



CM Revanth Reddy gives directions to Congress leaders for local body elections

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has announced that preparations for the local elections are proceeding as planned, despite ongoing challenges. During a Zoom meeting held on Thursday, PCC Chief Mahesh Goud outlined directives for party leaders regarding the local election and nomination processes. The Chief Minister participated in the meeting, revealing that the first phase of the nomination process for Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTC) and Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies (ZPTC) commenced today. He urged in-charge ministers from various districts to liaise with key leaders to finalise candidates in accordance with the prescribed reservation ratios.

Reddy emphasised the importance of dedicating ample time for the nomination process and instructed



the PCC's legal team to provide a model format for nomination applications to the grassroots level. He also recommended the establishment of a coordination committee at Gandhi Bhavan to address any legal issues that may arise, along with the initiation of a toll-free helpline for inquiries. The Chief Minister

stressed that members of the committee should possess a thorough understanding of the election process.

Furthermore, Reddy announced that the PCC would discuss and make decisions regarding the selection of Mandal Parishad Presidents and Zilla Parishad chair posts, urging that no political statements about these positions be made until a consensus is reached. In addition, he highlighted the need to closely monitor ongoing arguments in the High Court relating to Backward Classes (BC) reservations, stating that the PCC president should keep a watchful eye on the case. Following the court's verdict, another meeting will be convened for further actions. The Chief Minister instructed relevant officials to prepare a list of candidates for the first phase by the end of the day.

Nominations Open for ZPTC and MPTC Elections in Telangana



The first phase of elections for Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies (ZPTC) and Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTC) in Telangana has officially commenced, with candidates now able to submit their nominations. The returning officers have issued the first phase notification, and nominations will be accepted until the 11th of this month. This initial phase covers elections for 292 ZPTC and 2,964 MPTC seats. The State Election Commission announced the local election schedule on the 29th of last month, detailing a total of five phases for the elections. The first two phases will focus on the ZPTC and MPTC elections, while voting for Gram Panchayats will take place in the remaining three phases.

BRS Leaders Placed Under House Arrest Ahead of RTC Fare Protest



The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has called for a protest at Chalo Bus Bhavan today (Thursday) to demand a reduction in the recently increased RTC bus fares. In response, police have heightened security measures and placed several BRS leaders under house arrest to prevent them from attending the demonstration. Among those confined to their homes are Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao and prominent leaders such as Vivekananda Goud, Shambhirpur Raju, and Sayubaba. Former minister and Maheshwaram MLA Sabita Indra Reddy was also intercepted by police and placed under house arrest while en route to the protest. As authorities brace for the BRS rally, significant security arrangements have been made at the Bus Bhavan located at RTC Cross Road. Meanwhile, former ministers K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and Harish Rao have managed to leave their residences in preparation for the protest. KTR is set to first visit Talasani Srinivas Yadav's home before proceeding to Bus Bhavan, while Harish Rao intends to board a bus at Mehdiapatnam to reach his destination.

Centre releases Rs 1,091 crore for rural local bodies in Bengal, Andhra

New Delhi: The Government of India has released Rs 1091.47 crore as the first instalment of untied grants under the Fifteenth Finance Commission for rural local bodies in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj on Thursday. A sum of Rs 680.71 crore was released to West Bengal on October 6 in respect of the eligible 3,224 Gram Panchayats, 335 Block Panchayats and 21 Zilla Parishads across the state for the financial year 2025-26, the statement said.

During the previous financial year 2024-25 and current financial year 2025-26, a total amount of Rs 4,181.23 crore has been disbursed to West Bengal, comprising Rs 2,082.13 crore as untied grants and Rs 2,099.10 crore as tied grants, underlining the Government of India's con-



tinued commitment to strengthening grassroots governance and service delivery through Panchayati Raj institutions in the state, according to the statement.

The Union Government has also released Rs 410.76 crore to Andhra Pradesh for all 13 District Panchayats (Zilla Praja Parishads), 650 eligible Block Panchayats (Mandal Praja Parishads) and 13,092 eligible Gram Panchayats (GPs) out of

13,327 GPs in the State for the financial year 2025-26. The first instalment of the untied grants will be utilised by rural local bodies for location-specific felt needs, under the 29 subjects enshrined in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution, except for salaries and other establishment costs, the statement explained.

The tied grants can be used for the basic services of sanitation and mainte-

nance of ODF (Open Defecation-Free) status, and this should include management and treatment of household waste, and human excreta and fecal sludge management in particular. These grants can also be used for the supply of drinking water, rainwater harvesting and water recycling.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has launched initiatives such as SabhaSaar, an AI-powered tool for recording and summarising Gram Sabha proceedings, SVAMITVA for digital land mapping and property rights, eGramSwaraj for integrated online planning, accounting and monitoring. Besides, Gram Manchitra has been rolled out for geo-spatial planning. These platforms not only improve transparency and efficiency but also empower citizens to participate more actively in local governance.

Pawan Kalyan to visit Kakinada today, to hold meeting in Uppada

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is scheduled to visit Kakinada district today, with officials having made extensive arrangements for the occasion. Kalyan will first arrive at Rajahmundry Airport from Gannavaram Airport, before proceeding to Kakinada Police Parade Grounds via helicopter. His itinerary includes a visit to the Kakinada Collectorate, where concerns raised by local fishermen regarding the pollution of the Uppada sea coast will be addressed.

Fishermen have expressed their grievances over alleged chemical contamina-

tion from Divis Pharma, which they say is jeopardising their livelihoods and depleting vital fisheries resources. In response, representatives from fishermen's associations are set to meet with a committee appointed by the state government at the Collectorate. Key topics of discussion will include sea pollution, compensation payments, and issues related to erosion along the Uppada coast.

Following his meeting with the fishermen, Kalyan is likely to engage with local leaders of the Jana Sena party. Later in the day, he will travel to Uppada for a

public meeting at Uppada Centre, scheduled from 3:00 pm to 4:10 pm, where he aims to reassure the local fishing community. In light of Pawan Kalyan's visit, security has been enhanced, with 550 police personnel deployed, including an Assistant Superintendent and three Deputy Commissioners of Police. Barricades have also been set up in various locations around the Collectorate to maintain order during the event.



The JoyfulTalisman: Vedabhyas Kundu and Munazah Shahs Guide to Peace and Human Values

In a time when contemporary existence seems increasingly truncated, restless and uncertain, The JoyfulTalisman serves as a timely reminder of the merits of inner calmness, self-reflection, contemplation, and ethical joy. The authors, Vedabhyas Kundu and Munazah Shah, design the book for the reader to think about joy not only as an emotion one may experience in a pleasant and inviting moment, but instead think of joy as a moral and spiritual direction which may expedite ones journey towards balance, resilience and mental well-being.

In these contemporary cultural times, where despair, hopelessness, and ceaseless unease are prominent, The JoyfulTalisman guides us that happiness is not a privilege or luxury; rather, it is a practice that can be learned, attained and it takes time, deep reflection, and care. The JoyfulTalisman is about personal and spiritual growth while exploring values, ethics, and positivity. What is distinctive about this text is the invitation to take a journey of thoughtful inquiry and good work which unites philosophy and practice. Each chapter goes smoothly from theory to practice producing insights that act will help change ones perspective of living.

The Five Pillars of The JoyfulTalisman

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vide nourishment and foundation to the text. The Five Pillars of The JoyfulTalisman comprises Inner Transformation; Interdependence; Nonviolence; Solidarity; and Active Care. They epitomise the imagination of the authors of what it might mean to embody a joyful, ethical life. Inner Transformation encourages the reader to notice harm, and then to maintain our accountability to inner transformation.

Interdependence embraces our collective responsibility to acknowledge and recognise our mutual impact, while conveying joy comes through connection, not through isolation. Nonviolence articulates how to redirect our aggression into ways to create peace and compassion. Solidarity seeks to engage the reader in providing mutual support for each other. Active Care encourages the applicable enactment of caring and thoughtful acts of kindness to restore the connected fabric of community. The five pillars, therefore, elevate the reading to not just a philosophical reading, but into a reading for transformation, and a practical text for those who want to live joyfully and who are empathetic, mindful, and intentional.

Philosophy of Joy and Ethics

Vedabhyas and Munazah emphasise the transformative quality of joy as a means to cultivate inner peace. Drawing largely from Mahatma Gandhis Talisman, the book presents engaging stories and thoughtful-ly constructed activities encour-



aging deep reflection and growth. Readers are specifically scaffolded toward understanding how the experience of joy can be utilised in challenging contexts, as well as foster resiliency. It is evident throughout the book that joy is more than a momentary pleasurable experience; it is a core strength bonded to our unfolding in a chaotic world.

This book is distinguished from any ordinary self-help book by its foundations. Kundu and Shah assert that joy cannot be separated from compassion, empathy, deep listening, moral clarity, and responsibility. Furthermore, joy is not a personal goal such as happiness but rather a radially outward practice that creates communities, as well as people. In an era of personal branding positivity, the book draws a connection between joy and human courage in a refreshing way, which is especially timely.

Structure and Approach

The framework of The Joyful Talisman is significant. The stories are not mere ornamentation- they are intentionally asking readers to stop, think, and re-think their thoughts. The exercises that are interspersed throughout the chapters can serve as an anchor for readers, not prescriptions, and invites readers to experiment rather than follow a dictated recipe. It is in the exchange between reflection and action where the book comes to life- engaging readers in active participation rather than passive readings.

The book eloquently balances nuance and accessibility. The tone is welcoming and inviting; however, the undertone of the text is philosophical and spiritual in significant depth. There is no sense of the reader being burdened; instead there is an invitation to engage, discuss, and meditate. The book offers interesting relationships that go beyond the genre of motivational writing, appealing to a large, thoughtful audience.

Why Does It Matter Today?

The book grounds its important message in the notion that joy is part of flourishing as a human. Joy is not simply a retreat from reality, or naive optimism- joy is a real expression of resilience, the ability to partake in the complexity of life with calmness, clarity, connection, and hope for the future. In a time when despair seems to have become

the norm, The JoyfulTalisman offers that joy does not have to mean turning away from it but actually an invitation to fully partake in it.

Final Reflections

Thus, The JoyfulTalisman is a very considerate, applicable guide for sustaining internal resilience and moral perspective. It is more of an exchange than a handbook for living; it is an alternate way to be, and think. As a stunningly considered overlap of philosophy, spirituality and practice, the text is yet another affirming reminder that joy is not just a fleeting feeling; it is a disciplined, ethical, and shared way of living.

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—Reviewer Dr. Sweta Kumari, Independent Researcher, Poet, Editor, Interviewer and cultural activist.

Value of Rs. 4,50,000 Infrastructure donated by Muktavaram Karamchand Mukti



Jangaon, October 09, Metroudayam, From Mahabubabad district Mukthavaram Karamchand Mukti is his grandmothers hometown, in the Pochannapeta school of Bachannapeta Mandal with Rs 4,50,000 / - under the guidance of the school headmaster A Hari Shankar. Basic facilities have been provided in the school, Mandal Education Officer I. Venkat Reddy, who was the chief guest, congratulated Karamchand for providing the school with the facilities due to his grandmothers love for the village. Family members of Balamani Karamchand, Chairperson of Amma Adarsha Paatashaala Committee Vasumathi, M.S. Chhatrapati Shivaji, Jhansi, Hindavi and the school teacher were Jhansi Lakshmi Bai, Ratna Devi, Sandhyarani, Shriram Girish, A.N. Vijay Rana, Jasmanpreet Singh, Maheshinder Singh, Lalit Kansal, Arun Sharma, Piyush Gupta, Pankaj Sanduja, Subash Morya, VikramBawa, Naveewan Dhaliwal, Mayur Shah & others were participated.

Bathukamma celebrations in Pahalgam Jammu Kashmir: Burra Ramesh Head Masters Association State Secretary

Jangaon, October 09, Metroudayam: During the dassera term holidays the teachers balaji parapathi sangham members from Jangaon district under the leadership of Burra Ramesh, Head Masters Association State Secretary went to tour along with their families. They visited vishno temple, sonmarg, gulmarg, kaargil point, amarnath point. They took a lodge in that night where our Indian tourists were fired by the Pakistan terrorists. Later on they tributed for the indian martyrs. They collected various colors of flowers and played our telangana cultural songs and dances in the presence of the local people of Kashmir. They were dared and courageous to reside in that particular lodge by praising our Indian army, gave a great sympathy towards the Indian force. They felt so happy and joyful enjoying the beauty of Pahalgam surroundings greenery, it looks like a heaven and proud of our Indian territory. They couldn't picture the beautiful scenery of the Kashmir. Maarka Rohith is the tour event leaded very smooth and successful for the journey. The families



of Pasikanti Yadagiri, Miryala Ramesh, Bhasker, Gunavrdhan, Bukkaala Praveen Kumar, Earya, Bheema, Shada Ravi, Mallesham and Sujatha, Manjula, Lalitha, Rajani, Rukmini, Padma, Suhitha, Saritha, Jayasri and others partici-

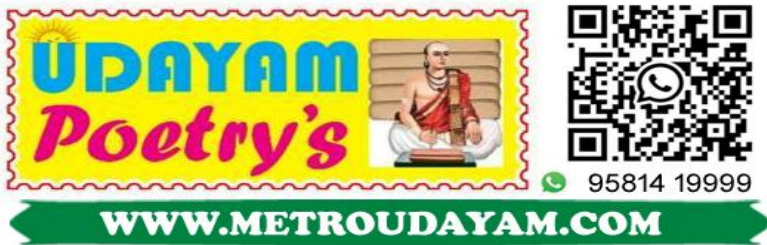
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@ Burra Ramesh, State Secretary, Telangana
Headmaster's Association, Teachers from Jangaon, Telangana celebrated Saddula Bathukamma at Pahalgam, Kashmir.
With locally available flowers they showcased Telangana's cultural heritage, spreading the fragrance of unity.



pated. This message was also sent through twitter to the honourable Chief Minister & Prime Minister of India, as they never afraid of the Pakistan terrorists, they dared to stay in that pahalgam to be peaceful to support our Indian tourists.

Cough syrup deaths: Rahul Gandhi likely to visit MP's Chhindwara

Bhopal: As outrage deepens over the deaths of children in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara district, allegedly due to consumption of toxic Coldrif cough syrup, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is expected to visit the district and nearby areas soon to meet bereaved families. While the Congress party has yet to release a formal itinerary, preparations are underway, and party leaders insist the visit is driven by humanitarian concern, not political strategy. "He is likely to visit next week, the date of his arrival in Chhindwara is yet to be fixed," party sources told IANS. The party sources said Gandhi wants to meet the affected families, share their grief, and amplify their voices. The party has repeatedly accused the BJP-led state government of failing to take decisive action against those responsible for the tragedy and criticised Chief Minister Mohan Yadav's remarks as insensitive.



शीर्षक : केवल पूजा, प्रार्थना, नमाज, रोजा मात्र भक्ती नहीं होते बल्के बुद्धी का उपयोग करके ईश्वर के आज्ञा पर चिंतन, मनन करना भी खुदा की इबादत (ईश्वर भक्ती) का दर्जा रखता है।...
(शकील उवावा -४९७)



इन संतों ने अगर कोई सबसे बड़ा चमत्कार किया है तो वह यह है कि उन्होंने लोगों को अज्ञान के अंधक. र से बाहर निकाला। इंसान को इंसान से दूर करने वाले कुप्रथाओं पर प्रहार किया। प्यार मुहब्बत के माध्यम से मानवता के आधार पर जाति-भेद को नष्ट करके प्यार, मुहब्बत का पाठ सिखाया। समस्त मानवजाती को एक करने का प्रयास किया गया।

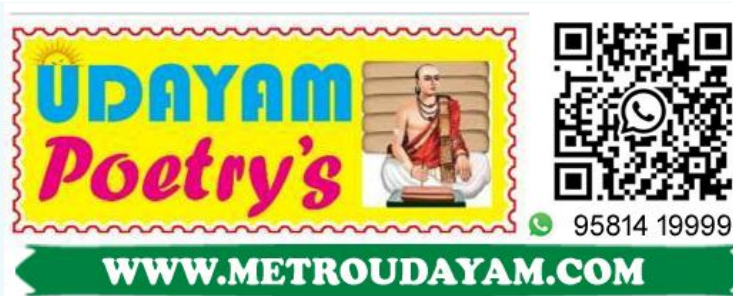
इन संतों ने भजन, कीर्तन और साहित्य के विविध माध्यमों से अंधविश्वासों से दूर वैज्ञानिक दृष्टिकोण रखने वाले सच्चे धर्म का पाठ सिखाया। लोगों को सुख समृद्धि का राज बताकर अधर्म के राह पर चलाने वाले स्वार्थपूर्ण इच्छाओं के अनुसरण करने से रोका। और जीवन में दुख लाने वाले आकांक्षाओं के विस्तार से अपने आपको बचाने के आसान विधियां सिखाकर जीवन को समृद्ध किया। प्यार मुहब्बत का पाठ पढ़ाया गया। लेकिन कितनी बड़ी अफसोस की बात है के, आजकल अपने इसी भारत में किसी से मुहब्बत के इजहार को भी जुर्म बनाए जा रहा है।

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BE LIKE A LITTLE BUSY BEE!

Very little to look at!
teach many lessons!
No talk only act!
Whats it? None a
little busy Bee!

Oh! man open eyes!
Once see tiny creature!
No rest always work!
Waste not a single
minute!

Knows Time value!
Runs after the clock!
Dawn to dusk restless!
No fatigue nor strain!

We too work of course!
Shortly feel tiresome!
Often fail to reach goal!
Leave or middle drop the
task!

Bees future vision awe-



some!
Ours one many times
failure!
Its not the stature that
counts!
Watch the little busy Bee
to learn,
how far we are away
compared
to small ones restless
work!

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

Adarsh Youth Association members handed over an invitation letter to attend the Alai Balai program..



Medipalli October 9 (Metro udayam)

Adarsh Youth Association members met former division corporator Bandari Manjula Ravinder at his residence on Thursday invited to attend the Alai Balai program being organized to mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Adarsh ??Youth Association in Vinayaka Nagar Colony, 15th Division of Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation.



Collector reviews arrangements for PM's visit

Kurnool: District Collector Dr A Siri on Wednesday reviewed the arrangements being made for the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is scheduled to tour the district on October 16. The Collector instructed all concerned departments to complete the ongoing works on a war footing, ensuring that every aspect of the arrangements meets the highest standards of preparedness and coordination. During her inspection at Ragamayuri Green Hills near Nannur Toll Gate, Dr Siri examined the works related to parking facilities, helipad construction, and the public meeting venue.

She reviewed the layout of 11 identified parking locations, instructing officials to finish ground-leveling, approach roads, barricading, and signage works without delay. The Collector also interacted with officers from the



Roads and Buildings Department, directing them to complete the connectivity road to the main venue expeditiously. She emphasised that all arrangements should reflect the importance of the Prime Minister's visit, leaving no scope for lapses.

Dr Siri further reviewed the sanitation measures, green room arrangements, and security infra-

structure being set up for the event. She ordered the installation of CCTV cameras at key points, including the public meeting venue, parking zones, and helipad area, to ensure real-time surveillance and crowd management. Addressing the officials, she said the arrangements should be executed with inter-departmental coordination, keeping public con-

venience and safety as top priorities. Later, at a meeting held at the Nannur Village Secretariat, the Collector reviewed medical preparedness with the district health authorities.

She instructed that two Basic Life Support ambulances and medical camps be arranged at each of the 11 parking locations. The Collector directed officials to establish a 10-bed hospital for VIPs and a 20-bed hospital for the public at the main meeting venue. She also ordered that specialist doctors, emergency response teams, essential medicines, wheelchairs, and stretchers be kept ready at both the helipad and the Orvakal PHC. Dr. Siri reiterated that all departments must work in close coordination to ensure the Prime Minister's visit is conducted successfully and without any hindrance.

AMRIT SAMVAAD CONTINUES OVER WALTAIR DIVISION

In line with the vision of Amrit Kaal and the Panch Pran (Five Resolves), Waltair Division is continuing the citizen-centric initiative titled Amrit Samvaad as part of Special Campaign 5.0. Today, on 09.10.2025, Amrit Samvaad was held at the AC Waiting Hall of Visakhapatnam Railway Station, where Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer Shri Diptansu Sharma and at Rayagada Railway Station by Shri B Avinash Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer engaged directly with commuters and rail users to gather valuable feedback on recent improvements, suggestions, and grievances. Amrit Samvaad is an opportuni-



ty to have direct dialogue between railway authorities and passengers, focusing on solutions, enhancements in amenities, and ideas for new or improved passenger facilities. This special campaign will be continued till 31st October.

Many passengers came forward to share their views on the amenities and suggestions on upcoming facilities. Expressing the satisfaction on the amenities available at these station, passengers opined for more trains to connect popular destinations.



Shami Speaks Out on Australia ODI Omission, Settles Gill vs Rohit Captaincy Debate

Mohammed Shami has not played international cricket for a lengthy period of. Shami has not played international cricket for a long time. Fast bowler is playing for Bengal in the IPL and also in domestic cricket for Bengal but hasn't been selected for India's forthcoming Mohammed Shami Australia ODIs that will begin on the 19th of October. Shami has spoken about it in an interview recently. "There have been a lot of memes and rumours about my non-selection for the India vs Australia cricket 2025. I want to make it clear that selection is not completely in my hands. Selection committee, coach and



captain have a role. If they think I am ready, they will select me. If they think I am not, that is their decision. I am fully fit and have been training every day," Shami told reporters on his YouTube

channel. Shami interview, "My fitness is not a problem. I am working towards getting better because that is one thing when you are away from the game-you need to be motivated. I played the Duleep Trophy, felt good, bowled 35 overs. I had rhythm, so my fitness is not an issue at all." Shami captaincy debate: Mohammed Shami was also asked about India's ODI captaincy which Rohit Sharma has relinquished and Shubman Gill vs Rohit Sharma has been given charge. "There have been a lot of memes over this question. I have no issue or reason to object to anything. ODI squad

controversy lies with the BCCI, selectors, and the coaches. Shubman had captained India in England and also captains the Gujarat Titans so he has the experience. He needs to take the responsibility, so I don't see an issue. Someone had to do the job and the BCCI thought Shubman Gill should do it so we have to respect it," said Shami. He further said, "Captaincy should not be a big question in our minds. It's not something that we have control over. I don't think it matters much. One person is leading today, another tomorrow. It's always going to happen."

Good batting strip on cards



A good batting surface is in store for the second and final Test between India and the West Indies at the Feroz Shah Kotla, with curators expecting the pitch to aid stroke play for the first two days before offering only slow turn as the game progresses. The traditionally black-soil surface at the Kotla has a reputation for assisting batters early on before gradually breaking down to bring spinners into play. For this Test, however, a fresh centre strip has been prepared, and the early part of the contest is expected to be dominated by batters. "The centre strip has been prepared for the Test. This is a different track from the one on which Smriti Mandhana scored a 50-ball hundred," a BCCI source told PTI on condition of anonymity. According to the official, the curators have deliberately focused on ensuring even bounce and true carry in the initial stages. "If West Indies bat better, then the match won't end inside three days. The pitches would only offer turn from Day Three and that too slowish in nature," the source added. The pitch preparation is being supervised by local curator Ankit Datta, with senior BCCI curators Taposh Chatterjee and Ashish Bhowmick overseeing the final touches. Historically, the Kotla has been known for its slow turners, where spinners gradually come into play as the game wears on. But for this Test, indications are that batters could enjoy a relatively smooth ride at least until the afternoon session of the third day. India lead the two-match series 1-0 after winning the opening Test in Ahmedabad by an innings and 140 runs.

Pradeep Ranganathan's Dude Tamil Movie Trailer Out: Watch Now

Pradeep Ranganathan's upcoming flick, Dude, trailer was released on October 9. Written and helmed by debutant Keerthiswaran, the movie is set to hit theatres on October 17. Mamitha Baiju is playing the female lead in the film. The trailer shows Pradeep dealing with heartbreak. In one scene, he even disrupts his ex-girlfriend's wedding. Soon, his relationship with his best friend, played by Mamitha, turns romantic. Overall, the trailer looks interesting. The film also features Sarathkumar, Rohini Molleti, Hridhu Haroon, Aishwarya Sharma, and Dravid Selvam. Crew and Production: Music by Sai Abhyankar Cinematography by Niketh Bommi Editing by Barath Vikraman Produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar of Mythri Movie Makers Release: Dude will release in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi theatres.



Bombay High Court denies permission for international travel to Shilpa Shetty, Raj Kundra

Mumbai: The troubles seem to be mounting for Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra. The legal proceedings are now leaking into her personal life as she and her husband Raj Kundra have been denied permission for international travel by the Bombay High Court. The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) had issued LOC against Shilpa Shetty and Raj Kundra, due to which both of them can not go abroad without the permission of the investigating agency or the court. The actress' lawyer told the court that Shilpa Shetty has to go to Colombo for a YouTube event. The event is set to be held from October 25 to October 29.

When the court asked the lawyer that she has any invitation, Shilpa's lawyer said that till the time she is not allowed to travel, the invitation will not be received. On this, the court said that first she has to give



Rs 60 crore for the allegation of fraud and then it will be considered. The next hearing in the case has been scheduled for October 14, 2025.

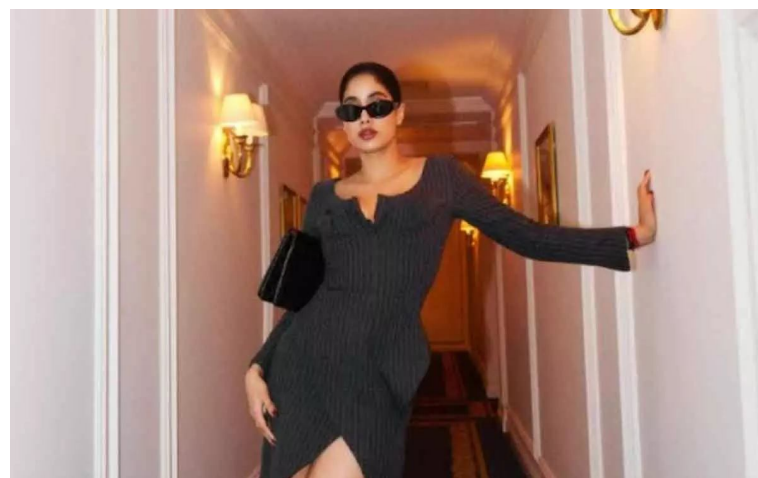
For the unversed, businessman Deepak Kothari has alleged that Shilpa and Raj conspired to cheat him of more than 60 crores. He claimed that the money given in

the name of business expansion between 2015 and 2023 was actually squandered on personal expenses. Later, Raj claimed that part of Rs. 60 crore fraud amount paid to actresses Bipasha Basu and Neha Dhupia as fees. According to sources at that time, Raj reportedly claimed that a portion of the money in question was paid as fees to Bipasha and Neha.

However, during the five-hour-long interrogation, he reportedly remained silent on several crucial points, prompting the EOW to plan further rounds of questioning. Reports said that investigators have also found that funds were directly transferred from the company's accounts into the accounts of four actresses, including Shilpa Shetty, Bipasha Basu, and Neha Dhupia. In addition, transactions were traced to Balaji Entertainment.

Janhvi Kapoor channels Parisian elegance

Janhvi Kapoor turned heads in Paris, embodying the city's elegance and moody sophistication with effortless grace. For her latest appearance, she chose a rare archival piece from John Galliano's 1986 'Fallen Angels' collection, a design that merges rebellion with poetry in fabric—a hallmark of Galliano's early vision. The scissor-pleat dress, pinstriped and ribbed, sculpted her frame seamlessly. Its low, sharp neckline and strategically placed slit added movement and a hint of daring,



allowing the dress's structure and tailoring to take center stage rather than overwhelming the look. The ensemble balanced

the historic garment while giving it a contemporary feel. Janhvi's styling emphasized the archival nature of the piece, letting it feel like it belonged to her moment in Paris rather than just being worn for display. This outing highlighted not only Janhvi's sartorial confidence but also her appreciation for fashion history, showcasing how vintage couture can be worn with modern sensibility. The actress effortlessly transformed the Paris streets into a runway for timeless style.

TDP gears up for Prime Minister's visit

Pattikonda (Kurnool district): TDP leaders have been directed to mobilise in large numbers for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the district on October 16, during which he will lay the foundation stone for the ambitious Drone City project. A coordination committee meeting was held at the local TDP office in Pattikonda on Wednesday, chaired by TDP Zone-5 in-charge Ravichandra Yadav, District President Palakurthi Tikka Reddy, Kurnool MP Bastipati Nagaraju, and Pattikonda MLA K.E. Shyam Kumar. The leaders reviewed the arrangements and appealed to the party functionaries to ensure grand participation in the public meeting to be



addressed by the Prime Minister, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Addressing the meeting, the leaders said that the Prime Minister's fifth visit to Andhra Pradesh since the coalition government assumed office reflects the Centre's commitment to the development of Rayalaseema. They stated that the event will also feature interactions with business leaders and

entrepreneurs to explain the benefits of the amended GST policy.

"The arrival of the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister together will mark a turning point in the region's progress," they remarked. Criticising the opposition, district president Tikka Reddy said that while the coalition government continues to focus on development, YSRCP leaders are spreading misinformation to mislead the public. Former MLA Kangati Sridevi denounced the opposition's remarks against the TDP-led alliance, saying that criticising a government dedicated to development without understanding the current situation was "highly irresponsible."