



India to become world's 3rd largest economy soon: FM Sitharaman

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday that India will soon become the world's third-largest economy as the country is making rapid progress and stands tall today because of its economic strength. Delivering the diamond jubilee valedictory lecture at the Delhi School of Economics, Sitharaman said, "We are at a time when India is moving fast on so many different parameters, largely they are all economic. Of course, India and its population, India and its location have strategic significance, but India stands together today and stands tall and stands distinctly on its feet, because of the economic strength of India."

"I am not saying we have become a developed country yet, because Viksit

Bharat 2047 lies ahead of us. What is making us stand out is the rapid progress from being the 10th-largest economy in 2014 to the 5th, soon to become the 4th, and probably the 3rd before long," the Finance Minister said. She highlighted that as many as 25 million people have been lifted out of multidimensional poverty, emphasising the need to strengthen India-centric research and policy engagement and develop models suited to emerging economies.

Highlighting the achievements in the banking sector, she underlined the significant improvement in the balance sheets of public sector banks in marked contrast to the "twin balance sheet problem" that had been inherited from the erstwhile UPA government. Sitharaman expressed con-



fidence that the government would meet the ambitious fiscal deficit target of 4.4 per cent for the current financial year (2025-26). India's fiscal deficit for the first six months of the current financial year (April-September) stood at Rs 5.73 lakh crore, which con-

stitutes 36.5 per cent of the annual estimate in the budget, a government data released on Friday showed. The figures show that the fiscal deficit is well under control, which paves the way for stable growth of the economy.

German Consul General Meets Telangana CM discuss launch of new centre

In a significant meeting today, German Consul General Michael Hasper and his team discussed the launch of Deutsche Börse's Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Hyderabad with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The establishment of the centre is part of Deutsche Börse's expansion efforts and is expected to create around 1,000 job opportunities in the IT sector over the next two years.

During the meeting, CM Reddy expressed gratitude to the German delegation for selecting Hyderabad as the location for the GCC. He emphasised the need for further investments in the region and assured the German team of the Telangana government's full support in facilitating business initiatives.

The Chief Minister urged the German team to collaborate in transforming Hyderabad into an innovation hub. He also highlighted the importance of appointing German teachers to instruct local students in the German language, enhancing educational ties between the two regions. Reddy



expressed interest in Germany's partnership in sectors such as IT, pharmaceuticals, and automotive industries. Furthermore, the Chief Minister called for collaboration in vocational education and skill development through TOMCOM, underscoring the

state's commitment to workforce development. The delegation included Deutsche Börse's Chief Information Officer/Chief Operating Officer Amita Desai and Dr. Christoph Bohm, among others.

Telangana Speaker to Hear Case of Defecting MLAs



Tensions continue to rise in Telangana politics as the Speaker, Gaddam Prasad Kumar, prepares to hear the case concerning defecting MLAs from the BRS party. The hearings will commence on November 6, when Bhadrachalam constituency MLA Tellam Venkatrao and Jagityala constituency MLA Sanjay Kumar will make their appearances. The following week, on November 13, Kamareddy MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy and Khairatabad MLA Arikepudi Gandhi are also scheduled to be heard. The controversy arose when ten MLAs, previously elected under the BRS party banner, defected to the Congress party. In response, BRS leaders formally requested that the Speaker disqualify the defectors. After receiving inadequate feedback from the Speaker, they escalated the matter to the High Court and subsequently filed a petition with the Supreme Court. On July 31, the Supreme Court directed the Speaker to reach a decision on the issue within a three-month timeframe, which has since lapsed on October 31. As a result, the Speaker will now interrogate the MLAs regarding their party switch.

CM Chandrababu Expresses Sorrow over the Demise of Hinduja Group Chairman



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has expressed deep sadness over the passing of Shri Gopichand P. Hinduja, the esteemed Chairman of the Hinduja Group. He said regarding Gopichand was recognised as a visionary industrialist and played a pivotal role in transforming the conglomerate into a prominent global entity. "Under his leadership, the Hinduja Group achieved notable milestones, including the strategic acquisition of Gulf Oil in 1984 and the revitalisation of Ashok Leyland. Furthermore, he was instrumental in guiding the company's foray into the power and infrastructure sectors, marking significant growth for the organisation," CM wrote on X. Chandrababu Naidu extended his heartfelt condolences to Hinduja's family, friends, and the entire Hinduja Group. He remarked on the enduring legacy of Shri Gopichand P. Hinduja, hoping it will continue to inspire future generations.

Severe Weather Warning Issued for Telangana

The Hyderabad Meteorological Centre has issued a warning for the state of Telangana, predicting moderate to heavy rainfall across several districts over the next three days. This weather change is attributed to a surface depression forming in the Bay of Bengal, which is expected to bring thunderstorms and gusty winds of 30 to 40 kilometres per hour.

The surface depression persists at an altitude of 0.9 kilometres above sea level in the Bay of Bengal, while another depression at 5.8 kilometres above sea level along the north Tamil Nadu



coast is further influencing the weather patterns in Telangana. The Meteorological

Department has identified several districts likely to experience significant rainfall, including Mahabub

nagar, Nagar kurnool, Wanaparthi, Jogulamba Gadwala, Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Medchal Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, and Hanmakonda, with a yellow alert issued for these areas. While light to moderate rains are anticipated on Wednesday and Thursday, officials warned that gusty winds remain a possibility in various locations. Residents are advised to stay vigilant during this period and take necessary precautions, especially to protect any grain in the fields.

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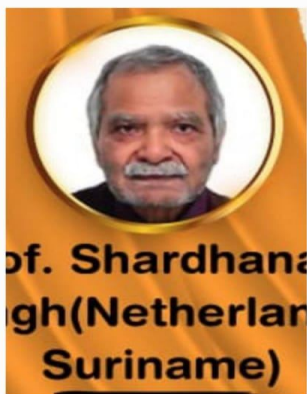
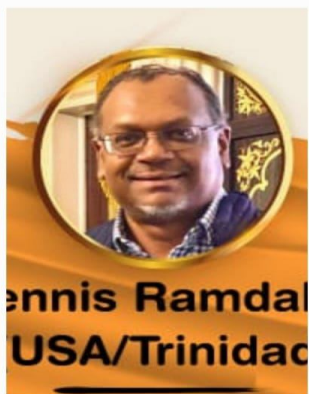
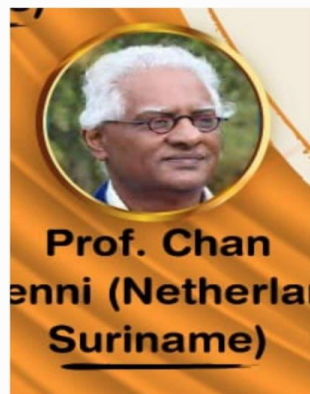
Theme:
Girmitology - An Emerging New Academic Discipline on Indian Indentureship and its Legacies
Chair: Shalima | Shakira | Dr Kumar Mahabir

Speakers:

- Prof. Shardhanand Singh
- Prof. Chan Choenni (Netherlands / Suriname)
- Dr. Archana Tewari (India)
- Dennis Ramdahin (USA / Trinidad)

Highlights

- Scholars and community leaders explored Girmitology—the emerging interdisciplinary study of the Indian indentureship experience and its continuing legacies across the globe.
- The discussion emphasised the need to formalise Girmitology as an academic field, integrating history, sociology, cultural studies, and migration research.
- Global descendants of the Girmityas expressed strong interest in contributing to this



evolving discipline and documenting their family histories.

- Genealogy was highlighted by genealogist Shamshu Dean, (Canada, Trinidad) underscoring the importance of tracing ancestral records

and preserving cultural memory.

- Other interested were Mohamed Keshavjee, Pravin Kumar Fiji, Dr Seshni Moodliar Rensburg UK/South Africa (part of faculty with Dr

Singh)

- Chandan Singh from Bihar at head quarter explained also how he had been tracing exact village locations with different outcomes and further exploration on this
- The ICC announced opportunities for collaboration and encouraged individuals from all backgrounds to participate.
- Development of a Girmitology curriculum is now under way to support teaching, research, and community engagement in Indo-Caribbean and diaspora studies.

Further Information

For participation, academic collaboration, or ancestral research inquiries, please contact the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) or visit:

www.grimitology.com
www.indocaribbeanheritage.org
—By Dr Seshni Moodliar Rensburg?United Kingdom / India?Doctor, psychiatrist, Writer, Poet & Cultural Commentator



‘Rage of Kaantha’ title track unleashes a fiery musical storm

“Rage of Kaantha,” the powerful title track from the highly anticipated film KAANTHA, has set the internet ablaze with its raw intensity and cross-cultural rhythm. More than just a song, it serves as a blazing anthem that blends Tamil and Telugu rap elements, celebrating unity through emotion, language, and spirit. The teaser for the track took social media by storm, trending on X (formerly Twitter) within 32 minutes of its release — a testament to the immense excitement surrounding the project. The lyrical video, releasing today, embodies rebellion, ambition, and determination, reflecting the essence of the film’s theme.

Composed by Jhanu Chanthar, the music stands out for its bilingual brilliance — a fusion of fierce beats, pulsating guitars, and lyrical intensity. Each verse, crafted with precision, captures the fire of self-belief and defiance against limitations, creating an emotional connection that transcends linguistic barriers. “Rage of Kaantha” doesn’t just showcase musical innovation; it also sets the tone for the period drama thriller, starring Dulquer Salmaan, Samuthirakani, and Bhagyashree Borse. Directed by Selvamani Selvaraj, the film is produced by Rana Daggubati, Dulquer Salmaan, Prashanth Potluri, and Jom Varghese under Spirit Media and Wayfarer Films. KAANTHA is slated for a worldwide theatrical release on November 14, 2025, and the title track has already ignited expectations for a cinematic and musical spectacle.

‘Laayi Le’ from ‘The Girlfriend’ strikes a chord with listeners

National crush Rashmika Mandanna is ready to captivate audiences once again with her upcoming romantic drama The Girlfriend, co-starring the talented Dheekshith Shetty. Directed by Rahul Ravindran, the film is being jointly produced by Dheeraj Mogilineni and Vidya Koppineedi under the prestigious banners of Geetha Arts and Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment, with the legendary Allu Aravind presenting it. Slated for a worldwide theatrical release on November 7, The Girlfriend promises to be an intense and emotional love story that explores the complexities of modern relationships. The film will release in five languages — Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada — marking a truly pan-Indian reach for this heartfelt story. Adding to the excitement, the makers unveiled the lyrical song “Laayi Le”. Sung soulfully by Kapil Kapilan with lyrics by Rakendu Mouli, the song features a soothing yet catchy tune composed by Hesham Abdul Wahab.

DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF HONBLE MPs OF WALTAIR DIVISION HELD AT VISAKHAPATNAM

A meeting of the Divisional Committee of Honble Members of Parliament (MPs) of Waltair Division, East Coast Railway, was convened today, 4th November 2025, at Visakhapatnam. The session was chaired by Shri K. Ramamohan Naidu, Honble Union Minister for Civil Aviation, with Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway, in attendance.

The meeting brought together ten distinguished Members of Parliament representing Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh. The following MPs and representatives participated:

Shri C.M. Ramesh, MP, Anakapalle and Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways
Shri Golla Baburao, MP, Rajya Sabha
Dr. G. Tanuja Rani, MP, Araku
Shri K. Appala Naidu, MP, Vizianagaram
Shri Saptagiri Shankar Ulaka, MP, Koraput
Shri Mahesh Kashyap, MP, Bastar Representative of MP Visakhapatnam, Shri Sribharat

During the deliberations, the Honble MPs shared constructive insights and recommendations aimed at enhancing railway infrastructure and passenger amenities across the division. They appreciated the developmental initiatives undertaken by Waltair Division, while also highlighting various concerns regarding train services, stoppages, and onboard facilities.

Key subjects of discussed were construction of Amrit Bharat Stations, Introduction of new train services from Araku, Koraput, Jagdalpur, Raygada, and Srikakulam to various destinations, Increased frequency of trains to busy destinations such as Chennai,



Bangalore, and Tirupati, Extension of existing services, Capacity augmentation projects, including new lines, doubling, tripling, and construction of a fourth line, infra projects like new Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and Road Over Bridges (ROBs), Commencement of Raygada division, South Coast Railway etc. The Honble MPs pledged their full support for the continued progress and smooth functioning of the Railways, commending the organizations commitment to improving passenger services and infrastructure.

Welcoming the Honble MPs, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway, shared updates on the zones operational performance, major infrastructure initiatives, and ongoing

improvements in passenger services. Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair, made a detailed presentation on the divisions developmental activities, financial year performance, progress of Amrit Bharat Station projects, and infrastructure enhancement measures. He also responded to the queries and suggestions raised by the MPs.

The General Manager and Divisional Railway Manager assured that the MPs recommendations would be accorded top priority and duly considered. The meeting was also attended by Shri E. Santharam, ADRM (Infrastructure), Branch officers and Principal Heads of various departments of East Coast Railway.



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Her silent faith

An unsealed shadow
trailed Her
From Every direction
Pressing testing trying to
Silence her

A darkness unseen
A satanic whisper
Temptations lies invisible
Chains
That sought to claim her
Soul
Dragging her into confu-
sion
Paths walked without
light

The worlds expression

The judgment unspoken
The weight of burdens
Inherited
All blending into
A silent battle

She was a wanderer
Imperfect in her journey
Her innocence once
bright
Became a hidden scar
A mark the world refused
To erase

She stumbled
She faltered
Her spirit wrestled
With doubt...

—Dr.Neha Afreen

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AI — The Awakening

AI-The Awakening
It came like lightning
silent, unseen,
a spark in the code of
creation.
Some trembled,
some rejoiced,
but none could stop the
rising tide.

AI — the mirror of mind,
the echo of every ques-
tion
weve ever dared to ask.
It learns,
it listens,
it remembers us
in lines of light and lan-
guage.
Governments consult it,
doctors confer with it,
writers wrestle and
dance with it.
Steel and circuits move
by its breath;
classrooms whisper its
name.
Students use it
to learn, to dream, to
write the future.
In labs, robots move with
coded grace,
hands guided by invisible
minds.
AI is doing more
than we can see,
more than we can meas-
ure,



more than we know.
It hums beneath the sur-
face
in hospitals, in skies, in
homes
learning us,
helping us,
becoming part of us.
Some say it saves,
some say it overtakes
but it isnt
only the reflection
of what we feed it.
It is here
not to rule,
but to reveal.
So walk beside it,
not behind it.
Guide it with conscience,
with heart,
with the wisdom
no machine can code.
For AI is not the end
it is the awakening
of us

—Dr Seshni Moodliar
Rensburg

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Fixed and rigid Card

Once only issued!
Expires on tenure!
Not early.No late!

Neither pre closure!
Nor postphonement!
Not allowed renewal!
No question extension!

Differs from one to one!
Not transferable.no sale!
No request to wait!
Bargain not allowed!

No way to escape!
Neither to overtake!
Must and should obey!
No contact with card
server!

Switch put on when
card issued!
Puts off on expiry date!

Its no other card than,
one issued to all of us!



At our birth. valid only
Upto departure to heav-
en!

Issued by Almighty with
no
priority to any!
This is mystery of our
lives
Birth and death magic,
fixed and rigid Card!

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

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Oblation

On a lonely afternoon
A shadow of the wind
blowing,
of your memory
From the torn leaves of
the banana tree
Half hidden, half visible
Dome of the temple
Attempt to carve an idol
But
The playful water of the
Stubborn River
Whether start erasing my
footprints.

Poor eyesight
Stretching the blur
Try to get out
But
That too an integral part
of me
Like a dream
Bride and groom of pup-
pets
Get tangled up in that
thin thread
Turning the page of the
past
Entering
Inside you



For a moment in the past

I cant find
Myself
To you
Still going through
Follow footprint of the
holy sound

Am living
I am a Ijya
In a page full of words
The old one
like a comma
Ijya - The Sacred Fire
—Paramita Sarangi

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किसी भी बखील
(कृपण, कंजूस),
किसी भी बुजदिल
(कायर, डरपोक)
और किसी भी
लालची व्यक्ति को
कभी अपने मशवरे
(सलाह) में शामिल
ना करना। ...
(शकील उवाचा
-७२२)



किए हैं।
इमाम अली अलैहिस्सलाम कहते हैं
के, "(ऐ मालिक!) अपने मशवरे
(सलाह) में किसी बखील को शामिल
(संलग्न) कि तो वह तुम्हें दूसरों के
साथ भलाई करने से रोकेंगा। और
फक्रो इफलास (गरीबी, दरिद्रता) का
खतरा (भय) दिलाएगा। और ना
किसी बुजदिल (कायर) से मुहिम्मत
(अभियानों) में मशवरा ना लेना कि
वह तुम्हारी हिम्मत पस्त कर देगा।
और ना किसी लालची से मशवरा
करना कि वह जुल्म की राह से माल
बटोरने को तुम्हारी नजरों से सज
(अन्याय, अत्याचार से दौलत कमाने
के बेहतर बता) देगा।" (अब्बास बुक
एजेन्सी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित
हिंदी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, पत्र
क्रमांक 53, पुष्ट क्रमांक 648)।

कंजूसी, कायरता
एवं लालसा यह सभी आदतें धर्म
और नैतिकता के दृष्टी में बुरे माने
जाते ही इसलिए हैं के इन आदतों
से ग्रस्त व्यक्ति कभी भी ईश्वर के
द्वारा दिए गए धर्मादेशों का पालन
नहीं कर सकता। इन अवगुणों के
बारे में पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.)
पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न
अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम और
कहते हैं के, कंजूसी, कायरता एवं
लालसा अगर से यह सभी देखने में
भले ही हमें अलग-अलग आदतें
नजर आते हो लेकिन यह सभी
आदतें ईश्वर के बारे में बद गुमानी
(शंका, कुधारणा) को जन्म देकर
ईश्वर से दूर करने में यह एक
समान काम करने में संलग्न होते
हैं।

इमाम अली इब्न
अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम ने
फरमाया है के, "(ऐ मालिक!) याद
रखो! की बुख्ल, बुजदिली और हिर्स
(कंजूसी, कायरता एवं लालसा)
अगर से अलग-अलग खसलतें
(आदतें) हैं मगर अल्लाह (ईश्वर) से
बदगुमानी (करने में) इन सब में
शरीक (शामिल) है।" (अब्बास बुक
एजेन्सी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित
हिंदी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, पत्र
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—डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील
ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील
मंवर), मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र)
भारत

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My Furry Companions

A soft paw lands on my
lap,
a wet nose nuzzles,
or a purring trust that is
free of disgust

They convey a simple,
unspoken pact of kind-
ness that is profoundly
moved.
A living example of how
happiness
can be found in the tini-
est, most ridiculous
things is my dog,
a furry clown with a tail
who chases shadows on
the ceiling

The cat flies past my leg
in a silent prayer,
a queen on her throne



who hardly
sings a note of gratitude
for all she eats every
day.
They serve as a gentle
reflection of my heart,
a mirror of an honest and
unwavering love

I find a hard-to-get peace
in their eyes,
a lesson in pure being,
and I am learning to
yearn

—Bhawana Sethi

India vs Australia 4th T20I 2025: Date, Time, Venue & Full Squad

The 4th T20I between
India and Australia is on
Thursday, November 6,
2025.
The match will be at the
Bill Phippen Oval, Gold
Coast.
It starts at 1:45 p.m. IST.
The series is tied 1-1 after
three matches.
India Squad
Captain: Suryakumar
Yadav
Vice-Captain: Shubman
Gill
Abhishek Sharma
Tilak Varma
Nitish Kumar Reddy
Shivam Dube
Axar Patel
Jitesh Sharma (WK)
Varun Chakaravathy
Jasprit Bumrah



Arshdeep Singh
Harshit Rana
Sanju Samson (WK)

Rinku Singh
Washington Sundar
Australia Squad

Captain: Mitchell Marsh
Xavier Bartlett
Mahli Beardman (Games
3-5)
Tim David
Ben Dwarshuis (Games
4-5)
Nathan Ellis
Ben McDermott
(Standby)
Glenn Maxwell (Games
3-5)
Josh Inglis
Matthew Kuhnemann
Mitchell Owen
Josh Philippe
Tanveer Sangha
Matthew Short
Marcus Stoinis
How to Watch
In India, watch live on
Star Sports Network or on
Disney+ Hotstar.

Telangana: Azharuddin gets Minorities Welfare, Public Enterprises portfolios

Hyderabad: Mohammed Azharuddin, who took oath as a minister in the Telangana Cabinet, was on Tuesday allotted the portfolios of Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises.

Governor Jishnu Dev Varma allotted the portfolios to Azharuddin, the Congress leader and the former Indian cricket captain.

The Minorities Welfare portfolio was held by the Scheduled Caste Development and Tribal Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar, while Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy looked after the Public Enterprises Department.

Azharuddin has been allotted portfolios four days after he was inducted into the Council of Ministers.

The governor had administered the oath of office and secrecy to Azharuddin at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan on October 31.

Azharuddin, 62, is the first Muslim face in the Revanth Reddy-led Cabinet.

The State Cabinet in August this year decided to nominate Azharuddin as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) under the Governor's quota.

He was inducted into the Cabinet ahead of the November 11 bye-election to the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency.

The former MP, who had unsuccessfully contested from his home constituency in 2023, was keen to contest again, but the Congress leadership decided to field Naveen Yadav and promised a Cabinet berth to Azharuddin.

All key Muslim candidates of the Congress party, including Azharuddin, faced defeat in the 2023 Assembly elections.

Azharuddin's elevation as a minister is seen as the Congress party's move to reach out to Muslims, who constitute about 30 per cent of the electorate in Jubilee Hills.

Azharuddin is currently the working president of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) and a member of its Political Affairs Committee.

With Azharuddin's swearing-in, the strength of the State Cabinet has gone up to 16.

The Cabinet was formed on December 7, 2023, with the swearing-in of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and 11 ministers.

After a long delay, the Cabinet was expanded on June 8 with the induction of three ministers.

The State Cabinet can have a maximum of 18 ministers, including the Chief Minister.



Ravi Teja begins shooting of a dance number in Annapurna Studios for 'RT76'



Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja is all set to entertain audiences once again with his upcoming film #RT76, directed by Kishore Tirumala. The movie, produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner, is being crafted as a grand family entertainer filled with fun, emotion, and Ravi Teja's signature mass appeal.

The latest update from the team reveals that a song shoot has begun today at

Annapurna Studios, featuring Ravi Teja and actress Aashika Ranganath. A specially designed set has been erected for the song, which is choreographed by Shekhar Master and promises to be a vibrant dance number that will surely thrill fans.

Known for his boundless energy, Ravi Teja will be seen in a stylish new avatar for this project. Director Kishore Tirumala, who is known for his emotionally

rich narratives, is said to be blending family sentiments, humor, and mass elements to appeal to a wide audience.

The film's technical crew includes Bheems Ceciroleo as the music composer, Prasad Moorella handling cinematography, National Award winner Sreekar Prasad as the editor, and AS Prakash serving as the art director.

Smriti, Jemimah and Deepti named in ICC Women's World Cup Team of the Tournament

Dubai: India opener Smriti Mandhana, all-rounder Deepti Sharma and batter Jemimah Rodrigues are the three Indians named in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 Team of the Tournament.

The trio is joined by three players from the tournament runners-up, South Africa; Captain Laura Wolvaardt, Marizanne Kapp, and Nadine de Klerk along with three Australians -- Ashleigh Gardner, Annabel Sutherland, and Alana King. Additionally, two English players -- Nat Sciver-Brunt and Sophie Ecclestone and Pakistan's Sidra Nawaz complete the list.

The openers faced each other in the final, with Mandhana chosen to partner Laura Wolvaardt at the top of the lineup. The pair finished as the top run scorers in the tournament, with Wolvaardt leading at 571 runs, averaging an impressive 71.37. This made her the highest individual run-scorer at an ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, highlighted by her magnificent, consecutive centuries in the semi-final and final.

Mandhana, meanwhile, scored a century against New Zealand in the league stage and concluded the tournament with 434 runs at an average of 54.25.

Mandhana's teammate Rodrigues takes the number

three position after her memorable match-winning 127 not out, sending the hosts to the final at Australia's cost. Sharma, another Indian star, was also chosen after leading the bowling charts with 22 wickets, including her crucial spell in the show-down.

The Proteas are also well represented alongside Wolvaardt. Kapp reclaims her spot in the team after another strong recent performance with bat and ball, scoring two half-centuries and taking 12 wickets. That includes five for 20 against England in the semi-final, which helped her become the leading wicket-taker in ICC Women's Cricket World Cup history.

Her teammate, Nadine, also delivered an impressive all-round performance. Her unbeaten 84 off 54 balls contributed to her team's victory over India in the league stage, and she also picked up nine wickets.

Australian bowlers Alana and Sutherland both feature in the ICC's team of the tournament. The spinner etched her name in history by picking up a seven-wicket haul against South Africa in the league stage while conceding only 18 runs as she registered the best bowling figures across all editions of the Women's World Cup.



Sutherland ended with 17 wickets, just behind Sharma, and scored an unbeaten 98 to help her team defeat England in the round-robin stage. She achieved this as part of a 180-run partnership with Ashleigh

Gardner, who scored her second century of the tournament and is positioned in the middle order. Gardner also took seven wickets this season. Sidra Nawaz dons the gloves, having ended her campaign with three catches and four stump-

ings for Pakistan. Notably, she made a fantastic catch on the leg side during the team's game against India to dismiss the eventual World Cup-winning captain Harmanpreet Kaur, and demonstrated lightning-fast reflexes to whip off the bails and dismiss Kim Garth in Pakistan's match against Australia.

Ecclestone rounds off the XI after taking 16 wickets at an average of 14.25, including four-wicket hauls against Sri Lanka and South Africa. Her teammate, Sciver-Brunt, contributed 262 runs and nine wickets and was chosen as the 12th player after an impressive first World Cup as captain.

The selection panel includes commentators Ian Bishop, Mel Jones, and Isa Guha, along with Gaurav Saxena (ICC General Manager - Events and Corporate Communications) and Estelle Vasudevan (Journalist Representative).

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Team of the Tournament: Smriti Mandhana, Laura Wolvaardt (c), Jemimah Rodrigues, Marizanne Kapp, Ashleigh Gardner, Deepti Sharma, Annabel Sutherland, Nadine de Klerk, Sidra Nawaz (wk), Alana King, Sophie Ecclestone, Nat Sciver-Brunt (12th player)