



# PM Modi, Angolan Prez Lourenco discuss deepening ties, Global South collaboration

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held a bilateral meeting with Angolan President Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, extending warm congratulations to Angola for assuming the chairmanship of the African Union and highlighting the historic bond between the two nations. Addressing a joint press conference alongside President Lourenco, Prime Minister Modi said, "India and Angola are celebrating the 40th anniversary of their bilateral ties. However, our relationship goes much further back, to a time when Angola was fighting for its freedom, and India supported it with full faith and friendship." Hyderabad real estate Congratulating Angola on leading the African Union, the Prime Minister added, "It is a matter of pride for us that during India's G20 presidency, the African Union secured permanent membership of the G20. India and African countries raised their voices together against colonial rule. Today, we



continue to speak in unison for the Global South -- its hopes, expectations, and aspirations." The Prime Minister highlighted the increasing momentum in India-Africa cooperation over the past decade, noting that mutual trade has reached nearly \$100 million. He also emphasised the growing collaboration in Defence and maritime security, particularly referencing last month's first-ever India-Africa Naval Maritime

Exercise. "In the past ten years, we have opened 17 new Embassies across Africa. India has extended over \$12 billion in credit lines to African nations and provided \$700 million in grants," PM Modi said, adding that vocational training centres have been established in eight African countries, and partnerships in digital public infrastructure are ongoing in five more. Highlighting India's consistent

support in times of need, he said, "India has stood shoulder to shoulder with the people of Africa as a first responder during disasters. We see the African Union as a partner in progress and as a pillar of the Global South." He also noted India's significant role as a key buyer of Angola's gas and oil and expressed readiness to assist in training Angola's armed forces. He said India would share its expertise in digital public infrastructure, space technology, and capacity building with Angola. "Today, we also decided to strengthen our ties in healthcare, diamond processing, fertilisers, and critical minerals," he said, while also acknowledging the popularity of Yoga and Bollywood in Angola as symbols of the cultural strength of the relationship. To further bolster people-to-people ties, he announced the launch of a youth exchange programme. In his address, President Lourenco said, "I have come to India to convey a message of admiration and friendship for your country,

whose history is rich in cultural, scientific, technological, and political achievements on the global stage." Outlining Angola's vision for the future of bilateral ties, he said, "We want relations grounded in concrete, achievable objectives with practical outcomes that will impact the lives of our people." He stressed that Angola would prioritise sectors such as agriculture, finance, health, Defence, higher education, IT, energy, trade, and mineral resources in its cooperation with India. He emphasised Angola's interest in deeper economic engagement, saying, "We attach great importance to the direct participation of Indian investors in the Angolan economy, which offers growth potential and attractive conditions." The meeting marked a significant step forward in India-Angola relations, reinforcing shared goals across the spheres of development, energy security, cultural exchange, and solidarity within the Global South.

## Chandrababu Thanks All for Success of Amaravati Restart Event

In a recent statement, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in the successful resumption of the Amaravati capital work programme, led by Prime Minister



Shri Narendra Modi. Naidu acknowledged the significant contributions made by individuals from various parts of the state, particularly the farmers from the capital region. He also praised the government machinery for organising the event with exceptional excellence, thanking officials, ministers, public representatives, as well as the media and social media for their roles in disseminating information about the programme to the public. Hyderabad nightlife With an emphasis on collaboration and support, Naidu highlighted the commitment to transforming Amaravati into a future-ready city that will generate opportunities for all and serve as a catalyst for the state's growth. He reiterated the importance of comprehensive development across all sectors and vowed to uphold the trust bestowed upon them by the people. In closing, Naidu conveyed his appreciation to everyone by name, reinforcing the collective effort required to advance the vision for Amaravati.

## India's response to Pahalgam should not be a war: Vance



Washington: US Vice President JD Vance has said that Washington hopes that India will respond carefully to avoid broader regional conflict following last week's terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. He also said that the US hoped Pakistan would cooperate with India to hunt down Pakistan-based terrorists. In an interview with Fox News, Vance made his public remark on the attack, which left 26 people dead. Notably, Vance and his family was in India on a four-day visit when the carnage - the worst since the Pulwama attack on CRPF personnel in 2019 - took place. "Our hope here is that India responds to this terrorist attack in a way that doesn't lead to a broader regional conflict," Vance said on Fox News's 'Special Report with Bret Baier' show.

## Modi to take part in 10th Int'l Yoga Day in Vizag

Vijayawada: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday announced that he would personally participate in the 10th International Yoga Day to be celebrated in Visakhapatnam on June 21. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for projects worth Rs 58,000 crore at the capital Amaravati. Governor S Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, Union Ministers, State Ministers and others attended the mega event. Addressing the huge gathering, Modi said Andhra Pradesh can create a new world record in Yoga under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. Hyderabad nightlife Modi thanked the Naidu and the people of Andhra Pradesh for inviting him to participate in the International Yoga Day. He said the entire world will look at Vizag as the city will celebrate International Yoga Day. Modi said that the next 50 days will be very important for Andhra Pradesh and elaborate arrangements can be made for hosting the Yoga Day. He said Yoga should be popularized in every village and town in the State in the next 50 days and we can attract the attention of the world. Hyderabad nightlife Referring to the Nava Durga missile testing centre to be built at Nagaya Lanka in Krishna district, Modi said it will strengthen the defence sector of India. He laid foundation for the DRDO missile testing centre in Krishna district and he congratulated the people of Andhra Pradesh on the occasion.



## Weather Alert for Telangana: Rain and High Temperatures Expected

The Telangana weather department has issued warnings of light to moderate rain accompanied by gusty winds of 30 to 40 kmph in several districts on Saturday. A yellow alert has been declared for Komaram Bheem, Mancherial, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet,

Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanumakonda, Jangoan, Siddipet, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri and Nagar Kurnool. Rain is also anticipated in these districts on Sunday. Telangana tourism Hyderabad sightseeing Meanwhile, high temperatures are forecast across several districts, including Adilabad, Komaram Bheem,



Mancherial, Nirmal, Jagtial, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Karimnagar, Mulugu, Nizamabad, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, and others. A yellow alert has been issued for these areas as well. The maximum temperature in Nizamabad is expected to reach 42.4°C, with minimum temperatures in Hanumakonda,

Bhadrachalam, and Hyderabad forecast at 38°C. On Friday, the highest temperatures recorded included Nizamabad at 42.5°C, Adilabad and Medak both at 41.8°C, Ramagundam at 40°C, Nalgonda at 40°C, Mahabubnagar at 39.2°C, Khammam at 39°C, Bhadrachalam at 37.8°C, Hyderabad at 37.8°C, and Hanumakonda at 37.5°C.

### Weaving should be embraced by artists

Telangana Tourism Chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy inaugurated a handloom garment show



Hyderabad, May: 3, Metroudayam

Telangana Tourism Chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy suggested that handloom workers and handicrafts across the country should be provided. He said that the goods made by handloom artists and handicrafts are less priced at the Cotton and Silk Expo exhibition of Srisai weavers. He was the chief guest at the NTR Stadium on Saturday. On this occasion, the incumbent secretary Kambhampati Padmaja, was on the show, on the occasion. He was asked about the details of the exhibition handloom garments. He said that the birth place of handicrafts is India. He urged everyone to embrace the exhibition, which is being held with Dwarkra womens associations. Handicrafts from all states across the country. The handloom artists come to the same platform and commend their products. He added that the Telangana state government is taking all measures to help the handloom workers. Kambampati Padmaja, Secretary of Sri Sai Cotton and Silk Expo, said Handloom garments related to various states across the country. Handicrafts. She said paintings and sarees were on the show. She suggested that all the people in the twin cities should take advantage of this opportunity. She pointed out that all kinds of goods made by the Dwakra womens groups are less than the market. She added that the game equipment has been set up to play young children.

### DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER INSPECTS DOLPHIN NOSE COLONY



In order to assess the facilities and amenities available at Railway Colonies, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shri Lalit Bohra conducted a surprise inspection at Dolphin Nose Colony today (03.05.2025). He was accompanied by Senior Divisional Engineer (Headquarters) Shri Jagadish, Assistant Personnel Officer Shri Appa Rao, officers from the Electrical and Civil Engineering Departments, and representatives from recognized Railway Trade Unions. The inspection focused on reviewing basic infrastructure, sanitation, lighting, security, and the overall condition of railway quarters. DRM Shri Lalit Bohra interacted with the residents to gather feedback regarding the available amenities. He also inspected several houses and instructed officials to carry out various modifications and improvement works. Addressing the residents, the DRM stated that the purpose of the inspection was to assess the well-being of the inhabitants, understand the condition of the housing, and identify areas needing improvement. He emphasized the administrations commitment to enhancing sanitation, safety, and the overall quality of life for colony residents by taking their concerns into consideration. He further informed that similar inspections would be conducted across all railway colonies.



### Inauguration of Operation Theatre at 30-Bed Hospital



Gopalapatnam : Government Whip Shri P. Ganababu inaugurated a newly established operation theatre at the 30-bed hospital in Gopalapatnam, which was developed at an estimated cost of around Rs. 11 lakhs with CSR grant support from Kamal Welfare Foundation. On this occasion, Shri Ganababu, speaking to the gathering, appreciated the establishment of the operation theatre in the hospital and extended his heartfelt thanks to Kamal Welfare Foundation for voluntarily coming forward to support the cause. He mentioned that previously, the hospital had only one

operation theatre, and with the addition of this new one, emergency medical services would be significantly strengthened. He further stated that the hospital receives a high number of outpatient visits and a large number of deliveries, and therefore, a modern, well-equipped operation theatre has been set up to meet the growing needs. He emphasized that the hospital ensures the safety and well-being of mothers and newborns. Additionally, he informed that solar and power panels have been installed in the hospital and that a waiting hall for patients attendants

will soon be built. He also announced that horticulture and landscaping work would soon begin around the hospital premises in collaboration with horticulture officials to beautify the area. The program was attended by Dr. P. Shankar Prasad (DCH), Dr. M. Sujatha (Medical Superintendent), Zonal Commissioner, 89th Ward Corporator Dadi Venkata Ramesh, former Chairman Chintana Bhaskar Rao, Foundation representative DS. Rai, hospital medical staff, committee members Majjuri Srinivasa Rao and Nagamani, and coalition leaders, among others.

### State Government Must Fulfill Election Promise to Tribals!

Why hasnt a Special DSC been released for Adivasis yet

Leaders of the BJP, TDP, and Jana Sena alliance must clarify their stand demands Mosya Ranjith Kumar, YSR Congress Party Social Media Representative for Alluri Sitarama Raju district. He criticized the TDP for not honoring its election promise, stating that making such morally questionable remarks when asked to fulfill a promise reflects their true intentions. He urged unemployed youth, civil society organizations, employee unions, and the general public to take note. Ranjith Kumar stated that if tribals are to receive 100% of the jobs in tribal areas, GO No. 3 must be reinstated. He pointed out that while unemployed youth, civil society,

employee unions, and leaders of various political parties are protesting, organizing roadblocks, and hunger strikes out of desperation, TDP leaders are mocking their suffering, which he condemned as shameful.

YSRCP District Spokesperson Suresh Kumar also condemned the TDP, stating that only those who have no respect for tribal issues, rights, or laws could make such disrespectful and dismissive statements.

He further pointed out that even after completing one year in power, the TDP-led government has not formed the Tribal Advisory Council, questioning their sincerity towards



tribal welfare. He accused certain individuals—who once claimed to file review petitions and collected crores of rupees—of now speaking out with hypocrisy and arrogance. He asserted that TDP is widely believed to be the main party responsible for the Supreme Court striking down GO No. 3, which provided job reservations for tribals. He warned the public not to forget this fact. Suresh Kumar concluded by saying that mocking the unemployed, activists, and protestors by claiming they are protesting because they couldnt digest their food shows the moral bankruptcy and ignorance of those making such statements.

### Rajiv Yuva Vikas scheme should Give eligible, without political intervention

- Free electricity bills should be paid by the government immediately.
- The construction of modern dhobighats should be undertaken.

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Telangana Rajaka Professional Society State Committee meeting was held at the Sundarayya vignana Kendram (TPSK) Hall, chaired by State Vice Presidents M. Balakrishna. Addressing the meeting The State General Secretary Ashaiah explained the decisions made by the state committee. This scheme is introduced to the youth of Rajiv Yuva Vikas SC, ST, BC and minority groups,



which were recently introduced by the state government. The state committee has demanded that all those who have applied for themselves without political intervention. Similarly, the governments free electricity scheme for laundry and saloons is coming up with a large amount of bills pending. He urged the government to

immediately stop the harassment by the current authorities to pay such bills to the government. He said that the modern Mechanize Laundry Scheme introduced in the last BRS government has been stopped in 141 municipalities with about 200 crores. The state committee demanded the government to immediately

allocate funds and restore the construction of the building in various forms of work. Recently in Nizamabad district, village development committees in the name of VDCs in the Armor area to stop the violence and social boycott of professionals He urged the government to immediately protect the government and protect the attacks from the tyranny. State Vice Presidents C Mallesh, State Assistant Secretary Annaru Venkateshwar, Mariala Gopal, Poinala Ramu, Waddeboina Venkatesh, Mudigonda Rambabu, Punnam Saraiya, Lalitha, Venkataswamy, Peddapuram Bhaskar Raparathi Prabhakar. -----

### Admissions Open for Intermediate at Model School Kodimial

Kodimial, May 3 (Metro udayam): Jagtali District Kodimial Government Model School, Junior College principal B. Lavanya announced that online applications are being accepted for admissions to Intermediate MPC, BiPC, CEC groups for the academic year 2025-2026. Interested students can submit their applications online, as per government instructions. The

Model School, Junior College offers free education, hostel facilities for girls. Students, parents are encouraged to take advantage of the governments free education, hostel facilities. Students are advised to submit their applications promptly, take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Model School, Junior College.



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## Ode to Sri Tyagaraja Swami

Hail, O Sage of Nadopasanas light,  
Your Soul sang truth through the darkest night.  
With Ramas name, your heart did soar,  
A beacon of bhakti forevermore.

Endaro Mahanubhavulu you humbly sang,  
In praise of saints, whose voices rang.  
Through every note, your devotion gleamed,  
A Divine World, through music, you dreamed.

The seven swaras bowed to your grace,  
Each raga adorned with Ramas embrace.  
Nagumomu Ganaleni a lament Divine,  
Yet joy in surrender, in every line.

O Tyagaraja, the bard of bliss,  
In your melodies, no sorrow exists.  
Your words, a treasure,



your tunes, a flame,  
To Telugu hearts, an eternal name.

From Thiruvaiyarus sacred soil,  
You offered your life, your every toil.  
To Rama, the Sapta Swara Nada Jyoti  
Through you, we feel his Divine beauty.

Let your songs forever echo and flow,  
In hearts of devotees who bow low.  
Sri Tyagaraja, your legacy we keep,  
A saint of song, in eternal sleep.

Smt. Latha Murthy

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## "STRIKE THE IRON WHEN RED!"

One more proverb for you!  
Connecting Iron to man!

What do you say?  
Confusing you?  
Dont be hurry! Worry!  
Let me reveal the hidden secret  
in "Proverb!"

When pig iron rod,not heated,  
Can not be melted,bended!  
To get required shape of article needed!

Here in this process lies hidden pricipal that connects human growth of development!

We have four stages in life!  
Infant,youth,middle aged,old-age!  
First one passes away without our knowledge and interference!

Real attention needful in youth to prosper in future!  
Each and every step is critical!  
Thourough examination,pros and cons test, selection of good path is envitable!



One wrong decision may collapse the entire life structure!

Prescribed duties be discharged while in middle age!

Well settled,peacefully planned old-age life brings physical and mental peace to any human being!

By now,you catch the hidden secrecy of connection of heating iron with mans life!

Just like how pig iron got refined useful shape,  
Mans ever lasting efforts from birth to old-age makes hale and healthy in all aspects!

Good luck to you!

Composed by:  
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## SUNDAY BOOK REVIEW

### OH LORD! BE A WOMAN ONCE.

Banu Mushtaq is a many sided personality,a deadly combination in a benign sense.She is a lawyer by profession,a journalist by avocation,an author by choice and a powerful voice of oppressed women of a minority community.She has four collections of short stories,an anthology of essays to her credit,among other things.Heart Lamp is her latest collection of 13 short stories of Banu written and published in Kannada over a period of 33 years from 1990.Deepa Bhasthi,a prize winning literary translator with a deep knowledge and understanding of Kannada,has done a superb job in translating them into English and it has been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize this year.

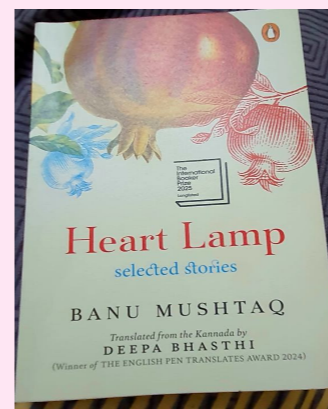
Though all these stories chiefly deal with the pathos and ethos in the lives of Muslim people,they have other common features too.In most stories you come across young mothers with too many children,teenaged girls being compelled to discontinue studies and bear the burden of rearing their siblings,and men exploiting women in every possible way.

Shaista,in Stone Slabs For Shaista Mahal,becomes a mother of seven children at 37 and her eldest daughter quits school to take care of her brothers and sisters!Her husband shows little interest in Shaistas health and in family well-being.That negligence leads to many unimaginable consequences.

In "Fire Rain Usman Saheb is the mutawalli(manager)of a local mosque and he commands lots of respect among his community people as the go-getter and settler of disputes.But when his sisters come to him asking for help and their rightful share in the ancestral property,his true nature comes out.

In the title story Heart Lamp Mehrun,mother of five,comes with her months old baby to the house of her parents and brothers once for all as her husband is in an affair with a Hindu nurse.But all of them for the honour of their family advise Mehrun to go back to her hubby.But in such a helpless predicament,Mehrun follows her Heart Lamp which,in the Islamic culture, means the Divine Guidance and what she does afterwards touches the reader.

Aashrafs problem is the problem that most Hindu women also face in many houses.Aashraf,in Black Cobras is a poor mother and her only crime is delivering three girls in a row.Her boozier auto driver hubby leaves her for not giving him a boy and marries another



woman.But what moves the reader is the treatment that Aashraf gets for seeking justice from the mutawalli of their mosque.

The story Red Lung allows the reader to have a peep in the ritual of % "Khatna (Circumcision)in a Muslim rich family and here Razia,the woman of the house steals the show when she plans and organizes this function for half a dozen boys at a time on a big scale.

"High-heeled Shoe and Soft Whispers are like minor stories,though the former one has some nice touch of humour when Arifa tries to imitate the Joneses at the behest of her hubby,but the primi-gravida in her overcomes all temptation for her child.

"A Taste of Heaven is a hilarious story as three naughty children playfully try to keep their old,sulky Bi Dadi in good spirits by giving her a glass of pepsy drink but she praises it as a taste of Heaven.Dadi became a widow within a few days of her marriage and was not allowed to marry again.Yet she helps others in all possible ways.We really feel for her when she thinks that she is in paradise and longs to meet her long lost husband!

The high point in the collection comes in the story Be a Woman Once,Oh Lord The title of this thematic story reveals many things at once-as an appeal of the protagonist to her heartless husband,as a prayer to God by a muslim woman and as a passionate cry of all women to men and God!

The reader feels that the stories are written in English direct,thanks to Deepa skillfully retaining and conveying out the feel and emotions in each story.

If this moving anthology,published on 15th April by Penguin and priced at Rs 399,should win the Booker Prize,it will be in recognition of Banus relentless protest for the rights of her submissive and stoic women and of the survival strategies of women across generations

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### जो इस प्रकारमय अकेले वर्तमान परमात्मा को जानता है उसीके लिए कीर्ति, यश, पराक्रम, प्रबंध सामर्थ्य, और ब्रह्म ज्ञान का तेज और अन्न और अन्न के समान उपभोग की सभी सामग्री है। ... (शकील उवाचा - 349)



ही समझता है, उसे कीर्ति और यश, और पराक्रम, और प्रबंध सामर्थ्य, और ब्रह्म ज्ञान का तेज और अन्न और अन्न के समान खाने योग्य द्रव्य (उस पुरुष के लिए होते हैं)। जो इस प्रकारमय अकेले वर्तमान (परमात्मा) को जानता है। (दयानंद संस्थान, नईदिल्ली द्वारा प्रकाशित, अथर्ववेद भाषा भाष्य, वेद भाषा भाष्य महर्षि दयानंद सरस्वती जी, पुष्ट क्रमांक 287 और 288)।

इस सृष्टि में प्रत्येक वस्तु चाहे वह जानदार हो या बेजान, चेतन हो या जड़ सभी की अलग-अलग विशेषताएँ हैं। और सभी के लिए एक क्रमबद्ध नियमावली है जो हमारे सृष्टिकर्ता पानहार परमेश्वर के तरफ से निर्धारित की गई है। वह एक ही ईश्वर है जिसने पूरी दसुष्टि की रचना किया, सभीका पालन पोषण वही करता है और वही सभी का संरक्षक है। जो इस प्रकारमय अकेले वर्तमान परमात्मा को जानता है उसके लिए कीर्ति, यश, पराक्रम, प्रबंध सामर्थ्य, और ब्रह्म ज्ञान का तेज और उपभोग की सभी सामग्री है।

पवित्र कुरान में आया है के, सारे आकाशों और धरती का जन्मदाता (वही ईश्वर) है। उसीने तुम्हारे लिए जीस के जोड़े (स्त्री और पुरुष) बनाए और चार पांव (पशु) के जोड़े भी (उसी ईश्वर ने बनाया)। इसी प्रकार वह तुम्हें (और चौपायों को) बढ़ाता है। उसके जैसा कोई नहीं है। वह सब कुछ सुनने वाला, देखने वाला है। (पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 42, सुराह अश शूरा, आयत क्रमांक 11)। आकाशों और जमीन का रचयिता वही एकीश्वर है उसके सिवा अन्य कोई नहीं, और उसी एकीश्वर की उपासना करने का आदेश हमें दिया है।

पवित्र अथर्ववेद में स्पष्ट रूप से कहा गया है के, "कीर्तिश्च यशश्च नभश्च ब्राह्मणवर्चसं चाननं चान्नाद्यं च ६१४६ य एतं देवमेकवृतं वेद ६१५६ अथर्व वेद १३/४(२)/१४ और १५) याने "जो इन देव को मात्र एक

फिर इस एकीश्वर का परिचय स्वित्स्तर से देते हुए कहा गया है के, "न द्वितीयो न तृतीयश्चतुर्थो नाप्युच्यते ।य एतं देवमेकवृतं वेद ६१६८ न पञ्चमो न षष्ठः सप्तमो नाप्युच्यते ।य एतं देवमेकवृतं वेद ६१७६ नाष्टमो न नवमो दशमो नाप्युच्यते (य एतं देवमेकवृतं वेद) ६१८६ स सर्वस्मै वि पश्यति यच्च प्राणति यच्च न । य एतं देवमेकवृतं वेद ६१९६यमिदं निगतं सहः स एष एक एकवृदेक एव । य एतं देवमेकवृतं वेद ६२०६सर्वे अस्मिन् देवा एकवृतो भवन्ति। य एतं देवमेकवृतं वेद ६२१६(अथर्व वेद १३/४(२)/१६ से २१)।

याने "वह न दूसरा, तीसरा, चौथा ही कहा जाता है। वह न पांचवां, छठा, सातवां ही कहा जाता है। वह न आठवां, नवां और दसवां ही कहा जाता है। वह सबके हित के लिए विविध प्रकार देखता है, जो स्वास लेता है और जो (स्वास) नहीं लेता। वह सामर्थ्य उसे निश्चित करके प्राप्त है। वह आप एक अकेला वर्तमान, एक ही है।... (दयानंद संस्थान, नईदिल्ली द्वारा प्रकाशित, अथर्ववेद भाषा भाष्य, वेद भाषा भाष्य महर्षि दयानंद सरस्वती जी, पुष्ट क्रमांक 287 और 288)।

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## Aamir Khan Blames OTT and Screen Shortage for Film Failures

Bollywood star Aamir Khan said Friday that limited cinema screens and rapid OTT releases are undermining Hindi films' box office performance. Speaking at the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES 2025), Khan highlighted the need for more theatrical venues across India. Khan noted that India's count of roughly 10,000 screens lags behind nations with smaller populations such as the United States and China. "We must invest in more exhibition sites," he said. "Until audiences have convenient access, word of a film remains just hearsay." A Spiritual Successor to 'Taare Zameen Par' The 60-year-old actor called the current situation "very unfortunate" and urged industry and government leaders to expand India's screen network. "Our potential can only be unlocked when films are available nationwide," he told summit delegates. Khan also pointed to the shrinking window between theatrical and streaming releases. He warned that making films available on OTT platforms just 45 days after cinema debut discourages theatre attendance. "That short window is killing the business," he said. "If you wonder why films aren't succeeding at the box office, look at the OTT schedules," Khan added. "Audiences receive the message not to go to cinemas." The actor concluded that the prevailing release model is flawed. "Good film or bad, this system makes no sense," he said. "Quality aside, the business structure itself is broken."



## Retro Box Office: Suriya's Film Earns Rs 19.25 Crore on Day 1



"Retro," a Tamil-language film starring Suriya and directed by Karthik Subbaraj, earned Rs 19.25 crore net at the Indian box office on its opening day, according to Sacnilk. Released worldwide on May 1 in standard and EPIQ formats, the film collected Rs 17.25 crore in its original Tamil version. The Telugu-dubbed release added Rs 1.95 crore, and the Hindi-dubbed version contributed Rs 0.05 crore. Also Read - Kesari Chapter 2 Box Office Collection Day 12: Akshay Kumar's Film Crosses 70 Crore Milestone On Day 2, "Retro" added Rs 1.85 crore to its tally, and industry observers expect a rise in receipts over the weekend driven by advance bookings and audience response. Occupancy in Tamil Nadu averaged 78.9 per cent, with Chennai at 87.3 per cent, Coimbatore 85.5 per cent and Madurai 79.3 per cent. Bengaluru recorded 64.3 per cent for the Tamil version. The Telugu dub saw 39.0 per cent occupancy, while the Hindi version drew 8.6 per cent. The producers have sold streaming rights for Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada versions to Netflix. No digital release date has been disclosed. "Retro" runs for 168 minutes and was produced on a Rs 65 crore budget by Jyothika, Suriya, Kaarthikeyan Santhanam and Rajsekar Pandian under Stone Bench Films and 2D Entertainment.

## Malaika Arora: emotion, technique, and originality make performances unforgettable



Amazon's free streaming platform, Amazon MX Player, is electrifying the airwaves with Realme Hip Hop India Season 2, a fierce competition that showcases the country's finest hip-hop talent. With the return of industry legends Remo D'Souza and Malaika Arora as judges, the stage is set for a show full of passion, skill, and high-energy performances. Week after week, the show delivers an exhilarating blend of raw street style, powerful moves, and unexpected turns that have captured the attention of audiences nationwide. When reflecting on what truly makes a performance stand out, Malaika Arora shared her insights: "For me, it's all about blending technique, creativity, and true emotional connection. Precision is important, but what sets someone apart is how they bring their unique perspective to the performance. Whether it's their approach to the music, the narrative they craft, or how they inhabit the space, it's that added layer that creates something unforgettable." She continued, "What draws me in the most are the dancers who are not only in sync with the beat but also with their inner selves. When they let their emotions shine through their moves, that's when the real magic happens. It transforms from just a performance to a shared experience. And those are the moments that stay with you, even when the music is gone." As the tension builds and the stakes get higher, Realme Hip Hop India Season 2 continues to raise the bar with every episode. Tune in for new episodes every Thursday, exclusively on Amazon MX Player, available on the Amazon Shopping App, Prime Video, Fire TV, and Connected TVs.

# GT move to second place with 38-run win over SRH

Ahmedabad: Prasidh Krishna and Mohammed Siraj grabbed two wickets each as Gujarat Titans registered a 38-run victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad, in Match 51 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Friday. With this loss, SRH stand virtually eliminated, having won only three of their 10 games. Hosts, Gujarat Titans, moved past Royal Challengers Bengaluru, via net run rate, into the second spot with 14 points. With Sunrisers Hyderabad chasing a massive target of 225 courtesy of half-centuries by Shubman Gill and Jos Buttler for Gujarat Titans, no one could not rule out the dangerous opening pair of Abhishek Sharma (74) and Travis Head (20) who got off to a strong start with a six and four respectively off Mohammed Siraj in the first over. Hyderabad sight-

seeing Abhishek, the young Indian batter, scored at a brisk pace while Head joined in with three boundaries, and the duo could have made a serious dent in GT's total if it was not for a screamer of a catch by Rashid Khan. A short delivery by Prasidh Krishna saw Head pull it towards the square boundary, where Rashid covered quite some distance and took a solid diving catch to leave the Australian in disbelief and also saw Krishna reclaim the Purple Cap. While Abhishek kept finding boundaries at regular intervals, Ishan Kishan (13) seriously struggled on this day and failed to find a single boundary during his 17-ball stay at the crease. The game always looked to be creeping away from the visitors despite Abhishek and Heinrich Klassen (23) dispatching Rashid Khan for a six each in the 11th over. Abhishek



notched his first half-century of the campaign in the 12th over with a six off Gerald Coetzee. He went on to score 74 off 41 at a strike rate of 180.49 before losing his wicket in an effort to further ramp up the run-rate. A short ball by Ishant Sharma saw Abhishek mistime his pull-shot, and Siraj ran in from deep midwicket to take a low catch to completely drag the game in GT's favour. Krishna added to

the visitors' misery by finding a thin inside edge off Klassen as he claimed his 100th wicket in the format. Brief scores: Gujarat Titans 224/6 in 20 overs (Shubman Gill 76, Jos Buttler 64; Jaydev Unadkat 3-35, Pat Cummins 1-40) beat Sunrisers Hyderabad 186/6 in 20 overs (Abhishek Sharma 74, Heinrich Klassen 23; Prasidh Krishna 2-19, Mohammed Siraj 2-33) by 38 runs.

## Neha Bhasin opens up about her journey to heal from medication, hormones, and past trauma

Singer Neha Bhasin has candidly shared her deeply personal journey of healing, revealing that she spent five months detoxifying her body from medications, hormonal imbalances, and emotional trauma. On Friday, Bhasin shared a series of her photos alongside a lengthy note wherein she shared her journey of healing—one that involved not only rebuilding her physical health but also reshaping her mental and emotional well-being. Neha spoke about battling the invisible weight of trauma, societal pressure, betrayal, and emotional wounds that had left a lasting imprint on her subconscious. These internal struggles, she explained, had manifested physically in the form of illness and imbalance, affecting both her body and her state of mind. The 'Jag Ghoomeya' singer wrote, "You can see the body I rebuilt but you cannot see my Mind. Because I rebuilt both my mind and body and rekindled my spirit to



Believe. I taught my cells to fight disease of mind, body and society. The world thrives on lack Lustre and those who dare to dream get stuck in bad environment of those they trusted who never wanted your goodwill

but wanted to turn you like them. But that's the past. Your mind stores limbic Fears, traumas, betrayal and all things that caused you harm and your body follows. These turn into disorders, diseases, depression, anxiety, panic, inflammation and even critical diseases. I was diseased too." "My sub conscious was diseased. For 5 months i fought hard to detoxify my body of medicines, hormones, trauma, past and everything that I didn't need to hold onto. My mind resisted, my mind played tricks, it replayed all my fears, gripped me on fancy streets while I was arrested in anxiety but I faced it all. Untill they gave up on me. I married my ghosts and made love to them. To be continued..." she added. Work-wise, Neha Bhasin is best known for her tracks like, 'Jag Ghoomeya,' 'Heeriye,' 'Din Shagna,' 'Swag Se Swagat' and 'Laung Gawacha' among others.

## House with a short circuit in Mallapur SV Nagar

Congress leader Nemali Anil Kumar, criticized the affected family



Hyderabad, May: 3, Metroodayam

Koteshwara Rao alias Kotesh, lives in the Mallapur Division SV Nagar Street No. 1, was accidentally caused by an electrical short circuit. Knowing the accident, senior leader of the Mallapur Division Congress Party Nemali Anil Kumar reached the scene and consoled the Kotesh family. The house was completely burned with a short circuit. Anil Kumar has promised to seek financial assistance from the government to the family of Kotesh.



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Amberpet Youth met with KIRAN KUMAR AMBERPET PS SHO, MOHD HAFEEZ (D.I) AMBERPET PS and felicitated them with shawls and bouquet. on these occasion Abdul Rahman AIMIM president Azadnagar, Kareem Bhai (Congress leader), Abdul Raheem were present.