



Silence is strength: Disclosures about military losses can harm national security

The recent clamour from certain political factions, notably the Congress party, for detailed disclosure of military losses—such as the number of Rafale jets allegedly downed by Pakistan—reveals a troubling disconnect from the realities of warfare and national security. While transparency remains the bedrock of democracy, the demand for immediate, granular details of military setbacks during or post-conflict risks grave consequences. The aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, which prompted India's decisive retaliatory strike against terrorist infrastructure across the border, underscores the need for a mature and restrained approach to public discourse on such critical matters. India's response to the Pahalgam incident was a necessary act of self-defence, targeting state-sponsored terrorism. The ensuing aerial engagement with Pakistan, a clear act of war, inevitably involved gains and losses on both sides. War, by its nature, is a brutal calculus, and to expect a public ledger of every casualty or fallen asset is to misunderstand its dynamics. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan's acknowledgment of "some losses" and focus on rectifying tactical errors reflects a pragmatic stance—prioritising operational lessons over a politically charged tally. Yet, even this measured disclosure, aimed at transparency, may have been an unnecessary bow to partisan pressure. Revealing precise figures—say, the number of jets lost—would deal a blow to the



morale of our armed forces. Publicising such details could paint their sacrifices as failures rather than the inherent risks of duty, eroding the spirit that fuels their resolve. Beyond the military, this risks shaking public confidence, fostering anxiety and perceptions of vulnerability instead of resilience. In a nation where civilian-military trust is vital, such a narrative could fray this essential bond. A 2023 survey by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) found 78 per cent of Indians view the armed forces as the most trusted institution—undermining the ripple effects on national unity. Legally, too, this demand is flawed. The Official Secrets Act, 1923, under Section 2(5), classifies "munitions of war"—including aircraft, arms, and related devices—as sensitive, where disclosure could prejudice state safety. Handing adversaries a precise account of losses, from jets to personnel, fuels their intelligence and propaganda efforts. Pakistan's history of psychological warfare, evident in its media campaigns post-Balakot in 2019, thrives on such data to

exaggerate India's setbacks and bolster its narrative. Why give them this advantage? Globally, discretion is the norm. Major powers like the US, Russia, and China rarely divulge combat losses in real time, adhering to a doctrine of strategic ambiguity. During the Ukraine conflict, Russia's delayed and vague casualty reports kept opponents guessing, a tactic that preserved operational edge. India, in a volatile region flanked by hostile neighbours, cannot afford to deviate from this practice. Denying adversaries exact intelligence forces them to rely on shaky estimates, complicating their planning and potentially deterring aggression. In the information war, discretion is a weapon—ceding it by confirming losses plays into the enemy's hands. The real value of conflict lies not in a scorecard of losses but in the lessons drawn. General Chauhan's focus on refining strategy and tactics aligns with this. Internal military reviews, shielded from public glare, dissect vulnerabilities, enhance training, and bolster preparedness. This is accountability—quiet, rigorous,

and effective. Parliamentary oversight, respecting classification protocols, further ensures checks without compromising security. The demands for public tallies, often cloaked in 'transparency', smack of political gains, by turning a grave national issue into election fodder. This divisiveness, especially amid tensions, weakens the unity India needs. Historical context reinforces this. Post-Kargil in 1999, India mourned its martyrs but delayed detailed loss reports, prioritising operational security. The result was a strengthened military posture and strategic clarity. Today, with China's assertiveness along the LAC and Pakistan's proxy war in Kashmir—where terror incidents rose 22 per cent from 2020 to 2024 per Union Home Ministry data—India faces a two-front challenge. Publicizing losses now could embolden both adversaries, signaling weakness at a critical juncture. Democracy thrives on debate, but responsible citizenship recognizes limits. The Congress party's persistent questioning, blind to these stakes, risks aiding adversaries, denting military morale, and unsettling the public. Trusting our military leadership to handle sensitive matters with discretion is not blind faith but a strategic necessity. A strong India prioritizes defence readiness and national interest over divisive disclosures. In this complex theatre, silence can be strength, and our focus must remain on securing the nation, not fueling debates that weaken it.

Akkineni Nagarjuna invites CM Chandrababu to Son Akhil's Wedding



Film star Akkineni Nagarjuna recently met with Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu at his camp office in Undavalli for a special meeting. During this visit, Nagarjuna presented the wedding invitation for his younger son, Akkineni Akhil, personally inviting the CM to attend the ceremony. This comes on the heels of Nagarjuna's eldest son, Naga Chaitanya, who married Sobhita last year. Now, Akhil is set to tie the knot with Zainab, the daughter of prominent businessman Zulfi Ravji. The couple got engaged on November 26th last year and are scheduled to marry on the 6th of this month. Zainab, a native of Hyderabad, has been in a relationship with Akhil for several years. Nagarjuna has reportedly extended invitations to numerous celebrities, including Telangana CM Revanth Reddy. The wedding ceremony will take place at Annapurna Studio in Hyderabad, followed by a grand reception planned in Rajasthan.

Former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy's bail petition hearing adjourned

The hearing regarding the bail petition of former minister and YSRCP leader Kakani Govardhan Reddy, involved in an case, has been postponed to the 5th of this month. Meanwhile, arguments continue in the Nellore Fifth Additional District Magistrate Court concerning the police custody petition related to the same case.



New blood test to boost diagnosis for rare genetic diseases in kids

New Delhi: Australian researchers have developed a new blood test that can rapidly diagnose rare genetic diseases in children. The simple blood test, developed by researchers from the University of Melbourne and Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI), eliminates the need for costly and invasive procedures. It can rapidly detect abnormalities in up to 50 per cent of all known rare genetic diseases in a matter of days. The test works by analysing the pathogenicity of thousands of gene mutations at once, potentially replacing thousands of other functional tests, said the team in the research, published in the journal Genome Medicine. "A disease is rare if it affects fewer than one in 2,000 people and there are more than 7,000 different rare diseases, most of which have a genetic origin and many of these diseases are serious and progres-



sive," said David Stroud, Associate Professor at University of Melbourne. "If our blood test can provide clinical diagnoses for even half of the 50 per cent of patients who don't get a diagnosis through genome sequencing, that's a significant outcome as it means those patients don't have to undergo unnecessary and inva-

sive testing such as muscle biopsies, which for a baby requires general anaesthetic and that doesn't come without risks," he added. The team benchmarked their test against an existing clinically accredited enzyme test offered by the Victorian Clinical Genetics Services at MCRI, focussing on mitochondrial diseases. These are a group of severe rare disorders that rob the body's cells of energy, causing single or multiple organ dysfunction or failure, and potentially death. The team found, comparatively, their new test is more effective in confirming a mitochondrial disease diagnosis as it's much more sensitive and accurate and can produce faster results. The researchers are now in the process of recruiting 300 patients with a range of different genetic disorders to participate in a study to investigate the broad utility of their diagnostic test.

Devotees rush increases at Tirumala, to take 15 hours for Sarvadarshans

The influx of devotees at Tirumala continues unabated, with countless pilgrims eagerly awaiting their turn for darshan. Currently, 29 compartments are accommodating devotees seeking the free Sarva Darshan, which takes approximately five hours to complete during time slot. For those without darshan

tickets, the wait has extended significantly, with some enduring up to 18 hours. Conversely, devotees holding special entry darshan tickets can expect to receive darshan within a more manageable timeframe of four hours. As of Monday midnight, a remarkable 84,418 individuals had been granted darshan of the

Lord. Among these, 34,900 devotees participated in the offering of talaneelas. In addition, the collection in the hundi, intended as gifts to the Lord, has reached an impressive total of Rs. 3.89 crores. The spiritual fervour continues to draw visitors from far and wide, highlighting the enduring devotion associat-



Telangana American Telugu Association (TTA) preparations for 2026 mega convention and 10th anniversary celebrations

TTA official announcement at Dallas Board Meeting



Hyderabad, June: 3, Metroudayam

Telangana American Telugu Association (TTA) has officially announced its prestigious dates at the Board of Directors meeting. The TTA Mega Convention will be held on July 17-19, 2026, while the 10th anniversary will be held in Hyderabad in December. TTA Presidents Malipeddi Naveen Reddy, Founders Pila Mallareddy and Advisory Council Chair. Vijayapal Reddy, Co-Chair Dr. Mohan Reddy announced on Monday night at a meeting of Dallas. for these celebrations. LN Reddy Donti Reddy will be the event chair. The TTA Service Day Roadmap was presented to the Coordinator Vishwa Kandi Board. The meeting was attended by the present presidents Malipeddi Naveen Reddy, the Advisory Board along with the past Presidents, Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs and Regional Vice Presidents enthusiastically and reiterated the company's commitment to the Cultural Service and Community Excellence. At this meeting, Jyoti Reddy proudly announced that it was selected as a member of the new Board of Directors. The decision was welcomed by the leadership team. The Board of Directors unanimously decided to celebrate the 10th Anniversary Celebration at Shilpa kalavedika Hyderabad on December 2026 during the completion of a decade of cultural influence. The TTA team, made the Dallas meeting, was presented by Praveen Chinta, Vishwa Kandi, Naresh Bynagari, Venkat Annapa reddy, Shekhar, Sandeep, Mahesh, and Nishank.

Dr. KKR: A Visionary Who Recognized and Nurtured Talent

Agiripalli, June 3 (Morning):

Dr. KKR has earned admiration for identifying and nurturing the hidden potential of students who have lost their parents, transforming them into bright and knowledgeable individuals. His belief that dedication, perseverance, and hard work in education can lead to extraordinary success has once again been proven true. Two such inspiring examples are Maruthi from Vissannapeta and K. Manjunath from Thadepalli village of Choppadimetla, who secured remarkable ranks in the JEE Advanced examination held on Monday. Despite losing his parents, Maruthi showed exceptional determination in his studies, securing 475 out of 500 marks in his 10th grade at Kumar School, Nuzvid. Similarly, Manjunath, who lost his father, scored 479 out of 500 marks in his 10th grade with equal dedication. Seeking to pursue higher education, both students approached Dr. KKR's Happy Valley School management. Moved by their passion and potential, Dr. KKR offered them free admission, hostel facilities, and JEE coaching. Thanks to this support, Manjunath secured an impressive All India Rank of 471, while Maruthi achieved a rank of 3930 in the JEE Advanced results. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. KKR said that for the past four years, Happy Valley School has been providing free education to 300 underprivileged students every year, with the aim of equipping them with quality knowledge and life-changing opportunities. The event was also attended by Dean Raghuram, Vice Principal, teachers, and other staff members.



Rewant Reddy Public meetings will Resist

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Telangana Movement Joint Action Committee (TUJAC) Chairman Sultan Yadagiri said that if the CM Revant Reddy set up any where Public meetings in the state, the formation of the House. At the Telangana state incarnation day, CM Revanth Reddys government hopes that the Telangana movement will declare sweet words, it has become bitter. A press conference was chaired by TUJAC General Secretary Tummala Prapul Ramreddy at the Hyderabad Basheer Bagh Press Club. Chairman



Sultan Yadagiri said that the government has appealed to the government to support the protesters who fought for the achievement of Telangana state. TUJAC has been reminded of the government in various forms of struggles. The Revant Reddy government said that the states emergence on the promises made to the activists was a clear statement. He said that the hopes of the activists remain hopes. He

said that the Congress government had cheated as well as the last BRS KCR government cheated the movement. The Revanth government should not pay the appropriate amount of this, said he would announce their work soon to achieve the rights of the movement cars. reminded that the government would have to struggle to make another Telangana fight. Since the government is not in a position to believe

the words of the TUJAC, the first Mali stage activists and their families have been mobilized and Asserted that they will Face another Telangana struggle from the village to Hyderabad. The TUJAC will be blocked wherever they are held in the state, he said. He said the MLA, MP and local public representatives would invade the houses. In this case, the governments negligence, Telangana activists have suffered a suicide and committed suicide. Sultan Yadagiri, Bakaram Lavanya, Bathula Somaiah, Kristafar, Koti Madhava reddy, Sucharitha, Anjali, Sunita, suji, Venkata lakshmi, Aruna, M Shankar Rao and JAC leaders participated in the event.

On the occasion of the Harish Rao Birthday, a blood donation camp Organized under the Nagesh Mudiraj

Hyderabad, June: 3, Metroudayam

On the occasion of the birthday of former minister Tanner Harish Rao, BRS Greater senior leader Nageshmudiraj organized a blood donation camp at Ramnagar, Hyderabad. Most people in this blood donation camp have donated blood. People who are not able to find blood are very difficult to save peoples lives due to blood donation. Harish Rao is not a person who works for the people. He prayed to be healthy. PCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud has no moral right to criticize Harish Rao. Harish Rao won 7 times as MLA. The public has

not been present. He criticized the Congress party for not getting a deposit if you were given a ticket. Mahesh Goud, the PCC president in the lottery, challenged that I would stay away from politics if you contested from any constituency in 119 constituencies. Mahesh Kumar Goud has forgotten his level and criticizes it. It is a shame to talk about the subject of Kaleshwaram with lack of awareness. Your Congress leaders have agreed to the greatness of Kaleshwaram Project. Even though the states come from abroad, everyone is reminded of the greatness of



Kaleshwaram. Kaleshwaram Project Telangana Farmers Life. said that the rest of the parties were talking about the difficulties of women in your party. The states womens Congress presi-

dent, Gandhi Bhavan, reminded that women have been unfair to the dharna. Mahesh Kumar Goud was talking about something and talking about his existence.

WALT AIR DIVISION CONTINUES CLEAN ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN



In a focused effort to promote sustainability, reduce plastic pollution, and engage the community, Indian Railways has launched a comprehensive clean environment campaign from May 22 to June 5, 2025, in observance of World Environment Day. The initiative involves passengers, NGOs, students, and the general public. As part of the campaign, Waltair Division has undertaken several ini-

tiatives to raise environmental awareness. Public drives at station premises are informing passengers about the ban on single-use plastics and encouraging the use of reusable steel bottles to curb plastic waste. The Environment & Housekeeping Department of Waltair Division conducted special cleanliness and waste management drives at various railway stations, railway estab-



lishments, and nearby areas, with active support from the railway staff and NGOs. Additionally, in collaboration with the Pollution Control Board, an awareness drive was held at Vizianagaram railway station. Placards and slogan announcements during train arrivals highlighted the harmful effects of plastic and promoted sustainable practices among passengers.

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Musheerabad Media Incharge Muchcha Kurti Prabhakar Padma couple wedding Day Celebrated. Musheerabad legislators Muta gopal couple greeted them on the wedding day wishes. Gandhinagar Division President M. Rakesh Kumar, Punna Satyanarayana, Srinivas Gupta, Akula Srinivas, Pasham Ravi, Pothula Srikanth and others were Participated in this event.



Former minister Harish Raos birthday celebrations in OU

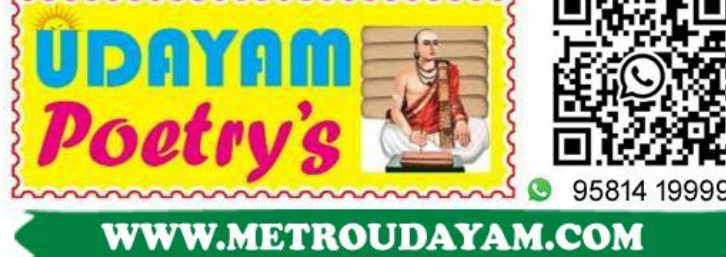
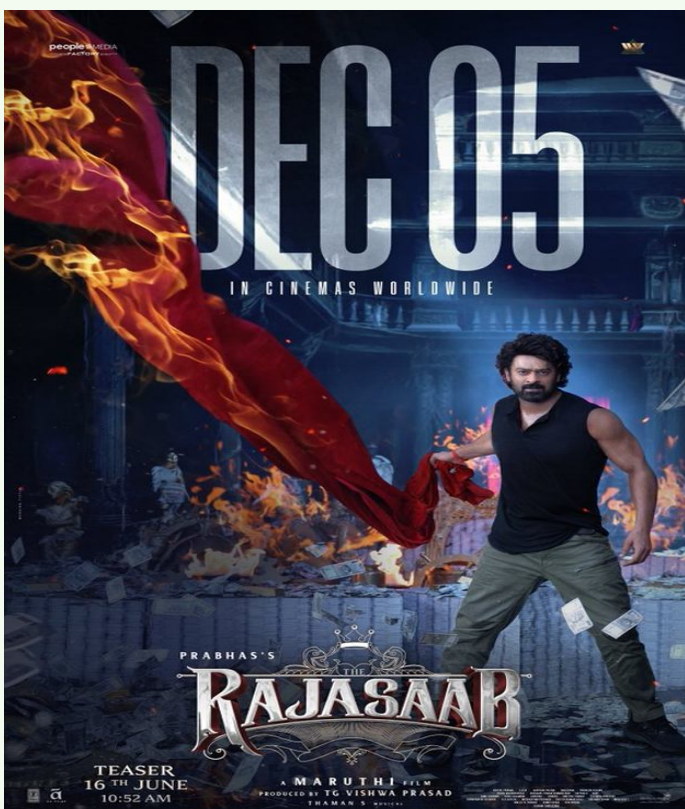


Hyderabad, June: 3, Metroudayam

Former minister and Siddipet legislators Harish Rao birthday celebrations Celebrated Under the TRSV leaders in OU. On the occasion, the cake was cut to the Arts College platform under the aegis of BRSV Secretary of State Kalul Nagaraju and after the unemployed students were given Competitive Books. Speaking on the occasion, who was on the Telangana movement, was a warrior who was on the path of KCR for the achievement of the state. Kaleshwaram, the Minister of Irrigation in Telangana, has been instrumental in the construction of the irrigation sector. Harish Rao, the leader of the Telangana people as the Minister of Health and Finance, said. Harish Rao, is fighting on behalf of the people on the Congress party scams, has been fighting the opposition today. Student leaders Padmamma Ramesh, Jangaiah, Srikanth Mudiraj, Nagender Rao, Avinash, Prasad, Adarsh, Jyoti and Sindhu participated in the event.

Prabhas' The Raja Saab Gets Release Date and Teaser Update: Fans Excited Again

Prabhas has signed many films recently. One of them is a horror-comedy called The Raja Saab. The film is directed by Maruthi and produced by People Media Factory. Most of the shooting was done, but the film was delayed. The production company faced financial problems, so they paused filming for months. Later, Prabhas injured his knee while working on another film called Fauji. This caused even more delay. Fans were waiting for updates, and now they have some good news. The makers have announced that The Raja Saab will release on December 5, 2025. The teaser will be out on December 16, 2025. Malavika Mohanan and Nidhi Agerwal play the lead roles. Music is being composed by Thaman. Fans of Prabhas are excited again. The film is now one of the most awaited movies of 2025.



ARUDRAS DEATH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL (JUNE 4TH)

ARUDRA, THE GIFTED LYRICIST.

Our Telugu films since 1950s have gifted us many great lyricists. Most of them were in fact eminent literary scholars in their own right and their master pieces, creative works got them great name and fame, besides befitting awards and honours. But, alas, some of these gifted lyricists couldn't get the recognition they deserved. Arudra is one among those noted yet unsung lyricists.

Born in the year 1925 in Yelamachili, Anapalle District, Andhra Pradesh, Bhagavantula Sadasiva Sankara Sastry came to be known popularly as Arudra, poet, novelist, short story writer, dramatist, translator, publisher, literary critic, movie lyricist, and script writer. Under his noted literary works comes his magnum opus, "History of Telugu Literature in 12 volumes. Married K. Ramalaxmi, a Telugu author, critic, and columnist. Arudra went on to write many beautiful works, like his equally famous relative Srisri. Both of them believed in communism and worked for ARASA.

He stepped into the Telugu movie industry in 1949 and made a name as a lyricist, and dialogue writer. In all he wrote 4000 songs and all his songs are collected and published in five volumes by his wife. Here let us look at some of his beautiful songs that are still heard.

1) Maanase andaala brundavanam from the movie Manchi Kutumbam. This song on the veena is one of the beautiful songs in the movie and helped for the grand success of it.

2) Adigo Navalokam from the movie Veera abhimanyu. This song fetched laurels to musician K V Mahadevan.

3) Gandhi Puttina Desama from the movie Pavitra Bhandam. This song holds a mirror to Arudras communist philosophy.

4) Dhanameraa annitiki moolam from the movie, Lakshmi Nivaasam. Arudra wrote all the nine catchy songs for this movie. Arudra must have taken a cue for writing this song about the importance of money and judicious use of it from the life of actor Nagaiah who played a role in the movie and who in real was philanthropic to a fault.



5) Pillalu Devudu from the movie Letha Maanasulu. This song is a hit even today and it shows the skill of Arudra in conveying profound meaning with simple words.

6) Srirastu Subhamastu from the movie Pelli Pustakam. This wonderful song about the importance of and rituals in a traditional marriage from the pen of a communist made many fans and critics click their tongues!

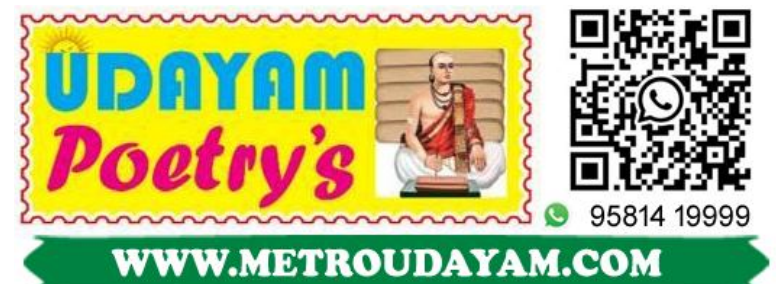
- 7) Oohalu Gusugusalade (Bhandi potu)
- 8) Naa janmabhumi (Sipahi Chinnaya)
- 9) Padhi mandhilo (Anandanilayam)
- 10) Madhurathi (Jivitha Chakram)
- 11) Elage elage (Vayasu pilichindi)
- 12) Mutyalu chemme (Bobbili Yuddham)
- 13) Edo edo annadi (Mutyalu Muggu)
- 14) Aakasam Dinchala (Bhatta Kannapa)
- 15) Amma Kadupu (Sakshi)

The list is endless and Arudra could write songs of highly lyrical and literary values with aplomb. It is a pity that this gifted many-sided personality couldn't get his due recognition and honours, except one Sahitya Academy award and this statue at the beach road in Chennai.

I feel there are two reasons for it. One - he lived in an era when other poet-lyricists like Devulapalli, Atraye, Srisri, Narayana Reddy dominated the industry. Second - his communist inclinations perhaps held the then Governments back from giving him his flowers.

Let us see what is in store for his fans in his Centenary BIRTH ANNIVERSARY this year.

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(शकील उवाचा
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के पहले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब (अ.) बता चुके हैं। आप अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान है के, "खुदा (ईश्वर) उस व्यक्ति पर रहम (कृपा) करे जिसने हिकमत (बुद्धि, बोध) का कोई कलिमा (वचन) सुना तो उसे गिरह (गाँठ) में बांध लिया। हिदायत (मार्गदर्शन) की ओर उसे बुलाया गया तो दौड़ कर करीब हुआ (भागकर आया)।" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रका. शित हिन्दी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, खुतबा (प्रवचन) क्रमांक 74, पुष्ट क्रमांक 202)।

आदमी को ज्ञान की बातों को सुनना, उन बातों को याद रखना और उन बातों पर आचरण करना जैसी बातें उसके निजात (मुक्ति) के कारण बनते हैं। दूसरी बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण बात यह है के, जो कोई व्यक्ति अपनी भलाई चाहता हो उसे अपने कर्मों पर नज़र रखना चाहिए। निस्वार्थ भाव से यानी फल की आकांक्षा को त्याग कर किए गए कर्म कभी बंधन नहीं बनते। निस्वार्थ कर्मों के कारण आदमी सुखमय जीवन बिताता है।

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहले उत्तरा. धिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब (अ.) का फरमान है के, "ईश्वर उस व्यक्ति पर रहम (कृपा) करे जिसने सही रहबर (सच्चे मार्गदर्शक) का दामन थामकर निजात (मुक्ति) पाई। अल्लाह (सु.) को हर वक्त नज़रों (दृष्टि) में रखा और गुनाहों (पापों) से खौफ खाया (डरते रहा)। और जिसने अमले बे रिया (निस्वार्थ कर्म) पेश किया, शुभ कर्म किया, पुण्य का भंडार जमा किया और बुरी बातों से दूर रहा (वही मुक्ति पा सकता है)।" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिन्दी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, खुतबा (प्रवचन) क्रमांक 74, पुष्ट क्रमांक 202)।

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WHAT? WHY?

Life always encircled with four questions! What? Why? When? and How? Take any incident thought, act!

These four play an important role!

Let us see today about What? and Why? Morning itself start with What! What to do is self question!

List in the mind may be long! While in selection priority goes to What first? Once selection over, comes next second one Why! It is not so easy to answer! It creates so many doubts



Why rest of tasks not selected!

Unless these two are not critically examined, A suitable decision can not be taken! Suppose we wish to move further! Again two more questions to face! When? and How? Let me tell you tomorrow about these two!

Composed by:
B. Satyanarayana Rao,
(Ba. Sa. Raa)
Vijayawada.

IPL 2025 Live Screenings in Bengaluru: Full List of Theatres

IPL fans in Bengaluru are cloud nine after their home team RCB reached finals of the IPL 2025. RCB fans can now



enjoy matches on the big screen. Several theatres across the city are screening live IPL matches to give fans a stadium-like experience with great sound and big visuals. Here are some of the theatres in Bengaluru where you can watch IPL: PVR: Nexus (Formerly Forum), Koramangala Also Read - UTT Season 6: Dabang Delhi eye revenge against Dempo Goa in 2024 final rematch PVR: Superplex Forum Mall, Kanakapura Road PVR: Orion Mall, Dr Rajkumar Road PVR: Phoenix Marketcity Mall, Whitefield Road PVR: VR Bengaluru, Whitefield Road INOX: Galleria Mall, Yelahanka INOX: Mantri Square, Malleshwaram PVR: MSR Elements Mall, Tanisandhra Main Road PVR: Soul Spirit Central Mall, Bellandur PVR: Global Mall, Mysore Road PVR: Aura Park Square, Whitefield PVR: Orion Uptown, Old Madras Road These theatres offer a great place to enjoy the match with friends and family. For full details, show timings, and to book tickets, visit the BookMyShow website

Huma Qureshi treats her 'pretty boys' to a pampering grooming session

Mumbai: Huma Qureshi took to social media to share a heartwarming video of her beloved pet dogs, Toosh and Kishmish, enjoying a luxurious grooming and spa session. Calling them her "pretty boys," the actress gave a delightful glimpse into how she pampers her furry companions. Taking to Instagram, Huma posted an adorable video featuring herself with her furry companions, Toosh and Kishmish, as they enjoyed a pampering grooming session. The video features the adorable duo getting the royal treatment — from gentle brushing to a soothing wash and all the love that comes with a spa day for pets. The clip captured the gentle brushing, relaxing wash, and loving attention that made Toosh and Kishmish look their best. In the video, the actress is seen posing proudly with her pets, who look neat, clean, and



absolutely adorable following their spa treatment. Sharing the clip, Qureshi wrote in the caption, "My Pretty Boys ... Toosh & Kishmish #spa #doglover #haircare #grooming #humaqureshi #trending." The Jolly LLB 2 actress often shares posts featuring her beloved pet dogs, giving a glimpse into their adorable moments together. Meanwhile, Huma Qureshi recently made headlines for her visit to the Indo-Pak border in RS Pura. On May 28, the

Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department, in collaboration with the Border Security Force (BSF), organised a special event at the Octroi general area in Suchetgarh to promote border tourism in Jammu. Huma attended the event and warmly interacted with families affected by ceasefire violations and cross-border firing. She also met with troops from the BSF and the Indian Army, expressing her gratitude and appreciation for their dedicated service. In

her speech, the actress said, "I came here to boost the morale of our BSF soldiers, our Army personnel, and especially our women soldiers. But instead, you all showered me with so much love that I felt deeply touched. Once again, I realized how lucky we are to have you protecting our borders and ensuring our safety." "Please do not let hate win. Come to Jammu and Kashmir; Come as travelers and go back as believers. It is because of your bravery that peace has been established on our borders. I am thankful to the BSF and the Army. Recent events have made us understand the importance of your role for the country. Jammu and Kashmir is the backbone of India and is standing strong and united, reflecting your courage and sacrifice. I salute you and your families from the core of my heart," Huma added.

Singer Akhil Sachdeva reflects on working with Pakistani actress Mawra Hocane amid Indo-Pak tensions

Mumbai: Playback singer Akhil Sachdeva opened up about his experience collaborating with Pakistani actress Mawra Hocane for his latest track, "Tu Chaand Hai." Addressing the ongoing ban on Pakistani artists in the industry, Akhil shared his thoughts on working with Mawra, highlighting the creative synergy and mutual respect that transcended boundaries. Akhil shared the fascinating backstory behind his soulful track 'Tu Chand,' revealing how the song initially didn't resonate with him but later became a memorable part of his repertoire. The singer disclosed that the song was sent to him by the team, who were keen for him to lend his voice.



However, due to a hectic schedule filled with travel and shows, Akhil initially declined the offer. "When I first heard it over the phone, it didn't strike me as something I should do," he admitted. In an exclusive interview with IANS, the singer revealed that it was only after

persistent requests from the record label and encouragement from his wife that he decided to give the song a proper listen. "She said, 'This is a beautiful song, you can't say no,' and she was right. It needed a voice like mine," he reflected. Adding another layer of connection to the project was the involvement of Pakistani actress Mawra Hocane, who was cast for the music video. Akhil revealed that he was already familiar with Mawra through her brother-in-law, Farhan Saeed, a close friend of his for nearly a decade. The two had even met years earlier during an overseas concert, which made the video shoot in Dubai comfortable and friendly.

"Later, I found out they had planned a very interesting concept involving Mawra. She's a well-known actress from Pakistan, and they had cast her for the video. I already knew Mawra—her brother-in-law, Farhan Saeed, is a very dear friend of mine. We've been close for nearly a decade. I had actually met her a few years ago at an overseas concert. So, there was already a level of comfort between us, which made the shoot very easy." Addressing the sensitive issue of cross-border collaborations amid ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, Akhil expressed his belief that "music has no boundaries" but also emphasized that

"the nation must come first." The singer mentioned, "Considering the current situation, I still believe in the sentiment that music has no boundaries. But at the same time, I also feel that the nation must come first. Despite everything, we answered the situation with love. Although there was some aggressive response from the other side, I maintain that nothing comes above the country. The song remains ours—they only cast the actress. I have complete faith that people will love the song regardless of the circumstances. And yes, we always stand with the nation." "Tu Chaand Hai" was released on April 4, 2025.

Australia planning to give a great send-off to Virat & Rohit in ODIs later this year: CA CEO

New Delhi: Todd Greenberg, the Cricket Australia (CA) CEO, said he hopes to give a memorable send-off to Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli should the duo play in Australia one last time later this year. With Rohit and Kohli retiring from Tests and T20Is in the last 12 months, it means they will now be playing only ODIs for India. India are slated to tour Australia for three ODIs in Perth, Adelaide and Sydney from October 19-25 and is followed by five T20Is happening from October 29 to November 8. In an Australian home summer headlined by the five-match Ashes, the Indian interest looms large with the women's team also slated to tour the country for a multi-format series after WPL 2026 is over. "It's a massive summer of cricket highlighted by both the Indian women's and men's teams. Also the Ashes is here, and for the first time in nearly two decades, Australian cricket will be playing international matches in every single capital city and territory across the entire country, which is amazing when you think about the logistical exercise that goes with that." "But to answer the question, look, there's a lot of work in bespoke marketing plans for every game in every city. Some of those will be nuanced to local markets, whether we're playing, like in far North



Queensland when South Africa are here or in our big cities when both Indian men's and women's are here. So a lot of work going into that," said Greenberg, while replying to a query from IANS, in a virtual interaction on Tuesday. With CA announcing that it has officially recorded its highest individual day of ticket sales when it opened up its priority pre-sale window on Tuesday, one will surely expect the fans in Australia and the overseas spectators to get their money's worth when the dual India tours and the Ashes take place, especially on the back of attendance and ticket sales touching new heights in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series. "I think we saw real momentum last year on the back of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series - some record-breaking numbers on ticket sales.

I anticipate that we'll see a number of sell-outs across the summer, really starting in August, and going through to March. So this may be a summer like we've never seen before with the amount of content that we have." "If you think about the quality of the players that will be coming, particularly from India, this might be the last time that we get to see Virat Kohli or Rohit Sharma play in our country. If that is the case, but who knows, it might not be. But if it is, we want to make sure we give them a great send-off, which is a reflection of the incredible contribution they've made to international cricket," added Greenberg, who previously served as the chief of the Australian Cricketers Association (ACA). Aside from the excitement generated by another big home summer, Australia are also going big on the 'A' teams programme. Last year, it hosted the India women's 'A' team for a multi-format series in Queensland. This time, the Sri Lanka men's 'A' team will be in Australia for three 50-over games and two red-ball matches in July. Australia 'A' team is also coming to India in September for two multi-day games and three limited-overs matches in Kanpur and Lucknow respectively. The revival of 'A' tours programme, after being halted for a while due to the Covid-19 pandem-

ic, is also high on Greenberg's agenda, despite a crammed international schedule. "It's hard to find the balance because the A tours are very important. Everybody saw the way that our Australian men's team played in Sri Lanka earlier this year when we won that series. But what people don't see is the amount of time that a lot of our players have spent playing there, touring there in A series games and others in order to then get their opportunity to succeed at the highest level." "So the A series games are a very important part of the development of our players in long-term play. It's a significant investment from countries to play A series cricket because ultimately you're not generating the revenues like you would in normal Test cricket." "But they are very important, and I get a sense that we'll continue to talk to our counterparts in other countries about how we find meaningful parts of the schedule to put those players and give them chances to play in different conditions and particularly younger players who will come through our systems." "We want to make sure they've had opportunities to play in the subcontinent and other parts of the world. So when they do get the opportunity to play for their country, they're ready and they've been developed to a point where they can succeed," he concluded.