



PM Modi recalls how Vande Mataram defied British oppression, stood 'like a rock'

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Monday, invoked the enduring spirit of 'Vande Mataram' while initiating a day-long discussion in the Lok Sabha to mark the 150 years of the national song. He described it as a hymn that stood "like a rock" against British oppression and continued to inspire unity across generations. Tracing the song's journey from its composition by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1875 to its role in the freedom struggle, PM Modi said 'Vande Mataram' became a current of emotion that bound the nation together.

"Even when crises like the coronavirus pandemic struck, the spirit of 'Vande Mataram' continued to connect the country. Today, as we march towards an



'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Developed India), this hymn remains a source of strength," he noted. The Prime Minister quoted Mahatma Gandhi, who had described 'Vande Mataram' as a song that united the nation.

"Pujya Babu (Mahatma Gandhi) said 'Vande Mataram' connects us. It is the dream of today's generation to build a prosperous India, and this song continues to inspire that vision," PM Modi said.

He emphasised that the hymn was more than just words -- it was a mantra of sacrifice, resilience, and unity. From the days of colonial bans, when people were punished for speaking or printing the words, to the sacrifices of countless freedom fighters who embraced martyrdom with 'Vande Mataram' on their lips, the song has remained a symbol of defiance and hope.

PM Modi urged the Parliament to ensure that the legacy of 'Vande Mataram' is preserved and passed on to future generations. "This is not just a tribute to history but a reaffirmation of our democratic spirit. The lessons of the past must continue to guide our future," he said, adding that the 150th anniversary was an opportunity to restore pride in a

hymn that has been the heart-beat of Bharat.

Initiating a day-long discussion on 150 years of 'Vande Mataram' in the Lok Sabha, PM Modi noted that 'Vande Mataram' stood like a rock and inspired unity despite British oppression. "When 'Vande Mataram' completed 100 years, the nation was chained by the Emergency. At that time, the Constitution was throttled and those who lived and died for patriotism were pushed behind bars," he said. "The Emergency was a dark chapter in our history. Now we have the opportunity to restore the greatness of 'Vande Mataram'. And I believe this opportunity should not be allowed to pass," PM Modi added.

Telangana Rising Global Summit: State aims for \$3T economy, says Governor Jishnu Dev Varma

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma announced that Telangana aims to evolve into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047 during the Telangana Rising Global Summit, which was inaugurated by the Governor and attended by notable figures including Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Union Minister Kishan Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, and film actor Nagarjuna.

At the summit, a digital statue of Telangana Thalli was unveiled, symbolising the state's progress. In his



address, the Governor highlighted various initiatives aimed at empowering women farmers and men-

tioned the provision of bus management to women's groups as part of the government's efforts. Governor Dev Varma affirmed the state's commitment to progress, stating, "Telangana is taking rapid steps towards a developed India. Ours is a stable and transparent government, leading in innovations." He further elaborated on the state's infrastructure development plans, noting significant expansions in airports, railways, and roads, and underscored priority given to various sectors to stimulate growth.

IndiGo parent loses nearly Rs 37,000 crore in market value amid flight chaos

Mumbai: Inter Globe Aviation Limited, the parent company of IndiGo, saw its market value shrink sharply on Monday as the airline continued to grapple with one of the worst travel disruptions in India's aviation history. The stock fell as much as 10 per cent to Rs 4,842 -- its steepest single-day drop since February 2022 -- marking the seventh straight session of losses.

Over the past six trading days, the stock has now lost 16.4 per cent, wiping out nearly Rs 37,000 crore in market capitalisation. The sell-off intensified as investors reacted to the prolonged wave of large-scale flight cancellations and delays triggered by IndiGo's transition to the revised flight duty time limitation norms. Analysts warned that the disruptions are further weakening hopes of a strong earnings rebound.

Brokerage firm Investec maintained its 'Sell' rating on InterGlobe Aviation, with a price target of Rs 4,040, saying that expectations of a third-quarter recovery have dimmed after a weak first half of FY26. The crisis escalated after the airline struggled to meet the regulator's deadline for transitioning to the new duty-time rules. IndiGo



and another carrier had sought more time on December 7, citing operational stress across multiple airports.

While the regulator granted a brief extension until 6 pm on December 8, it made it clear that no further leeway would be allowed. IndiGo has since said that its operations are improving and that its network is on track to stabilise by December 10. The airline operated over 1,650 flights on Sunday, up from 1,500 the previous day, and also reported better on-time performance, which rose to 75 per

cent from just 30 per cent.

The company added that refunds and baggage services are now functioning at full capacity for both direct and indirect bookings. In response to the crisis, IndiGo has formed a high-level Crisis Management Group. The team includes Chairman Vikram Singh Mehta, board members Gregg Saretsky, Mike Whitaker and Amitabh Kant, along with CEO Pieter Elbers. Their mandate is to restore normal operations quickly and address the surge in cancellations and delays.

Narsapuram-Chennai 'Vande Bharat' from Dec 15



Bhimavaram: Union Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupatiraju Srinivasa Varma announced in Bhimavaram that the Narsapuram-Chennai Vande Bharat train services will commence from December 15. The Railway Department originally scheduled the launch for January 12, but the Minister appealed to start the service earlier, responding to public demand before the festive season. He thanked Prime Minister Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for providing this world-class fast service. He also confirmed that the Railway Department positively responded to his proposal for a halt of the Secunderabad- Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat at Tadepalligudem. The Minister also announced a large-scale ₹1,400 crore project under the Jal Jeevan Mission for supplying purified drinking water to rural homes in West Godavari district. The plan involves purifying Godavari water at a treatment plant near Dowleswaram Barrage and distributing it daily to 3,19,954 households through a 2,663 km pipeline network. Furthermore, technical issues and permits for NH 165, including the Akividu-Digamarru-Bhimavaram bypass, are resolved, and tenders will be called by the end of January to alleviate Bhimavaram's bypass issue.

Chandrababu extend wishes for Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025

Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu shared a message on Twitter, extending his best wishes for the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025. He expressed hopes that the event would serve as a significant platform for the development, progress,



and innovation of the Telangana state. The summit, which promises to be a grand affair, is taking place at the Hyderabad Future City venue. The Revanth Reddy government has made extensive arrangements for the event. Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma is set to inaugurate the summit today at 1:30 PM, followed by an address from CM Revanth Reddy at 2:30 PM.

Osmania University Faculty Urges Immediate Implementation of Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS)

Hyderabad, metro udayam

December 8... Faculty members of Osmania University (OU) today conducted a significant rally, commencing from the historic Arts College and culminating at the Administrative Building, to press for the expeditious implementation of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) for all eligible permanent staff. The demonstration was timed to welcome the scheduled visit of the Hon ble Chief Minister of Telangana, Shri A. Revanth Reddy garu, on December 10, 2025, and to urge his intervention in resolving this long-standing issue.

The rally followed the release of a Joint Statement by OU faculty, which heartily acknowledged the transformative advancements achieved during the first year of leadership under Sr. Prof. Kumar Molugaram, Vice-Chancellor.

Key institutional achievements highlighted include: significant improvement in NIRF 2025 National Rankings, securing over 775 crore in extramural funding, the development of an indigenous semiconductor chip, and modernization of infrastructure and academic curricula



(e.g., Four-Year Undergraduate Programme, new courses in AI and Data Science).

- Faculty members praised the administration for its commitment to accountability, and faculty welfare, noting the timely implementation of the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and other initiatives.

Despite these advancements, the faculty's primary concern remains the critical disparity regarding the pension scheme.

- Permanent teaching and non-teaching staff appointed after 2004 are currently not covered under the CPS or the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), leaving a significant portion of the work-

force with an uncertain financial future.

- The faculty emphasized that Osmania University remains the sole state university in Telangana that has not yet extended the benefits of the CPS to its eligible staff, a situation described as an anomaly that must be rectified to ensure equity and justice.

During the rally at the Administrative Building, several senior faculty members conveyed their deep concern and hope for a swift resolution:

- Prof. G. Malleshm, Prof. Venkata Lakshmi, Prof. Srinivas, Prof. Kavitha Devi, Dr. Konda Nageshwar Rao, Prof. B.



Lavanya, Prof. Ch. Kaseem, and Prof. P. Chandrashekhar articulated the anguish over the uncertain future caused by the delay in implementing both CPS and OPS.

- Prof. G. Naresh Reddy expressed optimism that the issue will be resolved under the current regime, highlighting that he and many colleagues have endured this challenge for a long time.

- Prof. S. Jithendra Kumar Naik, OSD to VC, conveyed his empathy and solidarity, assuring the faculty that the administration will work earnestly for an expeditious solution to this long-pending challenge.

The faculty collectively urged

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram to take their representation directly to the Honble Chief Ministers Office for an immediate and positive resolution.

The faculty's unified demonstration underscores their collective strength and patience on this issue. They appeal to the Honble Chief Minister Shri Revanth Reddy garu and the Government of Telangana to direct the education department to move swiftly, thereby ensuring the financial security and equitable treatment of OUs valued permanent staff, raising the university's standards to global parity.

Logo Launch of Media Journalist Welfare Association on 9th



Hyderabad December:08 (Metro udayam)

Today, the Corporator visited Chandra Nagar in Himayat Nagar division along with the municipal and water board officials. He reviewed the work done there and assured them of the progress. Water board general manager Sridhar Reddy, manager Krishna, work inspector Ramu, current presidents Pawan, Raju, Congress leaders Mahesh, Shekhar, Jagadish and others participated in this program.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Pagadala Manasa W/o. Pagadala Satyapal, H.No 8-123 Raju colony, Balanagar, Medchal Dist, Telangana 500042. Changed my from Kasula Sarika(old name) to Pagadala Manasa , for all my future purposes.

From:
Pagadala Manasa
(M): 8688 737 475

MAHAPARINIRVAN DIVAS OBSERVED AT WALTAIR DIVISION

Mahaparinirvan Divas of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was observed at the Divisional Railway Managers Office in Waltair Division, Visakhapatnam, today Shri Lalit Bohra Divisional Railway Manager; Shri K Rama Rao, ADRM (Operations); Shri Jusuf Kabir Ansari, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, along with branch officers and staff, paid floral tributes to the great patriot and architect of the Indian Constitution, Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. The Mahaparinirvan Diwas was also observed at the sub-divisional offices over the Waltair Division.

Visakhapatnam:

Senior journalist Singampalli Srinivas, Elamanchili Adinarayana, and K. Nageswara Rao announced that the Pendhurthi Media Journalist Welfare Association will be organising a special programme on Tuesday, the 9th of this month.

The representatives stated that the Association has been formed with the primary objective of working for the welfare of journalists in and around the Pendhurthi region. Speaking at the press meet held at the Pendhurthi Press Club on Monday, association representatives Singampalli Srinivas, Elamanchili Adinarayana, and Kotipalli Nageswara Rao addressed the media. Singampalli Srinivas said



that the Association aims to implement various welfare activities for journalists and ensure they receive due recognition in society. He added that unlike earlier, the Union will now function with a complete and active executive body. He assured that the Association would stand by journalists during any difficulties.

Senior journalist

Elamanchili Adinarayana emphasized that journalists can achieve anything if they stay united. He stated that efforts would be made to ensure better opportunities for journalists in the future. Another senior journalist, Kotipalli Nageswara Rao, expressed hope that journalists would move forward without any differences among themselves.

On this occasion, senior journalist Elamanchili Adinarayana was declared as the Permanent Honorary President of the Association, and senior journalist Kotipalli Nageswara Rao was announced as the Permanent Advisor. Founder President Singampalli Srinivas stated that the remaining executive committee would be elected soon with the approval of all members.

He also announced that on Tuesday, the Unions logo will be unveiled, along with the launch of the Unions activity plan and future roadmap. He appealed to all journalists to attend the programme in large numbers. Several journalists participated in the meeting.

TSGREA district elections at,Jangaon



Jangaon,December08, Metroudayam:

Telangana state government retired employees association, Jangaon district elections were conducted at Omsai gardens successfully. It was being held once in a year on the occasion of Pensioners day all the retired employees might have joined together and shared their joyfulness and hardships. The new district body was elected in the presence of the elections officer K.Mohanreddy as per the instructions given by the TSGREA state body. The newly elected body as fol-



President	N.Mahender reddy	,District	Secretary	K.Anjaneyulu,Dist	Organizing
President	Peddi Haribabu,Dist	General	Secretary	K.Shobha,Dist	Organizing
Secretary	K.Krishna,Dist	Finance secretary	Secretary	G.Prakash,Dist	Publicity secretary
T.Mallikarjun,Dist	Associate	President	J.Ravinder reddy,Dist	State coun-	cilor,
M.Laxminarayana,Dist	Vice	President	On this occasion the President and the General Secretary addressed the meeting to fulfill their duties and thanked to each and everyone retired employees for the given opportunity,they also assured to solve all the problems concerned to the pensioners. It was followed by the retired employees,mandal bodies and others participated.		
A.Balakishan,Dist	Vice President	CH.Hemalatha,Dist	Vice President	Md.Afzal,Dist	Secretary
Md.Afzal,Dist	Secretary	B.Vidyasagar,Dist	Secretary	M.Narshimareddy,Dist	Joint
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ईश्वर असीम दयावान कृपा का स्वामी है। यदि वह चाहता तो हमें बुरे कर्मों के लिए शीघ्र दंड देता। लेकिन वह कुछ समय तक हमें ढील देता है ताकि हम तौबा करके उसके दया के पात्र बनें।... (शकील उवाचा -७७४)

खुदा (ईश्वर) हमसे न धन चाहता है ना ही दौलत चाहता है। वह हमसे हमारे नेक अमाल (अच्छे कर्मों का आचरण) चाहता है। खुदा चाहता है के हम सब परहेजगार (अपने आपको पापों से बचाने वाला) और मुक्तकी (पवित्र, धर्मी) बनें। पवित्र कुरआन में कहा गया है के, "दुनिया की ज़िंदगी बस खेल और तमाशा (मनोरंजन का खेल) है, लेकिन अगर तुम खुदा पर ईमान (ईश्वर पर विश्वास) रखोगे और परहेजगारी इख्तियार (संयम, इशूरीरुता को अंग, ीकार) करोगे तो खुदा तुमको तुम्हारा अज़ (बदला) देगा और तुमसे तुम्हारा माल नहीं मांगेगा।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 47, सुराह मोहम्मद, आयत क्रमांक 36)।



खुदा (ईश्वर) ने ईमान वालों (विश्वासी लोगों) को दुनियावी ज़िंदगी की हकीकत से अवगत कराया है। और उन्हें आखिरत (परलोक) की जगह इस दुनिया की ज़िंदगी को न चुनने का प्रस्ताव रखा है। क्योंकि यह भौतिक दुनिया की वासनाएं, इच्छाएं सब के सब इंसान की मुक्ति में सबसे बड़ी बाधा है। इस दुनिया के एवज में परलोक को चुनने का यह मतलब नहीं के दुनिया का त्याग किया जाये बल्के दुनिया के लाभ से ज़्यादा परलोक जीवन में लाभ देनेवाले कर्म करते रहना चाहिए।

इशूरीरुता याने ईश्वर से डरने का मतलब यह भी नहीं के ईश्वर कोई डरावना है, या भय दिलाने वाला है। बल्के ईश्वर से डरने का मतलब ही ईश्वर की अवज्ञा करने से डरना है। ईश्वर से डरने का मतलब ईश्वर के द्वारा निर्धारित उस विधान से डरकर पापों का त्याग करना है जिस विधान से हमें हमारे गुनाहों की सज़ा (बुरे कर्मों की शिक्षा) मिलने वाली है। ईश्वर से डरने का मतलब उन कर्मों को त्याग करना है जिन कर्मों को करने से हम दण्ड के पात्र बनेंगे। और उन शुभ कर्मों का आचरण करें जिनके लिये परमात्मा की ओर से बेहतरीन जज़ा (अच्छा प्रतिफल) निर्धारित किया गया है।

खुदा (ईश्वर) कितना क्षमाशील है और कितना दयावान है हम इसका अंदाज़ा भी लगा नहीं सकते। ईश्वर गुनाहगारों (पापियों) पर रहम करने वाला असीम दयावान और कृपा का स्वामी है। यदि वह चाहता तो हमें हमारे बुरे कर्मों के लिए शीघ्र दंड देता। ऐसा करने से परमात्मा को कौन रोक सकता है भला? लेकिन उसने हम पर कृपा करके एक निर्धारित समय तक हमें ढील देता है ताकि हम तौबा (प्रायश्चित्त, ईश्वर की ओर पलट आ) करके उसके कृपा और दया के पात्र बन सकें। यह उस खुदा का सबसे बड़ा करम है।

पवित्र कुरआन में आया है के, "और (पैगंबर स्व!) तुम्हारा परवरदिगार (पालनहार परमात्मा) तो बड़ा बख्शने वाला (क्षमाशील), मेहरबान (दयावान) है। अगर उन (लोगों) की करतूतों की सज़ा (बुरे कर्मों की शिक्षा) में धरपकड़ करता तुरंत उन पर अज़ाब नाज़िल कर देता (शिक्षा देता) मगर उनके लिये तो एक मियाद मुक़र्रर (निश्चित समय निर्धारित) है, जिससे खुदा के सिवा कहीं पनाह की जगह (ईश्वर के अतिरिक्त कोई शरण स्थल) नहीं पाएंगे।" (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 18, सुराह अल कहफ़, आयत क्रमांक 58)।

यह आयत उन लोगों को एक चेतावनी है जो अल्लाह (ईश्वर) की ढील से धोखा खा रहे हैं, और इसे राहत समझ रहे हैं। खुदा (ईश्वर) ने उनके लिए एक निश्चित समय तय किया है, और ढील दे रखा है। ईश्वर द्वारा दिए गए इस अवसर का लाभ उठाते हुये जो कोई ईश्वर के समक्ष अपनी गुनाहों के लिये तौबा (प्रायश्चित्त) करके गुनाहों को तर्क (पापों का त्याग) कर देता है और ईश्वर के सच्चे मार्ग पर पलट आता है वह बख्श (माफ़ कर) दिया जायेगा। वरना उसके गुनाहों की सख़्त सज़ा होगी (पापों के लिये कठिन दण्ड होगा) जिससे कोई भी बच नहीं सकता।

-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील मंवर),
मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

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Sacred Heart of Mother

The mothers heart is a holy Flame
As soft as dawn
Yet strong as steel

It holds our tears
And lifts our hopes
And teaches the
World how feels

In her love we find
Our shelter
In her smile
our glowing light
Her heart
Is Gods purest
Blessings
Forever sacred
Forever brighten

Her footsteps
Blooms like quiet
prayers,
Her touch turns
Darkness into grace

She weaves our
Shattered pieces
whole with just
The warmth upon
Her face...

No crown she wears
Yet heaven knows
Her love outshines
The stars above
For every mothers
Sacred heart
Is in the universe
Carved in love....

—Thallapally Laxman Goud

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The ballot is more powerful than the bullet

The ballot is stronger than the bullet,

A symbol of democracy, a voice so pure.
Its the power of the people, a right to choose,
A chance to shape the future, and make it new.



With every vote cast, a statement is made,
A voice is heard, and a future is paved.
The ballot is mightier, than the sword in hand,
Its the instrument of change, in a democratic land.

Its the voice of the masses, a collective cry,
A call for justice, and a better sky.
The ballot is the key, to unlock the door,
To a brighter future, and a world galore.

With every vote counted, a dream is born,
A hope is kindled, and a future is sworn.
The ballot is the heartbeat, of a nations soul,
A symbol of freedom, and a peoples goal.

Its the power to choose, and to make a stand,
A chance to shape the future, and take a hand.
The ballot is the voice, of the people loud and clear,
A call to action, and a message to hear.

The ballot is stronger, than the bullets might,
Its the power of democracy, shining bright.
Its the voice of the people, and their right to choose,
A symbol of freedom, and a future to fuse.

DR. CHAVAN LATHA (TEACHER)
KB. ASIFABAD DISTRICT.

Telangana Rising Global Summit: CM Revanth Reddy outlines vision for state development



At the Telangana Rising Global Summit-2025 on Monday, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy proclaimed that the state is poised for significant development, with ambitious goals set for 2047. Speaking at Telangana Rising Global Summit 1025 in Future City, he articulated the vision to transform Telangana into a three trillion-dollar economy and expressed gratitude to all those involved in drafting this vision document. Inviting suggestions from industrialists and economists, CM Reddy stressed the importance of creating a comprehensive roadmap for Telangana's future, inspired by historical figures like Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He highlighted the long-standing struggle of the Telangana people for a separate state, a dream realised in 2014 under the leadership of Sonia Gandhi and then-Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. Looking ahead, CM Reddy aims to position Telangana as the most developed state in India and a leader on the global stage within the next decade. He noted that with India's centenary of independence approaching in 2047, now is the time to evaluate the nation's achievements. Reflecting on the essence of Telangana's cultural practices, he mentioned the importance of seeking blessings and support from the community when embarking on significant ventures. To this end, he has engaged officials, governmental agencies, the Indian School of Business, and experts from NITI Aayog to refine their aspirations. In closing, CM Reddy expressed his gratitude for the diverse representation at the summit, recognising the contributions of business leaders, policymakers, diplomats, and experts, and emphasised his openness

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THE MOTHER AND THE FATHER IN MY VIEW

M = Motivator
O = Organiser
T = Teacher
H = Hope creator
E = Educator
R = Responsive

F = Fabulous, Favourite
A = Amicable
T = Teaches Time value
H = Hero
E = Ethical
R = Role model

Dr.s.surya prakash

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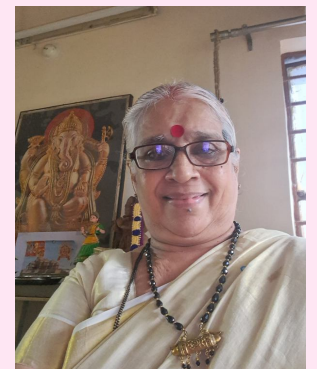
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Pilgrim

A pilgrim sets out to explore
different places
Some love to journey on
foot, step by step

Some travel in groups to
sacred sites,
While others wonder
alone,
Seeking peace and solitude

At times, the destination
is unknown,
Yet they walk miles
together or apart-
In search of calm, in
search
of meaning



A pilgrim is a traveller,
Ever in search of something new.
Ultimately, it is an individual choice,
A path of the heart,
To go on a pilgrimage
,Poornima Sivaraman

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Never blame God

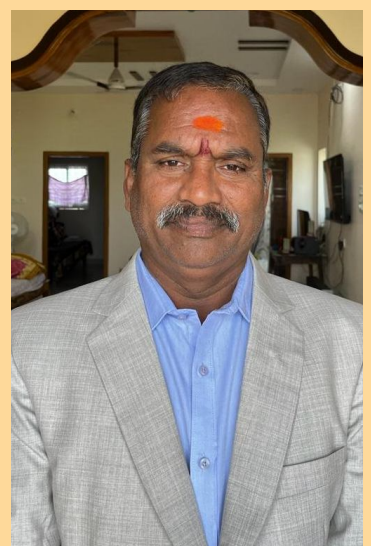
Never blame God
Unless you are rich
Never forget god
After getting wealth
Always show gratitude
To God and to nature

Never blame
The teacher
Unless you listen
Carefully
And develop
Your knowledge
Never be pessimistic
But be optimistic

Gold shines
After getting strokes
Melting in flames
A sculpture is made
After chisel strokes

Though hardships
Occur in life
Dont care, do hard work
To reach higher stage

Never forget to work
hard
And have a particular
goal



Never forget your promise
Given to your parents....

—Renukuntla Murali
Lflhm Rtd.,
International English
Poet,Writer&Author.
Director,Sanath Institute
of English.
Counseling psychologist,
Spoken English & Life
Skills Trainer
EFT Money practitioner.

Nivetha Thomas' brother Nikhil Thomas set for debut with 'Bengaluru Mahanagaramlo Balaka'



Tollywood is set to welcome a new face, and this time it's the brother of a popular star heroine. Malayalam actress Nivetha Thomas, who impressed Telugu audiences with films like *Jai Lava Kusa*, *Gentleman*, and *35 Chinna Kathaa Kaadu*, has carved a special place for herself in the industry. Now, her younger brother Nikhil Thomas is gearing up to make his Telugu debut as a lead actor. Nikhil's maiden film has been officially titled "*Bengaluru Mahanagaramlo Balaka*", and the makers released a striking first-look poster. Directed by the duo Mahi and Raj, the film appears to revolve around a youngster's journey in the bustling city of Bengaluru. The poster cleverly references pop culture moments like Power Star Pawan Kalyan's *Panjaa* first look, *Sathyam Computers*, and the viral hit *Why This Kolaveri Di*, setting a nostalgic tone. The movie boasts a strong technical crew. Praveen Pattu—known for his writing work in comedy hits like *MAD* and *Jathi Ratnalu*—has penned the screenplay and dialogues. Vishwadeep takes charge as the music director, while Mallu Naik handles cinematography. Editing responsibilities are shared by Harish Kota and Vamsi Krishna. Produced jointly by Akhil Yammannagari, MSN Murthy, and Ch. V. Sharma under the banners of Saya Creations and Falcon Entertainments. With a fresh storyline and a promising team, Nikhil Thomas' debut is already generating buzz among fans and industry circles. The film is expected to offer a youthful, energetic narrative set against the vibrant backdrop of Bengaluru.

Chiru, Nag to add glitter to Summit

Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka met with several celebrities' including film actors Chiranjeevi and Nagarjuna at Praja Bhavan on Saturday and invited them to attend the Global Summit. The celebrities discussed several key issues with Bhatti in this meeting. Bhatti Vikramarka invited them to attend the Global Summit on this occasion. It is understood that Chiranjeevi and Nagarjuna have said that they will definitely attend the Summit.



Really hope Gill performs well in this five-match T20I series against South Africa, says Pathan

New Delhi: Former India fast bowler Irfan Pathan has expressed optimism over Shubman Gill coming good in the upcoming five-match T20I series against South Africa, saying he hopes the opener delivers strong performances which in turn will cement his place in the side ahead of next year's World Cup. Gill was out of action after suffering a neck injury during the first Test against South Africa in Kolkata. Since his return to the T20I team from the Asia Cup, Gill has been inconsistent with his scores while opening the batting alongside the in-form Abhishek Sharma.

"Shubman Gill should cement his place at the top of the order in T20 cricket. We believe in all-format players. We have seen how well he plays in the IPL. Now, he has a chance to cement his place in



India's T20 International side. There is a little pressure, but he is a good player." "I hope he performs well in this five-match T20I series against South Africa. He is coming back from a small injury. He will get a lot of opportunities across five matches on good pitches. The pitches will have pace and bounce, like in Dharamshala, and he will love batting on them," said Pathan on JioStar.

He also said his eyes in the five-match series will be on who would take up the mantle of finishing the innings alongside a returning Hardik Pandya. "I would like to see who plays the role of a finisher with Hardik Pandya and how they do it. This is a very big aspect. If we have to defend the World Cup, which is in India, it is crucial that our lower-middle order batters stay in form."

"Along with Hardik, the other batters become very important. Axar Patel can do that, Jitesh Sharma is there, Rinku Singh can also come in. But we have to see who will complement Hardik down the order. My eyes will be on that." Pathan signed off by saying how India's fast bowling combination fares will be of utmost importance against the Proteas. "I want to see how the other fast bowlers perform along with Bumrah. Bumrah is the main bowler, but we also have Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube can bowl a bit, and Arshdeep Singh as well." "How they perform in this series against South Africa will be very important. With the T20 World Cup scheduled for February next year, this series is really important from a bowling point of view."

India fined for slow over rate in the second ODI against SA

Visakhapatnam: India have been fined 10 per cent of their match fee for maintaining a slow over-rate against South Africa in the second ODI in Raipur. India lost the second ODI against South Africa despite Virat Kohli (102) and Ruturaj Gaikwad's (105) exceptional efforts with the willow as they posted a daunting total of 358/5. In reply, Aiden Markram anchored the Proteas innings with a fantastic knock of 110 off 98 balls as South Africa chased down the target with four wickets to spare.

"In accordance with Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to minimum over-rate offences, players are fined five per cent of their match fees for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time," read ICC's statement. Richie Richardson, a member of the



Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees, issued the sanction following the ruling that KL Rahul's team was two overs short of the target once time allowances were accounted for.

Rahul admitted his guilt regarding the offence and agreed to the proposed penalty, eliminating the need for a formal hearing. On-field umpires Rod Tucker and Rohan Pandit, third umpire Sam Nogajski, and fourth umpire Jayaraman Madanagopal issued the levelled

charge. Yashasvi Jaiswal scored his maiden century in 50-over cricket, while Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli made half-centuries as India demonstrated their batting strength by defeating South Africa by nine wickets with about 10 overs remaining in the series-deciding third and final ODI at the ACA-VDCA Stadium.

After Kuldeep Yadav (4-41) and Prasidh Krishna (4-66) took four wickets each to help India dismiss South Africa for 270, largely built on a 106 by Quinton de Kock and 48 by Temba Bavuma, Jaiswal scored an unbeaten 116 off 121 balls. Rohit Sharma accelerated to 75 off 73 balls, while Kohli hammered 65 not out off 45 balls as India raced to 271/1 off 39.1 overs in a spectacular batting display to secure a commanding nine-wicket victory. With this, India won the three-match ODI series 2-1, making a grand comeback with the white ball after being swept aside 0-2 in the Test series. This also marked India's 10th consecutive home ODI series victory.

Hardik's experience is invaluable, gives good balance to the side: Suryakumar

Cuttack: Ahead of the T20I series opener against South Africa, India skipper Suryakumar Yadav welcomed Hardik Pandya's return to the set-up, saying the seam-bowling all-rounder's experience lends crucial and significant balance to the side in their preparation for next year's T20 World Cup. Pandya, who has played 120 games in the shortest format for India, is back in the T20I team after recovering from a quadriceps injury sustained during the Asia Cup in the UAE in September. He has already shown good form in the games he turned out for Baroda in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and was among the first to hit the nets in India's practice session at the Barabati Stadium on Sunday. Apart from him, India are also welcoming back vice-captain Shubman Gill, who has recovered from a neck injury sustained during the Test match against South Africa at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata last month.



"Both of them look healthy and fit. They have come along with the team. What you saw in Asia Cup also was when he opened the bowling with the new ball, he opened up a lot of options and combinations for us with respect to the playing eleven. "So that's what he brings to the table and his experience is invaluable. He has done well in a lot of good games, big games and ICC and ACC events also. So that experience counts for a lot and his presence will

definitely give a good balance to the side," said Suryakumar in the pre-match press conference on Monday. Gill's return to open the batting alongside the in-form Abhishek Sharma will give some sheen to India's preparation for the mega event. Suryakumar also explained about how India shifted from having Sanju Samson as the opener to now zeroing in on Gill for that slot. Since Gill's inclusion, Samson has been batting either at number five or slotted at number three. "In terms of Sanju, when he came on the circuit, he batted higher up the order. Now the thing is, other than the openers, everyone has to be very flexible. He did really well when he opened the innings, but Shubman had played before him in the Sri Lanka series and so he deserved to take that spot.

"But we gave Sanju enough opportunities – he's ready to bat at any number, which is good to see – any player who's ready and

flexible to bat anywhere from three to six. I have told batters other than the openers that you have to be flexible to bat. "So, both are in the scheme of things – it's lovely to have players like them be a part of the squad. One can open, the other can bat lower down the order – even both can do all the roles. So they are a good asset for our team and a good headache to have," he said. Gill signed off by reiterating what this Indian team has always been vocal about: that there's no set positions for batters in the T20I line-up. "(Shivam) Dube is an all-rounder, so as Hardik and you can't compare all-rounders with finishers. The thing is, all the batters from 3 to 7 are capable of batting at any position. For example, you might see Tilak Verma batting at six. "As you saw in Australia, Dube went in to bat at number three. It depends on the entry point of the batter. We have to be really flexible during that.