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BJP to Launch Nationwide Tiranga Yatra from May 13 Following Operation Sindoor Success

New Delhi: Following the successful execution of Operation Sindoor in response to the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has announced a nationwide Tiranga Yatra to raise awareness about the operation and its significance. The military operation, which targeted nine terrorist hideouts in Pakistan and led to the elimination of around 100 militants, was a direct response to the tragic loss of 26 civilian lives in the Pahalgam attack on April 22.

On Monday, BJP president JP Nadda chaired a meeting with national general secretaries to discuss the progress of Operation Sindoor, its outcomes,



and the party's strategy moving forward. As part of the party's efforts to engage with the public, it was decided that the Tiranga Yatra will take place from May 13 to May 23. The 10-day campaign aims to inform citizens about the achievements of Operation Sindoor, while promoting unity and patriotism. Senior BJP leaders, including Sambit Patra, Vinod Tawde, and

Tarun Chugh, will coordinate the initiative, with senior party figures and ministers taking the lead in different regions across the country. Sambit Patra, speaking on behalf of the party, lauded Prime Minister Modi for fulfilling his promise to punish the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack. Patra noted that Operation Sindoor had resulted in the destruction of nine terrorist hideouts, the deaths of over 100 terrorists, and significant losses for Pakistan, including the loss of 50 soldiers and strategic assets like 11 airports. He emphasized that the operation was a manifestation of India's new approach to combating terrorism, underlined by a commitment to strike at the heart of terrorist activities, regardless of borders. Patra further remarked that India's decisive military action had garnered global support, particularly from Islamic countries like Saudi Arabia and the UAE, while Pakistan had been increasingly isolated internationally. The BJP believes Operation Sindoor has marked a turning point in India's counter-terrorism strategy, demonstrating that no part of Pakistan is beyond India's reach. The party's announcement of the Tiranga Yatra reflects its intent to both celebrate this success and unite the nation in its resolve against terrorism.

Ration cards through WhatsApp Governance

Guntur: A total of six types of services related to the issuance of new rice cards have been made available. So far, 72,519 people have availed these services, and from May 15, these services can also be accessed from home through WhatsApp Governance (by sending "Hello" to the number 95523 00009), said Minister for Civil Supplies Nadendla Manohar. Speaking at a media conference at the camp office at Tenali, Manohar stated that starting from May 8, six types of services, including the issuance of new rice cards, card division, address changes, adding or removing members, and surrendering cards, have been made available. These services can be registered at nearby village or ward secretariats, and from May 15, they can also be accessed through WhatsApp Governance. It may be recalled that due to the 2024 elections, the Election Commission of India had issued orders in March last year to suspend the issuance of new cards. Additionally, following Supreme Court orders mandating proper eKYC registration, there was no opportunity to issue new cards. The eKYC process delayed the issuance of new rice cards, but with 95 per cent of the eKYC process now completed, the issuance of new rice cards has been enabled. There are a total of 1, 46, 21, 223 rice cards in the state, through which approximately 4, 24, 59, 028 people have registered their names. Exemptions have been



provided for children below 5 years of age, and individuals above 80 years, resulting in approximately 6, 45, 765 people not undergoing eKYC. As part of the reforms, new ration cards in the form of smart cards will be provided at free of cost to all who have completed eKYC. These cards will also include family member details. Similarly, single individuals can also obtain ration cards. Unmarried individuals above 50 years, separated spouses, single persons, and elderly people living in orphanages can also register for new rice cards. For the first time, these services will be extended to transgender individuals. Additionally, special AAY cards will be provided to artistes receiving pensions in rural areas across the state and to members of 12 tribes such as Chenchus and Yanadis living in hilly areas.

Telangana CM meets Governor, discusses current situation

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday met Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and discussed the situation in the country in the wake of 'Operation Sindoor' to target terror hideouts in Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. According to the Chief Minister's Office, the meeting took place against the backdrop of the current situation. The Chief Minister briefed the Governor on the situation in Telangana. Minister for Information Technology and Industry D. Sridhar Babu was also present during the meeting. The minister later posted on X that in 'these challenging times for our democracy', he joined the Chief Minister in meeting Governor Jishnu Dev Varma Garu at Raj Bhavan. "We shared our concerns about the evolving national situation and reaffirmed our commitment to safeguarding Telangana's values, constitutional spirit and unwavering support for the country," said Sridhar Babu. Meanwhile, the Governor on Monday appointed four state information commissioners. P. V. Srinivas Rao, Mohsina Parveen, Deshala Bhoopal and Boreddy Ayodhya Reddy have been appointed as the information commissioners in the Telangana Information Commission. According to a notification issued by Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao,



the Governor, in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (3) of Section 15 of the Right to Information Act 2005, has appointed state information commissioners. They will hold the office for three years from the date on which he/she enter upon their office or till he/she attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. The Governor recently appointed retired Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer G. Chandrasekhar Reddy as State Chief Information Commissioner. Governor Varma administered the oath of office to Chandrasekhar Reddy at Raj Bhavan on May 8. According to the orders issued on May 5, the Chief Information Commissioner shall hold the office for three years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

Our fight against terrorism, pity that Pakistan chose to intervene for terrorists: Air Marshal AK Bharti

New Delhi: India on Monday reiterated that Operation Sindoor was a targeted response against terrorism and its support infrastructure, lamenting that Pakistan chose to stand with terrorists rather than remain neutral, prompting a necessary military retaliation. "We have also reiterated that our fight was against terrorism and their support infrastructure and not with the Pakistani military. However, it is a pity that the Pakistani military chose to intervene and that for terrorists, which compelled us to respond," said Director of Air Operations Air Marshal A.K. Bharti, Director General Air Operations, during a joint DGMO press briefing. He clarified that India's strikes on May 7 targeted only terrorist hideouts, but Pakistan's direct



military support to the terrorists turned the situation into an avoidable confrontation. "Whatever damage they suffered, they are solely responsible for it," Air Marshal Bharti said, asserting that India's defence systems "stood like a wall," preventing enemy

breaches. He highlighted the stellar performance of India's indigenous air defence ecosystem, especially the Akash missile system, in intercepting and neutralising threats. "Waves of drones and unmanned combat aerial vehicles employed by Pakistan were thwarted by indigenously developed soft and hard kill counter-UAS systems," he added. Officials also confirmed that Chinese and Turkish-made drones and PL-15 missiles were intercepted before breaching Indian airspace. Lieutenant General Ghai shared video evidence of an Indian strike that created a crater at Pakistan's Noor Khan airbase, while affirming that all Indian airfields remain fully functional and operational. The

synergy across India's military services, the support of other security forces like the Border Security Force (BSF), and the backing of India's 140 crore citizens were described as the backbone of the country's robust response. "Our battle-proven systems stood the test of time. The integrated, multi-layered air defence shield has become impregnable -- thanks to the budgetary and policy support provided by the government over the past decade," Air Marshal Bharti said. He affirmed that India's focus remains firmly on combating terrorism, and that military action was forced upon the country only by Pakistan's decision to shield those responsible for cross-border terror.

The Indian Army should be confident

Hyderabad, May: 11, Metroudayam



The Indian Army, which is fighting for the end of terrorism in the country, should give more confidence. Former Rajya Sabha member V. Hanumanth Rao said. Senior Congress leaders The party lines under Hanumanth Rao held a solidarity rally along with Khairatabad district president Shambhula Ushashree Srikanth Goud, Congress Nampally Incharge Feroz Khan and former corporators. Hanumanth Rao was speaking on the occasion. It is clear that the Indian people will support every act of the Indian Army. The Prime Minister of India has appreciated the Sindoor operation. Prime Minister Modi has been asked to attack and punish such a country as a terrorist nation in the world. Pakistan has been asked to continue the operation until Pakistan has changed. Later, Shambhula Ushashree Srikanth Goud said that India is strongly in favor of Pakistan's atrocities. He strongly condemned the attack on tourists. said that the whole world would support India. Congress senior leaders, activists, our corporators and others participated in the Rally.

Pawan Kalyan Gives Property Tax Relief to Defence Personnel in Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has announced that homes owned by Defence personnel in village areas (gram panchayats) will not have to pay property tax. This rule was earlier only for retired soldiers or those working at border areas. Now, it will include all active Army, Navy, Air Force, CRPF, and paramilitary staff, no matter where they are posted. Kalyan shared the news on X (formerly Twitter) and said, "This decision shows our respect for the brave people who protect our country. Their service is priceless." He also said that the tax exemption will apply to the house where the Defence person or their husband or wife lives or owns together. This step was taken after a suggestion from the Director of Sainik Welfare, and it shows the state's gratitude to those in uniform.



Dont set up an IT park in our tanda

-Allindia Banjara Seva Sangh appeal to the government

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The state government immediately withdraw the IT park in Gopan Palli Thanda. All India Banjara Seva Sangh National President S. Raju Nayak has demanded. He was speaking at a press conference held at Basheerbagh Desho ddarak Bhavan on Monday along with Allindia Tribal JAC chairman Ravindra Nayak, tribal community state president Dharma Nayak and High Court Advocate Srinivas Rao. Gopan Palli Tanda Lambadi and tribals have been worried about the governments opening of an IT park on 440 acres



in Gopan Palli Tanda neighborhood. For nearly 400 years, their ancestors live in the hill angles, living in livestock and farming and have been inherited by them. Tanda residents are continuing to live with rice, vegetables and food crops in those lands. The government has also issued graduation books to these lands. He alleged

that many corporate companies were focusing on the land as the land of the city was expanded today and today the city of Hyderabad. The Rangareddy district collector for the IT park has begun to collect the lands and start the work and the governments order to protest the governments decision not to come to

the land of the people of the people. He warned that if it goes stubbornly, all the tribal groups across the state will be agitated with the cooperation of political parties. Sangh leaders Kishan, Goddi Nayak, Hanumanthu, Pandu, Ramchander and Raju were present at the meeting.

Rajiv Yuva vikas Subsidy Loans should be given to all applicants

Demanding 13 BC associations

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The last government has done injustice to the unemployed youth. Therefore, the National President of the BC Welfare Association, R. Krishnaiah, has demanded that the Congress government should not make unemployed youth hopes and give Rajiv yuva vikas scheme subsidy loans to everyone who applied. Unemployed JAC chairman Neela Venkatesh and 13 BC associations held a meeting at Vidyanagar BC Bhavan. On this occasion R. Krishnaiah said that the Rajiv Yuva vikas Scheme, which was brought in by the Telangana state government, has been asked to provide four lakh subsidy loans to the unemployed youth in rural areas. The government should come forward to lend to all professions to young people for self-employment. Unemployed youth should be given the opportunity to take loans from the National BC



Corporation under the Central Government Already 16 lakhs 25 thousand 441 youth have applied for the state. 15 thousand crores of funds and demanded loans to all. Every eligible SC, ST and BC youth should be given loans to the youth without the involvement of MLAs and politicians. The government and the authorities should take action without the interference of banks in

the loan selection process. They demanded that Cibil should not consider these loans. The meeting was attended by Neela Venkatesh Manikanta, Raju, Gorige Mallesh, Anji, Pagilla Satish, Anantaiah, Rajender, Balaiah, Kaushik, Suresh, Chandrasekhar and various BC associations Participated.

INTENSIVE DRIVES TO CHECK CROWD MANAGEMENT AND TICKETLESS TRAVEL

- Inspection Conducted at Duvvada Railway Station by Sr DCM
- Massive Ticket Checking Drive Yields Significant Results
- Drive aims to provide a comfortable and safe journey to passengers- DRM

A comprehensive inspection was carried out at Duvvada Railway Station under the leadership of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Shri K Saandeeep and other commercial officers at various locations over the Waltair Division. The inspection focused on several key operational and passenger service areas, including Ticket checking activities in coordination with RPF staff, Monitoring the progress of Amrit Bharat Station works, reviewing passenger amenities available at the station etc.

Sr. DCM directly interacted with rail passengers to understand grievances related



to the facilities available at the stations and obtained feed back on several issues. He inspected the Booking Office to ensure streamlined services. Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra emphasized the importance of passenger satisfaction and operational efficiency, directing staff to take prompt actions on any lapses reported.

In parallel, a Massive-cum-Section Ticket Checking Drive was conducted between Visakhapatnam (VSKP) - Vizianagaram (VZM) - Cheepurupalli (CHE) - Vizianagaram - Visakhapatnam, covering train No.s 15929, 18463, 12840, 18047 & 22644 express trains under the supervision of Assistant Commercial Manager Shri Santosh Kumar along with RPF staff where 182 cases of ticketless/irregular ticket/lug-



gage were detected and an amount of Rs. 1,27,375/- towards fare and penalty.

DRM Shri Lalit Bohra said that the drive was a concerted effort to curb ticketless travel and unauthorized activities, enhancing passenger safety and service quality. Indian Railways continues to remain committed to delivering a secure, efficient, and passenger-friendly travel experience.

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FAULT MAY LIE WITH US!

Failure or Success!
Blame not others!
Only they are tellers!
We are listeners!
Mind is ours!
Decide good or bad!

Expect the result!
Better to judge!
Coin has two sides!
Think pros and cons!
For negative result!
Blame not others!
Only they tell us!
Fault lies with us!

Believe not all we hear!
May there be some misrepresentation!
Mind is with us!
Filter for the truth!
We are better judge!
Blame not others!
Only they are tellers!
Fault may lie with us!

We say someone ruined!
We are also one of them



then!
Can not escape the partnership!
Half of the share yours!
Good or bad! Virtue or vice!

Involvement is our weakness!
Introspection is ignored!
Repentness later no use at all!
We are the better judge!
Blame not others!
Only they are on tellers!
Fault may lie with us!

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Vijayawada.

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Life is Beautiful

With you beside me, my darling husband,
life breathes in new colours
every moment a gentle unfolding
of thought, laughter,
wonder and warmth.

We do not chase thrills,
yet each day is an adventure,
sailing on the tide of words
movies that make us dream,
cricket that makes us cheer,
stories that stir our Souls,
poems that whisper truths
only hearts in love can hear.

We walk through literature hand in hand,
pausing at pages,
lingering on lines,
finding ourselves reflected
in characters, in emotions,
in the spaces between words.

We talk of family roots and branches of our being.
We speak of politics not just systems, but the struggles of people, the pulse of a nation.
And food ah, food!
not just what we eat,
but what we savour with stories,



with smiles,
with memories shared
across a table of trust.

There is never a silence that feels empty.
Only the quiet peace that love allows.

We are never tired of each other.
Isn't that the rarest kind of romance?
Where companionship is not an effort but an offering,
not a habit, but a haven.

With you, life is not a routine
it is poetry in motion,
and every day you are the line
my heart returns to.

Shall I call this life ours?
Or shall I simply say this love, this togetherness,
is the very meaning of home
Our own Sweet Home.

Smt. Latha Murthy

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**कोई झूठ
ज्योतिषी, झूठ
बाबा यह नहीं
कहता के
आपके हिस्से में
आई हुई यह
विपदा आपके
बुरे कर्मों का
नतीजा है। वह
पाखंडी कहता है
के यह विपदा
ग्रह, भूत, प्रेत,
जादू टोना का
नतीजा है।..
(शकील उवाचा
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किसी ने आपसे यह कहे के (ईश्वर द्वारा (या प्रकृति द्वारा) निर्धारित एक कक्ष में घूमने वाले) ग्रहों की दिशा और दशा कुछ धन लेकर तुम्हारे अनुकूल या तुम्हारे शत्रुओं के प्रतिकूल करेगा तो निश्चय ही वह झूठा है। ऐसे स्वार्थी पाखंडियों की बात में आकर अपना वक्त और अपनी दौलत बरबाद करने का काम कोई भी अक्लमंद (बुद्धिमान) ज्ञानी नहीं कर सकता। लेकिन अंधविश्वास में फँसाने वाले लोग ऐसे ही झूठे बातों में हमें फँसा लेते हैं। कोई झूठा ज्योतिषी, झूठा बाबा यह नहीं कहता के आपके हिस्से में आई हुई यह विपदा आपके बुरे कर्मों का नतीजा है। वह पाखंडी कहता है के यह विपदा ग्रह, भूत, प्रेत, जादू टोना का नतीजा है।

परमात्मा हमारा सृष्टिकर्ता है। उसने हमें एक उच्च गरिमा के साथ पैदा किया है। जिसने हमें बनाया है उसी ने रात, दिन, सूरज, चांद, सितारों को भी बनाया केवल बनाया नहीं बल्के दिन और रात, सूर्य, चंद्रमा और तारों को इसान के लिए वश में भी कर दिया है। उसने इन सभी को हमारे ताबे किया है। हम केवल इस सृष्टिकर्ता की उपासना करना चाहिए। ईश्वर का कहना है इन सभी को तुम्हारे (लाभ के) लिए तुम्हारे वश में कर दिया है, फिर भी कोई व्यक्ति यह सोचें के वह खुद उनके वश में है तो यह बात सत्य प्रतीत नहीं होगी। इस जगत में



परमात्मा (और उसने जिनको अधिकार उसी परमात्मा ने दिया है उन) के अलावा और कोई न सूर्य, चन्द्र, नक्षत्रों की गति बदल नहीं सकता। और हमको हमारी मौत से बचा नहीं सकता। और हमसे हमारी ज़िंदगी छीनकर हमें मौत नहीं दे सकता। हमारे पर आने वाली सभी विपदाएं ना ही कोई ग्रहों का प्रकोप के कारण आते हैं और ना ही परमात्मा के द्वारा लिखे हुए नसीब, भाग्य के कारण आते हैं बल्के यह तमाम के तमाम विपदाएं हमारे अपने बुरे कर्मों का नतीजा ही होते हैं। हमारे कर्म ही हमारा सुख और दुःख को निर्धारित करते हैं।

पवित्र कुरान में आया है के, "उसी (ईश्वर) ने तुम्हारे वास्ते रात को और दिन को और सूरज को और चांद को (तुम्हारे) ताबे (वश) बना दिया और सितारे भी उसी के हुक्म से (तुम्हारे) फरमांवरदार (आज्ञा पालक) हैं, कुछ शक नहीं कि इसमें समझदार लोगों के लिए यकीनन (परमात्मा के शक्तियों की) बहुत निशानियां हैं।" (पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 16, सुराह अन नहल, आयात क्रमांक 12)। इसके बाद भी

कोई ढोंगी यह कहे के तुम्हारा बिगाड़ सूरज, चांद, सितारे कर रहे हैं और आपसे कुछ धन लेकर उनकी शांति करता हूँ तो इस बात में कितना तथ्य होगा भला? पवित्र कुरान में साफ साफ कहा गया है के, "वही वह खुदा (ईश्वर) है जो जिलाता (जीवन देता) है और मारता (मृत्यु देता) है और रात दिन का फेर बदल भी उसके इख्तियार (आधीन) में है। तो क्या तुम (इतना भी) नहीं समझते?" (पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 23, सुराह अल मोमेनून, आयात क्रमांक 80)।

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

Emotional 'Amma' song from 'Friday' unveiled by AP Home Minister



Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha launched the heart-touching song 'Amma' from the upcoming Telugu suspense thriller Friday. Directed by Eswar Babu Dhulipudi and produced by Kesanakurthi Srinivas under Sri Ganesh Entertainment, the film features Diya Raj, Inaya Sultana, Rihana, Vikas Vasishtha, and Rohith Boddapati in lead roles. The poignant track, sung by Snigdha Nayani with music by Prajwal Krish and lyrics by Madhu Kiran M, has struck an emotional chord with listeners and is going viral as a Mother's Day tribute. Minister Anitha praised the song and lauded the team for its heartfelt portrayal of a mother's love. The launch event was attended by cast and crew members who shared emotional reflections. Snigdha dedicated the song to mothers of soldiers, while Inaya and others praised the film's unique concept and emotional depth. Director Eswar highlighted the cultural significance behind the project, stating it explores how a mother's emotional state impacts her unborn child. With post-production underway and buzz building around the film's touching content, Friday promises to be an emotionally resonant cinematic experience. The release date will be announced soon.

Split option in ration card issuance demanded



Kakinada: Secretary of Citizens' Initiative, Kakinada Duvvuri Subrahmanyam has urged the government to allow the split option for issuing ration cards based on affidavit submission. He expressed concerns that many families are being deprived of ration cards due to the government's recent decision to grant them solely based on the 2016 Praja Sadhikarika Survey (Household Survey). Subrahmanyam stated that several small families, living separately due to various reasons, are unable to secure ration cards under the current system. He said that in today's society, a significant number of people live together without marriage, or live separately without legal divorce. Many couples have been living apart for years due to pending divorce cases in court. Additionally, numerous individuals have migrated to distant areas for livelihood, leaving their parents in their native villages. Under the existing guidelines, such individuals are being denied ration cards because their household details do not match the 2016 survey data. Subrahmanyam stressed that separated spouses cannot come to the village secretariat and provide fingerprints together to prove their separate living status. He demanded that the government recognise this reality and allow the split option for ration cards based on affidavit declarations instead. In his representation to Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar and the Civil Supplies Commissioner, Subrahmanyam requested that all eligible applicants, including newly formed families, be granted ration cards. He also appealed for an increase in the income limit for ration card eligibility.

BJP to launch nationwide campaign highlighting success of 'Operation Sindoor'

New Delhi: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will launch a nationwide campaign to showcase the success of 'Operation Sindoor', the Indian military strikes carried out in response to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. The decision was taken during a high-level meeting chaired by BJP National President J.P. Nadda in New Delhi on Monday. Senior party leaders and office-bearers attended the meeting, where strategies were discussed to communicate the operation's achievements to the public and counter misinformation being circulated across the country. As part of the outreach, BJP workers will organise Tiranga Yatras in various parts of the country. These events will see the participation of Union ministers, Members of Parliament, elected representatives, and party functionaries at all levels. The yatras are aimed at invoking national pride, honouring the armed forces, and reinforcing public support for the government's decisive actions on national security. Sources within the party said the campaign will focus on underlining the bravery of the Indian armed forces and the government's unwavering commitment to protecting the nation. The BJP also plans to address the "misleading narratives" surrounding the operation and provide factual details about the mission and its objectives. 'Operation Sindoor' was launched by the Indian government on May 7, following the brutal massacre of tourists by terrorists in Pahalgam on April 22. The operation targeted nine terror camps located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, which were identified based on Intelligence inputs. The government said the precision strikes led to the elimination of over 100 terrorists. Officials described the mission as "measured, non-escalatory, proportionate and responsible," emphasising that it was carried out in line with India's policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism. Earlier, the Congress party held 'Jai Hind Tiranga Yatras' in various cities across India to express solidarity with the armed forces.



Childhood coach Rajkumar salutes Kohli's contribution, hopes youngsters take inspiration from his hard work



Virat Kohli's childhood coach Rajkumar Sharma saluted his former protegee for his legendary Test career, which spanned across 14 years and saw him become India's most successful captain in the longest format of the game. The 36-year-old's red-ball career transformed India's approach to Test cricket. In 123 matches, he scored 9,230 runs at an average of 46.85, including 30 centuries and 31 fifties. Rajkumar revealed that even though Kohli was always full of talent, youngsters need to take inspiration from the amount of hard work the batter did to become one of the greatest to ever do it. He also acknowledged it will take time for whoever replaces him to fill the big gap left by his absence.

"A legendary career has ended today, and it was Virat's decision, so I support and appreciate it 100% and salute his contribution to the country. The selectors will have to figure out who will be replacing him. A new player always takes a while to adjust, just like it is when a big player retires. 'It is a proud moment for me as a coach because his contribution to Indian cricket has been immense. The way he led the team, he batted, scored runs, and won so many matches for the country. I salute his contribution to the nation. 'He was a very talented cricketer, but he was also a very hardworking player. It is an inspiration and a motivation. Youngsters need to be inspired by how hard he worked despite being a talented player,' Rajkumar told IANS. From his debut in 2011 to becoming one of India's most successful captains, Kohli's 30 Test centuries make him the fourth-most successful Indian batter, behind Sachin Tendulkar (51 hundreds), Rahul Dravid (36), and Sunil Gavaskar (34). Kohli also made seven Test double hundreds, the most ever by an Indian. He also has the most Test hundreds by an Indian captain, with Gavaskar (11 centuries) way behind his 20 tons.

Family drama 'Deeksha' gears up for June release

The upcoming family entertainer Deeksha, produced under the banners of RK Films and Siddha Creations, is all set for a June release.



Directed by RK Goud and produced by Dr.Prathani Ramakrishna Goud and P. Ashok Kumar, the film stars Kiran and Alekha Reddy in the lead roles, with Aaqsa Khan, Tulasi, Anusha, Keerthana, Pravallika, and Rohith Sharma in key supporting parts. Speaking at a press meet on Monday, director-producer Dr.Prathani Ramakrishna Goud shared, "Deeksha is a powerful family drama infused with mythological elements, action, and emotion. Kiran delivers a standout performance as Bheemudu, and Aaqsa Khan's special song is sure to grab attention." The film features five action sequences and an impressive soundtrack composed by Raj Kiran. Hero Kiran expressed gratitude for being part of the project, while Aaqsa Khan and Tulasi appreciated the opportunity to work under the RK Films banner. Rohith Sharma, who plays the antagonist, shared his excitement and thanked the team for his role. With the shoot completed, the team is confident Deeksha will resonate with audiences when it hits theatres next month.

Naga Shaurya's 'Bad Boy Karthik' first look impresses

Young actor Naga Shaurya is all set to thrill audiences with his upcoming action entertainer Bad Boy Karthik, directed by Ram Desina (Ramesh). Produced by Srinivasa Rao Chintalapudi under the Sri Vaishnavi Films banner, the film has already sparked excitement with its striking first look that highlights Shaurya's intense transformation for the role. The film has successfully wrapped up its shooting, and post-production work is progressing rapidly. The makers are expected to announce the release date soon. Opposite Naga



Shaurya, actress Vidhi will be seen playing the female lead. The film also boasts a strong ensemble cast, including acclaimed actors

like Samuthirakani, Senior Naresh, Saikumar, Mime Gopi, Sridevi Vijay Kumar, and comedian Vennela Kishore, who is said to play

a key role. Bad Boy Karthik features a top-tier technical crew. Noted cinematographer Rasool Ellore is handling the visuals, while celebrated music director Harris Jayaraj returns to Telugu cinema with this project. Ramanjaneyulu is on board as the art director, and veteran editor Kotagiri Venkateswara Rao is overseeing the film's cut. With a promising premise, an experienced crew, and Naga Shaurya in a powerful new avatar, Bad Boy Karthik is shaping up to be an action-packed treat for fans.

Upendra's look from 'RAPO22' creates excitement

Energetic star Ram Pothineni is back in the spotlight with his upcoming film #RAPO22, directed by Mahesh Babu P of Miss Shetty Mr. Polishetty fame. Promising a refreshing cinematic experience, the film is said to be an emotionally rich entertainer with wide appeal, exploring untold feelings through a novel narrative. Produced grandly by Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar under the prestigious Mythri Movie Makers banner, the film's shoot is progressing swiftly. Adding charm to the cast is newcomer Bhagyashree Borse, who plays the female lead opposite Ram, infusing fresh energy into the project. The team recently revealed the character poster of Kannada superstar Upendra, who plays



"Surya Kumar"—a symbolic representation of the Superstars we've all admired. The striking poster, featuring Upendra amidst a flurry of cam-

era flashes, has heightened excitement. The makers have also confirmed that the much-awaited title glimpse will be unveiled on May 15. Ram Pothineni takes a leap from his usual action-packed roles, sporting a sleek makeover for a character unlike anything he's done before. Backed by a top-tier technical team—cinematographer Siddhartha Nuni, music duo Vivek-Merwin, editor Sreekar Prasad, and production designer AvinashKolla—#RAPO22 is shaping up to be a technically polished, emotionally charged film. With all eyes on this high-profile project, #RAPO22 promises to be a game-changer for Ram and a treat for Telugu cinema fans.

Historic Madame Tussauds moment: Ram Charan gets waxed with his furry bestie



In a landmark moment for Indian cinema, global superstar Ram Charan has earned a unique place in history as the first Indian celebrity to be immortalized at Madame Tussauds London with his pet. The actor's wax statue, revealed in a private ceremony in London, features him alongside his adorable dog Rhyme — placing him in rarefied company with Queen Elizabeth II, who is the only other personality to be depicted with a pet at the museum. The wax figure captures Ram Charan in the elegant black velvet bandhgala he wore to the 2023 Oscars, the very evening "Naatu Naatu" created global history by winning Best Original Song. This moment isn't just a tribute to cinematic excellence but also a personal celebration — a nod to the unshakable bond between the star and his beloved companion. The unveiling was attended by his parents, megastar Chiranjeevi and Surekha, with Chiranjeevi garu getting emotional while speaking about his son's monumental achievement. Initially postponed due to recent global tensions, the announcement was finally shared with fans as a symbol of joy and resilience. The statue will remain in London until May 19 before moving to Madame Tussauds Singapore, continuing to inspire fans worldwide.

Sree Vishnu's 'Single' dominates box office nearing Rs. 20 Cr club



Sree Vishnu's latest comedy entertainer Single is on a sensational run, winning hearts and box office numbers alike. The film has grossed an impressive ₹16.3 crore worldwide in its opening weekend, with Sunday alone pulling in ₹5.1 crore. Single has struck a chord with both family audiences and the youth, thanks to Sree Vishnu's effortless comic timing and the film's lighthearted, relatable storyline. His performance is earning widespread praise, reinforcing his image as one of the most bankable stars in Telugu cinema today. Audience enthusiasm continues to skyrocket, with over 66,000 tickets sold on BookMyShow in the last 24 hours alone, pushing total ticket sales past the 2 lakh mark. The buzz isn't limited to India—Single is also making waves overseas, especially in the US where it has already crossed the \$400K mark and is swiftly inching toward half a million dollars. Directed by Caarthick Raju and presented by Geetha Arts' Allu Aravind, the film entered the profit zone across all territories within just its opening weekend. With momentum still strong, Single is expected to maintain its dominance through the coming week and is well on track to join the ₹20 crore club. It's clear that Single is not just a box office hit—it's a full-blown crowd-pleaser.