



India, Pakistan will 'get it figured out,' says Trump on border tensions

Washington: US President Donald Trump refused to be drawn into India-Pakistan border tensions in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terrorist attack, stating that the two countries will "get it figured out one way or the other." Trump had offered to mediate between India and Pakistan in his first term; however, on Friday, he refused to repeat that offer when asked by a reporter during a news gaggle on his way to Rome to attend Pope Francis' funeral, if he was concerned and if he was going to speak to the leaders of the two countries. There have been "tensions on that border for 1500 years," he said, rhetorically exaggerating the history of the border dispute. "But they'll get it figured out one way or the other. I'm sure that I know both leaders." India has historically chafed at outside mediation in any border dispute, neither with Pakistan nor with China. However, Pakistan has. It's now clear if it has sought intervention this time, but Trump's first-term offer came in response to a very public request from then-Prime Minister Imran Khan during an Oval Office press interaction between the two leaders. New Delhi had politely but firmly declined Trump's offer then. In his second term, Trump offered to mediate the border dispute between India and China during Prime Minister



Narendra Modi's February visit to the White House. The Indian delegation turned it down once again. Although the American President showed no desire to offer a mediation role this time, he and his officials have been quick to condemn the Pahalgam terror attack and offer India support in fighting terrorism. Trump called Prime Minister Modi just a few hours after the attack to extend his condolences and support, with the White House addressing the attack in a suo motto statement shortly before. Tulsi Gabbard, the director of US national intelligence, on Friday extended her condolences and support for India's efforts to "hunt down" the perpetrators of the attacks. "We are with you and support you as you hunt down those responsible for this heinous attack," she posted on X.

Pahalgam terror attack a cowardly act: Uttam

Hyderabad: State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy strongly condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, terming it a cowardly attempt to disrupt peace and communal harmony. Recalling his service as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force, Uttam Kumar Reddy said, "I have served at Avantipur Air Force Station near Srinagar, in Leh-Ladakh, and was part of the air defence operations in the Siachen Glacier. I understand the ground realities. This attack was carried out with the intention of creating a Hindu-Muslim divide, to hurt Kashmir's economy, and to create unrest and damage our country." He praised the Muslim community of Kashmir for standing united against terrorism. "I particularly appreciate the Kashmiri Muslims who, in one united voice, condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam," he said. Calling for strong action, Uttam Kumar Reddy added, "Those responsible for this act, and



those who supported it directly or indirectly, must be severely punished. This is not just an attack on a region – it is an attack on India's unity." He further stated that the Congress Working Committee (CWC) had passed a resolution condemning the attack and reaffirming the call for national unity. "India must stand united in such moments. This is not the time for division but for solidarity," Uttam Kumar Reddy emphasised.

India's steel industry poised for global growth, focus on FTAs and self-reliance: Piyush Goyal

Mumbai: India's steel industry is set to play a significant role in meeting both domestic and global demand, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday. The minister emphasised India's position as a highly efficient, cost-effective, and high-quality producer of steel, asserting that the sector will not only cater to India's growing needs but also contribute significantly to global demand in an increasingly competitive environment. "The country is actively pursuing free trade agreements (FTAs) with countries and regional blocs, including the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom (UK), the United States (US), and New Zealand, to gain greater access for its steel products," Goyal said at the sidelines of the Steel India 2025 event here. "India is consistently focused on self-reliance (Atmanirbharta). But when we talk about Atmanirbharta, we are not closing the doors to the world. We are, in fact, opening the doors wider because every country will have its competitive advantages for different products," the minister said. India is currently negotiating



10-12 such agreements to ensure that its steel, known for its cost-effectiveness and high quality, is available to international markets, the Union Minister added. Goyal also mentioned that India's steel industry is well-positioned to contribute to the growing needs of the world while also addressing the needs of domestic consumers. "The government remains vigilant and proactive in protecting the steel industry against unfair trading practices," he stated. "India has already taken steps to safeguard its industry from the dumping of steel at irrationally low prices, as identified in a quasi-judicial inquiry by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)," Goyal noted. India's commitment to boosting its steel sector is reflected in its diplomatic efforts to engage with key trading partners. With the global trade environment becoming more uncertain, India's push for FTAs is crucial in ensuring continued access to international markets. The trade pact with the UK is reportedly near completion, and negotiations for the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA) with the US are advancing ahead of schedule.

Rescue Operations Halted in Telangana SLBC Tunnel Accident

Rescue operations for the victims of the SLBC tunnel accident in Telangana, which have been ongoing for 63 days, have been temporarily suspended. While rescuers successfully recovered the bodies of two individuals, efforts to locate the remaining six missing persons are still in progress.



Excavators, which had been tirelessly working within the tunnel, ceased operations on Thursday as debris removal nears completion. However, authorities have indicated that sections of the area remain hazardous. Following a meeting of a technical committee led by Arvind Kumar, Special Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department (Disasters), it was determined that it is unsafe to continue operations beyond 13.6 km from the tunnel's inlet. The meeting included key personnel such as Fire Services DG Nagi Reddy, Special Secretary of the Irrigation Department Prashant Jeevan Patil, the NDRF 10th Battalion Commandant, and experts from various geological and engineering organisations. The tragic accident, which occurred on 22nd February during the ambitious SLBC tunnel project undertaken by the Telangana government, has prompted this significant decision to halt further rescue efforts for a period of three months, as advised by the technical committee.

PM Modi to distribute over 51,000 appointment letters at 15th Rozgar Mela

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly recruited youth in various government departments and organisations through video conferencing on Saturday as part of the 15th edition of the Rozgar Mela. According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Rozgar Mela will be held at 47 locations across the country and is in line with the Centre's commitment to placing the highest priority on employment generation. This nationwide initiative aims to provide meaningful opportunities for youth empowerment and to enable them to contribute effectively to the country's progress. The fresh recruits, selected from different parts of



India, will join central government ministries and departments, including the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Personnel and Public Grievances and Pensions, Ministry of Home Affairs,

Department of Posts, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Railways, and the Ministry of Labour and Employment, among others. Since the launch of the Rozgar Mela in October 2022, the Centre has offered over 10 lakh permanent government jobs. During the 14th edition of Rozgar Mela held in December last year, Prime Minister Modi highlighted that 71,000 job offers were distributed. At the event, he noted that the job fairs were part of the government's broader vision to ensure employment is provided with full transparency and accountability. Rozgar Mela, which began on October 22, 2022, with the distribution of 75,000 appointment letters in its first edition, marks a crucial step in the

government's efforts to create robust employment avenues for the youth. The recruitment drive for 10 lakh personnel was launched to facilitate employment generation and bridge the gap between job seekers and various government sectors. The initiative is seen as a vital move to not only reduce unemployment but also empower young individuals to actively participate in India's growth story. At the previous edition, PM Modi had also noted that India had entered into migration and employment agreements with 21 countries in recent years. These include nations such as Japan, Australia, France, Germany, Israel, Mauritius, the United Kingdom, and Italy, along with several Gulf countries.

Grandly Retail Market Chairman Makkala Satyanarayana Birthday Celebrations ...



Hyderabad, April: 26, MetroUdayam

Old Bowenpally Division BRS senior leader and retail vegetable market chairman Makkala Satyanarayana's birthday celebrations were held among the leaders, activists and well-wishers. On Saturday, Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishnarao met with blessings and with Shawl covered. The birthday of Makkala Satyanarayana. After the celebrations organized by the Old Bowenpally Division BRS party office, corporator Mudham Narsimhayadav leaders Irfan, Mekala Harinath, Bal Raju, Krishnara Reddy, Syed Ejaz, Burri Yadagiri, Pitla Raju, Pochariah, Satyanarayana covered the shawls and cut the cakes. Makkala Satyanarayana on this occasion that everyone who showed her affection for me Said.

Former Sarpanch of Narsampally Hanuman Rathod conferred with Doctorate



Hyderabad, April 26 (metro Udayam):

At a function organized by the Asian International Cultural Research University at the Fortune Hotel in Hosur town of Tamil Nadu on Saturday, former Sarpanch of Narsampally Navenath Hanuman Nayak, owner of Manasa Caterers, was honored with a doctorate for his services in food service and management. In addition to his social service to the poor people over the past few years, he has also saved many lives by distributing free medicines to thousands of people during disasters under the auspices of Uppala Charitable Trust Adi Neta Uppala Venkatesh. He was honored with a doctorate for his humanity by providing food to many people through his organization Manasa Caterers. He said that he is very happy to receive the doctorate and thanked the Asia International Culture Teachers University for presenting him with this doctorate. Hanuman Nayak expressed his joy.

Naidu to launch Matsyakara Bharosa in SKLM dist

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will launch Matsyakara Bharosa scheme at Budagatlapalem village of Etcherla constituency in Srikakulam district on Saturday. He will also interact with fishermen and distribute Rs 20,000 to each of them as part of the scheme that was approved in the recent cabinet meeting. The Chief Minister had promised to pay Rs 20,000 to each fisherman during his election campaign. Meanwhile, the ban on fishing will be in force for two months to boost production of fish and prawns. The State government used to provide financial assistance to fishermen during the fishing ban period. The Chief Minister is in Delhi to invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the relaunch of Amaravati development works. On his return, Naidu will be in Srikakulam district to launch the Matsyakara Bharosa scheme. Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries K Atchannaidu is supervising the arrangements for Saturday's event.

JNTUH University College of Engineering Contractual Faculty Protest Enters 8th Day

Chalk Piece in Hand - Fight for Justice

Kodimial, April 26, (Metro udayam):

The protest by contract assistant professors working at JNTUH University College of Engineering Jagtial (UCEJ), Kondagattu for job regularization entered its 8th day Saturday. Recognize our service. Protect our dignity. Make our jobs permanent. We who teach for the construction of tomorrow — should not be immersed in injustice today, we demand they said. Today they held a chalk piece in their hands and silently protested. This is not only their identity as a teacher, but also a symbol of their struggle for their rights. The same chalk piece, which they use to teach



students every day, was used to fight for job security today. They peacefully brought the message to the people that while they are shaping the future of generations, their own future is still uncertain. They all say the same thing - Our teaching has value but we have no

place in policies. These teachers, who have been committed to teaching, research and improving educational standards for years, are still working on a contractual basis. It is very painful that they continue without minimum recognition and adequate remuneration.

They are demanding that the state government and the Higher Education Council immediately regularize the jobs to respect the services of teachers and secure their future. Dr. Jaivanth, Srikanth, Manoj, Rajasekhar, Anil and other teachers participated in this protest.

JAP President Singampalli Srinivas and Secretary K.M. Keerthan have urged the Indian government to take strict action to completely suppress terrorist activities.

Under the aegis of the Journalists Association of Andhra Pradesh (JAP), Visakhapatnam branch, a candlelight protest was held on Saturday at the GVMC Gandhi statue, condemning the recent terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

On this occasion, JAP Visakhapatnam district president Singampalli Srinivas stated that the terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam was a heinous act. He emphasized that the Indian government must take stringent measures to curb terrorism and prevent such attacks in the future. He paid tributes to those who lost their lives in the attack and expressed deep condolences to their families.



Following this, JAP executive members raised slogans protesting the terrorist attack. JAP treasurer S.N. Naidu, secretary

Suresh, vice president Kanakaraju, organizing secretary Raparathi Srinivasa Rao, joint secretary Gurram Kanakaraju,

S. Ramakrishna, V. Venkatesh, executive member Pawan, and others participated in the program.

State Working President Bozza Ramesh has criticized Dalit Jana Samiti activist Kalyan

Hyderabad, MetroUdayam April 26 ...

Lessee of Malkajgiri Mirzal Guda Kaman, a bike rapido (DJS) Dalit Jana Samiti activist Gandam Kalyan collided with a car from the back of the car. Kalyan was fall down on the spot and Dalit Jana Samiti State Working President Bozza Ramesh immediately went to the Malkajgiri police station and discussed the issue with Sub inspector. Bozza Ramesh said he was responding immediately. The incident near the Mirzal Guda Kaman was examined in the CC



Footage and immediately caught him by vehicle number. Malkajgiri SI Kondal has

been asked to do justice to his family to do justice to Kalyan, a poor family. He was forced to stay at home for about 20 days after suffering from injury. They have also provided financial assistance with the person who caused the vehicle accident. State Working President Bozza Ramesh went to his residence on Sunday, has been doing financial assistance to the State Working President of the Dalit Jana Samiti. He claims that DJS will always support his activists.

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This Night, This Breeze

This night, this breeze,
The moonlit skies and
rustling trees,
A quiet river flows, soft
and wide,
As love unfolds by its
gentle side.

What is this magic in the
air?
Your presence makes it
all so rare.
In your embrace, time
stands still,
Every beat echoes my
heart's will.

The stars above, they
softly gleam,
Whispering secrets of
our dream.
The Universe seems
ours tonight,
Bathed in this tender, sil-
ver light.

Let no vow break, let no
heart stray,



With every dawn, may
love find its way.
You are my promise, my
reason, my flame,
Forever bound, beyond
just a name.

So here we stand,
beneath the skies,
No fears, no tears, no
goodbyes.
This night, this breeze,
this melody Divine,
Forever, my love, you
are mine.

Smt. Latha Murthy

**वही ईश्वर
प्रभुत्ववान और
माफ करने वाला
है जिसने मौत
और ज़िंदगी को
पैदा किया ताकि
हमें आजमाया
जाए कि हममें
से कर्मों में
सबसे अच्छा
कौन है। ...
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मानव का उत्कर्ष और मानव का
विनाश उसके अपने कर्म के आधार
पर ही है, इस बात से कोई
इनकार नहीं कर सकता। अगर
कर्म सिद्धांत को ठीक ठीक
समझना हो तो धार्मिक ग्रंथों का
अध्ययन करना चाहिए। फिर वह
धार्मिकग्रंथ पवित्र वेद हो, या पवित्र
कुरान हो, पवित्र गीता हो या फिर
पवित्र उपनिषद हो। या फिर इसके
व्यतिरिक्त कोई भी धर्मग्रंथ हो, यह
सबके सब कर्मों के फलों के बारे
में सविस्तर से चर्चा किए हैं।
परमात्मा हमें हमारे द्वारा किए जाने
वाली उसकी भक्ती और हमारे
द्वारा किए जाने वाले कर्मों से
परखता है।

उपासना के
योग्य, प्रशंसा के योग्य पवित्र वही
परमात्मा है जो जीवन और मृत्यु
का सृष्टिकर्ता है। उसके अतिरिक्त
और कोई पूजनीय नहीं है जिसकी
उपासना करने का आदेश हमें धर्म
ने दे रखा है। पवित्र कुरान मेंआया
है के, "जिसने मौत और ज़िंदगी
को पैदा किया ताकि तुम्हें
आजमाया जाए कि तुममें से कर्मों
में सबसे अच्छा कौन है। और वह
गालिब (प्रभुत्ववान) बड़ा बख़्शने
(माफ करने) वाला है।" (पवित्र
कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 67, सुराह
अल मुल्क, आयत क्रमांक 02)।

मैं एक भारतीय
होने के नाते सब से हमेशा यही
कहते रहता हूँ के, "हम किसी भी
धर्म के किसी भी पंथ से क्यों न
ताल्लुक (संबंध) रखते हो। हम
किस घर में भी क्यों न पैदा हुए
हो, किसी भेदभाव के कम से कम
अपने भारत के सभी धर्म और पंथों
के धर्मग्रंथों का अध्ययन जरूर
करनी चाहिए, ताकि हमारे दृष्टि में
परिपूर्णता आ सके। क्योंकि एक ही
सत्य को अलग अलग धर्मग्रंथों ने
कहा है। अलग अलग धर्मग्रंथों का
समझाने का तरीका अलग रहने के
कारण हमारे समझ के हिसाब से
जाने किस धर्मग्रंथ की बात समझ
में आजाए।"

इस दुनिया में सत्य
और धर्म के मार्ग पर जीवन
बिताना और हर तरह के गुनाहों से
अपने आपको बचाकर फला (मुक्ती)
पाना हमारा जीवन का लक्ष्य होना
चाहिए। केवल इस दुनिया ही नहीं
बल्के आखिरत (परलोक) का लाभ

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भी हमारी नज़रों में होना चाहिए।
और हमारी ज़िंदगी को सफल
बनाने के धर्मादेश हम पवित्र
धर्मग्रंथों में देख सकते हैं। और
सबसे बड़ा धर्मादेश यही है के
मानवतावाद के अनुसार अपना
जीवन बिताया जाए। जो मनुष्य हो
नहीं सकता वह धार्मिक कभी नहीं
हो सकता।

कर्म सिद्धांतों
का अत्यद्भुत, बेहतरीन पाठ हम
पवित्र भगवद्गीता में देख सकते
हैं। विशेषकर के पवित्र भगवद्गीता
के अध्याय 3 और अध्याय 5 पढ़ना
और समझना चाहिए। ऐसे तो सभी
धर्मग्रंथों का अध्ययन हमें कर्मों के
बारे में सावध करते नज़र आता
है। जीवन में सकारात्मक व
नकारात्मक परिणाम सत्यतः हमारे
अच्छे और बुरे कर्मों के बुनियाद
पर ही टिका हुआ है।

धर्म के मुता.
बिक हमारे द्वारा किए गए अच्छे
कर्म सकारात्मक परिणाम देते हैं,
जबकि हमारे द्वारा किए गए
नकारात्मक कर्म नकारात्मक
परिणाम देते हैं। पवित्र कुरान में
आया है के, "जिस शख्स (व्यक्ति)



ने ज़र्रा (कण) बराबर नेकी की वह
उसे देख लेगा। और जिस व्यक्ति
ने ज़र्रा कण बराबर बदी (बुराई)
की है तो वह इसे देखलेगा।"
(पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 99,
सूराह अज़-ज़िलज़ाल, आयत
क्रमांक 7-8)।

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

MOTHER TONGUE!

May have facination in
foreign language!
Its also not ones fault!
Since trend like so!
Simultaneously missing some
valuable!

Mother,mother land,mother
tongue!
Are three not to forget till
our blood is red!
Mother brought us here
at the cost of her life!
Mother land bear you
till the last breath!

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The last but not least our
mother tongue!
Helped us a lot to express
our views from spoon in mouth!
Question to ourself whether
justice
done to all the three?

Frankly no proper answer not
with us!

Which ever we study,what ever
we earn!
Where ever you go always face
three questions!
Who is your mother? which

country you are from?
What is your mother tongue?

Never forget your birth root!
Not so easy to clear debt of
mother!
Mother land offer you name
and
fame!
In every morsel of your food
your
mother tongue speak!

Be a grateful person to all the
three
above!
To be called you are great!

Composed by:



B. Satyanarayana Rao,
(Ba .Sa .Raa)
Vijayawada.

A TICKET FOR A JOYOUS READING.

Most of us must have travelled
by train at least once and must
have enjoyed it or faced bitter
experiences. The Indian
Railways is one of the largest
travel networks in the world
and with about 12 lakh employ-
ees, it is the second largest
employer in our country. These
lakhs of employees man this
huge network and Platform
Ticket by a Railway
employee, is a book about that
army of work force and how
they balance their duties and
personal life. The title is very
apt as the two simple words
Platform Ticket bring to our
mind pictures of trains, and the
people and rules associated
with them.

Though worked just for 14
years and settled in Dubai after
her marriage, Sangeetha, in her
maiden work, takes a journey
down the memory lane and
recalls her life from day one in
the Railways. After successful
completion of
training, Sangeetha goes to a
small, far-flung station in
Karnataka as a Commercial
Clerk. In her early
twenties, Sangeetha and a
batch of her forty friends found
everything strange yet enjoy-
able, be their interactions with
people in their local
language, night shifts, duties at
the goods shed, befriending
TTEs, loco pilots, and guards to
send messages and gifts to

parents
back

home, depositing daily collec-
tions in the bank etc.

It was in the 90s, our Railways
were not modernized yet in this
part of the country, most of the
things at the stations were
done manually including
announcements, quarters were
old and small, when drinking
water was a big problem, the
staff relied on supplies from far
away places. For sending mes-
sages to parents and to friends
working in nearby stations,
Sangeetha, like other staff
members, used the station mag-
neto phones.

What touches us deeply is
Sangeetha's openness in talk-
ing about her colleagues who
gloat at this young, unmarried
girl and about her crushes on
young and handsome SMs.
Most employees maintain good
relationships with the general
public and regular passen-
gers. Sangeetha too develops
personal bonds with some
locals and here she is so senti-
mental about those friends that
even after quitting the job and
marriage she along with her
husband visits some of these
places for old friends and
acquaintances. Every Railway
employee fondly cherishes

those trains of
memories!

In the middle of
the

story, Sangeetha talks about
other Railways employees and
their ways of working. According
to her, most Station
Masters (SMs), Assistant
Stations Masters (ASMs), Loco
pilots, guards, TTEs are sincere
and highly duty minded while
some of them take trains for a
raid virtually for their personal
ends or to teach a lesson to
their higher-ups. Once an SM
stopped an express train at the
outer signal and didn't flag it
into the station until his authori-
ties agreed to pass his long
pending bills. A couple of tired
and sleepless loco pilots once
stopped and left their trains in
the middle of their journey for
asking to work overtime! Once
a ticket collector was fined by
police for not wearing a helmet
and it hurt his ego. After this
incident whenever police
Officials came for tea from the
platform canteen, they were
fined by ticket collectors for not
purchasing platform tickets! A
Chief Reservation Officer was
in the habit of giving money to
the passengers who lost their
tickets and wallets. He even
went out of the way in securing
reservations to the handi-
capped and indisposed people.

Later the author gives the read-

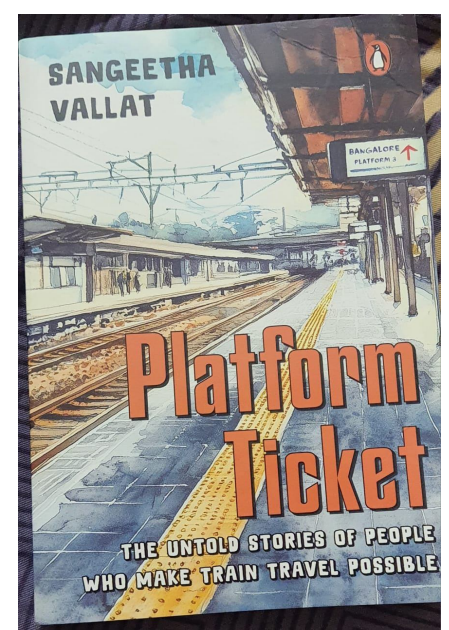
er a chance to know something
about how station employees
and GRPF handle the cases of
people dying on tracks and on
platforms. She also talks about
incidents of Railway Vigilance
officers surprise visits and
booking cases against BOs
and other employees for any
irregularities.

In the last few chapters, the
author talks about Railways
passengers with whom she has
developed professional, per-
sonal, and sentimental attach-
ments. According to her she met pas-
sengers good and bad, some
praised her for her helping
nature while some cursed her
for not so helpful. Some pas-
sengers became her admirers
while some became her life
long friends.

The climax is a mixed bag. Why
the author wants to quit the job
all of a sudden? What happens
to her family and to many of
her friends? Of course she
bears a sweet burden of a train
load of memories about people
and places, good and bad.

She is a voracious reader, in the
habit of reading 70 to 100 books
a year! This book, published by
Penguin on 31st March
2025, bears a testimony to that
and to her writing skills, and her
command on the
language. Read her book for a
ringside view of how these peo-
ple make train journeys possi-
ble.

Last but not the least, her right



decision to fully focus on a writ-
ing career makes this reviewer
expect many more beautiful
works from her pen. With a plat-
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3rd PR- DRM INSPECTS JAGDALPUR-KOT-TAVALASA LINE & NMDC



Shri Lailit Bohra Divisional Railway Manager conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Jagdalpur-Kottavalasa section and NMDC today (26.04.2025). During the inspection, he reviewed various works at railway establishments, stations, sidings, and the NMDC mining site. He also carried out a detailed window trailing inspection of the section, assessing the track condition, curves, bridges, points, and crossings.

Chief Engineer/Construction Shri Gourishankar Rao, Branch officers of Waltair accompanied DRM during his inspection. Key focus of the inspection was the ongoing doubling work of the Jagdalpur-Koraput-Kottavalasa line, station development activities, Safety aspects and the development of siding facilities. DRM also reviewed the wagon discharge silo system at NMDC, which aims to significantly reduce wagon loading time, enhancing operational efficiency. Divisional Railway Manager held discussions with senior NMDC officials regarding improving freight loading operations. These discussions are expected to enhance rake loading capacity, increase traffic for both Railways and NMDC and generate additional revenue for both parties. During his visit to Jagdalpur, Amagura stations, Shri Lalit Bohra interacted with station staff and reviewed the progress of various developmental activities.

FLAG MARCH CONDUCTED BY RPF AND GRP



Flag marches were conducted at railway stations over Waltair Division of East Coast Railway by Railway Protection Force and the Government Railway Police to maintain order and deter crime. They are a visible demonstration of authority and can be used in response to situations like violence or unrest. Flag marches serve as a deterrent to potential lawbreakers and ensure that law and order is maintained. Strengthening security measures at railway stations, the Railway Protection Force conducted a flag march at the Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam Road, Rayagada, Jagdalpur, Lakshimpur Road, Koraput and other important railway stations over the Division.



‘Suryapeta Junction’ : A youthful ride with a political punch

Rajesh Nadendra's *Suryapeta Junction* hits the screens as a refreshing political comedy drama that intertwines youth energy with a strong social commentary. Backed by Yogalakshmi Art Creations and produced by Anil Kumar Katragadda and N. Srinivas Rao, the film captures attention with its vibrant treatment and an intriguing plot centered around the darker side of political freebies. Let's see how it fares at box-office. Story: The story revolves around Arjun (Eeshwar), a free-spirited college student who enjoys his carefree days with four close friends. Life takes an emotional turn when he falls for Jyothi (Naina Sarwar), while in parallel, the city is gripped by Narasimha (Abhimanyu Singh), a shrewd politician trying to woo voters with a strategic freebies campaign. The sudden murder of Seenu, one of Arjun's friends, sets off a chain of shocking revelations. As Arjun delves deeper, he uncovers sinister motives behind seemingly generous political offerings, keeping the audience hooked with suspense, satire, and social relevance. Performances: Eeshwar impresses in the lead role with his solid screen presence, seamlessly blending charm, emotion, and energy. His performance marks him as a promising young talent. Naina Sarwar adds grace and chemistry, perfectly complementing Eeshwar. Abhimanyu Singh brings depth and menace to



the role of Narasimha, while Sanjay delivers an impactful performance as Karna. The supporting cast, including Rajesh, Surya, Seenu, Tony, Chammak Chandra, and Chalapathi Chanti, inject the right dose of humor and camaraderie. action Technicalities: Rajesh Nadendra's direction ensures a smooth narrative flow, merging comedy, action, and a strong message. Arun Prasad's cinematography offers a visual treat, with every frame vibrant and compelling. The soundtrack by Roshan Saluri and Gaurahari is peppy and memorable, especially the catchy "Matching Matching" number. With

sharp editing and top-tier production quality, the film's technical aspects elevate its impact. Analysis: *Suryapeta Junction* smartly packages youth appeal with a socially conscious plot. It questions the ethics of political freebies while staying rooted in entertainment. The gripping climax, relatable characters, and engaging screenplay ensure the film resonates with both young audiences and the socially aware. A bold mix of fun and awareness, *Suryapeta Junction* strikes the right balance—engaging, thought-provoking, and thoroughly entertaining.

Sikandar Box Office Performance: Salman Khan Addresses Age Gap Controversy



Salman Khan's film *Sikandar* hasn't seen much growth at the box office. On Day 25, the movie made just ₹5 lakh, according to Sacnilk. This brings the total domestic earnings to ₹110.3 crore, while its global earnings have reached ₹184.82 crore. The film marks the first on-screen collaboration between Salman Khan and Rashmika Mandanna. In *Sikandar*, Salman plays Sanjay Rajkot, a man who fights against corruption, while Rashmika plays his wife, Saisri Rajkot. A lot of attention was given to the 31-year age gap between the lead pair, which Salman addressed in his usual candid manner. At the trailer launch, he said, "If the heroine has no problem and even her father is fine with it, why should anyone else care about the age difference? When she gets married and has a daughter, we'll still work together, with her mother's permission!" Alongside Salman and Rashmika, the movie also stars Kajal Aggarwal, Sharman Joshi, and Prateik. Produced by Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment and Salman Khan Films, *Sikandar* was released on March 30. *Sikandar* Box Office Performance: Salman Khan Addresses Age Gap Controversy

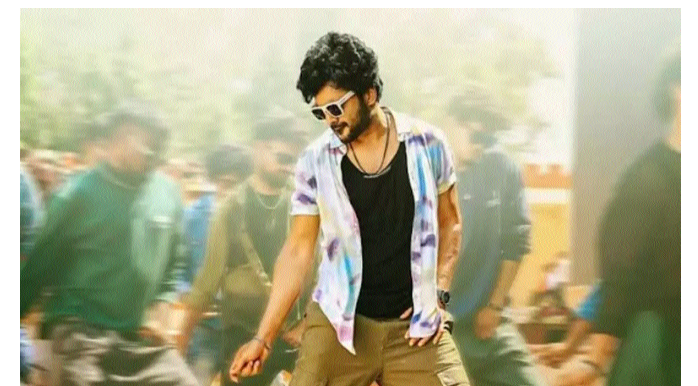
Bollywood star Saif Ali Khan is gearing up for the release of his much-awaited Netflix heist thriller *Jewel Thief* – *The Heist Begins*, and he's making it clear that he views this project as far more than just a move to television. While acknowledging the value of television as a medium, Saif clarified, "There were one or two people who asked my manager if I was doing TV now. There's nothing against TV; it's a great medium. But I don't think the Netflix series is like TV at all—there are differences." The actor emphasized that regardless of platform, every project

Being in front of the camera is a privilege: Saif Ali Khan

demands full dedication. "You have to be great at everything you do. Respect the platform you're on, whether big or small—it deserves 100 percent commitment," he added. In *Jewel Thief*, Saif plays Rehaan Roy, a suave and rule-bending thief who is as rebellious as he is devoted to family. "He's an adventurer at heart, a family man, a thief with swag. He breaks rules, cons people, but has a heart of gold. That

dynamic made him irresistible to portray," Saif shared. Directed by Kookie Gulati and Robbie Grewal, the series also stars Jaideep Ahlawat, Nikita Dutta, and Kunal Kapoor. Packed with twists, style, and action, *Jewel Thief – The Heist Begins* promises to deliver a thrilling cinematic experience when it starts streaming on Netflix from April 25.

Siddhu Jonnalagadda's Jack to Stream on This OTT Platform



After the blockbuster success of *Tillu Square*, actor Siddhu Jonnalagadda returned with his next film, 'JACK', directed by Bommarillu Bhaskar and produced by BVS N Prasad. Actress Vaishnavi Chaitanya plays the female lead. Released in theatres on April 10, 2025, JACK was promoted as a spy-action comedy. However, the movie failed to impress audiences and turned out to be a major box office disaster, ending Siddh's potential hat-trick hit streak. Pre-release business: ₹18 crores Andhra Pradesh & Telangana: ₹16 crores Hyderabad nightlife Telangana tourism Rest of India + Overseas: ₹2 crores Break-even target: ₹18 crores Total gross (2 weeks): ₹9.27 crores Share earned: ₹7.86 crores Total budget (with promotions): ₹35 crores Result: The film incurred heavy losses for the producers. OTT Release Update According to industry sources: JACK is expected to stream on Netflix from May 1, 2025 Hyderabad nightlife Telangana tourism It will be available in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada An official confirmation on the OTT date is expected in the next two days