Rajat Patidar - Dhruv Jurel - Sarfaraz Khan - Nitish Kumar Reddy - Ishan Kishan - Abhishek Sharma - Akash Deep - Varun Chakravarthy - Harshit Rana

Salary Details: - Grade A+ players will receive ₹77 crore per year. - Grade A players will receive ₹55 crore. - Grade B players will receive ₹33 crore. - Grade C players will receive ₹11 crore. To be eligible for a central contract, a player must play at least 3 Test matches, 8 ODIs, and 10 T20Is in a year.

'Poyiraa Mama' strikes with thunderous impact, ignites buzz for 'Kuberaa'



The cinematic universe just got a jolt of energy with the release of "Poyiraa Mama," the explosive first single from Kuberaa, a pan-Indian film that promises to be nothing short of a spectacle. Featuring a powerhouse team of three National Award winners—Dhanush, director Sekhar Kammula, and composer Devi Sri Prasad (DSP)—the song arrives like a storm, electrifying screens and playlists alike. Rockstar DSP delivers a high-voltage composition, pulsating with relentless beats and infectious energy. From the first note, the track grips listeners, keeping the tempo soaring throughout. Adding to its fervor, Dhanush lends his voice with an intense, magnetic rendition that heightens the song's raw appeal. Lyricist Bhaskarabhatla pens lines that resonate with the masses, blending rhythmic flair with relatable sentiments. Meanwhile, choreographer Sekhar VJ amps up the visual tempo, designing energetic moves that Dhanush executes with uninhibited enthusiasm, making his performance both spirited and captivating. The synergy between the lyrics, vocals, visuals, and choreography turns "Poyiraa Mama" into more than just a song—it's an experience. The overwhelming response to the single has heightened the anticipation for Kuberaa, setting the stage for what promises to be a cinematic storm. Directed by the visionary Sekhar Kammula, Kuberaa stars Dhanush, Nagarjuna, Rashmika Mandanna, and Jim Sarbh. Produced by Suniel Narang and Puskur Ram Mohan Rao under Sri Venkateswara Cinemas LLP and Amigos Creations, the film is set for a grand release on June 20 in five languages—Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam.

Randeep Hooda calls meeting Prime Minister Modi with his mother a great 'honour and privilege'

Mumbai: Actor Randeep Hooda recently met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accompanied by his mother, Asha Hooda, and his sister, Dr. Anjali Hooda. The 'Jaat' actor took to social media to express his gratitude and share the highlights of the meeting. In his post, Hooda spoke about the insightful conversation he had with the Prime Minister, commending his wisdom and visionary thoughts on India's future. The actor also revealed that the meeting was focused on various important topics, including the global rise of Indian cinema and the increasing prominence of authentic storytelling in the industry. One of the key discussions was centered around the government's new OTT platform, WAVES, designed to amplify Indian



voices and elevate the country's presence on the world stage. Randeep took to his Instagram handle to share his photos with PM Modi and penned a heartfelt note that read, "It was a great honour and a privilege to meet the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri @narendramodi ji. His insight, wisdom, and thoughts on the future of our great country are always so inspiring.

His pat on the back is a great encouragement to keep doing good work in our respective fields and contributing to the growth of our nation." "We spoke about the global rise of Indian cinema, the power of authentic storytelling, and the government's visionary new OTT platform—WAVES—set to amplify Indian voices on the world stage. It was also a proud family moment to

be joined by my mother, Asha Hooda, and sister, Dr. Anjali Hooda, who also exchanged thoughts with the PM on his initiatives of anti obesity drive and holistic wellness," the actor added. The family was deeply moved by the Prime Minister's receptiveness and encouragement for the arts and regional welfare. Not to forget, back in 2014, during the promotion of his vigilante film 'Ungli,' Randeep Hooda had openly admitted to being a fan of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In an interview, he praised the Modi government and several of its initiatives, including the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Work-wise, Randeep is currently garnering praise for his performance in the Sunny Deol-starrer action drama "Jaat."

Sinners by Ryan Coogler: Layers of Identity, Power, and Perception

Ryan Coogler's Sinners resists traditional cinematic boundaries, positioning itself as an immersive abstract artwork rather than a conventional narrative. The film engages with philosophical and psychological themes, exploring the dichotomy between two distinct mental frameworks — the adaptive, questioning mind versus the reactive, fearful one. This duality serves as a foundational lens through which the film's broader symbolism can be interpreted. Rather than relying on a linear plot or clear character arcs, Sinners is constructed as an experiential canvas. Through non-verbal cues, a powerful musical score, and intentionally disorienting visual language, Coogler invites viewers to project their own thoughts and emotional responses onto the film. The result is a highly subjective viewing experience, where meaning is neither fixed nor authoritatively defined. The film's openness to interpretation positions it within the realm of abstract or experimental cinema — a form that demands active

engagement and critical introspection. Personal responses to Sinners can vary widely, highlighting the film's intellectual and emotional ambiguity. During my own viewing, a cascade of philosophical ideas surfaced. Simultaneously, a friend who watched beside me articulated entirely different interpretations. This divergence illustrates the film's resistance to singular meaning and underscores its success as an abstract work — one that evolves based on the mindset of its audience. A particularly striking element is Coogler's integration of vampires within a colonial-era context. While unconventional on the surface, this creative decision operates as a potent metaphor. The vampires serve as symbolic agents of extraction and domination — eerily echoing the violent incursions of colonial empires. One subtle yet impactful sequence seems to allude to the inception of British colonialism in a foreign land, not through exposition but through visual subtext. Coogler avoids didacticism, opting



instead for suggestion and atmosphere, which invites deeper analysis and historical inference. Visually, Sinners is composed with the care of fine art. Several frames evoke the feel of paintings — rich in composition, color, and symbolic depth. These moments function as aesthetic reflections on themes such as subjugation, resilience, and cultural erasure. The lack of explicit exposition allows these images to carry philosophical weight, encouraging viewers to examine not only what they are seeing, but why they are seeing it that way. Coogler's narrative voice — or lack thereof — is significant in itself. Rather than speak directly, he

channels a collective consciousness, one that seems to encompass generations of silenced or marginalized voices. The film becomes a kind of vessel, amplifying existential, political, and psychological concerns that have long been buried beneath dominant narratives. Ultimately, Sinners is a film that does not provide resolution. It challenges the viewer to consider their own relationship to systems of power, the nature of fear, and the possibility of transformation. It is a cinematic inquiry more than a story, one that asks not merely what we understand — but what we choose to question.

Kesari Chapter 2 Box Office Report: Akshay Kumar's Film Sees Strong Growth Over Weekend

Akshay Kumar's new film Kesari Chapter 2, also starring R. Madhavan and Ananya Panday, was released in theatres on April 18. The story is based on C. Sankaran Nair, a brave Indian lawyer who fought against the British in court during the colonial era. The film has a patriotic theme and is not a typical action or massy entertainer. Box Office Collection (India): Day 1 (Friday) — ₹77.75 crore Day 2 (Saturday) — ₹97.75 crore Day 3 (Sunday) — ₹122.25 crore Total (First Weekend) — ₹299.75 crore The movie had limited release on 1700 screens and is doing well in



smaller cities and two/three-tier towns due to strong word of mouth. Though it opened with average numbers, the film saw steady growth over the weekend. Thanks to positive reviews and its emotional, patriotic story, it is holding up well. It is also doing better than Sunny Deol's movie Jaat, which earned around ₹5.15 crore on Sunday. With no major new releases in the next few weeks, Kesari 2 may continue to perform well at the box office if audience response remains strong.