



Kurnool bus fire tragedy turns devastating: Over 20 feared dead, entire family from Nellore among victims

Kurnool: A horrific road tragedy struck in the early hours of Friday when a private travel bus belonging to Vemuri Kaveri Travels was completely gutted after colliding with a two-wheeler near Chinnatekur in Kurnool district. The bus, which was travelling from Hyderabad to Kurnool, caught fire immediately after the collision, turning the incident into a massive inferno. Preliminary reports indicate that more than 20 passengers have lost their lives in the accident. Most of the deceased are said to be residents of Hyderabad.

Among the victims, an entire family from Nellore district was tragically wiped out. The deceased were identified as Golla Ramesh, his wife Anusha, and their two



young children, Shashank and Manhita. The family hailed from Gollapalem village in Vinjamur mandal of Nellore district but had been settled in Bengaluru for work. They were reportedly travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru when the ill-fated accident occurred. The death of the whole family has plunged their native village and relatives into deep grief.

According to Kurnool District Collector Dr. Siri, there were a total of 41 passengers onboard at the time of the mishap. Rescue personnel retrieved 11 charred bodies from the burnt vehicle while efforts are underway to identify the remaining victims. The Collector stated that the bus was completely destroyed in the fire, leaving little chance of survival for many passen-

gers. Initial investigations suggest that the accident took place between 3:00 and 3:10 a.m. when the bus hit a motorcycle, leading to an oil leak and subsequent explosion that engulfed the vehicle in flames. The district administration has set up a dedicated control room at the Kurnool Collectorate to assist victims' families. Relatives seeking information can contact the control room at 08518-277305. Senior officials, including the Collector and police personnel, are monitoring rescue and relief operations at the site. The tragedy has sent shockwaves across the state, with authorities ordering a comprehensive inquiry into the cause of the fire and lapses in safety measures.

Minister Nara Lokesh promotes investment in AP in Australia

State Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh has embarked on the sixth day of his tour in Australia, aimed at attracting significant investments to Andhra Pradesh. During his visit, he has engaged with various organizations and universities, including a recent participation in the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit Road Show in Melbourne.

At the event, Minister Lokesh emphasised the importance of collaboration, stating, "After joining hands with us, it is not your project.. it is our project," and outlined plans for a massive investment of ₹10 lakh crore in the state over the next 16 months, describing it as merely the beginning. He noted that Andhra Pradesh ranks second among the fastest-developing states in India and highlighted the potential of the Visakhapatnam Economic Corridor in evolving into a trillion-dollar economy. Additionally, Minister Lokesh took part in the Austrade Executives Roundtable meeting, where he articulated his vision for Andhra Pradesh to emerge as a global economic powerhouse by 2047, aiming for a growth trajectory towards a \$2.4 trillion economy. He also announced that quantum computer services are set to be launched in Amaravati as early as January.



Telangana govt announces ex-gratia for Kurnool bus accident victims

The Telangana government has announced compensation for the families of those who



lost their lives in a bus accident near Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh. It has been declared that Rs. 5 lakh will be provided to the families of Telangana citizens who died in the incident, along with Rs. 2 lakh for those injured. Minister Ponnamb Prabhakar assured that improved medical care will be offered to the injured.

CM Chandrababu orders comprehensive probe into Kurnool bus tragedy

Kurnool: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu conducted a video conference on Thursday to review the tragic bus accident that occurred in Kurnool district. Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy and senior officials participated in the meeting. The Chief Minister directed officials to conduct a thorough investigation in coordination with transport ministers and officials from neighbouring states. He instructed authorities to identify the deceased, provide immediate financial assistance to their families, and ensure the best possible medical care for the injured. Emphasising public safety as the government's top priority, the Chief Minister ordered stringent inspections of all private travel buses across the



state, including verification of vehicle fitness, safety, and permit documents. He made it clear that any negligence found to have caused the accident would invite severe action. Instructions were also issued to the transport department to carry out technical

inspections of buses in all districts to prevent such incidents in the future. Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy, who is personally monitoring the situation at the accident site, stated that the government is committed to providing swift financial aid to the victims' families and ensuring quality treatment for the injured. He reiterated that there would be no compromise on the safety of the people of Andhra Pradesh. According to official reports, 24 passengers managed to escape safely from the ill-fated bus. Nineteen bodies have been identified so far. Twelve injured persons were admitted to the Kurnool Government General Hospital, of whom six have been discharged, while the remaining six continue to receive treatment.

GST rate cuts boost festive sales, reflect positive market sentiment: FM Sitharaman

New Delhi: India's festive retail sales have reached an all-time high this year, highlighting the impact of recent economic policies, including GST rate rationalisation, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday. Speaking at the inaugural event of the new CGST Bhawan in Ghaziabad, FM Sitharaman said that the next generation GST reforms will make this system even more efficient, equitable and growth-oriented. "I am confident that with continued reforms, dedication and teamwork, we will reach new heights in revenue, compliance and service delivery," the Finance Minister said. According to the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), retail sales during this Diwali hit Rs 6.05 lakh crore -- marking a 25 per cent rise over last year's Rs 4.25 lakh crore. Of the total sales, about Rs 5.40 lakh crore was spent on



goods and Rs 65,000 crore on services, making this the largest Diwali business in India's trading history. "What do these numbers tell us? They tell us that our economic policies -- including the recent GST rate rationalisation -- is having a meaningful impact," FM Sitharaman said. "Keep up the good work, maintain the momentum of reforms, and always remember that our ulti-

mate goal is to make life easier for the honest taxpayer," the Finance Minister added. FM Sitharaman added that the next generation GST must feel different to the taxpayer. They should feel that they are honourably treated, as they are the taxpayers to the nation. "So, the #GSTBachatUtsav which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was indeed a 'Double Diwali'," the minister said. E-commerce also performed well, recording a 24 per cent year-on-year (YoY) growth in volumes, while gross merchandise value increased by 23 per cent. CAIT noted that around 72 per cent of traders surveyed credited the GST rate cuts on daily-use items, footwear, home decor, and consumer durables as a major factor driving higher sales this year.

Kurnool Bus Accident: Over 20 Dead, Pawan Kalyan Orders Safety Action

A private sleeper bus from Hyderabad to Bengaluru had a serious accident near Chinnatekur in Kurnool early on Friday (October 24). The bus hit a bike on National Highway 44 and caught fire. More than 20 passengers died in the accident.



Pawan Kalyan Expresses Grief Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan said he was very sad and shocked by the tragedy. He offered condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. He also prayed for the injured people to get better soon. Orders for Help and Support Pawan Kalyan asked officials to give good medical care to the injured. He told them to help the victims' families quickly. He said the accident was very painful and should never happen again. The Deputy CM asked the Transport Department to make private bus travel safer. He said carelessness will not be allowed and ordered an inquiry into the accident. Bus Had Many Violations Officials said the bus had many challans in Telangana. They also found that its fitness certificate expired in March. Pawan Kalyan said the government will take strict action if safety rules were broken.

South Central Railway manages passenger traffic effectively during festive season at Secunderabad Railway Station

Hyderabad, October:24, Metroudayam

South Central Railway has taken several steps to manage passenger traffic smoothly and systematically in view of the festive season of Dussehra, Diwali and Chhath Puja. On this occasion, South Central Railway organized a media conference at Secunderabad Railway Station on Friday to explain the arrangements made by the zone to manage the festive rush effectively. In this conference, Dr. R. Gopala Krishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, briefed the media personnel about the crowd management practices implemented at Secunderabad Station. Additional Divisional Railway Manager Operations, Secunderabad Division A.Sanjeeva Rao, Chief Public Relations Officer, South Central Railway A.Sridhar, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Secunderabad Division Shifali and other officials were present. Dr. R.Gopalakrishnan said that the Secunderabad Division has developed a graded crowd management plan for the festive season in the months of September and October this year. Detailed surveys have been conducted to assess passenger and vehicle movement, foot over bridge usage, peak hour estimation, station approach traffic



study, etc. He said that these estimates are very useful in planning crowd management at this crucial time when redevelopment work is underway at Secunderabad station. He said that while the average number of people coming to Secunderabad station is 1.34 lakh, it is expected to reach around 1.84 lakh during the festive season. He explained about the infrastructure improvements like setting up of new holding areas at Gate 2 and Gate 4 on one side of the platform, opening of a new foot over bridge towards Kazipet end, opening of a new exit gate 5A towards Secunderabad West Metro station. To reduce congestion at major city terminals, additional stops have been effectively set up at Lingampalli, Hitech City

and Cherlapalli stations for 24 trains on high demand routes. Some of the steps taken for effective monitoring include robust CCTV surveillance with 92 cameras, 17 ticketing counters and 20 automatic ticket vending machines with improved infrastructure, setting up of war rooms at Secunderabad station and divisional headquarters. He also explained about the implementation of the action plan by coordinating all the departments. Some of them include controlled entry, exit, decongestion at F. O. B, hotspot monitoring, queue management, passenger assistance, guidance, R. P. F. and ticket checking staff have been set up at the gates. 24-hour operation of war rooms. Proper operation of queue systems for identified trains like



Danapur Express and Falaknuma Express. Passenger access control in case of emergency. The same policy has been implemented for Danapur Express from October 19 to 21 by controlling the sale of general tickets and platform tickets. Active awareness campaigns have been conducted to encourage passengers to use U.T.S Mobile App and Rail One App. Timely and accurate dissemination of information regarding train arrivals, departures, special trains, platform numbers and coach locations at stations and on social media platforms, print and electronic media. Proper barricading and removal of construction materials at the areas being redeveloped for safe travel of passengers. Dr. R.Gopalakrishnan explained

about the management of trains at Secunderabad station and crowd control at the station. Senior officials of Secunderabad DRM visited the holding areas, booking counters, new foot over bridge and gave a comprehensive picture gallery of the current procedures implemented on crowd control measures. S.A. Sridhar, Chief Public Relations Officer, South Central Railway, explained the importance of the crowd management strategies being implemented at the station in view of the increase in crowd during the festive season and the ongoing redevelopment works. He stated that due to the cooperation and coordination of all departments, measures have been taken to ensure smooth and hassle-free travel for rail users to board and alight from trains.

DCA Raids 20 Hyderabad Gyms for Illegal Steroid Sales in Crackdown on Bodybuilding Drug Abuse



Hyderabad, metro udayam October 24...The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, conducted a special drive* to detect the illegal stocking and sale of anabolic-androgenic steroids and cardiac stimulants, such as Mephentermine Sulphate Injection, being supplied to gym-goers for abuse in bodybuilding. As part of this drive, the DCA conducted surprise inspections at 20 gyms across the city, in coordination with the local Police Authorities, on Friday.



Former Mayor Thotakura Ajay Kumar supervised the works along with the locals

Medipally October 24 (Metro udayam)

Members of the Ra Cheruvu Parirakshana Samiti expressed happiness over the beautification of Ra Cheruvu in Boduppal, which has been polluted with chemical waste for decades and has become a whirlpool of financial and health problems for the people. As part of the supervision of the works, former Mayor Thotakura Ajay Kumar, Congress Party President Pogula Narasimha Reddy, Deputy Mayor Sravanthi Kishore Goud, former corporators Rasala Venkatesh Yadav, Pulakandla Jangareddy, Suman Nayak, Bommak Kalyan Kumar, and Kumbham Kiran Kumar Reddy supervised the works along with the local colony residents on Friday. Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Lakshmi Veeramallu said that in 2015, for cleanliness, the lower part of the lake was He thanked the members of the Raw Cheruvu Parirakshana Samiti for uniting the people of the area and for trying to bring together many associations, NGOs, leaders of various parties, MPs, ministers, MLAs, and MLCs to explain the condition of the pond and bring them

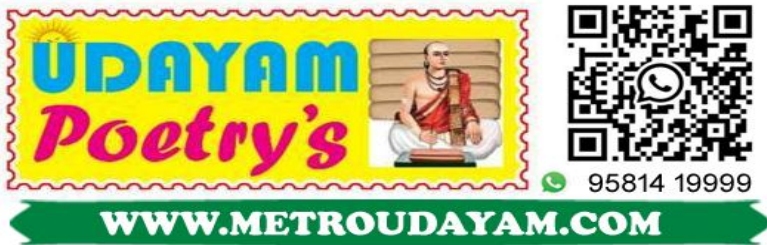
Ra Cheruvu is being beautified in every way...



to see it in person. He also met the owners of various companies around it, the ILA Commissioner, and the Pollution Control Board officials many times and explained to them the condition of the pond and the hardships and losses caused to the people due to it. He brought everyone under one roof and made an effort to say that the cleanliness and protection of the pond is very necessary. Former Mayor Thotakura Ajay Kumar, a youth leader, thanked all the municipal commissioner, officials, mayor

and members of the governing council for coming forward to work for the development of the pond without chemical water entering it. Thotakura Ajay Kumar, with the determination to focus on the pond and work hard for its conservation, discussed several times with the state government and HMDA officials, and together with the Medchal Congress in-charge Thotakura Vajresh Yadav, allocated special funds for the development of the pond, and today it has become a unique mini

tank bond and is very beautiful. It is commendable to make special arrangements in accordance with the aspirations of the people for the Gaka Park, open gym, a road at the bottom of the dam, Bathukamma at the dam, Vinayaka immersion, and Teej festivals. Padma Rao, CH Narasimha, the people of the low-lying areas, Mallaiah Nagar, Anusree Nagar, Tirumala Meadows, Reddy Colony, Gayatri Hills, Saptagiri Hills, Devender Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, and the presidents of various colonies participated and spoke. We are very happy that the work we have done together since 2015 has been recognized, and that today, under the leadership of Ajay Kumar, we are seeing such development. Lakshmi Veeramallu, the media face, thanked everyone who provided us with all kinds of support.



शीर्षक : डर आदमी को सताने वाला अज़ाब (प्रकोप) है। और इस डर का शिकार वही व्यक्ति आसानी से होता है जिसको अपने सामर्थ्य पर और ईश्वर के अस्तित्व पर भरोसा नहीं रहता।... (शकील उवाचा -५९९)



वाले व्यक्ति की कभी तरक्की नहीं हो सकती। क्यों के डरा हुआ व्यक्ति कभी चुनौतियों को स्वीकार नहीं कर पाता, जिसके कारण उसकी तरक्की कुठित हो जाती है। डर आदमी को लड़ने के पहिले ही हरा देगा। डर बलवान व्यक्ति को भी पराजित कर देता है। हालात से डरा हुआ आदमी मानसिक विकार का शिकार होकर आत्महत्या तक कर लेता है।

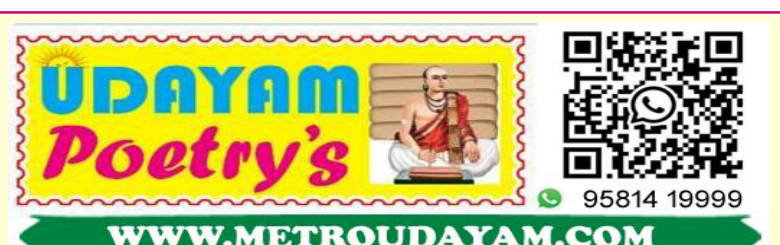
डरा हुआ आदमी कोई सहजता से होने वाले काम भी हो तो उसे एहतियात (सावधानी) के बहाने, होशियारी का नाम देकर तर्क (त्याग) कर देता है। पैगम्बर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम फरमाते हैं के, "अगर इस दिल में खौफ (डर) घेर लेता है तो एहतियात (सावधानी) उस (डरे हुए आदमी) से तमाम कामों से दूर कर देती है।" (हेदरी कुतुबखाना मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब दिल 176, हदीस क्रमांक 22, पुष्ट क्रमांक 397)।

डर का इलाज ही हमारे वर्तमान में खुश रहने में है। हम खुद पर भरोसा रखते हुए खुद को धार्मिकता से जोड़कर नियमित नमाज़, ध्यान, प्रार्थना, व्यायाम और सत्संग के माध्यम से आनंदित होकर डर से बच सकते हैं। जीवन के अधूरे इच्छा, आकांक्षाओं की तुलना में आजतक जीवन में प्राप्त किए उपहारों, उपलब्धियों, पुरस्कारों का स्मरण करना जैसी बातें हमें आनंदित कर सकती हैं।

परिवार, रिश्तेदार, दोस्तों के साथ सद्ब्यवहार, अपने काम से प्यार और संतुष्टता को अनुभव करना जैसी बातें हमारे दिल में बसे डर को खत्म कर सकते हैं। और अपने आपको अपने सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा के शरण में सौंप देना ही ऐसे नाकारात्मक डर से मुक्ति पाने का सरल मार्ग है। डर से मुक्त हुए बगैर किसी को भी अपने जीवन में आनंद पाना असंभव है। और अपने आपको आत्मिक होने के वास्तव को अनुभव किए बगैर हम हमारे में अधिष्ठित डर को खत्म नहीं कर सकते।

—डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील मंचरी), मंचर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

यह डर अगर खत्म न हो तो आदमी नैराश्रयता, चिड़चिड़ापन और अति चिंता जैसे मानसिक विकारों का शिकार होकर स्वास्थ्य खो देता है। डर का सबसे बड़ा नुकसान यह होता है के डरने



WAITING FOR DECISION ! (BE ALERT)

Setting is made ready!
Decision only Awaiting!
That one is missing now!
Searched everywhere!
Where abouts unknown!

Here itself yesterday night!
What happened in meanwhile?
Something is there, did he given hand?
Or some one kidnapped him!
Might have tempted with promise!

I do feel doubt desire of currency!
Free distribution of wine or Alcohol!
Attraction of unfulfilled promise!
Might have made him slave again!
Hope is there, now at least let his eyes be opened!

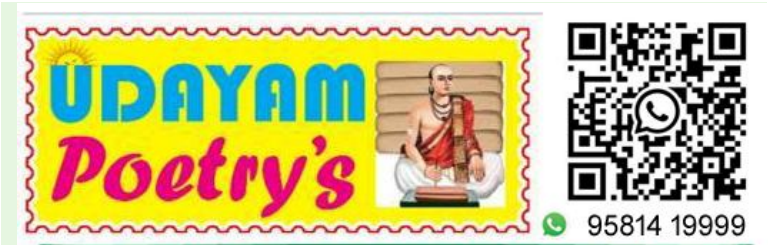


Many learned from top to bottom!
Each and each minute taught him!
The value of his vote but none work out!
He is in wherein where is condition!
Not only this one many are like that!

Every one awaits his decision!
At the least this time for progress!
Here HE not any one I, you, we the Voters only!

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

Pawan Kalyan express shock over Kurnool Bus Accident



Every butterfly begins as an egg

still, hidden, waiting upon a leaf.
So does the Soul, placed gently by God in the garden of time.
It knows nothing yet no sorrow, no joy only the quiet pulse of Divine intention.
In the stillness of infancy, the seed of awareness sleeps, cradled in innocence, watched over by the Eternal.

The shell breaks. Hunger begins.
The caterpillar eats, moving from leaf to leaf, believing each taste will complete it.
The human too hungers for love, for knowledge, for recognition crawling through the World seeking meaning in things that fade.
We mistake appetite for purpose, and forget the still voice within that whispers You are more

One day, the caterpillar stops.
It spins a cocoon around itself a temple of transformation, a silent surrender.
Inside, all that was once familiar dissolves.
So too, the Soul must one day turn inward weaving prayer around its restless heart, entering the sacred darkness where ego melts and truth is born.



It feels like dying, but it is Grace working in secret.
For only in stillness can we meet the hands that shaped us.

And then—light.
The cocoon breaks open like dawn over the horizon.
From the dust of the old self, a winged being emerges delicate, radiant, complete.
The butterfly no longer crawls; it soars.
So does the Soul, when it awakens to its true nature no longer bound by fear or form, but moving in harmony with Gods breath.
It touches flowers, not to take, but to bless.
It drinks nectar.
It lives in love.
It becomes beauty itself a fragment of heaven fluttering through creation.

And in that flight, the Soul whispers to its Maker:
I have found You within me.
I was always meant to become this Your butterfly of light

- Smt. Latha Murthy Maddali

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed his deep shock over the tragic bus accident in Kurnool district. Describing the incident as profoundly distressing, he extended his wishes for a swift recovery to the injured. Pawan Kalyan also directed officials to take necessary measures to prevent such accidents in the future. A travels bus travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru collided with a motorcycle in Chinnatekur, resulting in a catastrophic fire. At the time of the accident, there were 40 passengers on board, and reports indicate that 20 individuals tragically lost their lives. The bus was completely engulfed in flames following the collision.

Hyderabad youth survives Kurnool bus fire tragedy; Twelve passengers injured

Kurnool: One Surya, a resident of Hyderabad, who was among the passengers of the ill-fated private travels bus that caught fire near Chinatakur village in Kalluru mandal of Kurnool district during the early hours of Friday told The Hans India has said that he was extremely fortunate to have survived the horrific incident. Surya, who was travelling to Bengaluru to attend a job interview, sustained minor injuries and is currently undergoing treatment at Kurnool Government General Hospital.

Recounting the terrifying moments, Surya said that the passengers were fast asleep

when they suddenly woke up to thick smoke and flames engulfing the bus. "There was chaos and panic as everyone tried to escape through the windows. I somehow managed to get out along with a few others before the fire spread completely," he said, visibly shaken by the experience. He expressed deep sorrow over the loss of several lives in the tragic mishap.

According to official sources, of the 40 passengers on board, 12 managed to escape with injuries. All the injured were immediately rushed to the Kurnool Government General Hospital for treatment. Medical

teams provided prompt care, and four of the injured passengers have already been discharged after receiving first aid, hospital authorities confirmed.

District Collector Dr. Siri, along with police and fire officials, visited the hospital and the accident site to monitor rescue operations and ensure proper medical assistance for the injured. The government has ordered a detailed inquiry into the cause of the fire, while Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed shock over the incident and instructed officials to extend all possible support to the victims and their families.



Hazlewood unwilling to bring change to his bowling after 'bit unlucky' spell against India

Adelaide: Australia pacer Josh Hazlewood remained steadfast after his economical spell of 0-29 drew attention in the team's two-wicket victory over India in the second ODI at Adelaide Oval, stating that he had no regrets about his approach despite not taking any wickets. Hazlewood's ten-over spell was characterised by relentless accuracy and control, supported by a damp surface that provided just enough movement for him to continually test the batters and apply pressure throughout the innings. "A little bit unlucky, maybe a touch short early. But it was a good toss to win, there a little bit there all game, probably more so for us in those early stages. I thought we put the ball in the right areas and they actually toughed it out pretty well. "I wouldn't change anything from the way I bowled. Put the ball in good areas. It's hard to push it any fuller in white ball cricket – that was probably what was needed... It's not often you get a wicket like that in white-ball cricket," Hazlewood was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au on Friday.



Samridhii Shukla shares how 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai' gives her space to grow in the competitive industry

Mumbai: Television actress Samridhii Shukla opened up about her journey on "Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai." She revealed how the show has provided her the space to grow in the highly competitive entertainment industry. In exclusive quotes shared with IANS, Samridhii spoke about the challenges of finding the right opportunities in today's competitive industry. She shared, "Opportunities are everywhere, but the trick is picking the ones that truly match who you are. In my journey, especially now being part of Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai, I see how tough the competition is. Many talented people are working hard." "What helps is being clear about your values, what



kind of roles you want, and what you're comfortable doing. For me, it wasn't about being in every show, but being in a show that I feel connected with. That's why being on "Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai" feels like the right move: it gives me space to grow, to learn, and to work with a wonder-

ful team," she added.

Speaking about managing work-life balance, the actress mentioned, "Being part of a daily show means long days, emotional scenes, sudden changes. Balance for me is making time for the people I love and making time for myself. Balance is not

always giving equal time to everything, but giving full attention to whichever part of life you're in at that moment."

Samridhii Shukla also expressed her desire to become a strong actor. "Right now, my goal is to become a stronger actor and storyteller. Through Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai, I'm playing a character who has many shades of strength, vulnerability, love, and conflict. That excites me. I want to keep challenging myself, and for now, I'm giving my heart fully to this show and making the most of this phase." Samridhii Shukla is currently seen in the lead role of Abhira opposite Rohit Purohit in Star Plus' popular show "Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai."

Kidnapping Case Solved by Fourth Town Police



Five years ago, the Fourth Town Police successfully solved a sensational kidnapping case that was driven by financial greed. According to ACP K. Lakshman Murthy, who addressed a press conference at the Fourth Town Police Station, the case dates back to July 5, 2020, when real estate businessman Jami Suresh was kidnapped by Pallapu Prasad, Bharatheni Ram Reddy alias Prathap Reddy, Boyina Vishnu, and MD Layak. The kidnappers initially demanded ₹5 crore for his release but later agreed to settle for ₹70 lakh. As Suresh did not have that amount readily available, he contacted his wife and asked her to mortgage their property and take gold ornaments from home to IFL, Seethampeta, where the exchange was to take place. However, sensing something was wrong, Suresh's wife and son alerted the police through Dial 100. Acting swiftly, the Fourth Town Police reached the spot, prompting the accused to flee. A case was registered, and after thorough investigation, Pallapu Prasad and Prathap Reddy were arrested. City Police Commissioner later congratulated CI Umakanth and the Fourth Town team for their commendable work in cracking the case.

Railway Gears Up for Smooth Return Journey of Passengers After Chhath Puja

Holding Areas, large number of ticket counters are being provided at major stations to facilitate return journey passengers

Indian Railways is ensuring a smooth and comfortable festive journey for passengers by operating over 12,000 special trains across the country. To manage the massive festive rush, holding areas equipped with all passenger amenities have been set up at major stations such as New Delhi, Anand Vihar Terminal, Udhna, Pune, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and others. Railway staff are working round the clock to guide passengers, maintain order, and ensure that everyone reaches home safely to celebrate the festivals with their loved ones. Now Railway is gearing up for the safe and comfortable return journey of passengers after the Chhath Puja festivities. For the period of 28th October till November, 6181 special trains have been notified to facilitate passengers returning to their workplaces after festival season. Additional coaches are also being attached to existing services to accommodate increased demand. Weather proof holding areas are being created at major stations to manage large passenger inflows and provide convenient waiting facilities before train



departures. Some of the stations where holding areas are being established include Patna, Danapur, Rajendra Nagar Terminal, Saharsa, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Samastipur, Barauni etc. in Bihar and Gorakhpur, Ballia and Banaras in Uttar Pradesh. In addition to this additional Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs), Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters, and mobile unreserved ticketing (m-UTS) facilities have been made available to make travel more convenient for passengers. To maintain smooth operations, Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been deployed in adequate numbers for safety and regulation. Passenger assistance booths, information counters, queue management systems and public announcement systems have been strengthened. Cleanliness, lighting, and



sanitation facilities are being closely monitored at all major stations. Dedicated war rooms at the Railway Board, Zonal, and Divisional levels are functioning round-the-clock to monitor and coordinate operations, ensuring real-time responses to any passenger requirements. At stations like Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Saharsa, etc. 24x7 medical booths have been set up to address any passenger health emergencies. In coordination with the State Government, Fire Brigade, and Ambulance services are also kept in readiness to ensure prompt medical assistance and safety management. Indian Railways remains committed to providing safe, reliable, and comfortable travel for all passengers and continues to serve the nation with dedication and care during this festive season.

Women's World Cup: Jhulan Goswami congratulates India for semi-final qualification

Former India bowler Jhulan Goswami hailed Team India after their emphatic 53-run victory over New Zealand at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on Thursday. It was a must-win game for both sides as their semi-final qualification hopes hung by a thin thread, and the Women in Blue, with their victory, knocked the White Ferns out of the race to secure the last remaining spot in the top four.

Jhulan, who retired from all forms of international cricket in 2022 after playing her final match against England at Lord's, praised the team's efforts while mentioning Smriti Mandhana and Pratika Rawal's opening partnership and centuries. The pacer, who is still the leading

wicket-taker in women's international cricket with 355 wickets across all formats, penned on X, "Well played, India! @mandhana_smriti and @PratikaRawal64 were brilliant, putting together a record 212-run opening partnership, the highest for India in Women's World Cup history. And with this key win in the qualification match, #TeamIndia is through to the semi-finals!"

Speaking of the match, India, after being put to bat first, started off on a high note as openers Mandhana and Rawal shared a record 212-run partnership. The former walked back scoring 109 off 95 deliveries, while the latter was dismissed for a 134-ball 122, finishing as the highest run-

scorer for her side and in the game overall. After the Indian vice-captain's dismissal, Jemimah Rodrigues, who was benched in the previous game and walked in to bat at No. 3 this time, notched up a brilliant unbeaten 55-ball 76 as the hosts tallied 340/3 in the rain-shortened 49-over innings.

After another rain delay, the second innings was cut short to 44 overs as the Kiwis had a revised target of 325 to chase. The Indian bowlers then put on a show, keeping the opposition under pressure and restricting them from scoring big. Brooke Halliday and Isabella Gaze came up with their respective half-centuries, but their efforts weren't enough to take their side



over the finish line as Harmanpreet Kaur and Co. held them to 271/8. With that, India sealed the last-remaining semi-final spot, joining Australia, South Africa, and England in the final four.