



Telangana and AP CMs To Attend NITI Aayog Meeting in Delhi



The Chief Ministers of the Telugu states, Chandrababu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh and Revanth Reddy of Telangana, are currently in Delhi to participate in the NITI Aayog Governing Council Meeting, taking place at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan today. The meeting is scheduled to conclude by 4 pm. This marks the first time since 2018 that Telangana's Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy, will attend this crucial meeting. During the session, he is set to unveil the "Telangana Rising 2047" vision, which outlines the state's goals, policies, and plans for good governance and infrastructure development, aiming to secure support from the Centre for its ambitious development by 2047. Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister, Chandrababu Naidu, will present his vision document for the state and propose reforms aimed at addressing population growth, river linking, and water management issues—topics of national concern. Each Chief Minister has been allotted seven minutes to present their proposals, and Naidu will utilise this time for his presentation. Before the meeting commences, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will engage with the Chief Ministers and governors, delivering the inaugural address at 10 am.

PM Modi to hold NITI Aayog meeting with CMs of all states after Op Sindoor

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair an significant meeting of the NITI Aayog on Saturday at the Bharat Mandapam in the national capital. This is the first major talks between the Prime Minister and the Chief Ministers of all states after the Indian Armed Forces successfully carried out Operation Sindoor, dismantling nine terrorists camps and their training centres in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir earlier this month avenging the recent horrific Pahalgam terror attack. According to a statement from NITI Aayog, the meeting underscores the Prime Minister's commitment to work with all states as "Team India" for achieving the goal of a developed Bharat. "As India progresses towards becoming a developed country, it is essential that states leverage their unique strengths and drive transformative changes at the grassroots, ensuring that the aspirations of 140 crore citizens translate into tangible outcomes on the ground," the statement said. The meeting, themed 'Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat@2047', aims to foster cooperative federalism and align state-level aspirations with the national goal of making India a developed country by its 100th year of Independence. The discussion will centre around enabling states to formulate bold, long-term, and inclusive vision documents aligned with national priorities yet rooted in local reality. States are expected to focus on human development, economic growth, sustainability, technology, and governance reforms, with an emphasis on data-driven and outcome-based strategies. Institutional mechanisms like



Project Monitoring Units, ICT-enabled infrastructure, and Monitoring and Evaluation Cells will support accountability and course correction. The Governing Council meeting serves as a platform for the Centre and States/Union Territories (UTs) to deliberate on development challenges and explore how states can act as the building blocks of a Viksit Bharat. Topics such as entrepreneurship promotion, enhanced skilling, and sustainable employment generation will also be discussed. The meeting will also seek to build consensus on the themes of the fourth National Conference of Chief Secretaries, held from December 13 to 15, 2024. The conference, which saw participation from Secretaries of the Union government and Chief Secretaries of states and UTs, contributed recommendations under the overarching theme of 'Promoting Entrepreneurship, Employment and Skilling—Levelling the Demographic Dividend'. Six key thematic areas emerged from the conference: 1. Creating an enabling ecosystem for

manufacturing in Tier 2 and 3 cities; 2. Creating an enabling ecosystem for services in Tier 2 and 3 cities; 3. MSME and informal employment in rural non-farm sectors; 4. MSME and informal employment in urban areas; 5. Opportunities in the green economy through renewable energy; and 6. Opportunities in the green economy via circular economy initiatives. A senior government official noted that the deliberations are also likely to include initiatives from Budget 2025-26 and the prevailing economic challenges. The official said that the Indian economy, despite headwinds such as reciprocal tariffs from the US and global slowdowns, is expected to grow between 6.2 and 6.7 per cent in the current fiscal. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank have revised India's growth projections for 2025-26 downwards to 6.2 per cent and 6.3 per cent respectively, citing global uncertainties and trade tensions. The Governing Council, the apex decision-making body of NITI Aayog, includes all Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors of UTs, and several Union Ministers. PM Modi, who has chaired the body since its inception, will preside over the meeting. Notably, 10 states and UTs did not participate in last year's meeting held on July 27. NITI Aayog is in the process of preparing a consolidated vision document to guide India's journey to becoming a \$30 trillion economy by 2047. Entrusted in 2023 with integrating ten sectoral thematic visions, the document will encompass economic growth, social development, sustainability and governance as key pillars.

Southwest monsoon to arrive today, AP to receive rains amid low pressure

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has announced that this year's monsoon is expected to arrive six days earlier than last year's date of May 30, due to favourable conditions. The IMD has predicted above-normal rainfall, which is anticipated to benefit agricultural activities across the region. The IMD has also issued a warning regarding a low-pressure system forming in the Arabian Sea, which is likely to intensify into a depression. There are concerns that this system could eventually develop into a cyclone. Additionally, another low-pressure area is expected to form in the Bay of Bengal on the 27th of this

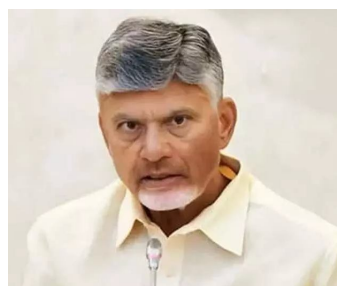


month. Meteorologists have reported that the low-pressure system in the Arabian Sea will move northward and may strengthen into a depression by this evening. The Hyderabad Meteorological Centre has forecasted rainfall in Telangana over the next four days, urging residents to prepare for the possibility of gusty winds, which could

reach speeds of 40 to 50 kilometres per hour, along with lightning and thunder. In light of these developments, authorities in Telangana have issued a yellow alert in anticipation of the storms. The IMD has indicated that the Telugu states will experience significant rainfall during this period. Specifically, today's forecast for Telangana predicts a maximum temperature of 33.8 degrees in Adilabad and a minimum of 32 degrees in Nizamabad. Meanwhile, light rain accompanied by thunder is expected in several districts of Andhra Pradesh, including Alluri, Manyam, East Godavari, Konaseema, Kakinada, and Eluru.

AP CM Chandrababu Proposes Vision for Viksit Bharat 2047 at NITI Aayog meeting

The NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting convened in New Delhi, featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Ministers from across the country to discuss the ambitious vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. During the meeting, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu presented a detailed report highlighting the state's progress and initiatives aimed at achieving this vision, specifically under the banner of 'Swarna Andhra.'



Beginning his address, Naidu condemned the recent Pahalgam terror attack and commended Operation Sindoor. He shared insights into the developmental strides made under the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, underscoring various

parameters pivotal for the country's and state's advancement. Prime Minister Modi acknowledged the usefulness of Chandrababu's proposals for the vision of Viksit Bharat and encouraged other states to consider these initiatives. In his detailed presentation, Naidu outlined welfare and development programmes underway in Andhra Pradesh, emphasising the state's plans for a significant economic growth target of \$2.4 trillion. He articulated the

ongoing efforts toward realising a prosperous Swarna Andhra and the effective utilisation of state resources. Notably, he revealed ambitious plans to transform Visakhapatnam into a globally recognised city, with the establishment of four zones designed to enhance its international appeal. Among the highlights of his presentation were specific projects such as the Quantum Valley agreement in Amaravati and plans for a Drone City in Kurnool.

PM Modi praises Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu for reforms

New Delhi: Showering praise on Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday showcased Andhra Pradesh's reforms and growth story at the 10th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meeting, an official said. "All states should examine and study the reforms of Andhra Pradesh.



There could be a lot of inputs in the blueprint for growth projected by CM Naidu for other states also," the PM was quoted as having said at the meeting. The Andhra Pradesh official said, in a statement, that while addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister paid tribute to the victims of the Pahalgam terrorist attack on April 22, 2025, and lauded the Armed Forces' success in Operation Sindoor. He also commended PM Modi's strong leadership during the crisis, emphasising India's resilience and self-reliance. Commending PM Modi's leadership for the economy's progress from the world's 10th to 4th, CM Naidu acknowledged transformative reforms like Digital India, GST, Startup India, PM Gati Shakti, and Jal Jeevan Mission, which have redefined India's development landscape. He noted that having the right leader at the right time has been crucial in steering the nation toward its ambitious goals in the right direction. The meeting's core focus was on the theme "Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat @2047," aiming to build a prosperous, inclusive, and future-ready India by its centenary. The Council deliberated on accelerating entrepreneurship, employment, and skill development, transforming Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities into growth hubs, and reviewed key outcomes and decisions to reinforce cooperative federalism and collective progress toward national development, said an aide of CM Naidu. CM Naidu also highlighted that under its Swarna Andhra @2047 vision, Andhra Pradesh aims to achieve Zero Poverty by 2029 through the innovative P4 model, which unites government, private sector, and citizen efforts to support vulnerable families and promote economic upliftment. The Chief Minister proposed forming three focused sub-groups of States, in collaboration with the Union Government and NITI Aayog, to fast-track progress toward Viksit Bharat @2047. The first sub-group on GDP growth aims to boost investments, manufacturing, exports, and job creation, supported by central Viability Gap Funding for PPP projects. The second sub-group on population management will help India leverage its demographic advantage while preparing for future challenges like ageing and low fertility. The third sub-group will focus on technology-driven governance, utilising AI, quantum computing, drones, and digital platforms for real-time, citizen-centric administration.

Puropale IT firm should do justice to the affected unemployed

AAP Telangana State Convener
Dr Diddi Sudhakar demands
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Puropale IT firm,has reversed the board to seek justice for the affected unemployed, to close millions of rupees from the unemployed, to close the IT job consultancy, To set up a special special task force to curb fake IT job rockets AAP Telangana State Convener Dr.Diddi Sudhakar demanded. Hyderabad, which has betrayed the criminal trust, has called for the closure of fake IT job consultants such as the Skill Hub in Gachi Bowli, and the Board of Puropale Creations & IT Solutions Company has been asked to do justice to the affected unemployed.The dharna was



held on Saturday under the auspices of the Aam Aadmi Party at Hyderabad, Indira Park and Dharna Chowk.Dr.Diddi Sudhakar, Participated in the affected unemployed, He said that there are jobs in IT compa-

nies and that they are trained in the companies that they have attracted the unemployed in the companies to attract the unemployed and the Skill Hub Consultancy in Madapur has been fraudulent.

Puropale IT Soolutions have been given jobs from each one under the Lap Top and Security Deposit. He said the company had turned the board without even paying salaries only two months to join the job, Nearly

200 employees said they hit the road.He complained that the victims had complained at the Gachi bowli police station so far and had not taken over the police. Dr.Diddi Sudhakar has appealed to the government to set up a special special task force to curb fake IT job rockets. Police have been keeping an eye on fake IT job consultancy and IT companies and take criminal tricks on them.

AAP leaders in this dharna. Target Naidu, Rakesh Reddy, Babulal Pawar, Azim Beg, Rakesh Reddy, Shabaz, Liaqat Khan, Hema Jilloju, Madan Lal, Gutta Nageshwar Rao, T. Rakesh Singh, Sohail, Darshan Ramesh, Abbas, Jishan, Raman Swamy and others participated.

The smuggling of the Cows must be resisted

JasRaj Shrishrimal Mitra Sangh Presidents



Hyderabad, May: 24, Metrourdayam

Indian Pranay Mitra Sangh president JasRaj Shrishrimal has demanded that the trafficking of Cows be blocked. He was speaking at a press conference held at Bashir Bagh Deshodarak Bhavan on Saturday along with Sangh Secretary Mahesh Agarwal, Vice Presidents Jasmat Patel and Joint Secretary Radesh Jagir. In Bakrid and other days, the state government demanded strict enforcement of cows and calves to smuggle bulls. Telangana Goa Ban, Violation of Animal Protection Act, 1977, especially on the day of the Bakrid, should be prevented by the efforts of non -slaughter of cows, calves and bulls as usual. He said that about 10 thousand cattle were killed on the day of Bakrid last year. ShrishriMal suggested setting up checkpoints around the Hyderabad city commissionerate. When transporting animals, the law is clear in the law that more than 6 animals should not be allowed in the lorry. CM Revant Reddy and state DGP Jitender have tried for an appointment. He urged the police to take necessary steps to prevent Goa and give clear directions to the police department.He appealed to the state government to protect the cows, calves and bulls.

Vedire Ramachandra Reddys history should be included in the curriculum,

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-All India Sarvodaya Mandila
Managing Trustee Mahadev Vidrohi

HYDERABAD, MAY 24 :

Vedire Ramachandra Reddy's land donation is a milestone in Indian history

-All India Sarvodaya Mandila National President Vedire Aravind Reddy said.

The history of Vedire Ramachandra Reddy, who donated a hundred acres of land and became an inspiration for the land donation movement, should be included in the textbooks so that future generations know his life story, and that great man should be awarded Padma Vibhushan,said Mahadev Vidrohi, Managing Trustee of the All India Sarvodaya Mandila. To this extent, the state government should recommend to the central government and also install his statue on the tank band and officially celebrate his birth anniversary. A conference was held under the auspices of the Telangana Sarvodaya Mandali on Friday at the Basheer Bagh Desodharaka Bhavan on the topic% »Importance of Land Donation Movement-Past, Present-Vedire Ramachandra Reddy Founder of the Land Donation Movement%u. %Speaking on this occasion, Mahadev Vidrohi said that the first landowner to donate land to the poor was Vedire Ramachandra Reddy, and that encouraging landowners to voluntarily donate land to the poor and starting the



land donation movement was inspiring for the country. Since then, Acharya Vinoba Bhave Shanti Yatra has become a land donation movement, and the reason why Pochampally became Pochampally was Vedire Ramachandra Reddy, he said. Later, he also donated about 12 hundred acres of his land to the land donation movement. He said that with the inspiration of Vedire Ramachandra Reddy, about 2 lakh acres of land in Telangana and about 45 lakh acres across the country have been collected and donated to the poor. Akhil Bharat Sarvodaya Mandila National President Vedire Aravind Reddy said that Acharya Vinoba Bhave, who reached Pochampally as part of the Shanti Yatra, donated 100 acres as per his request. Inspired by this incident, Vinoba Bhave lit the torch of the countrywide land donation movement in this area. He said that later, when great figures like Nehru, Jayaprakash Narayana, Babu Rajendra Prasad, and VV Giri visited Pochampally, he donated all his property for the poor. He reminded that he donated about 1200 acres of land. He said that the land

donation of Vedire Ramachandra Reddy is a milestone in the history of India and that today we are concerned that the land donation lands are being alienated. He said that the land donation land is not government land but land donated by the great Ramachandra Reddy for the poor. He said that it was with this inspiration that Vinoba Bhabhai collected lakhs of acres across the country. The state government should recognize and respect the sacrifice of such a great man. Vedire Arvind Reddy stated that the honor he gets will remain the honor of the state. State President Tolupunuri Krishna Goud, speaking, appealed to the state government to protect the land donation lands that are alienated and to form a Bhudan Yajna Board in the state and distribute the remaining land donation lands to the poor. Bhudan Ramachandra Reddy Memorial Trust members Dr.Vedire Prabodh Chandra Reddy, Pramotish Chandra Reddy, and Telangana Sarvodaya Mandali leader T.Naresh Goud participated.

MLA inquired about the problems of many people in Musheerabad constituency.



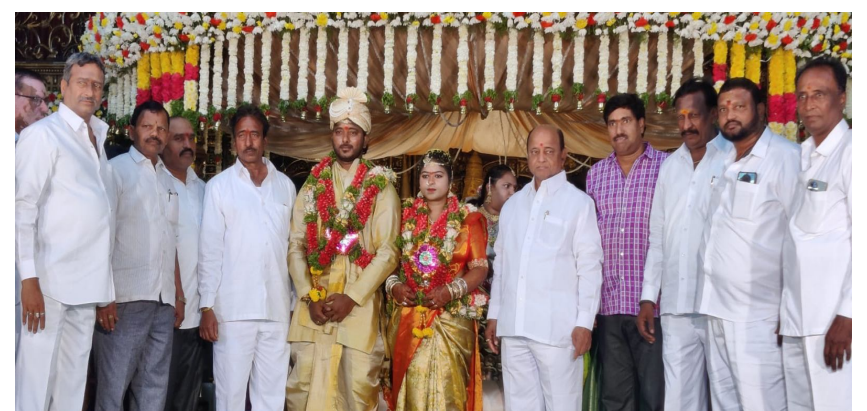
Hyderabad, May: 23, Metrourdayam

Musheerabad MLA Muta Gopal Visited in the Kawadiguda division of Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar Basti.MLA inquired about the problems and difficulties in Basti.He spoke to the officials of various departments and promised to solve all the problems immediately. The event was attended by young leader Muta Jayasimha, division president Vallala Shyam Yadav, Vallala Srinivas Yadav, Srihari, Vasu, Raju Yadav, Prabhakar and Basti People.

Corporator Muddam blessed the new bride and groom

Hyderabad, May: 23, Metrourdayam

Old Bowenpally BRS leaders blessed the bride and groom on Friday. BRS leaders attended the Shekhar Goud son Wedding, and blessed the bride and groom



Corporator Muddam Narsimha Yadav, Retail Vegetable Market Chairman Makkala Satyanarayana, senior leaders Narender Goud, Balaraj, Mekala Harinath, Nagesh Mudiraj, Chandu Yadav, Kurre Jangaiah and Kumari Balaraj were also present.

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जब लक्ष्मण जी मेघनाथ के अस्त्र से बेहोश होगये थे तब श्री रामचंद्र जी ने किसी मांत्रिक या तांत्रिक को नहीं बुलाए थे। बल्कि हनुमान जी को भेजकर सुषेण वैद्य को लंका से बुलवाए थे। ... (शकील उवाचा -369)

आदमी जब बीमार हो जाए तो दुआ और दवा दोनों करना चाहिए। मेरी बातों से यह मतलब न निकाला जाए के मैं दुआओं के विरोध में हूँ। मैं दुआओं के विरोध में नहीं हूँ बल्कि दवा के साथ साथ शिफा याने आरोग्य के लिए दुआ को भी उतना ही असरदार (प्रभाशाली) मानता हूँ जितना के दवा असरदार होती है। बल्के कभी कभी दुआ दवा से भी ज्यादा प्रभावशाली होती है। इसमें शक ही नहीं के मानव जीवन में उसके द्वारा किए गए अच्छे कर्म, दृढ़ विश्वास के साथ की गई दुआ याने प्रार्थना और ईश्वर भक्ती इन सबका स्थान सर्वोपरि है।

पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 26, सुराह अश शो. हरा, आयत क्रमांक 80 के मुताबिक ईश्वर के सिवा कोई नहीं है हमें आरोग्य प्रदान करें। लेकिन हमें उसके लिए औषधियों का उपयोग भी जरूरी है। कहा जाता है के एक बार पैगंबर मुसा अलैहिस्सलाम बीमार हुए। उन्होंने अल्लाह (सु.) दुआ की के ऐ मेरे रब (पालनहार)! मुझे ठीक करदे। केवल दुआ (प्रार्थना) मांगे लेकिन इलाज नहीं किया। परमात्मा ने उनके प्रार्थना को न मानते हुए कहा के, 'ऐ मुसा (अ.)! तुम औषधियों से इलाज क्यों नहीं करते जिन्हें मैं ने उत्पन्न किया है।' इस कथन से इतना तो जरूर समझ लेना चाहिए के जब कभी हम बीमार हो जाते तो दुआ के साथ साथ दवा भी करनी चाहिए, जिसके बगैर शिफा (आरोग्य) ईश्वर नहीं देता।

हम सभीने रामायण पढ़ा, या सुना जरूर है। जब लक्ष्मण जी मेघनाथ के अस्त्र



से बेहोश होगये थे तब श्री रामचंद्र जी ने किसी मांत्रिक या तांत्रिक को नहीं बुलाए थे। बल्कि हनुमान जी को भेजकर सुषेण वैद्य को लंका से बुलवाए थे। सुषेण वैद्य आकर लक्ष्मण जी की परीक्षा की और इलाज के तौर पर संजीवनी बूटी मंगवाया। (संजीवनी बूटी के अलावा और तीन जड़ी बूटियों को लाने के लिए कहा गया था। जिसमें विशल्यकरणी, संधानकरणी और सुवर्णकरणी आदि का वर्णन मिलता है) फिर इलाज किया गया। यह पूरा वाक्या आप सभी जानते हैं जिसे दोहराने की जरूरत नहीं है।

अगर मांत्रिक तांत्रिकों से काम बनता तो रामचंद्र जी कई मांत्रिक और तांत्रिकों को बुलाते और झाड़ फूक से इलाज करवाते। इस काम के लिए हनुमान जी को संजीवनी लाने का कष्ट नहीं देते। और हनुमान जी भी लंका से हिमालय में स्थित द्रोणगिरी पर्वत तक का लगभग पांच हजार किलो मीटर की कठिन सफर जड़ी बूटी लाने के लिए नहीं करते। रामचंद्र जी अपने आचरण से हम सभी को एक ऐसा पाठ पढ़ाकर गए हैं जिसके आचरण से हमारा जीवन सुखी हो सकता है।

हमे गुमराह और भ्रमित करने वाले झूठे पाखंडी और ढोंगी लोगों से दूर रहना चाहिए क्योंकि यह लोग अपने स्वार्थ के लिए हमें सत्य से दूर ले जाते हैं। पवित्र कुरान अध्याय क्रमांक 09, सुराह अत तौबा, आयत क्रमांक 119 के मुताबिक हमें अपनी फलाह (मुक्ती) के लिए ईश्वर पर अस्था और विश्वास रखना पर्याप्त नहीं बल्के साथ में अच्छे कर्म करते हुए, पापों से खुद को बचाते हुए, ईश्वर के प्रति अपने कर्तव्य का पालन करने का ध्यान रखने के साथ ही सत्संग को अपनाकर सच्चे लोगों के साथ हो जाना भी जरूरी है।

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

PRANAB, MY FATHER

There are authors who have written about their fathers My Years With Daddy by Ruskin Bond is one example. Some authors have straight away written plain and complete biographies about them, based on the real events and circumstances in their lives. We all know that writing true and complete autobiographies and biographies needs lots of guts on the part of authors. To overcome this challenge, some authors deliberately create characters and situations in their works which present and talk about their parents. Chetan Bhagat in his novel N2 States has followed this technique and written about his authoritative father. Now Sharmistha Mukherjee, the daughter of our 13th President of India, Pranab Mukherjee, has written a book titled Pranab My Father. According to her, the diaries that Pranab had habitually written meticulously are the primary source for her book. Apart from that, she also carefully uses and incorporates her views and impressions drawn or deduced from her innumerable conversations with her father and with those people who know about Pranab intimately. In her preface, she makes it very clear that the views expressed in the book are purely Subjective. %N %and this insulates her from any uncharitable observations and criticism.

Using the Flashback method, Sharmistha begins her 400-page book with the swearing-in ceremony of Pranab as the 13th President of India. From there she takes us down through a long journey, covering his childhood upto the day of Pranab pushing up the daisies. A long and fruitful journey.

The son of a freedom fighter, Pranab, known by his pet name Poltu was a naughty boy and he loved to bunk school and play with his

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friends in the paddy fields outside their village. But in college days Pranab became a serious student, a voracious reader and shunned campus politics, unlike his elder brother Pijush, a dynamic student leader in the same college. Later Pranab did his MA in Political Science and another masters through correspondence. However transition came over, his interest in politics bloomed when Pranab was doing his Law in Calcutta University in 1962-63 and he went on becoming the Chairman of the Law College students union. During his first PG course in 1956, Pranab loved Geeta, a first year degree student and it was love at first sight. Within six months their inter-caste marriage took place, of course against the wishes of his mother but his father, as a Congress leader, welcomed it. The tradition of inter-caste marriages continued through many generations in his family.

Pranab and Geeta were great lovers of dogs. When in 1974 Pranab's pet dog Jimbo died, he cried like a child at night. Again Daku, his another pet dog one day picked up a fight with the dog of Vajpayee, then an MP and a neighbour of Pranab and during the fight, the dog bit Vajpayee and it became a sensational news later. Though he had a high profile political life for 5 decades, Pranab and Geeta loved and led a simple middle-class life. Power never went to their head and they brought up all their three children in the same way.

For Pranab, Parliament was like a temple of democracy. According to the author, Parliament was Pranab's first love and he never missed the sessions. Even today Pranab is remembered for his great speeches and debates in Parliament. In fact PM Indira Gandhi had noticed him for the first time when Pranab as a Bangla Congress first time MP spoke impressively on the nationalization of the

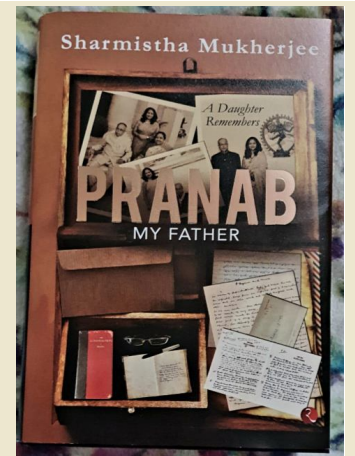
14 banks. After that Indira sent word for Pranab and appreciated him in her chamber. Within a short time Pranab joined the Congress Party and rose to become a close and trusted loyalist to Indira. The rest is history.

Whether in Government or in the Opposition, Pranab always encouraged other members across the political spectrum by appreciating their debates and often giving them avuncular advice and suggestions in how to raise points and debate in a decent and democratic way. Even after becoming the President of India, Pranab fondly and meticulously followed the proceedings in Parliament.

Pranab was often made fun of for his English accent. Even Indira too told him to get trained by a tutor. She on occasions spoke playfully about his diminutive stature. Once Pranab went to airport to receive Indira. On seeing Pranab holding a big bouquet, Indira told him that it was as big as his body. On another occasion, when Pranab as the FM had finished his budget speech, Indira told Parliament that our shortest FM delivered his longest speech. During a foreign tour, when Indira found Pranab feasting on ice-cream in the hotel lobby, she told him that though he could no longer grow vertically, he should avoid growing horizontally! In spite of all this, Indira had confidence in his talent, faith in his sagacity and wisdom and often sought his advice and guidance on crucial issues.

Pranab was a man of few needs. He loved reading books, and listening to Rabindra Sangeet. Not a foodie, a teetotaler, a workaholic, disliked eating out. Initially given to cigar smoking, later picked up the pipe but in 1990s he gave up smoking for good. He was a religious man and he loved long walks and writing diaries.

The author gives us a detailed account of the political developments



soon after the brutal assassination of Indira Gandhi. She tells us how Rajiv Gandhi became the PM after Indira, why he dropped Pranab from his maiden Cabinet, how Pranab took all these shocking events in his stride, and eventually how Pranab was taken back into the Congress family. She has handled this chapter deftly, in a balanced and objective way, scotching the innumerable rumours and canards about Pranab harbouring ambitions for the PM post as the immediate reason for the rift between Rajiv Gandhi and Pranab.

This book not only brings out the intimate bond between Sharmistha and her father but also showcases her writing prowess. The rare pictures that come with it enhance the look and appeal of it published by Rupa. Read this book to know more about one of our most gifted politicians whose tribe is facing extinction.

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Vikrant Massey visits Art of Living Ashram in Bengaluru as part of preparations for 'White'

Mumbai: The preparations for the upcoming film 'White' are underway. The film stars Vikrant Massey in the lead role, and delves deep into the life and teachings of the spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The film promises to blend gripping storytelling with profound spiritual insight, marking a bold new chapter in socially conscious and globally relevant filmmaking. On Saturday, the team shared an update with regards to the preparation laying the foundation for an authentic and immersive cinematic journey. As part of this preparation, producer Mahaveer Jain personally paid a visit to the Art of Living Ashram in Bengaluru. Vikrant participated in the 'Happiness Program', a signature breathwork and meditation course founded by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar himself. A photograph shared from the ashram beautifully captures this serene moment, with the group dressed in simple white attire, embodying the film's spiritual essence. They wrote in the caption, "Hearts Filled with Gratitude. Grateful for this wisdom Gurudev Sri Sri @gurudev". Directed by Montoo Bassi, the film is set to commence



shooting in Colombia this July. It is an ambitious and visionary endeavor from Mahaveer Jain Films and Marflix Pictures. Known for championing stories with social impact and cinematic scale, Mahaveer Jain and

Siddharth Anand continue to expand their creative footprints, further establishing their reputation for delivering films that combine scale, substance, and social consciousness. Speculation around Vikrant's involvement began when the actor was seen sporting significantly longer hair and undergoing physical transformations. Talking about the spiritual leader, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is also referred to as Gurudev. From around the mid 1970s, he worked as an apprentice under Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the founder of Transcendental Meditation. In 1981, he founded the Art of Living Foundation. In 1983, he held the first Art of Living course in Switzerland. Vikrant made his transition to cinema by playing supporting roles in films such as 'Lootera', 'Dil Dhadakne Do', and 'Half Girlfriend'.

'Nishabda Prema'.. A gripping romantic thriller

In an era where content-driven cinema rules the roost, Nishabda Prema comes as a refreshing and compelling addition to Telugu cinema. Originally a successful Tamil film, the thriller has now been dubbed into Telugu and released on May 23, aiming to captivate a new audience. With its suspense-filled narrative and emotionally layered performances, Nishabda Prema proves that a well-told story can transcend language barriers and hold viewers spell-bound. Story: The film opens with a gripping sequence—Sandhya (Priyanka Thimmesh) is chased by a masked man inside her house. While fleeing, she meets with an accident and loses her memory. A man named Raghu (Viaan) admits her to the hospital, but he claims to be her husband and takes her home. Soon, Sandhya stumbles upon a diary that reveals his true identity—Vignesh (Sriram).



Meanwhile, the real Raghu files a missing complaint with Commissioner Edward (Harish Peradi), who begins investigating. As secrets unravel, the story explores the connections between Vignesh, Raghu, Sandhya, and Sheela (Niharika Patro), ultimately leading to a

suspenseful and satisfying resolution. Performances: Sriram shines in his dual-shaded role as Vignesh, effortlessly transitioning between a cold-blooded killer and a complex man with hidden motives. His portrayal adds immense weight to the film. Priyanka Thimmesh delivers a

heartfelt performance as the confused and frightened Sandhya, grounding the film with emotional depth. Viaan impresses as the misunderstood Raghu, balancing innocence and intensity. Niharika Patro, though limited in screen time, brings glamor and intrigue to her role as Sheela. Harish Peradi and the supporting cast enhance the film with their solid performances. Technicalities: Technically, Nishabda Prema scores high. Jubin's riveting background score elevates the film's tension and emotional beats, making it feel like a star-studded production. The cinematography effectively complements the film's dark, mysterious mood, and the editing keeps the narrative tight, save for a few slightly lagging moments. The film's sleek production values and focused direction by the filmmaker showcase a commendable level of craftsmanship. Analysis:

Nishabda Prema benefits from its no-nonsense narrative style. It dives straight into the plot, maintaining a taut pace throughout. With only two songs strategically placed, the film avoids disrupting the thriller's rhythm. The second half answers many questions raised earlier, yet maintains suspense about the final outcome. The director deserves praise for crafting an engaging, twist-laden story that respects the intelligence of the audience. The film lives up to its title with moments of eerie silence and impactful dialogue, particularly from Sriram. Overall, Nishabda Prema is a tightly written, well-acted thriller that succeeds in keeping the audience hooked till the end. It's a film that proves good content doesn't need big names to shine. If you're a fan of suspenseful, emotionally driven stories, this one is worth a watch in the theaters.

Telugu box-office faces summer slump amid star absence and OTT dominance

The 2025 summer season has proven to be one of the duller for the Telugu film industry in recent years, with theatres witnessing significantly low footfalls. Traditionally a profitable season due to school holidays and family outings, this year has failed to produce even a single box office hit as May draws to a close. Industry insiders and trade observers point to the absence of major stars on the big screen as a key reason for the current slump. Theatres thrive on star power, and with only Pawan Kalyan's "Hari Hara Veera Mallu" and Dhanush-Nagarjuna's "Kubera" scheduled for release in the coming weeks, there's been a noticeable void in excitement. "Bhairavam," set to release at month-end, has yet to generate strong buzz. Contrary to popular belief, the ongoing IPL season isn't being blamed entirely. While cricket does impact box office collections, this year's lackluster performance by teams like Sun Risers Hyderabad and even fan-favorite CSK has reduced the tournament's usual pull. The real challenge, experts argue, lies in soaring ticket and food prices in multiplexes and the shrinking theatrical window—many films hitting OTT just four weeks after release. The shift in audience behaviour is evident. With changing tastes and rising preference for home viewing, especially among the younger generation, the habit of watching films in theatres is slowly fading. Unless the industry reassesses pricing strategies and collaborates with OTT platforms for sustainable models, theatre culture may continue its downward spiral in the Telugu states.

Priyadarshi unveils fun-filled song 'Zindagi Bilale' from 'Badmashulu'



Actor Priyadarshi recently launched the upbeat promotional track Zindagi Bilale from the upcoming rural comedy Badmashulu, directed by Shankar Cheguri. Featuring a cast led by Mahesh Chintala, Vidyasagar Karampuri, and Muralidhar Goud, the film is backed by producers B. Balakrishna and C. Rama Shankar under the Thara Story Tellers banner. Speaking at the song launch, Priyadarshi praised the energy and vibe of the track. "Zindagi Bilale is a fun and entertaining song. Teja Kunuru's music is vibrant, and the vocals by Charan Arjun and Viha are wonderful. I'm sure audiences will enjoy it. The teaser had me in splits, and the movie looks like a complete laugh riot. I hope Badmashulu, which is hitting screens on June 6, becomes a huge success," he said. Rooted in rural sensibilities, Badmashulu promises a fresh blend of natural characters and organic humor. Director Shankar Cheguri aims to deliver a non-stop two-hour comedy that resonates with everyday life and regional flavor. With a light-hearted narrative and grounded characters, the film is designed to connect with a wide audience seeking clean and entertaining cinema. The film's theatrical release will be handled by Deepa Arts, ensuring wide visibility. As the buzz builds with the launch of its lively song and promising teaser, Badmashulu is shaping up to be a summer comedy treat.

Arjun Ambati's 'Paramapada Sopanam' first single strikes a chord

Actor Arjun Ambati, known for his breakout role in Ardhanari and his popularity through Bigg Boss, is back in the spotlight with his latest thriller Paramapada Sopanam. Rooted in Telugu tradition, the film features Arjun in the lead alongside Jennifer Emmanuel and is set for a grand worldwide release on July 11. Produced by Gidimitla Siva Prasad under the S.S. Media banner and co-produced by Gudimetla Eswar, the film is helmed by Naga Siva, a protégé of veteran filmmaker Puri Jagannadh. Taking charge of the story, screenplay, dialogues, and direction, Naga Siva promises a thrilling cinematic experience with this culturally rich narrative. With production



now complete, promotions are in full swing. The team recently unveiled the first lyrical song Chinni Chinni Thappulevo, which is quickly gaining traction. Composed by Davzand, who recently impressed with his work on Eagle, the track boasts a trendy

and youthful vibe. Sung by Prudhvi Chandra and Aditi Bhavaraju, and penned by Rambabu Gosala, the song's catchy rhythm and relatable lyrics are resonating well with younger listeners. The film's music, infused with contemporary flair and cultural

depth, is expected to connect with a wide range of audiences. With mounting anticipation and a promising soundtrack, Paramapada Sopanam is poised to be a compelling entry in the Telugu thriller genre this July.

Chiranjeevi-Anil Ravipudi's 'Mega157' kickstarts in Hyderabad

Megastar Chiranjeevi is all set to return to his comic roots with #Mega157, a full-fledged entertainer helmed by hitmaker Anil Ravipudi. Known for delivering blockbuster comedy films, Ravipudi is finally teaming up with his matinee idol in what promises to be a laugh riot. The film marks a long-awaited comeback to the comedy genre for Chiranjeevi, much to the delight of his fans. Produced by Sahu Garapati under Shine Screens in collaboration with Sushmita Konidela's Gold Box Entertainments and presented by Smt. Archana, the film is being mounted on a lavish scale. Lady Superstar Nayanthara stars opposite Chiranjeevi, adding to the film's star power. The regular shoot of #Mega157 began today in Hyderabad, with important talkie portions featuring Chiranjeevi and others currently being filmed. Both the director and the megastar have expressed excitement about this collaboration finally materializing. Anil Ravipudi, fresh off the suc-



cess of his Sankranti release Sankranthiki Vasthunnam, has already stirred excitement online through quirky promotional videos revealing key crew members and cast. The film boasts a strong technical crew including Sameer Reddy as the cinematographer, Bheems Ceciroleo scoring the music, and Tammiraju

on editing duties. Writers S Krishna and G Adi Narayana are penning the script, with S Krishna also doubling as executive producer. AS Prakash serves as the production designer. #Mega157 is slated for a grand Sankranti 2026 release, and expectations are already soaring high.