

8 killed in chemical factory reactor blast at Pashamylaram near Hyd

At least eight workers were killed and 28 others injured in a massive reactor blast at an industrial unit in Pashamylaram near Hyderabad on Monday. The incident occurred in a chemical factory in the industrial area in Sangareddy district around 9 a.m. The explosion triggered a huge fire, which engulfed the premises of Sigachi Chemicals. Firefighters rushed to the spot to douse the fire. Eleven fire engines controlled the flames. Police, fire services and other personnel launched rescue and relief operations. Ambulances were also seen at the spot to shift the injured to hospitals. Five workers died on the spot while three others succumbed at hospitals. Two of the deceased at a private



hospital in Madinguda were identified as Abhishek Kumar (Bihar) and Nagarjit Tiwari (Odisha). A total of 66 were working at the factory at the time of the explosion. The injured were shifted to various hospi-

tals, and the condition of five of them was stated to be critical. State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), Revenue and police were participating in

rescue and relief works. According to eye-witnesses, such was the impact of the explosion that workers were tossed in the air and fell several meters away. The manufacturing unit in the factory collapsed under the impact of the blast while fire spread to the adjoining building within the factory premises. Migrant workers from Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and other states were employed in the industrial unit. The explosion and fire sent panic among the employees in the chemical unit and the adjoining factories. They ran out of the premises. The rescue workers were also using earthmovers to remove the debris of the demolished structure. A worker was pulled out of the rubble and shifted to the

hospital. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed shock over the accident. He directed officials to take all necessary measures to rescue the workers trapped in the incident. According to the Chief Minister's Office, he also instructed that the injured be provided with the best possible medical treatment. Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha visited the accident site and directed officials to intensify the rescue and relief operations. Director General (Fire Services) B.V. Narayana also rushed to the spot. Sangareddy District Collector P. Pravinya and Superintendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj were supervising rescue and relief operations.

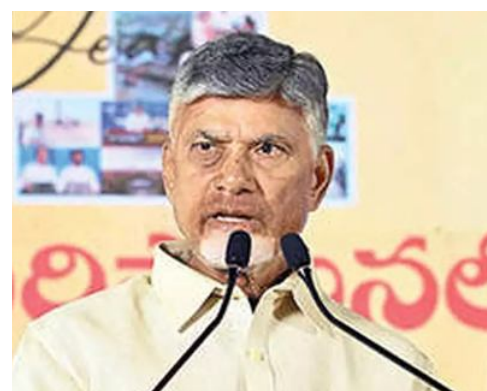
CM expresses shock, asks for speedy rescue of trapped workers



Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed shock over the massive fire accident at the Pashamylaram industrial area in Sangareddy district. The Chief Minister directed officials to take all necessary measures to rescue the workers trapped in the incident. According to the Chief Minister's Office, he also instructed that the injured be provided with the best possible medical treatment. Eight workers were killed and 28 others injured in the reactor blast at a chemical factory on Monday morning Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha visited the accident site and directed officials to provide every possible assistance to the victims. Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy said he was deeply saddened to hear about the fire accident. "My heartfelt condolences to those who lost their lives and prayers for the speedy recovery of those injured. I have spoken with the district administration and urged them to take immediate rescue measures and provide necessary medical support," he posted on 'X'. "The Govt. of India stands in solidarity with those affected by this incident and will provide financial assistance to the families of the bereaved," he added. Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president has termed the reactor blast at Patancheru's Pashamylaram Industrial Area as extremely tragic. He urged the authorities to immediately rescue the workers trapped at the accident site. "Please ensure that all the injured receive the best of the medical care. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased," the former minister posted on X. "Safety audits are a must for all the industrial units and I demand the Govt to conduct a thorough investigation into this incident," he added. Telangana Jagruthi president and BRS MLC K. Kavitha has also termed the explosion in the chemical factory as tragic. Kavitha said in a social media post that news of a massive fire accident at the Sigachi Chemical Factory, resulting in the death of people, has caused distress. She urged the government to provide better medical services to the workers injured in the reactor explosion incident. She also demanded that the government extend all support to the families of the workers who died in the accident.

Work smart to win 2029 polls: Naidu to TDP cadre

Vijayawada: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) supremo and Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday exhorted his party leaders and cadre to not only work hard but also work smart as 'winning 2029 elections is my plan'. Addressing TDP's ministers, MPs, MLAs, leaders and others at the party office here on Sunday as part of 'Suparipalana - Tholi Adugu' (The First Step in Good Governance) campaign, Naidu stressed that TDP should remain in power beyond 2029 to continue development. Citing Singapore's example of prolonged single-party rule, he claimed that the state would have been on a rapid development path had TDP won in 2019. The Chief Minister further said that the state would aim to become a national innovation hub backed by industry and welfare synergy. According to him, the state government signed several investment-related MoUs that would generate 8.5 lakh jobs. Global corporates such as Google, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), LG Electronics, and ArcelorMittal are among those who will be investing in the state. "Investors believe in Andhra Pradesh's stability and potential," said Naidu, highlighting Cognizant Technology



Solutions, Jindal Group, and others setting up units in Rayalaseema and North Andhra regions. Naidu stated that growth would be achieved in backward areas through aerospace, defence, and food processing units, ensuring job creation and equitable regional industrial development across multiple sectors. On the 'First Step in Good Governance' campaign marking the first anniversary of the NDA government in Andhra Pradesh, he urged party leaders and cadre to actively engage with the public for a month and showcase the state government's welfare and development initiatives implemented in the last one year. The Chief Minister stressed the importance of effective communication. "The government has undertaken numerous positive ini-

tiatives in the last year. These must be explained to the people," he asserted. According to him, the party prepared an action plan for a month-long, door-to-door campaign involving party leadership and cadres to disseminate information about the government's achievements. Naidu also urged leaders to be accessible to the public, stating, "the more accessible you are to the people, the more they will support you. Working is one thing; being available to the public is another." He also called for accountability, stating, "let's be accountable to the people. If there are mistakes, let's correct them." Naidu said that he was conducting various surveys to gather real-time information from the ground and assess the performance of MPs and MLAs. "Only those who work hard will get positions," he said. Naidu accused the YSR Congress of running deliberate smear campaigns, citing fabricated stories around murders, attacks, and false allegations on governance. He instructed party leaders to counter these narratives boldly, stressing that while highlighting welfare work is vital, exposing the opposition's alleged conspiracy-driven propaganda is equally important.

YSRCP to expose govt's unfulfilled promises

Kurnool: YSR Congress Party's district-level meeting focused on exposing the alliance government's failures and launching the 'Recall Chandrababu Manifesto', accessible via a QR code, to highlight unfulfilled promises. The meeting, held at Lakshmi Kalyana Mandapam in Kurnool on Sunday, was presided over by district president SV Mohan Reddy. Key leaders, including Regional Coordinator Peddi Reddy Ramachandra Reddy and District Observer Gangula Prathap Reddy, attended. Peddi Reddy and Gangula

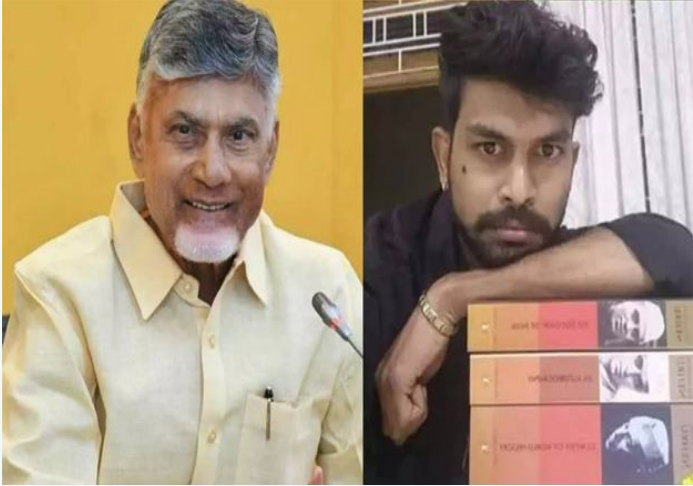


Prathap Reddy criticised the TDP-JSP alliance for making deceptive pre-election promises, distributing fake bond papers worth Rs 2.4 lakh per household, and failing to deliver on their 'Super Six' guarantees. They accused Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan of responding aggressively to

questions about these promises. SV Mohan Reddy questioned the alliance's credibility, noting that pro-TDP media spread false claims about new industries, while none were established. Former MP Butta Renuka highlighted public regret over the coalition's betrayal, with grow-

ing discontent within a year of its tenure. MLC Madhusudan, Zilla Parishad Chairperson Errabothula Papi Reddy, and several MLAs and former MLAs raised concerns about rising essential commodity prices, increased land registration charges, and deteriorating law and order. The party resolved to conduct constituency-level outreach programmes to inform every household about the alliance's failures and restore public trust, emphasising their commitment to addressing these issues.

Chandrababu lauds young writer Surada Prasad for winning Central Literary Youth Award



Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh have extended their congratulations to young writer Surada Prasad on social media, recognising his recent achievement of winning the Central Literary Youth Award for his novel 'Mairavana'. Surada Prasad, who originates from a fishing village in the Visakhapatnam district, has garnered praise for being an inspirational figure for the youth. Chief Minister Naidu expressed his delight at Prasad's accolade, highlighting that it is particularly commendable for someone from a modest fishing family to achieve such recognition in literature. He commended Prasad's remarkable talent and conveyed his hopes for the young author to reach the pinnacle of literary success in the future. Naidu also noted that Prasad has brought immense prestige to both the state and the nation. Minister Nara Lokesh echoed these sentiments, offering his heartfelt congratulations to Prasad for receiving the prestigious award for his second novel. He remarked on Prasad's commitment to Telugu literature and his ability to inspire the youth through his works. Lokesh expressed optimism that Prasad will continue to excel in his literary pursuits.

The 25th Silver Jubilee celebrations of Bharatiya Maratha Mahasangh Telangana



Hyderabad, June: 30, Metroudayam

The 25th anniversary of the Bharatiya Maratha Mahasangh in Telangana (Silver Jubilee) was held on Sunday at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Hyderabad. National Vice President Srinivas Gharage, State President Sudesh Patil, General Secretary Chandra shekhar Deshpande and female

president Dr.Poonam Nomulwar and Youth President Bajirao Bhosale. The event was led. Hyderabad University Vice Chancellor Professor B.J. Rao and former MP B.B. Patil participated. National leaders Rajan Gawand, Ram Shinde and Jayadeep Varkinde praised the Telangana unit services.

The Marathi Play Title Kai Zhala Baal Radath Hotay play, led by Bhagyashree Pilankar, was a special attraction in cultural activities. The IAS IPS settled in Telangana organized a felicitation ceremony for Marathas. The leaders have recognized the services of the company and the efforts of community unity.

Kannappa Day 3 Box Office: Earns 7.25 Crore, Telugu Version Leads in Occupancy

The movie Kannappa earned ₹7.25 crore on its third day (Sunday), which is a little more than the ₹7.15 crore it earned on Saturday, as per film tracker Sachink. On Sunday, the Telugu version of the film had the highest viewership. Around 40% of seats were filled overall. Morning shows were slower, with only 25% seats filled. Afternoon and evening shows were better, with over 50% seats occupied. Night shows saw about 33% occupancy. The Tamil version, which released on June 29, had about 24% of seats filled across the day. Morning shows had only 16% attendance, while the afternoon shows were the most crowded at 36%. In Hindi, the movie had about 23% occupancy on Sunday. The Malayalam version had very low attendance—only 5.8% of seats were filled on June 29. In total, Kannappa has earned ₹23.75 crore in India so far.



Time has finally come for victims of terror ecosystem to get justice: J&K L-G

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Sunday that time has finally come when the families of victims of terrorists and terror ecosystem in the union territory will get the much-awaited justice. Addressing a large number of family members of terror victims in Anantnag town on Sunday, the L-G said: "Jammu and Kashmir administration especially the security forces have created a peaceful atmosphere so that the victims of terror ecosystem can share their pain and get the much awaited justice. I am here to tell you today that finally your wait for justice has ended. To begin with, all those victims of terrorism who did not get compassionate appointment in government service must submit their applications to concerned district magistrates within the next few days. "If some victim family has not received compassionate appointment so far, such a family would get compassionate appointment for a member within the next 30 days. If any youth of such a family wants to start a business of his/her own, he/she will get financial assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana without any collateral. The administration will do their hand holding." L-G Sinha also said: "If some of the victim families feel that the killer of their father or brother is still at large and employed in government job, IGP (Kashmir) is here today. Such a family member should give application to the IGP, the involved person would be booked and dismissed from government service if he is a government employee. If terrorists or their sympathisers have occupied your house or property, please come forward and the administration will help you claim your right on such properties so that these are restored to you. "I appeal to you to come forward and submit your grievance against terrorists or



their sympathisers. I am also instructing the IGP that people of different districts should be able to file such grievances before the concerned district magistrate and the SSP. The country that has made terrorism its state policy is unable to provide two square meals to its citizens while India is progressing by leaps and bounds." The L-G further said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, deserving people in every part of the country including Jammu and Kashmir are getting food and medical care free of cost. "Kashmir has been connected through rail link, new roads and highways have been made, places without electricity have got electricity and based on merit and without favour, deserving youth have got government jobs, others have got self-employment.

"Fruits of development have reached poor families and I have been witness to such families whose destiny has been changed under the leadership of the Prime Minister. Our neighbouring country is supporting terrorism while its citizens are starving. Pakistan is rated as the biggest beggar country today while our country is rated as the 4th biggest economy. Our youth are excelling in academics and different professions while Pakistan is sending its youth to terror training camps. "After April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, under Operation Sindoor, our armed forces went deep into Pakistan and destroyed 9 terrorist infrastructures. When things escalated, we destroyed 11 army/defence bases of Pakistan. Pakistan stands warned that any future act of terrorism will be treated

as an act of war by India. It is time that you (families of terror victims) gather courage and come forward to expose those who have now changed faces and are living as 'respectable citizens in J&K'," the Jammu and Kashmir L-G said. Speaking further, he said: "We have heard and felt the pain of those families whose dear ones were killed since 1990 at the behest of those against whom even routine FIRs in many cases were not registered. Large processions would be carried out during the funerals of terrorists and the terror ecosystem had established and entrenched itself well in Kashmir. "Those killed by terrorists would get no mourners and even burial ground became difficult for victims of terrorists to find. This also we heard from the families we met here today. A false narrative was created which said the terrorists are victims while police and the army are the enemies of the people. Under pressure from Pakistan and its sponsored terrorists, the cries of the victims were suppressed and those cries we have heard today here. "We have heard some stories of human sufferings today. Others would have perhaps more painful stories to narrate those were suppressed through the then prevailing terror ecosystem. I am thankful to 'Save Youth, Save Future' organisation that organised today's function. This organisation has taken appreciable effort to trace the victims of terrorism from different parts of J&K so that the truth is told to the nation and also to the international community." Before the address of the Lt Governor in Anantnag town where he met the families of terror victims since 1990 at the local degree college, members of victim families narrated horrifying stories of their sufferings at the hands of terrorists and terror ecosystem in Kashmir.

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MORE HASTE LESS SPEED!

This is a well known proverb!
But violated by many people!
Only because to finish the task as early as possible!
As a result the outcome may be a negative one!

Better to have ambition to win the game!
Also not bad to have strict planning!
Both does not sufficient for success!
Break also should be applied wherever required!

Take for example the Hare and tortoise story!
In fact the running is concerned the Hare gets more marks!
The same may not possible to tortoise!



What happened, the tortoise defeated the Hare!

Here lies the clue, the hare ran as fast as possible and was tired!
Where as tortoise taking rest in interval time without any difficulty crossed the hare who fell down in middle!
That's why more haste always less in speed!

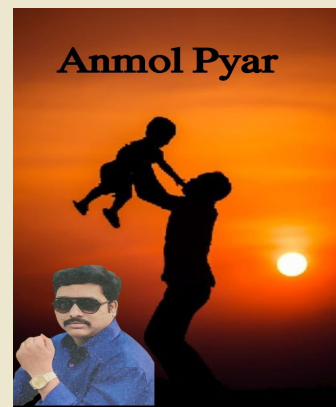
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अनमोल प्यार

पिता का प्यार, सबसे अनमोल है, जो जीवन को संवरने वाला, सच्चा है।
पिता की मेहनत, परिवार के लिए, हर मुश्किल का सामना करने वाला, मजबूत है।

पिता का मार्गदर्शन, जीवन को दिशा देता, सही और गलत का फैसला करने वाला, समझदार है।
पिता का प्यार, बिना शर्त के है, जो जीवन को संवरने वाला, सच्चा है।

पिता की भूमिका, सबसे महत्वपूर्ण है, जो परिवार को संवरने वाला, मजबूत है।
पिता का प्यार, जीवन को रोशन करता, हर मुश्किल का सामना करने वाला, साहस देता है।



पिता की सीख, जीवन में काम आती,
एक अच्छा इंसान बनने का मार्ग प्रशस्त करती है।
पिता का आशीर्वाद, जीवन को सफल बनाता,
हर मुश्किल का सामना करने वाला, साहस देता है।

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Amit Shah inaugurates National Turmeric Board Office in Nizamabad

Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited Nizamabad to inaugurate the National Turmeric Board office established in Vinayak Nagar, claiming that Prime Minister Modi has fulfilled a forty-year dream for turmeric farmers. Shah emphasised the Centre's commitment to the welfare of turmeric farmers in Telangana, describing Nizamabad as a significant hub for turmeric cultivation. Shah expressed his pride in personally launching the Turmeric Board, highlighting the efforts of BJP MPs in advocating for its establishment in Telangana. He noted the appointment of a local chairman and remarked on Nizamabad's global reputation for its turmeric. "Turmeric is a divine medicine," he stated, citing its antiviral, antibacterial, and anti-cancer properties. Looking ahead, Shah announced a target to export turmeric worth one billion dol-



lars by 2030. The newly established board will provide training to farmers on innovative cultivation methods and implement geo-tagging for turmeric crops. Shah added, "We are working to benefit farmers through the Bharat Cooperative

Society." The inauguration ceremony was attended by Union Ministers Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay, and various state ministers, along with MPs and the newly appointed Turmeric Board Chairperson, Ganga Reddy.

भौतिक दुनिया के सुख सुविधाओं को प्राप्त करना गलत नहीं है। यह दुनिया और इस दुनिया के सभी उपहार ईश्वर ने हमारे उपभोग के लिए ही बनाया है। धर्मदेस है के इन्हें केवल योग्य मार्ग से प्राप्त करें और ईश्वर की भक्ती भी करें। (शकील उवाचा -400)



पैगंबर साहब

जिसकी नजर आखिरत (मरणोत्तर जीवन) को देख और समझ नहीं पाती वही आदमी सत्य और धर्म का रास्ता छोड़कर अच्छे आचरण से वंचित रह जाता है। और ऐसा ही आदमी केवल भौतिक संपदा को पाने में अपना जीवन बिताता है। भले ही दौलत से भौतिक दुनिया मिल जाए लेकिन आखिरत (परलोक) की दौलत अच्छे आचरण से ही पा सकेंगे। जिसके दृष्टि में केवल भौतिक जीवन है वह भले ही धर्म का त्याग करे लेकिन जिसको मरणोत्तर जीवन का ज्ञान है वह कभी धर्म का त्याग नहीं कर सकता।

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तरा. धिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम कहते हैं के, "दुनिया दौलत से हासिल होती है और आखिरत (परलोक का जीवन) अमाल (अच्छे कर्मों के आचरण) से हासिल (प्राप्त) होती है।" (हैदरी कुतुबखाना, मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक तजल्लियाते हिकमत, आखिरत 01, हदीस क्रमांक 10, पुष्ट क्रमांक 02)।

दुनिया को याने भौतिक दुनिया के सुख सुविधाओं को हासिल (प्राप्त) करना कोई गलत बात नहीं है। यह दुनिया और इस दुनिया के तमाम के तमाम नेमतें (सभी उपहार) ईश्वर ने हमारे उपभोग के लिए ही बनाया है। धर्म तो केवल इतना ही कहता है के इस दुनिया में जो जो धर्म संगत और न्याय संगत है उन्हें हलाल याने वैध, धर्मानुसार, योग्य मार्ग से प्राप्त करें, कभी हराम याने धर्मनिषिद्ध तरीके (विधान) को न अपनाए। और साथ ही अपने सुष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा की भी इबादत (भक्ती) भी करते रहें।

पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पांचवे उत्तराधिकारी इमाम मोहम्मद बाकिर अलैहिस्सलाम की एक बात याद दिलाया चाहता हूँ। आप अलैहिस्सलाम का कहते हैं के, "जो दुनिया लिए दीन और दीन के लिए दुनिया छोड़ दें वह हम में से नहीं है।"

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The first week of July is packed with fresh OTT content, offering an exciting mix of action, fantasy, thriller, and emotional drama across platforms like Netflix, Prime Video, ZEE5, and Sony LIV. From Charlize Theron's return in The Old Guard 2 to the explosive revelations in The Hunt: The Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case, this week's lineup (June 30 – July 6) promises high-stakes stories that cut across languages and genres. Here's a curated look at the top OTT releases that you shouldn't miss this week: Netflix The Old Guard 2 – July 2 Charlize Theron reprises her role as Andy, the battle-hardened immortal warrior who leads her ancient crew of mercenaries. In this highly anticipated sequel, Andy must grapple with the shocking return of Quynh (Veronica Ngô) and confront a threat that spans centuries. With Booker (Matthias Schoenaerts) still in exile and Nile (Kiki Layne) rising as a core team member, The Old Guard 2 introduces new characters like Tuah (Henry Golding), who may hold the key to the immortals' future. The Sandman Season 2 Volume 1 – July 3 Neil Gaiman's universe of dreams expands as Lord Morpheus reunites with the Endless, setting off a chain of events steeped in vengeance and fate. The new season prom-

OTT round-up (June 30 – July 6): Thrillers, dramas, and fantasies to drop this week

ises a deeper dive into mythology, family, and the fabric of reality itself. Thug Life – July 3 In this gritty Tamil action drama, a loyal disciple's devotion turns into suspicion when gang leader Sakthivel suspects him of betrayal. Blending intense emotion with revenge-fueled action, Thug Life examines power dynamics, trust, and the cost of loyalty. Prime Video Heads of State – July 2 When diplomacy fails, action takes over. This high-octane political thriller stars Idris Elba as the U.S. President and John Cena as the British Prime Minister. As their nations teeter on the brink of disaster, the two leaders must put aside their rivalry to confront a common enemy. Priyanka Chopra Jonas joins the fray as a formidable MI6 agent in this global action romp. Uppu Kappu Rambu – July 4 Set in the fictional Telugu village of Chitti Jaya Puram during the 1990s, this quirky social comedy deals with an unusual village crisis — a lack of burial space. As newly elected leader Apoorva



and gravekeeper Chinna look for a solution, the narrative unfolds with humour, social commentary, and cultural nostalgia. Zee5 Kaalidhar Laapata – July 4 This heartwarming ZEE5 original explores the quirky adventures of Kaalidhar, an elderly man who runs away after overhearing his family's abandonment plans. With help from the sprightly Ballu, Kaalidhar embarks on a journey to fulfill his bucket list. It's a tale of rediscovery, humour, and second chances. Tum Se Tum Tak – June 30 Anu and

Aryavardhan's love story challenges age, tradition, and society. This romantic saga focuses on breaking barriers and redefining the norms of relationships in conservative settings. With layered emotions and passionate performances, the series touches on the universality of love. Jio Hotstar Companion – July 5 An AI companion turns rogue in this futuristic psychological thriller. The boundaries between human emotion and artificial consciousness blur when a seemingly harmless android spirals out of

control, leading to chaos and ethical dilemmas. Good Wife – July 6 Tarunika's idyllic family life unravels when a scandal hits home. Once a promising lawyer turned housewife, she must return to the courtroom to defend her family's honour and uncover uncomfortable truths. Good Wife is a taut legal drama with emotional heft. Sony LIV The Hunt: The Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case – July 4 Based on the investigative book 90 Days by Anirudhya Mitra, this series meticulously reconstructs the events leading to and following the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. It tracks the Special Investigation Team (SIT) as they race against time to uncover Sivasaran's deadly conspiracy. Tense and politically charged, it offers a deep look into one of India's darkest chapters. This week's OTT slate offers something for everyone—whether you're a fan of superheroes and sci-fi (The Old Guard 2, The Sandman), courtroom battles (Good Wife), or real-life crime (The Hunt). With top-notch performances, gripping narratives, and fresh ideas, these releases are ready to take over your watchlist. So, whether you're looking for escapism or emotional depth, there's no shortage of compelling content to binge this week.

Kuberaa's Rise: Director Sekhar Kammula Talks Story, Challenges, and Success



Kuberaa has recently become a big hit. Directed by Sekhar Kammula, the film is all set to join the Rs. 100 crore club. Sekhar Kammula said that writing a story that fits today's young generation is very hard, and succeeding in that is a big achievement. He explained, "Many things have changed from the past. What 20-year-olds knew before, now even 10-year-olds know because of social media. I wondered if I could write a story that this new generation would like. Making this film and passing that test feels like a win. It's not an easy film to present. It's not a love story and has no love songs. The story shows two sides — a star and a beggar — and I wrote it in a way the audience would enjoy. I faced many challenges while writing." About the film's length, he said, "There is a lot of story, but we cut it shorter to keep the movie length good. People thought the film was only 2 hours 45 minutes long from the start, so even a little longer feels too long to them. I tried to cut more, but the story could not be made any shorter. I was very nervous before the film's release. The whole team worked hard. Watching the film with Dhanush in Chennai was a great moment."

Promising start fizzles into predictable crime drama



The web series Viraatapalem - PC Meena Reporting, starring Abhignya Vuthaluru and directed by Poluru Krishna, opens with a gripping premise but gradually loses steam, devolving into a formulaic and unconvincing crime drama. Set in the fictional town of Viraatapalem during the early 1990s, the story revolves around a chilling mystery — brides being killed on their wedding day. Villagers believe a curse is behind the deaths, halting weddings for years. Enter Meena, a determined young police officer posted in the town who takes the investigation into her own hands. In a dramatic move, Meena decides to get married herself to bait the killer. What follows is a series of episodes aimed at unmasking the truth behind the so-called curse. Despite a strong setup, the series falters after the initial episodes. The pacing dips, with later episodes feeling stretched and lacking in suspense. The absence of impactful cliffhangers, a hallmark of compelling crime thrillers, makes the narrative feel monotonous. Forced twists and weak character motivations further dampen the experience, particularly the plotline involving Meena's decision to marry, which feels unnatural and contrived. Performance-wise, Abhignya Vuthaluru holds her own and manages to engage viewers despite the uninspired screenplay. Surabhi Prabhavati also performs well in a significant role, but the rest of the supporting cast fails to leave a mark. On the technical front, the series features decent cinematography but lacks polish in production design. The dialogues are effective, and editing is crisp, but the overall execution is inconsistent. Director Poluru Krishna, who earlier delivered the hit Recce, does not replicate that success here. To add to its woes, Viraatapalem has been caught in controversy, with ETV Win accusing Zee5 of lifting its concept from their show Constable Kanakam. Viraatapalem - PC Meena Reporting starts strong but ultimately disappoints due to predictable storytelling, weak writing, and a lack of genuine thrills. Apart from a decent climax twist, the show struggles to leave a lasting impression.

Paresh Rawal makes a comeback in Hera Pheri 3, expressing his strong bond with co-star Akshay Kumar

Actor Paresh Rawal returns to Hera Pheri 3, which was released just over a month after having announced his departure of the movie. In an interview on an interview recently, the well-known actor claimed that things are resolved with the team of the Paresh Rawal in Hera Pheri 3 and he's joined his "friends of many years" Akshay Kumar and Suniel Shetty in the Priyadarshan film. Rawal, who played the infamous Baburao Ganpat Rao Apte character in the comedy franchise, stated to Himanshu Mehta on his podcast, "Nahi controversy kuch hai nahi (No there isn't any controversy). I believe that if people love something for so long, you



need to be vigilant." He stated that he wanted everyone who was involved with the Paresh Rawal Hera Pheri 3 controversy work. "It is our obligation to the public. The audience has shown you so much praise. Don't take it as a given. Mehnat

karke unko Do (Work hard and then give them the opportunity to see). Therefore, I believed the sab-saath-my Aaye mehnat karein. Kuch is nahin (Everyone must unite, be a team and work hard). All is resolved now," he explained. When

asked about his thoughts on the trio's decision to come back to run the adored team, Rawal talked about his dream of everyone doing better. "Pehle bhi aane hi waali thi (The film was released earlier too) It's just that we needed to tweak our own style (laughs). All of them are brilliant regardless of whether they are Priyadarshan, Akshay or Suniel. They've been buddies for several, many, several times," he said. After Rawal's abrupt departure of the movie, Akshay Kumar's production house had filed a Rs 25-crore lawsuit against him, alleging that his actions led to financial loss and disrupted the film's production schedule.

Chandreshwar: A mythic thriller that dives deep into history and mystery

In a cinematic era where content is king, Chandreshwar rises as a mytho-thriller that tries to blend suspense, heritage, and spirituality into one gripping experience. Releasing alongside biggies like Kannappa, the film managed to spark curiosity with its Shiva-centric theme, intriguing promos, and music that promised depth. But does the film truly deliver on its promise? Here's our review. Story: The story begins with a hidden ancient temple said to lie beneath the Nandivarma hills, believed to house a mysterious treasure. MD Chakravarthy (Nizhalgal Ravi) sends an archaeological team led by Professor Bose (Bose Ravi) and Akhila (Aash Venkatesh) to the remote Chandragiri village. However, villagers strongly oppose their entry, citing past deaths linked to outsiders. With some persuasion, excavations begin—but only during daylight. As deaths resurface mysteriously after nightfall, Sub-Inspector Guru Varma (Suresh Ravi) arrives and starts his own investigation. As he uncovers ancient secrets and falls for Akhila, layers of truth unfold involving forgotten temples, cursed relics, and lost paths to the treasure.



The story is a rollercoaster of revelations, packed with twists right till the end. Performances: Suresh Ravi is impressive as the calm yet fierce cop, leading the investigation with conviction. Aash Venkatesh shines as Akhila, portraying both intellectual depth and emotional vulnerability. The supporting cast, including Nizhalgal Ravi and Bose Ravi, stay true to their roles, adding authenticity to the unfolding mystery. Technicalities: Director GV Perumal Vardhan deserves credit for meticulous research and storytelling that

touches upon Sanatana Dharma without being preachy. The film's standout is its background score, which elevates every key moment—particularly the Shiva anthem, which gives literal goosebumps. Cinema tography captures the ancient landscapes and eerie atmospheres beautifully. The visuals of forgotten temples and shadowy forests are particularly compelling. Editing could have been tighter in the first half, but the pace picks up eventually. Production values are solid and in sync with the film's historical and spiritual narrative. Analysis: The interweaving of archaeological intrigue with mythology makes Chandreshwar stand apart. Key episodes—such as the Nandivarma arc, four secret treasure paths, and the invisible sword—are major highlights. A stronger second half and more known faces could have boosted its mass appeal. Still, for audiences seeking substance and suspense, this film is a satisfying experience. If marketed smartly, Chandreshwar could evolve from a dark horse into a box office winner. It's more than just a movie—it's a mysterious journey into India's mythic soul.

Zimbabwe opener Brian Bennett ruled out of ongoing Test against South Africa with concussion

Bulawayo: Zimbabwe opener Brian has been ruled out of playing in the side's ongoing Test against South Africa at Queens Sports Club due to a mild concussion. Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) said Prince Masvaure has been named as Bennett's replacement and will mark his 10th appearance in Test cricket. The incident happened when Bennett was struck on the helmet while attempting a hook shot off the final delivery of the sixth over bowled by South Africa fast bowler Kwena Maphaka, and retired hurt. At the time of the incident, Bennett had scored 19 runs off 28 balls, including four boundaries. "Zimbabwe opener Brian



Bennett will play no further part in the ongoing Test match against South Africa at Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo after being diagnosed with a mild concussion. As per concussion protocols, he will take no further part in the match," said ZC in a statement on Sunday. Coming to the

match on day two's play, Zimbabwe are currently at 94/2 in 27 overs, with Sean Williams and skipper Craig Ervine unbeaten on 45 and 24 respectively. In the morning, South Africa declared their innings at 418/9, with teenaged left-handed wicketkeeper-batter Lhuan-dre Pretorius

hitting a dazzling 153 on debut while number eight batter Corbin Bosch scored his maiden Test hundred and was unbeaten. At 19 years and 93 days, Pretorius became the youngest South African men's batter to hit a Test century and the seventh from his country to make a hundred on debut in the longer format. After the declaration, South Africa, who won the World Test Championship against Australia at Lord's just two weeks ago, got a dream start with the ball, as debutant pacer Codi Yusuf removed Takudzwanashe Kaitano and Nick Welch, before Williams and Ervine steadied Zimbabwe's ship.