



PM Modi to visit TN today, inaugurate Rs 4,800 crore worth of development projects

Chennai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to arrive in Tamil Nadu on Saturday to inaugurate, lay the foundation stone, and dedicate to the nation a slew of development projects across key sectors, collectively valued at over Rs 4,800 crore. PM Modi's visit comes immediately after returning from official trips to the UK and the Maldives. He will first arrive in Tuticorin, where he will unveil a series of infrastructure and connectivity initiatives aimed at boosting the state's economic and industrial growth. In a significant step toward enhancing regional air infrastructure, the Prime Minister will inaugurate the new terminal building at Tuticorin Airport, built at a cost of around Rs 450 crore. Spread over 17,340 square metres, the terminal is designed to handle 1,350 passengers during peak hours and up to 20 lakh annually, with future expansion planned for 1,800 peak-hour



passengers and 25 lakh per year. The terminal incorporates sustainable features such as 100 per cent LED lighting, energy-efficient systems, and treated water reuse through an on-site Sewage Treatment Plant, qualifying it for a GRIHA-4 sustainability rating. The Prime Minister will also dedicate two

major national highway projects to the nation. The first is the four-laning of the 50 km Sethiyathope-Cholapuram stretch of NH-36, developed under the Vikravandi-Thanjavur corridor at a cost of over Rs 2,350 crore. This includes bypasses, a 1-km bridge over the Kollidam River, flyovers, and

underpasses, and is expected to cut travel time by 45 minutes in the region. The second project involves the six-laning of the 5.16 km NH-138 Tuticorin Port Road, constructed at a cost of Rs 200 crore. It includes multiple underpasses and bridges, aimed at facilitating smoother cargo movement, reducing logistics costs, and promoting port-led growth near the V.O. Chidambaranar Port. PM Modi will also inaugurate North Cargo Berth-III at the V.O. Chidambaranar Port, developed at a cost of approximately Rs 285 crore. The berth has a handling capacity of 6.96 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) and will boost dry bulk cargo operations in southern Tamil Nadu. On the railway front, the Prime Minister will dedicate three crucial projects to the nation. These include the electrification of the 90 km Madurai-Bodinayakkanur line, the doubling of the 21 km

Nagercoil Town-Kanniyakumari section (part of the Thiruvananthapuram-Kanniyakumari corridor), and the doubling of Aralvaymozhi-Nagercoil Junction (12.87 km) and Tirunelveli-Melappalayam (3.6 km) routes. These projects, with a combined investment of over Rs 650 crore, will improve connectivity, enhance eco-friendly travel, and support economic growth in the southern districts. To further strengthen the state's energy infrastructure, PM Modi will lay the foundation stone for an Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) project to evacuate power from the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Units 3 and 4 (2x1000 MW). The Prime Minister will attend the Aadi Thiruvathirai festival at Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple in Tiruchirappalli, celebrating the birth anniversary of the great Chola emperor Rajendra Chola I.

Depression Triggers Heavy Rainfall Across Coastal Andhra

A severe low-pressure area has intensified into a depression, entering the northwest Bay of Bengal on Friday morning before making landfall along the coasts of West Bengal and Bangladesh. Over the next 24 hours, the system is expected to move towards West Bengal, North Odisha, and Jharkhand, bringing significant rainfall to the region. As a result of the depression, many coastal areas experienced overcast conditions on Friday, with rainfall recorded in several parts of North Andhra. The Indian Meteorological Department has issued warnings for heavy rain across North and South Odisha on Friday night, advising fishermen to refrain from going out to sea due to expected winds of 40-50 km/h. Safety indicator number three has



been hoisted at ports along the northern coast. Light to moderate rainfall occurred on Friday, largely attributed to the active southwest monsoon and the influence of the depression. Munchingipattu in Alluri district recorded a substantial 46 mm of rainfall, while numerous locations along

the north coast received over 10 mm. Following consecutive days of rain, the overall situation has improved in 17 districts; however, Rayalaseema continues to face a rainfall deficit. The recent downpours have positively impacted the cultivation of paddy, cotton, and pulses,

providing much-needed relief to farmers tending to their kharif crops. In response to the potential for flash floods triggered by heavy rain, State Home and Disaster Management Minister Anita convened a review session at the Disaster Management Organisation office in Tadepalli. During the discussion, she instructed officials to implement preventive measures in susceptible areas and to set up warning boards in hazard-prone zones. Coordinating efforts with the Irrigation, Roads and Buildings, and Panchayat Raj departments has been deemed essential to monitor ponds, canals, and roads affected by the rain. The minister urged the public to remain vigilant as more rain is forecasted for areas throughout coastal Andhra.

Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju Sworn in as Governor of Goa



Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju has officially assumed office as the Governor of Goa following a swearing-in ceremony held at the Bangla Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan on Saturday. The oath was administered by Justice Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, at 11.30 am. The ceremony was attended by a host of dignitaries, including Goa's Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, cabinet members, Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, and Andhra Pradesh Ministers Nara Lokesh, Sandhya Rani, and Kondapalli Srinivas, along with several MPs from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP).

Naxalite couple surrenders before DGP

Vijayawada: Two senior Maoists J Nagaraju, state zonal committee member and incharge of East Bastar divisional committee and his wife M Jogeswari, divisional committee member surrendered before Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta today. The Naxal couple frustrated with Maoist failures and surrendered before police to join main stream. Nagaraju carries a reward of Rs 20 lakh and Jogeswar has a reward of Rs 5 lakh. The DGP handed over cheques of Rs 20000 each to the couple for immediate relief.



Bhumana flays Peddireddy gunman suspension

Tirupati: YSRCP senior leader and TTD former chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy criticized the TDP government for vindictive action against its political opponent. In a statement here on Saturday Bhumana took strong objection on Chittoor SP Manikanta Chandolu suspending former Minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy gunman Kalesha for dereliction of duties. He said it was at the behest of TDP bosses the Chittoor SP Manikanta Chandolu suspending the gunman only to cause inconvenience to YSRCP leaders like Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy. Peddireddy an aged person recently suffered a fracture in one of his hands and not in a position to carry any item. Keeping his physical condition, the gunman Kalesha carried some items like food and pillows when Peddireddy visited



his son and MP Peddireddy Midun Reddy in Rajamundry central prison but the SP ignoring Peddireddy condition he ordered the suspension of gunman Kalesha which is nothing but at inhuman political vendetta. Making a scathing attack on Chittoor SP he said, SP Manikanta is himself misusing his authority by posting

more constables in his bangla for cooking, gardening, maintenance of work. If he is duty minded and committed to morality he should first stop all the additional workers i. e constable and AR constables working in his bangla. He further said SP Manikanta wife who is railway DSP is also misusing her position by deputing constables and gunmen for her household works. It is not only Chittoor SP all the 26 district SP's missing authorities for personal benefits. He said seeking the government and SPs to withdraw the constables and homeguards engaged for the services of senior officials which every one will welcome. "There is nothing wrong if SP Manikanta devoted to duties but he is more devoted to his political bosses and bowing to the government", he said criticizing SP action.

Investiture Ceremony at Pallavi International School



Hyderabad, metro udayam July 26...Pallavi International School, Attapur celebrated its Investiture Ceremony for the year 2025-26, on Saturday. The ceremony marked the official induction of the newly elected Student Council members, recognizing their talent and leadership skills in upholding the schools values and leading their peers. Pallavi International school is committed to nurturing leadership qualities and providing a holistic learning experience to the students. The Investiture Ceremony is a significant event in the schools calendar, symbolizing the schools dedication to fostering a culture of responsibility and leadership among its students. This year's Investiture Ceremony was graced by Shri Balaji, ACP, (Traffic), Rajendarnagar who was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The guest of honour was Shri Ramakrishna. The ceremony began with the lighting of the sacred lamp. The chief guest conferred badges on the newly elected student council members. This was followed by a solemn oath-taking ceremony and unfurling of the school flag. The Chief Guest congratulated the newly-elected school cabinet members and commended them for their discipline. The Principal, Mrs. Annapurna Koduru addressed the students and urged them to Thus, the event concluded on a high note with applause and best wishes pouring in for the newly formed student council as they embark on their leadership journey.



DISEASE MANAGEMENT IN VEGETABLE NURSERIES

Healthy, disease-free seedlings are essential for productive vegetable crops. Early identification and control of soil-borne diseases like damping off, wilt, collar rot, root rot, leaf spots, and nematodes which are caused by fungi such as *Pythium*, *Phytophthora*, *Fusarium*, *Sclerotium*, *Colletotrichum*, and *Alternaria* — help to maintain healthy nurseries. High humidity, moisture, cool temperatures below 24°C, wet weather, and low-lying nursery locations increase disease risk. The following points should be followed to raise healthy vegetable seedlings: Raising of seedlings in Pro trays/ polythene bags under protected nursery conditions are ideal for producing healthy and vigorous seedlings. Pro trays have separate cells/wells which help to avoid dispersal of soil borne pathogens. Pro trays/seed beds should not be flooded with excess water. Deep ploughing in summer and use of raised seed beds of 15 cm high

with drainage channels help in minimizing the pathogen load and thereby reducing the diseases. Avoid overcrowding of seedlings with optimum seed rate. Soil treatment with chemicals: soil sterilization with formalin (1:100) solution @ 5 l/m² area saturated to a depth of 15 cm and covered thereafter with polythene sheet for 48-72 hrs to kill harmful fungi and insects. Drench the soil with carendazim @ 1g/l or Dithane M-45 @ 2g/l or COC @ 3g/l as a prophylactic treatment against soil borne pathogens. Biological Soil treatment Soil application of biocontrol agents like, *Trichoderma viride*/ *Pseudomonas fluorescens*/ *Bacillus* spp. @ 5-10g/kg of seed is an eco-friendly way to manage fungal diseases. If *Trichoderma* is used the chemicals should not be used. The seeds also treated with Phosphate solubilising bacteria + *Trichoderma* mixture @ 5-10g/kg seeds for raising of healthy seedlings. Frequent scouting of nursery beds for pest and disease infestation is neces-



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Trichoderma viride solution @ 50g/l to manage fungal diseases. It should not be applied with the chemical pesticides. Seedlings treatments: Before transplanting the seedlings, root dip treatment with *Trichoderma viride* @ 20g/l for 15-20 minutes is good practice for managing the soil borne fungal diseases. Besides this *Trichoderma viride* supplies nutritional requirements of the plant which ultimately helps in good growth of seedlings. Spray systemic insecticides like Dimethoate @ 0.25%, Monochrotophos @ 0.03%, at 7-10 days after germination and before transplanting to manage the insect vectors.

sary. Protect against pests and diseases by spraying the nursery with pesticides Bavistin @ 0.1%, Dithane M-45 @ 0.2%, Carbendazim @ 0.5%, Mancozeb @ 0.2%, Bordeaux mixture @ 0.1%, Copper oxy chloride @ 0.3% as and when necessary. Drenching the plants with *Trichoderma viride* solution @ 50g/l to manage fungal diseases. It should not be applied with the chemical pesticides. Seedlings treatments: Before transplanting the seedlings, root dip treatment with *Trichoderma viride* @ 20g/l for 15-20 minutes is good practice for managing the soil borne fungal diseases. Besides this *Trichoderma viride* supplies nutritional requirements of the plant which ultimately helps in good growth of seedlings. Spray systemic insecticides like Dimethoate @ 0.25%, Monochrotophos @ 0.03%, at 7-10 days after germination and before transplanting to manage the insect vectors.

BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy booked following controversial remarks

A case has been registered against Padi Kaushik Reddy, the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leader and Huzurabad MLA, by the Rajendra Nagar police. This follows comments made by Reddy regarding Chief Minister Revanth Reddy that were deemed inappropriate, prompting outrage among Congress party members. In response to Reddy's remarks, Prabhakar Reddy, the President of the Rajendra Nagar Congress Party, filed a complaint with the



police. Consequently, a case has been opened against Kaushik

Reddy under sections 356(2), 353(B), and 352 of the relevant legislation. In light of the situation, a significant number of Kaushik Reddy's supporters and BRS members have gathered at his residence in Kolla Luxury, Kondapur, amid concerns of a possible attack from Congress party members. The police have been deployed to the area to prevent any escalations, with BRS activists pledging to defend against any assaults against Reddy's home.

Buzz around Dhankhar resignation not good for NDA govt

Jagdeep Dhankhar's sudden resignation as Vice-President of India has thrown the political establishment into a whirlwind of speculation. Officially attributed to health reasons, the resignation has, nonetheless, triggered a host of alternative theories. The government's response has been remarkably muted—limited to a terse acknowledgment from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on X. But behind the scenes, there appears to be far more than meets the eye. One dominant theory making the rounds is that Dhankhar's acceptance of an Opposition-sponsored motion against Justice Yashwant Varma played a central role in his exit. This move reportedly angered the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) with whispers of a possible no-confidence motion being used as leverage to force Dhankhar's resignation. The chain of events unfolded rapidly, with his stepping down in what appears to be a politically calculated exit. To understand the implications of his resignation,



four key points must be highlighted. First, the real reasons behind his exit remain shrouded in ambiguity. While the health excuse offers a convenient public explanation, the various accounts emerging from political insiders suggest a far more complex and possibly turbulent backstory. Many of these narratives may be shaped by the

agendas of those leaking them—be they disgruntled insiders, Opposition operatives or even strategic BJP functionaries. As such, caution is needed before accepting any one version as the definitive truth. Second, what's evident is the triumph of realpolitik over principle. Dhankhar's acceptance of the motion against Justice

Varma—seen by many as a rare assertion of parliamentary independence—was met not with support but with swift retribution. This episode underscores the extent to which loyalty and conformity are prized within the ruling alliance, often at the cost of institutional autonomy. Dhankhar may have acted in accordance with parliamentary norms, or may have some other objective in mind, but his action was not in sync with the political sensitivities of his backers. Any slackness in loyalty angers those who matter—and there are consequences. Third, it is difficult to cast Dhankhar as a defender of democratic values, even if we accept that his final stand was principled. His record as Governor of West Bengal was marked by frequent clashes with the elected state government, with critics accusing him of undermining federal principles. Even in the Rajya Sabha, he was often seen as overtly siding with the ruling party, which has cast many aspersions. Thus, while his resignation may be interpreted by some

as an act of principle, his conduct, on the whole, doesn't suggest any deep commitment to the norms that ensure the proper functioning of a democratic republic. Lastly, the fallout from his resignation is likely to intensify political activity in the NDA, especially within the Sangh Parivar. The search for his successor will not merely be a procedural formality but a deeply political exercise. With tensions brewing between the BJP and the RSS over the upcoming election of the BJP president, Dhankhar's replacement could become another flashpoint in the ongoing power struggle. It is quite certain that any Vice-Presidential nominee will now be evaluated not just on competence or stature but on their loyalty, political alignment, and potential role in future parliamentary confrontations. Therefore, Dhankhar's resignation should not be seen as a personal decision or an isolated political development; it is a revealing episode in the larger drama of India's contemporary power politics.

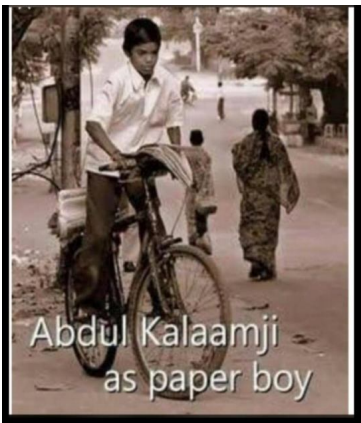
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FOUR EYES OF ABDUL KALAM

Abdul Kalam became our 11th President of India in 2002 at the age of 70. Before that he was a scientist working at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thumba. He played a key role in our Space and nuclear science advancements. This scientist-President had many Firsts to his credit, things like his Submarine adventure and a flight in the supersonic SU-30 aircraft. After coming out of the aircraft in Pune Kalam said that as a child he dreamt of becoming a pilot and the flight made his dream fulfilled. To our youngsters Kalam famously said that You have to dream before your dreams can become true.



PM Nair was the Secretary of Abdul P Kalam for the entire tenure of Kalam in the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The post of the Secretary to the President is a dream and plum position for IAS officers but Nair, an IAS officer of 1967 batch, neither log-rolled for the post nor even dreamt of becoming one. When one of his colleagues told him that the President himself wanted Nair to be his Secretary, Nair couldn't believe his ears. This incident tells us many things about both Kalam and Nair. The book *The Kalam Effect* is a result of Nair's intimate relationship with Kalam, who was known for his **FOUR EYES**, namely Integrity, Intelligence, Inimitable humility, Inspiring interactions and speeches.

Kalam was in the habit of reading meticulously all the papers, petitions, and books that were sent to him. When requests from people in the street come for help, Kalam would act compassionately. He would personally mark them for a discussion in the Morning Meeting every day. He was also very particular that his staff would send replies to all of them. Generosity was his middle name and empathy, his second nature. According to Nair, Kalam had a photographic memory and he would quote lines effortlessly from the books sent for his reading. He was a voracious reader and he left behind thousands of books in his personal library.

Kalam was not known for his punctuality. More often his meetings and functions during his tours, more than 163 in India and 7 abroad visits, were held hours behind the schedule, causing lots of inconvenience to hosts, guests and police personnel on duty. He was in the habit of taking breakfast in the afternoon, lunch in the evening and dinner after midnight!

Kalam had a knack to recognize talent and creativity in others and he often stepped out to encourage young and promising artists in this regard. As a result many up-coming artists even from remote places were given opportunities in cultural programs held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Kalam was a man of principles and above board in every thing he did. When about 52 relatives of Kalam came calling on him in Rashtrapati Bhavan, Kalam asked his staff to make all arrangements for them. They stayed in Delhi for eight days and visited many places in and around the Capital. No Government vehicle was used for them and Kalam footed a bill of about 3.5 Lakhs from his pocket for their stay at Rashtrapati Bhavan!

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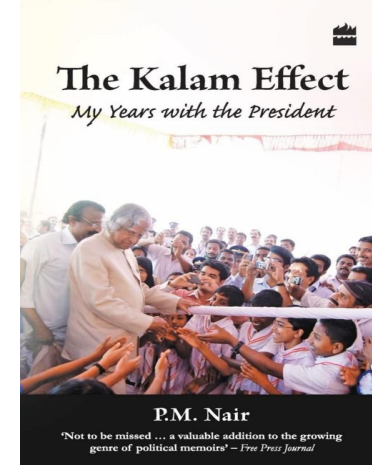
KALAMS DEATH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Again on his maiden Ramzan festival in Rashtrapati Bhavan in 2002, Kalam cancelled the traditional official iftaar dinner usually attended by the rich and the powerful. Instead he asked his staff to spend that amount (about 2.5 Lakhs) on orphanages of all regions and denominations. Besides that he spent one Lakh from his pocket on this occasion!

During his official visit to the University of Mauritius, a student there asked Kalam about his childhood days. Kalam told him that like Einstein, he too had a troubled childhood, every morning he went on a bicycle to distribute newspapers and studied under a kerosene lamp.

Kalam encouraged everyone around him to express their thoughts, ideas, and views with out any fear. Even his Secretary and other staff members were allowed to say what they thought about him, his actions, and his views. He was dead against Death Sentence and during his tenure he didn't take any decisions on the numerous mercy petitions.

Kalam had great love for children and animals. When he found a peacock suffering from a mouth tumor, unable to shut its mouth and eat, Kalam immediately summoned a vet and got the animal operated. At his swearing-in ceremony as the President, Kalam made a departure from official protocol, asked his staff to allow hundreds of children to witness the ceremony. Again when a young girl from a remote town sent him a letter telling him that the only see-saw in her park was not working, Kalam made the District Collector to get the thing repaired. He knew that such unremembered acts of kindness and of love by the persons in power would go a long way in shaping the personality of our youngsters. His website was flood-



ed with mails from people of all sections. Once the mother of a senior bureaucrat expressed a desire to meet the President. When he came to about the wish, Kalam readily gave her an appointment and when she visited on him he treated her with all respect and saw her off with folded hands! His visiting on ailing Field Marshal Manekshaw at a Ooty hospital became a big news because the Supreme Commander went down all the way to see a soldier! After meeting Kalam at his office one ex-CJ of India said that there was godliness and divinity in his presence and persona. Yes Kalam was unassuming to a fault. From Kalam and his spartan ways of living and conducting himself, there is a lot for all of us to learn and in particular for our youngsters.

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विनम्र तथा अच्छे चाल चलन वाले के तरफदार (पक्षधर) दूसरों से ज़्यादा होते हैं। जिसके भी चाल चलन नेक होते हैं उसे कभी दुश्मन हरा नहीं सकता। आदमी को विनम्र होकर अच्छे चाल चलन के साथ जीवन यापन करना चाहिए।... (शकील उवाचा - ह)

जब हम छोटे थे और हमारे गलतियों को नजर अंदाज करके माता पिता गंभीर होकर मौन धारण करते थे तब हमारे दिलों पर रौब व हैबत तारी रहती (धाक और भय छाया रहता)। इस तरह हमारे गलत कामों पर मारना या डांटना न करते हुए चुप रहना हमारे लिए सबसे बड़ी सज़ा (शिक्षा) हो जाती थी।

अभी भी उस समय को याद करता हूँ तो ध्यान में आता है कि, जब तक हमें हमारी उस गलती की शिक्षा नहीं मिलती थी तब तक हम एक डर के साए में जिया करते थे। माता पिता के द्वारा हमारे गलतियों पर दण्डित करने से ज़्यादा उनका हमें दण्डित न करना बहुत सख्त तकलीफ़ (ज़्यादा कष्ट) देता था।

जब तक दण्ड नहीं मिलता कठिन दण्ड मिलने का डर सताता था। एक बार उस गलती की सज़ा मिलती तो थोड़े ही देर में उस बात को भूलकर फिर खेलकूद में लग जाते थे। अब इस बात को याद करके मैं सोचता हूँ कि हमारे गुनाहों (पापों) की शिक्षा न देकर ईश्वर जब हमें अनदेखा करता है तो वह डर हम में पैदा क्यों नहीं होता है आखिर? ईश्वर के द्वारा अनदेखा किया गया हमारा अपराध हमें लज्जित क्यों नहीं करता?।

गुनाहों को आचरण में लाकर भी हम अपने ही अहंकार में अकड़े फिरते हैं। ईश्वर के द्वारा हमें दण्डित करने में दी गई छूट को प्रायश्चित करके माफ़ करवाने के बजाय और अपराध करते फिरते हैं। विनम्र होकर जीने के बजाय अहंकारी बनते हैं। विनम्रता एक ऐसा आभूषण है जो इंसान के इंसानियत (मानव के मानवता) को निखारता है। विनम्रता की चमक पूरी दुनिया को विनम्र व्यक्ति का पसंदीदा बनाकर विनम्र व्यक्ति को इज्ज़त से नवाज़ती (मान

सम्मान से विमूषित करती) है। विनम्रता परमात्मा के द्वारा दिए गए उपहारों का कृ तज्ञता व्यक्त करने और अधिक परमात्मा के उपहारों को पाने का माध्यम है। जो भी चाहता है कि ईश्वर द्वारा दिए गए नेमतों का शुक्र अदा करे (उपहारों का धन्यवाद माने) और अधिक से अधिक उपहारों को पाए तो उसे विनम्र बनकर जीना चाहिए। विनम्रता अपने अहंकार को मृत्यु देती है। और विनम्रता हमारे चाहने वालों में वृद्धि करने के साथ साथ हमारे चाल चलन को नेक बनाती है। जिसके भी चाल चलन नेक होते हैं उसे कभी दुश्मन हरा नहीं सकता। और विनम्र तथा अच्छे चाल चलन वाले के तरफदार (पक्षधर) दूसरों से ज़्यादा होते हैं। इसलिए आदमी को विनम्र होकर अच्छे चाल चलन के साथ जीवन यापन करना चाहिए। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिक. री इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम ने उपरोक्त सभी बातों को एक ही उपदेश में बहुत ही खूबसूरत (सुन्दर) तरीके से समेट दिए हैं।

इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम का फरमान (कथन) है कि, "ज़्यादा खामा. शी (मौन) रौब व हैबत का वाइस (धाक और भय का कारण) होती है। झुक कर मिलने से नेमतें तमाम (परमात्मा के वरदान परिपूर्ण) होते हैं। और खुश रफ्तारी (अच्छी चाल चलन) से किनावर दुश्मन मगलूब (ईर्ष्यालु शत्रु ध्वस्त) होता है। और सरफिरे आदमी के मुकाबले में विनम्र व्यक्ति के तरफदार ज़्यादा (अपने पक्षधर अधिक) हो जाते हैं।" (अब्बास बुक एजेन्सी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिंदी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, उपदेश क्रमांक 224, पुष्ट क्रमांक 742)।

अहंकार में इतराने वालों को कोई भी पसंद नहीं करता। लोग तो लोग अहंकारी को ईश्वर भी कभी अपना दोस्त नहीं रखता। पवित्र कुरआन में आया है कि, "इतराया न करो, खुदा (ईश्वर) इतराने वाले को दोस्त नहीं रखता। (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 28, सुराह कसस, आयत क्रमांक 76)।

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हमारे जीवन को, सुरक्षित बनाएं। प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण, एक बड़ा खतरा है, हमारे भविष्य को, खतरे में डालता है। आओ हम सब, प्लास्टिक का उपयोग कम करें, पर्यावरण को बचाएं, जीवन को संवारे।

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A Knot Across Continents

Beneath the rustling shade of Orchard trees, where mangoes hum old lullabies and Plantain leaves sway in the breeze, a Sacred thread finds its destiny not just in rituals, but in hearts that dared to bridge the Oceans.

Thejaram, son of the Southern Soil, his roots deep in Telugu Earth, ties his Soul to Sarah, whose smile carries the fragrance of France soft, wild and full of stories untold. Their eyes meet not just as lovers, but as wanderers who finally found home in each other.

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This resort, nestled like a lotus between orchard rows and cloud-draped skies, is no ancestral Shrine but today, it becomes Sacred, for it holds a moment where two World%µ% inhale together. The pleasant green garden now hums with the music of languages, the laughter of cousins, friends and relatives, the clinking of bangles and anklets, the scent of jasmine threading through the golden trail of turmeric and ghee.

The Pingali family, pillars of warmth and tra-

dition, host not just a wedding but a celebration of oneness.

Their hospitality, like the monsoon, drenches every guest with comfort and care, while plates brim with offerings of South Indian grace steaming rice, tangy pulihora, tasty pesarattu kissed by coconut chutney, payasam that melts like memory on the tongue.

This union is not just a marriage, but a metaphor a tapestry woven with two distant threads, each strand strong, distinct, yet made more beautiful in the weave. It sings of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam the World, a single family, where love is the only lan-

guage and culture is a celebration, not a boundary.

May the Stars bow to bless this bond, may the soil remember their vows, and may the orchard bloom each season with the sweet fruit of their everlasting Love.

Smt. Latha Murthy



Root's 38th Test ton puts India on backfoot



Manchester: Joe Root produced a batting masterclass on way to a milestone 38th hundred as England exploited a jaded Indian bowling attack to stamp their dominance on the fourth Test here on Friday. At stumps on day four, England were 544 for seven, stretching their first innings lead to 186 runs. Root made a sublime 150 off 248 balls while the other contributions came from Ben Stokes (77 batting off 134) and Ollie Pope (71 off 128), a day after the openers put a pedestrian looking Indian attack to sword. It has been a long tour with another Test to go in a week's time but considering the body language of Indian pacers in the field on Friday, lasting the whole series would be a challenge. The visitors have already been hit by a series of injuries with the latest one being X-factor cricketer Rishabh Pant's toe fracture. Both Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj seemed to be bowling with a niggles while debutant Anshul Kamboj hit underwhelming speeds in the range 125-130 kmph. Even Bumrah, who usually bowls in the range of 140 kmph, clocked speeds in the lower 130s. Having bowled just one over in the afternoon session, Bumrah was seen holding his ankle and even had to leave the field briefly. In his 24th over, he managed to procure the wicket of Jamie Smith (9). Siraj too seemed to be in discomfort like Bumrah, but he bowled with more intensity in the final session and was rewarded the wicket of Chris Woakes. The sun was out for the majority of the day, making conditions better for batting. Root made full use of that and in the process surpassed the great Ricky Ponting to become the second highest run-getter in Tests, only behind Sachin Tendulkar, who tallied 15921 runs. The lone positive for India was the performance of Washington Sundar who struck twice in the afternoon session after being questionably brought in as late as the 69th over. Shardul Thakur was used for 11 overs, raising questions on the presence of three all-rounders in the team. Brief scores: India 1st innings: 358 all out in 114.1 overs (Sai Sudharsan 61, Yashasvi Jaiswal 58; Ben Stokes 5/72). England 1st innings: 544 for 7 in 135 overs (Joe Root 150, Ben Duckett 94; Washington Sundar 2/57).

Nara Rohith's 'Sundarakanda' locks Ganesh Chaturthi release

Marking his 20th film milestone, Nara Rohith is all set to charm audiences with Sundarakanda, a breezy slice-of-life entertainer helmed by debutant director Venkatesh Nimmalapudi. The film, produced by Santhosh Chinnapolla, Gowtham Reddy, and Rakesh Mahankalli under the Sandeep Picture Palace (SPP) banner, is slated for release on August 27th, coinciding with Ganesh Chaturthi. The mid-week release offers a long weekend advantage, setting the stage for a festive theatrical run. The teaser, released earlier, offered a delightful glimpse into Rohith's character — a witty, middle-aged bachelor navigating the ups and downs of love and life. The light-hearted tone, humorous moments, and emotional depth promise a refreshing cinematic experience. The release date announcement was made today as a birthday treat to Nara Rohith's fans. The accompanying poster reveals two romantic phases of his character — one featuring Sridevi Vijaykumar, evoking the charm of first love, and the other with Vriti Vaghani, suggesting a mature, possibly second-chance romance. The dual timelines tease a layered narrative filled with emotion, nostalgia, and heart-warming moments. Musically, the film is already a hit with its first single Bahusa Bahusa, sung soulfully by Sid Sriram, becoming a chartbuster. Leon James has composed the film's soundtrack, while Pradeep M Varma handles cinematography. Rohan Chillale is the editor, and Rajesh Pentakota serves as art director. Sundee is on board as the executive producer. With just over a month to go, the team is gearing up to ramp up promotional activities, ensuring Sundarakanda reaches audiences far and wide during the festive season.



Hari Hara Veeramallu Receives VFX Upgrade – A Visual Treat for Family Audiences

Power Star Pawan Kalyan's latest epic, Hari Hara Veeramallu, has taken the box office by storm, emerging as the biggest opener of his career. Released on July 23rd, the first part of the saga, titled Sword vs Spirit, has drawn impressive crowds and continues to enjoy a strong run, fueled by positive word of mouth. The film's clean, family-friendly storytelling has resonated widely with audiences. In an exciting development, the makers have now enhanced the film's visual effects and released a new version, further elevating its cinematic appeal and making



it a complete visual spectacle. The film is set for a solid weekend as bookings remain strong across regions. Directed by Jyothi Krishna, who has

been widely applauded for his vision and technical finesse, the film showcases his ability to handle a project of this scale with both style and substance.

His meticulous attention to detail and storytelling flair have earned him accolades from critics and audiences alike. Hari Hara Veeramallu features a stellar ensemble cast including Bobby Deol and Nidhi Agerwal. The music, composed by Oscar-winning maestro MM Keeravani, adds depth and grandeur to the narrative. Backed by legendary producer AM Ratnam, known for delivering some of Indian cinema's most iconic blockbusters, Hari Hara Veeramallu is shaping up to be another landmark in his illustrious career.

Mouni Roy to shake legs with Chiranjeevi in 'Vishwambhara' special song

Megastar Chiranjeevi's highly anticipated socio-fantasy film Vishwambhara is inching closer to completion, with post-production works now in the final phase. Directed by Bimbisara Vassishta, the film has already sparked buzz globally, thanks to its unique promotional kickoff at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival where the makers unveiled an important book related to the movie's theme. Adding to the excitement, the film's team has now wrapped up the entire shooting schedule. The final leg of filming featured a grand special dance number that brings together Chiranjeevi and Bollywood diva Mouni Roy. The duo reportedly sizzled on screen, promising a visual and musical



treat for fans. This high-energy track has been composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, known for delivering chart-topping mass numbers. While MM

Keeravaani has handled the overall music and background score for the film, this particular song is expected to stand out for its vibrant vibe. The song

was shot in a lavish set constructed in Hyderabad under the supervision of ace art director AS Prakash. National Award-winning choreographer Ganesh Acharya has crafted the dance moves for this special number. Mouni Roy, celebrated for her sizzling screen presence and sharp dance skills, is anticipated to deliver some eye-catching moves alongside Chiranjeevi, elevating the song to a major highlight of the film. Hyderabad tourism Backed by UV Creations and produced by Vikram, Vamsi, and Pramod, Vishwambhara is all set to announce its official release date soon. The film is shaping up to be a grand spectacle for Chiranjeevi fans and fantasy genre lovers alike.

Soha Ali Khan enjoys a fun workout session with Fatima Sana Shaikh, says 'next time push-ups pukka'

Mumbai: Actress and fitness junkie Soha Ali Khan enjoyed a fun and fruitful workout session with Fatima Sana Shaikh. She even shared a glimpse of her time with Fatima on her Instagram handle. Taking a quick break from their workout, the two ladies were seen chatting about their next exercise. As they are done talking, Soha excitedly screams, "lunge". "Tooo much fun working out with @fatimasanashaikh - next time push-ups pukka!! @mashable.india," Soha captioned the video. On Thursday, Soha talked to her InstaFam about her morning wellness routine. She asked them to guess what she eats on an empty stomach every morning during her recent post — the options were: soaked almonds or raw garlic. Taking to her Instagram stories, the 'Rang De Basanti' actress dropped a short clip of her eating a raw garlic. "Can you guess what I am eating every morning on an empty stomach? Soaked almonds or raw garlic," she wrote on the clip. Before this, Soha disclosed that she has been consuming a white pumpkin juice detoxifying drink on an empty stomach for



the last three months. Sharing a video of herself preparing the drink, she wrote in the caption, "Self-love is hugely important ! I have been drinking white pumpkin juice (ash gourd) every morning on an empty stomach for the past three months. It's detoxifying, cooling, and great for my gut #nutrition #detox #juice #morningritual #fitnessfriday." On the work front, Soha was last seen in "Chhorii 2", alongside, Nushratt Bharuccha. On the other hand,

Fatima has had two back-to-back releases with "Aap Jaisa Koi" and "Metro In Dino". While she shared screen space with R Madhavan in Vivek Soni's "Aap Jaisa Koi", Fatima was a part of an ensemble cast comprising of Aditya Roy Kapur, Pankaj Tripathi, Sara Ali Khan, Neena Gupta, Konkona Sen Sharma, Anupam Kher, and Ali Fazal in "Metro In Dino" directed by Anurag Basu.