



'India stands with people of Nepal': PM Modi condoles loss of lives due to heavy rainfall, offers support

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed grief over the loss of lives and damage caused by heavy rainfall in Nepal. He stated that India stands with the people and Government of Nepal in this difficult time. "The loss of lives and damage caused by heavy rains in Nepal is distressing. We stand with the people and the Government of Nepal in this difficult time. As a friendly neighbour and first responder, India remains committed to providing any assistance that may be required," PM Modi posted on X. PM Modi's condolence message comes as 39 people have been killed in monsoon-related disasters in Nepal since Friday. Nepal has been witnessing heavy rainfall since Friday, causing landslides, floods, and inundation in several areas. According to the Armed Police Force Headquarters in Kathmandu, the death toll from monsoon-related disasters in Nepal since Friday has risen to 39. Among

these, 36 deaths have been reported in Koshi province, while three others have died in Madhesh, Nepal-based The Kathmandu Post reported. As many as 11 people remain missing in Nepal, while 13 others have been injured. As many as 27 people have died due to landslides in Ilam, with five others still missing. Two people were killed while one person was injured, due to floods and landslides in Udayapur. One person was killed and three others were injured in a lightning strike in Khotang. Two people were injured due to lightning in Bhojpur. Three people died due to lightning in Madhesh, The Kathmandu Post reported. One person was killed in Bara, four others in Rasuwa and one in Kathmandu after being swept away by rivers. One person was injured by lightning in Makwanpur. Although the country experienced heavy downpours since Friday, the situation improved slightly by



Sunday morning, according to the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology. In a notice issued on Sunday, the department said rainfall had decreased in most districts, with the highest amount recorded in parts of Lalitpur district in the Kathmandu Valley. "Light rain is occurring in some areas of Kathmandu, Morang, Sunsari,

Udayapur, Saptari, Siraha, Dhanusha, Sarlahi, Sindhuli, and Ramechhap districts," the department stated. However, the department warned of the possibility of heavy rainfall in the hilly districts of eastern Koshi Province on Sunday afternoon and night. Even though rainfall subsided in several districts by Sunday morning, landslides

have damaged multiple highways, obstructing transportation services. The Nepalese government has continued its ban on the entry and exit of vehicles to and from Kathmandu Valley. According to the Metropolitan Traffic Police Division, major highways connecting the Valley - such as the Prithvi Highway (linking Kathmandu with western Nepal), the BP Highway (connecting the capital with south-eastern Nepal), and the Araniko Highway (linking Kathmandu with the Chinese border) - have been completely obstructed. Likewise, the Pasang Lhamu, Koshi, and Siddhicharan highways have also been fully blocked. Considering the risks posed by landslides and flooding, long-distance transportation services from five of the seven provinces - Koshi, Madhesh, Bagmati, Gandaki, and Lumbini - have been suspended, the Metropolitan Traffic Police Division said in a social media post on Sunday.

CM Naidu reviews on Srisailam temple, says it will be developed with enhanced facilities

In a recent review meeting, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu convened with officials from the Endowment and Forest Departments to discuss the comprehensive development of the Srisailam Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Devasthanam. Present at the meeting were Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy. The discussion focused on enhancing the temple's facilities, as it attracts millions of devotees each year, positioning it as a significant divine site with both a Jyotirlingam and a Shakti Peetham. The Chief

Minister directed that Srisailam be developed similarly to Tirumala, with an emphasis on transforming it into a spiritual and environmentally friendly tourist destination. To further support these ambitions, it was proposed that the Centre allocate 2,000 hectares of land to the Endowments Department dedicated to temple development. Additionally, plans were laid out to improve national highway connectivity to Srisailam and explore potential developments for the nearby tiger sanctuary. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan underscored the urgent need for comprehensive improvement of the



temple facilities to accommodate the growing influx of devotees, particularly from other states. He suggested assessing facilities

in other renowned temples, such as Sabarimala, to inform the enhancement of Srisailam.

Paidithalli Ammavari Festivities Kick Off in Vizianagaram

The Vizianagaram festivals have commenced in grand style. Ministers Anitha, Kondapalli Srinivas, and TDP State President Palla Srinivas inaugurated the celebrations by raising the flag on a stage set up opposite the Paidithalli temple in the city. As part of the festivities, a large rally was organised, featuring various cultural performances that were well received. Prior to the events, Minister Anitha and other leaders paid a visit to the Paidithalli Ammavari temple. Prominent attendees included MP Kalisetty Appalanaidu, MLA Aditi Gajapathiraju, MLC Gade Srinivasulu Naidu, DCCB Chairman Kimidi Nagarjuna, and several others.



With over 80% indigenous content, INS Androth adds to naval fleet

Visakhapatnam: The Indian Navy is set to commission INS Androth, the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at a ceremonial event scheduled on October 6 (Monday) at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. The commissioning of Androth marks yet another milestone in the Indian Navy's steady stride towards capability enhancement and indigenisation and significantly bolsters the navy's ASW capabilities, especially in countering threats in littoral waters. Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, Androth is a testimony to India's growing maritime self-reliance. With over 80 percent of indigenous content, the ship underscores the navy's commitment towards enhancing indigenous capability through innovative technologies and home-

grown solutions and reflects sustained emphasis on indigenisation, innovation and capability enhancement, highlighting the vital role of GRSE in strengthening India's maritime security landscape. The induction is part of a larger momentum that has seen several state-of-the-art warships join the naval fleet in recent months. Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command (ENC) will preside over the ceremony. Together, these inductions in recent months, including Arnala, Nistar, Udaygiri, Nilgiri and now Androth epitomise the navy's balanced growth across the spectrum of maritime operations and highlight the essence of 'Atma Nirbharta' with a high percentage of indigenous content, design expertise and home-grown innovation com-



ing from Indian shipyards and industries. In its previous version, (P69) served the nation with distinction for over 27 years

before getting decommissioned. The commissioning of the new vessel honours the legacy and spirit of her predecessor.

Waltair Division has achieved record-breaking performance in the first half of the financial year

Waltair Division has achieved record-breaking performance in the first half of the financial year 2025-26, setting new benchmarks in freight loading, operational efficiency, and passenger amenities. All key indicators show robust, double-digit growth, highlighting the divisions strategic planning and commitment to service excellence.

Key Highlights

Unprecedented Performance: April-September 2025 saw the division record its best-ever achievements, with significant improvements across loading capacity, freight earnings, and operational efficiency. Daily loading capacity rose by 10.78%, while goods earnings surged by 12.18% over the previous year. Divisional loading increased by 10.9% over 2023-24.

Freight and Loading Achievements:

KRDL-BCHL iron ore loading reached



12.79 million tonnes, marking a 21.69% increase.

Turnaround efficiency improved, with daily rakes rising from 38.5 to 45.1.

Year-to-date, cumulative loading touched 39.18 MT (up 16.4%), underscoring the

divisions operational reliability.

Operational Excellence:

Long-haul operations improved, with 905 trains formed (up 7.61%). Network utilization rose to 23,711 million NTKM, a 9.64% improvement.

Notably, iron ore performance alone contributed an 800 crore increase, showing a 20.68% jump over the previous year.

Passenger Initiatives and Upgrades

Amrit Bharat Scheme: Waltair Division is modernizing 15 stations under the Amrit Bharat initiative, introducing world-class amenities like baby feeding rooms, climate-controlled waiting halls, exclusive premium lounges, and comprehensive platform connectivity. The initiative aims to enhance comfort and accessibility for all passengers.

Record Passenger Handling: Over 1.5 lakh passengers utilized 121 special trains operated up to September 2025. More than 3300 coaches were added,

handling a peak festive rush, and leading to the highest-ever passenger revenue of ₹426 crores for the period.

Safety, Security, and Innovation

The division has strengthened security with CC cameras, drone surveillance, and body-worn cameras for RPF personnel, along with focused initiatives such as Meri Saheli, Nanhe Fariste, and Mission Narcotics.

Facilities like modern ticketing counters, multilingual information displays, premium lounges, and dedicated passenger support desks are now available across major stations.

Outlook

Waltair Divisions results for 2025-26 (April-September) reflect its strong emphasis on innovation, infrastructural development, and customer-centric service, positioning it at the forefront of Indian Railways performance and transformation initiatives.

Indian Army new integrated 'Rudra Brigade' to tackle future battlefields



New Delhi: Nearly two months after Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi announced the formation of a new brigade, 'Rudra', the Northern Command of the Army on Saturday said that, "The Indian Army continues its relentless focus on capability development and preparedness for future wars." Taking it to X, the Northern Command said that, "Rudra - a unique blend of synergised combat application & seamless inter-arm integration. Combating ever-transforming battlefields, with evolving technologies and dynamic challenges, the spirit of synergy ensures that our forces remain future-ready, mission-focused, and committed to defending the Nation. The Indian Army continues its relentless focus on capability development and preparedness for future wars." Sharing a small video showcasing the Indian Army's prowess, the clip also included the announcement of the 'Rudra Brigade' by the Army Chief.

"A new brigade is being formed, which I sanctioned yesterday. The brigade will include - infantry, mechanised infantry, Armoured units, Artillery, Special Forces, unmanned aerial systems, and such fighting components will be united and will be prepared for a special task to provide logistics support or combat support," said General Dwivedi. Notably, this message by Gen Dwivedi was announced on the occasion of the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, 2025. The integrated formation marks a significant doctrinal shift, with the Army aiming to enhance jointness, operational agility, and quicker response capabilities in high-intensity conflict scenarios. Defence analysts view the move as a continuation of India's wider efforts at modernisation and integrated theatre planning. The inclusion of Special Forces and unmanned systems within the brigade is seen as a step towards blending conventional might with emerging technologies. The new formation is expected to play a pivotal role in ensuring India's preparedness for future wars, while sending a strong message of deterrence across its frontiers.

WALTAIR DIVISION GEARS UP FOR SPECIAL CAMPAIGN 5.0 ON CLEANLINESS

The Government of India has launched Special Campaign 5.0 to institutionalise cleanliness (Swachhata) and ensure timely resolution of pending matters. The campaign officially started on 2nd October 2025, following a preparatory phase that began on 15th September 2025, during which specific targets are being set.

At Waltair Division of East Coast Railway, led by Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra and senior officials, continuous monitoring is underway to ensure effective execution of the campaign. Detailed guidelines have been issued by the Railway Board for the smooth conduct of the Swachhata Mission 5.0.

A review meeting chaired by the Secretary, Railway



Board, with all nodal officers of the campaign, was held recently. Following the meeting, comprehensive instructions were circulated to all Zonal Railways, Divisional Offices, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Production Units (PUs) and Central Training Institutes, emphasizing active participation and measurable outcomes.

In line with these directions, Waltair Division has drawn up a detailed action plan for the campaign. Nodal officers have been nominated across departments to coordinate activities, supported by a dedicated WhatsApp group for real-time monitoring and communication.

During the preparatory phase, targets are being

finalized across various focus areas such as clearance of pending references, review of old files, intensive cleanliness drives, e-waste management, and disposal of scrap materials. The division remains committed to inculcating cleanliness as a sustained institutional practice and ensuring prompt resolution of all outstanding issues. To raise public awareness, citizen-centric initiatives such as Rail Chaupal at various railway stations and Amrit Samwad at 105 Amrit Bharat stations are also being planned.

Through meticulous planning, teamwork, and continuous monitoring, Special Campaign 5.0 at Waltair Division aims to set new benchmarks in cleanliness and administrative efficiency within Indian Railways.

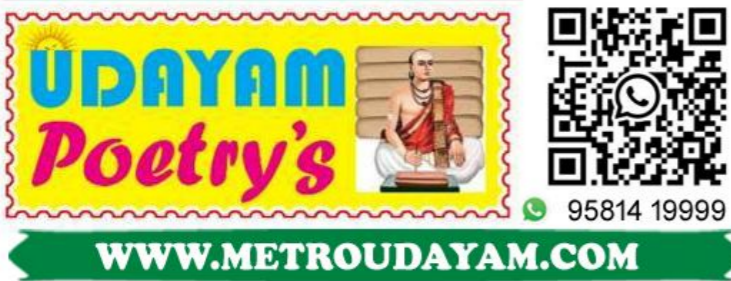
Heavy Rains Cause Flooding in Hyderabad and Surrounding Districts

Hyderabad: Heavy rainfall is currently affecting Bhagyanagaram, with low-lying areas experiencing significant flooding. Residents are enduring considerable difficulties as the downpour is accompanied by thunder and lightning. Various districts in Telangana, including Hyderabad, are facing similar weather conditions. Rain has been reported across several parts of Greater Hyderabad, particularly in Jubilee Hills, Banjara Hills, Filmnagar, Yousafguda, Manikonda, Pension Office, Abids, Khairatabad, Panjagutta, Lakdikapool, and other regions. The intense weather has led to traffic congestion and delays, with motorists struggling to navigate the halted traffic. In response to the situation, local officials have commenced relief measures as the rain continues to persist. In light of the ongoing weather conditions, the Hyderabad Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for all districts in Telangana. Officials have indicated that cumulonimbus cloud activity may result in moderate rain across the state today. Looking ahead to tomor-



row (Monday), several districts including Adilabad, Komaram Bheem, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagityala, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanumakonda, Jangaon, Siddipet,

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, and Kamareddy are expected to receive scattered moderate rain. A yellow alert has been announced for 27 districts in Telangana for tomorrow, with the likelihood of gusty winds accompanying the rainfall.



love and destiny

Love is free, a childhood delight
Unconditional, pure, and shining bright
But youth brings change, and loves new test
Earned with effort, and a loving quest

In old age, loves flame may dwindle low
Begged for and cherished, as moments flow
Yet, were the authors of our own fate
Our thoughts, words, and actions create

God doesn't write our destiny, its true
We pen our own story, with choices anew
Every step, a decision we make
Shaping our path, our hearts own ache

Our thoughts are seeds, our words are might

Our actions reap, what we sow in sight
So let us choose, with love and care
And write our destiny, with kindness we share

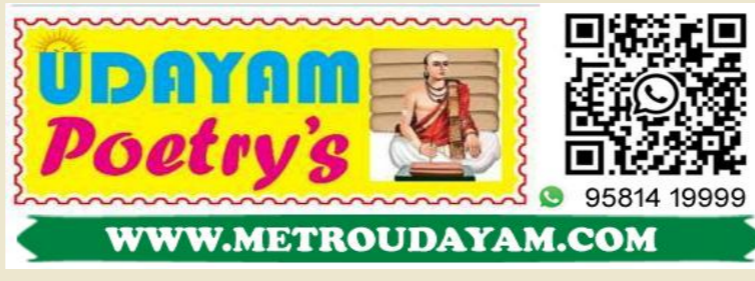
May our hearts be filled, with love so true
And our destiny, be one we can pursue
With every step, a new path unfolds
And our story, is one of love that never grows old.

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CM Naidu responds to health incidents in Andhra Pradesh, seeks report

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has addressed two concerning incidents involving the health of students and children in the state. Following reports of several students falling ill at the Kurupam tribal girls' gurukulam, CM Naidu sought detailed information from officials regarding the response to the situation. In conversations with Minister Sandhyarani, who is spearheading the state's efforts to manage the incidents, the Chief Minister was updated on the steps being taken to care for those affected. Minister Sandhyarani is set to visit students receiving treatment at Visakhapatnam's King George Hospital, while arrangements are also being made by the District Collector and senior officials from the Tribal Welfare Department to monitor the health of those in Parvathipuram Hospital. Furthermore, CM Naidu discussed the tragic death of a toddler at a childcare centre in Anantapur. He has ordered an investigation into both incidents and requested a comprehensive report from the authorities.



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हमारे बुरे कर्मों को भी ईश्वर के लिखे भाग्य और ईश्वर की सम्मती मानना हमारे अज्ञानता की परकाष्ठा है। ईश्वर ने हमारे कर्मों में दखल नहीं देता। हमें अच्छाई और बुराई को पहचानने की बुद्धि दिया। और उस बुद्धि के मार्गदर्शन के लिए अपने खास प्रतिनिधियों (जिन्हें हम पैगंबर, अवतार, साधू, संत, ऋषी, मुनी, पीर, औलिया और इमाम कहते हैं) को भेजकर धर्मग्रंथों के माध्यम से धर्म और अधर्म के बारे में समझाया। फिर आजादी से कर्म करने का अधिकार दिया।

और हमारे द्वारा किए जाने वाले कर्मों का प्रतिफल सजा (शिक्षा) और जजा (उपहार) के रूप में देने का वादा किया। केवल वादा ही नहीं किया बल्कि हमारे कर्मों का उचित प्रतिफल मिलते रहने की व्यवस्था बना दी। जिसके तहत इस लोक में सुख और दुःख मिल रहे हैं। और इसी तरह मरणोत्तर जीवन में स्वर्ग - नरक भी मिलने वाले हैं। ईश्वर ने कर्मों के मामले में हमें पूर्ण स्वतंत्रता देकर पैदा किया। अब कोई यह कहता है कि दुनिया में हमारे द्वारा किए जाने वाले पाप कर्मों का कारण भी ईश्वरीय इच्छा है तो केवल यह उसकी अज्ञानता ही नहीं होगी बल्कि अत्याचारियों को बचाने का प्रबंध होगा।

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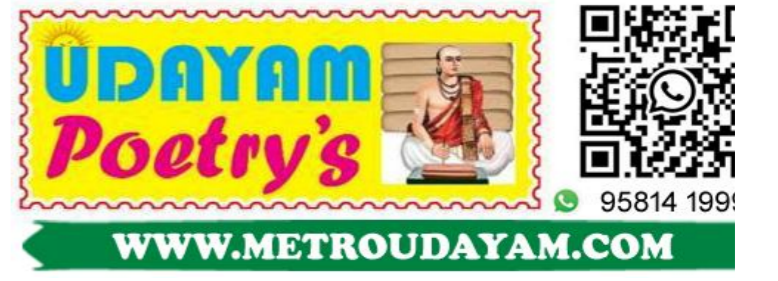
अगर हम अच्छाई हो या बुराई सब कुछ ईश्वर के ही तरफ से होती है ऐसा मान लेते हैं तो

फिर हमें किसी बुरा करने वाले से नफरत करने का अधिकार नहीं रहता। और किसी अत्याचारी, बलात्कारी, हत्यारा, चोर और किसी अधार्मिक को बुरा नहीं कह सकते या लानत (धिक्कार) भेज नहीं सकते। क्योंकि वह जो कर्ता है वह तो निमित्त मात्र है, उसका हर अमल खुदा (ईश्वर) के तरफ से निर्धारित किया गया है तो फिर करने वाले की बुराई क्यों? अगर सब कुछ ईश्वर के तरफ से ही होता है तो तमाम धर्मादेशों, उपदेशों का क्या प्रयोजन है भला?।

पवित्र कुरआन में आया है कि, "अल्लाह (सु.) के नाम से, जो अत्यंत कृपाशील, दयावान है। (ऐ पैगम्बर मोहम्मद साहब!) तुम कह दो के मैं लोगों के रब (पालनहार) की शरण में आता हूँ। लोगों के बादशाह की, लोगों के माबूद (पूजनीय परमात्मा) की (शरण में आता हूँ)। वसवसे की बुराई से पनाह (नकारात्मक ऊर्जा से शरण) माँगता हूँ। उस (शैतान) फुसफुसानेवाले, मायावी उपदेशक की शरारत (दुष्टता) से जो बार-बार आता है, जो लोगों के दिलों में फुसफुसाता (बहकाता) है, चाहे वह जिन्नात में से हो या आदमियों में से। (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 114, सूरह अन नास, आयत क्रमांक 1 से 6)।

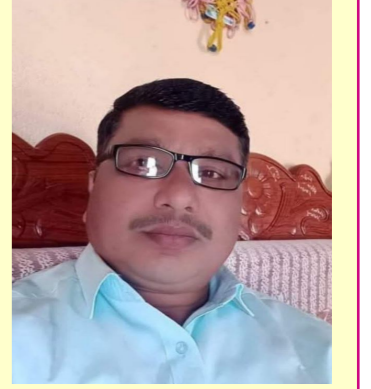
पवित्र कुरआन का उपरोक्त मात्र छः आयतों (मंत्र, श्लोक) वाला इस एक छोटे से सुराह (अध्याय) को हम अगर ध्यान से पढ़ते हैं तो बहुत सी बातों की समझ आ जायेगी। पहली बात, ईश्वर कृपाशील, दयावान है। दूसरी बात, जैसे ईश्वर की अच्छी शक्तियाँ हैं वैसे ही शैतानी - मायावी बुरी शक्तियाँ भी हैं जो बहकाती हैं। तीसरी बात, शैतानी - मायावी बुरी शक्तियाँ आदमी को बहला, फुसला कर धर्म और सत्य के मार्ग से पतित करती हैं। चौथी बात, यह बुरी शक्तियाँ इन्सान और जिन्नात (मानव तथा आग से बनी ईश्वर की दूसरी सृष्टि) में से हो सकती हैं। और अंतिम पांचवीं बात, आदमी पूजनीय सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के शरण में आकर ही अपने आपको बचा सकता है।

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"प्रेम और भाग्य... मार्मिक प्रतिबिंब"

प्रेम बचपन में मुक्त है, एक अनमोल उपहार
बिना शर्त, बिना किसी अपेक्षा के प्यार
जवानी में प्रेम की परीक्षा होती है प्राप्त करने के लिए, हमें प्रयास करना होता है



बुजुर्गावस्था में, प्रेम की लौ धीमी पड़ जाती है
मिन्नतें करते हैं, और क्षणों का हिसाब करते हैं
लेकिन हम अपने भाग्य के लेखक हैं
हमारे विचार, शब्द, और कर्म ही हमारे भाग्य को लिखते हैं

ईश्वर हमारे भाग्य को नहीं लिखता, यह सच है
हम अपने विचारों और कर्मों से अपना भाग्य लिखते हैं
हर कदम पर, हम एक निर्णय लेते हैं
अपने रास्ते को आकार देते हैं, अपने दिल की पीड़ा

हमारे विचार बीज हैं, हमारे शब्द शक्ति हैं
हमारे कर्म वही फसल काटते हैं

जो हम बोते हैं तो आइए हम प्रेम और करुणा से चुनें और अपने भाग्य को दया और प्रेम से लिखें

हमें अपने दिल को प्रेम से भरने दें और अपना भाग्य ऐसा बनाएं जो हमारा हो
हर कदम पर, एक नया रास्ता खुलता है
और हमारी कहानी, प्रेम की कहानी जो कभी पुरानी नहीं होती।

डॉ. मुकुंद राव जाधव
हिंदी अध्यापक
जड़ पी एच एस बेज्जूर।
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FAULT MAY LIE WITH US!

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

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

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

We say someone ruined!
We are also one of them

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

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

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KTR Criticises Bus Fare Hike in Twin Cities

Hyderabad: KT Rama Rao, Executive President of the Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi, has condemned the recent bus fare increases in the twin cities. Posting on 'X', he described the decision as evil. KTR stated that fares have been raised by Rs. 10, adding that this would impose an extra monthly burden of approximately Rs. 500 on each passenger. He called on the CM to explain how the poor will manage to survive under such conditions. He also criticised previous fare hikes for student bus passes and T-24 tickets, claiming a 50% increase on minimum fares is a sign of poor policy. He concluded by asserting that instead of saving the institution, these measures are hurting the common people.



Twinkle Khanna reveals her voice in "Mela" was dubbed by 'someone with asthma'



Mumbai: Bollywood actress-turned-author Twinkle Khanna recently revealed a surprising detail about her performance in the 2000 film "Mela" during a candid conversation with Varun Dhawan and Alia Bhatt on her chat show co-hosted by Kajol, "Two Much with Kajol and Twinkle". The actress disclosed that the voice heard in the film for her character Roopa was not her own but was dubbed by someone else. In the conversation, Varun Dhawan shared his fondness for the film, calling it a guilty pleasure. He added, "I love Roopa." Responding to this, Twinkle Khanna revealed, "It's not my voice. Oh my god, yes, of course, it's not my voice, because the makers thought that I was not being dramatic enough, so they got it dubbed by some person who has asthma, and that was it," she quipped. Her humorous quip about the dubbed voice being overly dramatic drew laughter from the panel. Varun Dhawan continued the banter, remarking, "But it's definitely a performance because you are nothing like Roopa. Then you had to become Roopa, and that was pretty challenging." To this, Twinkle took a dig at herself, saying, "I did not become anything at all. I quit the business because I had to become Roopa," making Kajol, Alia Bhatt and Varun Dhawan laugh out loud. For the uninitiated, "Mela", directed by Dharmesh Darshan, starred Aamir Khan, Faizal Khan and Twinkle Khanna in lead roles. Despite high expectations, the film turned out to be a critical and commercial disappointment and bombed at the box office. Interestingly, Twinkle Khanna's professional life around "Mela" also connects with her personal life. She married actor Akshay Kumar in January 2001, shortly after the film's release. In past interviews, Akshay has humorously admitted that one of the conditions put forth by Twinkle for their marriage was that she would marry Akshay only if the movie failed at the box office. Twinkle was extremely sure of the fact that her movie "Mela" would do wonders at the box office. But as luck would have it, the film's failure coincided with her decision to leave films and focus on her other avenues and get married to Akshay Kumar.

BCCI removes Rohit Sharma as ODI captain



Mumbai: Shubman Gill replaced Rohit Sharma as the next ODI captain, as the chairman of selectors, Ajit Agarkar, announced the squad on Saturday for the upcoming three-match series against Australia, beginning on October 19 in Perth. The decision to have Gill succeed Rohit was made as the current team management wants the 26-year-old to lead India in the 2027 ODI World Cup, set to be played in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia. Gill is now the captain in two formats (Tests and ODIs) and the vice-captain in T20Is. The selection committee, led by Ajit Agarkar, convened on Saturday to pick the squad for the Australia tour. The selectors also kept head coach Gautam Gambhir in the loop before making the decision to change the captaincy. Earlier this year, Gill took over as the Test captain after Rohit retired from the format.

Raashii Khanna spends time with her loved ones: 'life quietly reminds you what truly matters'

Mumbai: Taking a pause for the cause, actress Raashii Khanna decided to spend some much-needed time with her loved ones - her parents, her brother, her sister-in-law, and her nephew and niece. Stating that life has a way of quietly reminding you of what truly matters, Raashii dropped a few sneak peeks of her time at home. The photos showed 'The Sabarmati Report' actress hugging her brother lovingly. She further soaked in at the playtime that she could with her nephew and niece. From hitting the gym with the family to channeling her inner child on the trampoline, Raashii made the most of her time back home. The post further showed a glimpse of her parents and her sister-in-law. Raashii also shared an emotional note on how

it is crucial to make time for what truly matters in life. "In the middle of all the chaos, life quietly reminds you what truly matters. Grateful for this week, for stolen moments with the people who are home - my parents, my brother & bhabhi, my little ones (red heart emoji) Family is the pause button I didn't know I needed (sic)," the 'Yodha' actress captioned the post. Work-wise, Raashii is currently occupied with her next, "Telusu Kada." Recently, she revealed the only triangle she truly loves through a lighthearted post. Hilariously described it as "me, mirror & the burger," Raashii gave a glimpse into her playful side. She took to her Instagram account and posted a string of photos from the makeup room with the caption, "The only



triangle I like is me, mirror & the burger. #telusukada." The mirror selfies showed the team styling Raashii's hair. In one of the clicks, she was seen holding a plate of burgers as she posed for the camera. Written and directed by debutant Neeraja Kona, "Telusu Kada" also stars Siddhu Jonnalagadda and Srinidhi Shetty in key roles. Backed by T. G. Vishwa Prasad and Vivek Kuchibhotla under the People Media Factory banner, "Telusu Kada" is expected to get a theatrical release on October 17.

Women power steering Kurnool and Nandyal towards progress - Dynamic leadership driving development with vision and compassion

Kurnool/Nandyal: In a striking example of empowerment and dynamic leadership, the districts of Kurnool and Nandyal have emerged as shining beacons of women-led governance. For the first time in recent history, a majority of key administrative positions in these districts are held by women officers, driving forward development with determination, empathy, and vision. Also Read - Gandhi Jayanti celebrated At the helm in Kurnool is Dr. A. Siri, who has very recently taken charge as the District Collector. Despite her short tenure, Dr. Siri has moved swiftly to address long-pending issues that have been slowing down development and public service delivery. Her proactive approach is focused on understanding ground realities, streamlining governance, and implementing people-friendly solutions. From improving healthcare facilities and strengthening urban services to ensuring smooth distribution of essential commodities and stabilizing market prices, Dr. Siri has been working tirelessly to set things right and establish a culture of accountability and transparency. Her direct interaction with citizens, self-help groups, and farmers reflects her people-first approach, fostering trust and confidence among the public. Even in a short span, Dr. Siri has shown that decisive leadership can create visible change, setting a strong foundation for Kurnool's future progress. In neighboring Nandyal, District Collector G. Raja Kumari is spearheading rapid growth through meticulous planning and community engagement. She has been instrumental in fast-tracking major infrastructure projects, expediting land acquisition for industrial investments, and strengthening rural connectivity, ensuring balanced and inclusive development. Her hands-on administration and accessibility have earned her wide appreciation among all sections of society. Supporting this dynamic leadership



is Dr. B. Navya, Joint Collector of Kurnool, who is known for her innovative use of technology to streamline welfare programs. Her efforts have significantly enhanced transparency and efficiency, ensuring that government benefits reach even the remotest households without delay. On the agriculture front, R. Jaya Lakshmi, Secretary of the Kurnool Agriculture Market Yard, has been closely working with farmers to modernize market operations, introduce transparent auction systems, and guarantee fair prices and timely payments, thereby improving farmers' incomes and livelihoods. Adding further strength to the team, Jayamma, Deputy Director of Information and Public Relations, Kurnool district, plays a vital role in bridging communication between the administration and the public. Her work ensures that government policies, welfare schemes, and development initiatives are effectively communicated to the people, enhancing awareness and encouraging active participation in district

progress. What makes this administrative landscape truly historic is that many district departmental heads including those in health, agriculture, law and order, education, revenue, transport, and social welfare departments are also women, creating a powerful network of empathetic and efficient governance. Together, this exceptional leadership team is reshaping Kurnool and Nandyal into centers of progressive governance, where policies are driven by transparency, accountability, and a strong sense of social responsibility. As these officers continue to tackle challenges and deliver visible results, the people of both districts are witnessing a transformation that promises sustainable and inclusive growth. Their collective leadership stands as a powerful example of how dynamic governance, driven by dedication and vision, can create a lasting impact — a true testament to the changing face of administration in Andhra Pradesh.