



New chapter in India's political history: Rajasthan BJP on Nitin Nabin's appointment

Jaipur: A grand celebration was organised at the Rajasthan BJP office to mark the unopposed election of Nitin Nabin as the president of the party.

BJP office bearers and workers celebrated the occasion with drum beats, fireworks, and enthusiastic slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," "Bharatiya Janata Party Zindabad," "Narendra Modi Zindabad," "JP Nadda Zindabad," and "Nitin Nabin Zindabad."

Workers also distributed sweets to mark the joyous occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Cabinet Minister Jogaram Patel of the Bhajanlal government expressed gratitude to party workers for the successful and unopposed election of the National President.

Congratulating Nitin Nabin, he said that a new chapter has



begun in India's political history.

On the BJP's 45th foundation year, the party has received a 45-year-old young leader who will play a crucial role in taking the nation to new heights during

the 'Amrit Kaal' through his patriotism and dedication to the country.

He added that the world's largest democratic party has today received dynamic and

energetic leadership.

Revenue Minister Hemant Meena also congratulated Nitin Nabin and expressed confidence that the party would set new benchmarks under his leadership.

He said the BJP is a party that actively promotes youth leadership and that young energy will significantly contribute to nation-building, particularly in the TSP region and across the country.

BJP State General Secretary Shruvan Singh Bagdi stated that the appointment of a young National President has infused fresh enthusiasm among the youth nationwide.

He emphasised that in the BJP, opportunities are provided on the basis of work and service, unlike other parties that function on dynastic politics.

He said the BJP has once again proved itself to be a party of the youth and expressed confidence that stronger coordination between the organisation and the government would further strengthen the party in the coming times.

Present on the occasion were BJP State General Secretaries Bhopendra Saini and Mithilesh Gautam; State secretaries Ajit Madhan and Apurva Singh; BJP Office Secretary Mukesh Parik; State Chief Spokesperson Ramlal Sharma; BJP Mahila Morcha State President Rakhi Rathore; Yuva Morcha State President Shankar Gera; Jaipur District President Amit Goyal; BJP Media In-charge Pramod Vashisht; IT In-charge Avinash Joshi; along with a large number of BJP office bearers, public representatives, and party workers.

Pawan Kalyan Unveils Andhra Green Wall Plan

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday reviewed the progress of the Great Green Wall of Andhra Pradesh and related initiatives aimed at achieving 50 per cent green cover across the state. The review meeting was held at the Secretariat with senior officials from key departments in attendance.

Pawan Kalyan directed that the Great Green Wall should be developed into a flagship environmental project, creating a five-kilometre-wide green belt along Andhra Pradesh's 1,034-kilometre coastline by 2030. He said the initiative would serve as a "living ecological shield" to protect coastal areas from cyclones, rising sea levels



and erosion.

He expressed confidence that, once implemented, the project would significantly enhance biodiversity while also supporting local

livelihoods. The Deputy Chief Minister said the plan draws inspiration from Africa's Great Green Wall project and stressed the need to prioritise mangrove forests, casuarina plantations and other salt-tolerant tree species suited to coastal conditions.

The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretaries Budithi Rajasekhar and Krishna Babu, Principal Secretary for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Shashibhushan, and several other senior officials, who discussed strategies and timelines for implementing the ambitious green cover programme.

The Andhra Pradesh examination authorities have released the final timetable for the Class 10 board examinations

The Andhra Pradesh examination authorities have released the final timetable for the Class 10 board examinations. The Examination Department on Tuesday informed schools that the tentative schedule issued earlier has now been confirmed as the official programme.

According to the announcement, the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations will be conducted from March 16 to April 1. All examinations will be held in a single session, from 9.30 am to 12.45



pm. The Director of the SSC Board Examination Department issued a statement confirming the final schedule.

As per the timetable, the Class 10 examinations will begin on March 16 with the First Language paper. The Second Language examination will be held on March 18, followed by English on March 20. Mathematics is scheduled for March 23, while Physical Science will take place on March 25. The Biological Science examination is set for March 28, and the examinations will conclude with Social Studies on March 31. The department has advised schools and students to make note of the dates and prepare accordingly, stating that no further changes to the schedule are planned.

AP attracts 25 per cent of investments, says CM Chandrababu



The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) hosted a breakfast meeting with leading industrialists on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum, focusing on investment opportunities in India and Andhra Pradesh.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu addressed the gathering, outlining India-centric development priorities and highlighting the competitive advantages of his state. The session was attended by CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee, Mastercard Chief Administrative Officer, Cognizant Chief Executive Officer Ravi Kumar, and representatives of several foreign companies.

Discussions centred on potential investments in energy and digital infrastructure, alongside opportunities for large-scale projects in the logistics and manufacturing sectors.

Mr Naidu explained the Andhra Pradesh government's investor-friendly policies and its emphasis on green energy and technology-driven growth. He also spoke about the investments secured during the recent CII Partnership Summit held in Visakhapatnam and underscored the state's growing brand image among global investors.

Highlighting future plans, the Chief Minister said the state is focusing on developing a space city, expanding ports and airports, and strengthening highway connectivity. He added that Andhra Pradesh has attracted nearly 25 per cent of the total foreign investments received by India.

EWS society's advice to the family of Karla Rajesh.....



Kodada January 20 Metro Morning.....

Vice Chairman Srinivas Bahadur said that this WS society will support the marginalized sections of the society. On Tuesday, Dalit youth Karla Rajesh, who died recently in Kodada town, visited Lalitamma and inquired about the reasons behind Rajesh's death. It is very sad that such incidents happen in the society. Society Founder and State President Nagar Kurnool MP Dr. Malluravi visited the victim's family on phone and announced financial assistance of one lakh rupees for immediate relief. Society General Secretary Pramod Maharaj, Executive Member Mohammed Kaja Moinuddin, Gandham Yadagiri, Srikanth Pagidipalli Prem, Bhaskar, Pandu Kalyan, Srinu and others participated in this program.....

Every Hindu has the responsibility to protect Hinduism:

- Rajashree Choudhary, National President
of Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha



Chikkadapally, January 20 (Metro Udayam) : Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha National President Rajashree Choudhary said that every Hindu has the responsibility to protect Hinduism and preserve Hindutva across the country. During the Sanatana Dharma Protection and Restoration Yatra, which is being conducted as part of the South Indian Sanatana Dharma Yatra, several prominent personalities met Rajashree Choudhary. At the Hindu Dharma Protection organization in Hyderabad's twin cities, Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha Telangana State President Gadda Meedi Kalyan Goud, Telangana Goud Association President Palle Lakshman Rao, National BC Welfare Association Working President G. Anuradha, Adarsha Kiranam BC monthly magazine Chief Editor Vangala Balaraj, Vasanth Kumar, Anand, and others met her, felicitated her with a shawl, presented her with a bouquet of flowers, and conveyed their best wishes. Later, Rajashree Choudhary spoke. She said that today's youth should understand the values of Sanatana Dharma and actively participate in the protection of Hindu culture. She also called upon the youth to stay away from intoxication and drugs.

Osmania University Condemns MLC Teenmar Mallanna's Remarks, Issues Clarification

Hyderabad, metro udayam January 20:

Osmania University has strongly condemned the remarks made by Hon'ble MLC Teenmar Mallanna during his recent visit to the University's Administrative Building and clarified its official position on the matter.

In a statement released on Monday, University Registrar Prof. G. Naresh Reddy stated that Osmania University holds the MLC in high regard as a public representative and a member of the Legislative Council. However, he urged the MLC to reconsider his comments alleging that the

Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, and other officials had "fled" the premises upon his arrival. Clarifying the facts, Prof. Naresh Reddy said that Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram was not present on campus at the time, as he was attending a pre-scheduled meeting at the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCH).

The Registrar noted that had the Hon'ble MLC informed the University in advance about his visit, appropriate officials would have been deputed to receive him. He added that the University administration is always open to wel-

coming public representatives and is willing to facilitate meetings with the Vice-Chancellor or other senior officials with prior coordination.

Emphasising the integrity of the institution, Prof. Naresh Reddy stated that Osmania University is a diverse academic institution comprising students, faculty, researchers, and staff from all sections of society, and that its administration functions strictly in accordance with established rules and regulations.

Regarding the suspension of a faculty member, the Registrar clarified that the action was taken purely on

administrative grounds based on reports submitted by internal committees. He categorically denied allegations that the individual's social background had any bearing on the decision. As the suspended professor has approached the court, the Registrar said the matter is sub judice and the University cannot comment further.

Describing Osmania University as the "pride and property of the people of Telangana," Prof. Naresh Reddy expressed hope that the Hon'ble MLC would reflect upon the facts and reconsider his statements.

Traffic Awareness Programme Conducted Under 'Arrive Alive' Campaign at OU City

Hyderabad, metro udayam January 20:

As part of the Arrive Alive Traffic Awareness Campaign, a special road safety programme was conducted on Monday near Katta Maisamma Temple, opposite the Steel Bridge, under the jurisdiction of Osmania University City Traffic Police Station.

The programme was organised as per the instructions of senior traffic officials. Owners and drivers of Sri Krishna and Om Sai Private Travels actively participated in the awareness drive. Around 20 to 30 travel owners and drivers attended the programme. Traffic police personnel, along with staff, educated the drivers on the importance of strictly following traffic rules to prevent road accidents. The participants were sensitised on key safety measures, including mandatory use of seat belts while driving, avoiding the



use of mobile phones during driving, refraining from wrong-side driving, and strictly not driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol.

The officials emphasised that adherence to traffic

rules is essential to ensure the safety of drivers, passengers, and other road users. The awareness programme aimed at reducing road accidents and promoting responsible driving behaviour among commer-

cial vehicle drivers. Traffic police officials stated that such awareness programmes would be continued in the future as part of the Arrive Alive campaign to enhance road safety across the city.

I'm a product of your love: Megastar Chiranjeevi

Megastar Chiranjeevi and hit director Anil Ravipudi have scored a massive box-office triumph with Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu, a wholesome mega family entertainer that has taken the Sankranti season by storm. Produced by Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela, the film has emerged as one of the biggest commercial successes of Chiranjeevi's illustrious career. Expressing his joy and gratitude over the film's phenomenal response, Chiranjeevi took to X to thank audiences, distributors and fans for standing by him through decades. "Looking at the humongous success of our MSG, my heart is filled with gratitude. I have always said that I am a product of your love, and today you have proven it yet again," he wrote. Calling the achievement a collective victory, the Megastar credited Telugu audiences, distributors and Mega fans for making the film a historic suc-



cess. He added that the whistles and celebrations in theatres continue to fuel his passion for cinema. Chiranjeevi also showered praise on director Anil Ravipudi and producers Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela, describing the blockbuster as a tribute to their hard work and the

team's dedication. "Records may come and go, but the love you give me stays forever," he noted, urging fans to continue celebrating the success.

Adding to the film's appeal, Victory Venkatesh made a special extended cameo, which drew loud cheers from audiences. Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu has also created history overseas, becoming the highest North American grosser for both Chiranjeevi and Anil Ravipudi, with col-

lections crossing a remarkable USD 3 million.

Continuing its dream run into the second week, the film remains the top choice for family audiences this festive season, reaffirming Chiranjeevi's unmatched box-office pull.

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समाज में धर्म के नाम से प्रचलित ग़लत रूढ़ीवादी परम्पराओं का विरोध होना चाहिए। लेकिन उन ग़लत रूढ़ि के कारण धर्म का विरोध नहीं किया जा सकता।... (शकील उवाव -१९९२)

यह हमारी दुनिया भौतिक और अभौतिक, स्थूल और सूक्ष्म, दृश्य और अदृश्य जैसे अनेकानेक तथ्यों से भरी पड़ी है। हम जितना इन अपने आंखों से याने चर्मचक्षुओं से देखते हैं उससे कहीं और ज्यादा इन आंखों से न दिखने वाले तथ्य मौजूद हैं। हम इन चर्मचक्षुओं से स्थूल और भौतिक जगत को देख सकते हैं लेकिन अभौतिक और सूक्ष्म जगत को नहीं देख सकते। जो नहीं दिख रहा है वह है ही नहीं कहना बुद्धिमानी नहीं बल्के सबसे बड़ी मूर्खता ही कहलाएगी।

जो चर्मचक्षुओं से हम नहीं देख पाते उसे ज्ञानचक्षु से अनुभव कर सकते हैं। यहां तक के मन के भाव भावनाएं भी देखने के नहीं बल्के अनुभव के विषय हैं। चाहे प्रेम, घृणा, करुणा, ईर्ष्या, कृपा, डर, साहस, श्राप, आशीर्वाद, सुख, दुःख और आनंद जैसी कई बातें हमें दिखती नहीं केवल अनुभव में आती हैं। हां मगर उपरोक्त ना दिखने वाली सभी बातों को महसूस किया जा सकता है और उन बातों के परिणाम को भी हम देख सकते हैं। हमको हमारे इन चर्मचक्षुओं से सूक्ष्म जगत तक नहीं दिख सकता तो फिर ईश्वर का दिखना कैसे शक्य है?

ईश्वर कोई वस्तु नहीं है जिसे देखा जा सके। ईश्वर कोई गंध नहीं है जिसे सूंघा जा सके। ईश्वर कोई रस नहीं है जिसका जायाका (स्वाद) लिया जा सके। ईश्वर कोई स्वर नहीं है जिसे सुना जा सके। और ईश्वर कोई हवा या सर्द (ठंडा) या गर्म (उष्ण) कोई वस्तु नहीं जिसे हात से छूकर या त्वचा से जाना जा सके। ईश्वर का अस्तित्व भी हवासे खम्सा (पंचेंद्रियों) के परे अनुभूती का, तजुबे का, अनुभव का विषय है।

आस्तिकता को अतर्कसंगत, विज्ञान रहित धारणा मानना ग़लत है। धर्म का भी एक तर्क है। धर्म का भी एक विज्ञान है, जिसे अनुभूती के माध्यम से अनुभव में लाया जाता है। भौतिक प्रमाणता के आधार पर अभौतिकता को जांचना वैसी ही है जैसे सोने की कसौटी बताने वाले पत्थर पर फूलों की कोमलता या सुगंध को घिसकर परखने की चेष्टा करना। समाज में धर्म के नाम से प्रचलित ग़लत रूढ़ीवादी परम्पराओं का विरोध होना चाहिए। लेकिन याद रहे उन ग़लत रूढ़ि परम्पराओं के कारण धर्म का विरोध नहीं किया जा सकता।



इस दुनिया में ईश्वर के अस्तित्व को इनकार करने वाले नास्तिक भी हैं और ईश्वर के अस्तित्व को स्वीकार करने वाले आस्तिक भी हैं। दोनों के पास अपने सच्चे होने के अपने अपने दलील भी हैं। चाहे वह दलील कमजोर हो बलवान, स्पष्ट हो अस्पष्ट, वास्तविक क्षमता रखते हो अवास्तविक क्षमता, लेकिन है तो जरूर। संकुचित विचार सरणी को त्याग कर खुले दिल से सब को सुनने, जानने और सब पर विचार करने की प्रमाणिक मूल्य हम में होनी चाहिए, भले ही हम आस्तिक हो या नास्तिक। ईश्वर को चर्मद्वियों से नहीं बल्के ज्ञानेंद्रियों से समझने का प्रयास होना चाहिए। ईश्वर सर्वव्यापक और अलौकिक सत्ता है। वेदों में जिसे 'निराकार' कहा गया है। ईश्वर को उसके दूतों के मार्गदर्शन में भक्ती, उपासना की पथ पर चलकर अनुभव किया जा सकता। वह प्रकृति के कण कण में बसी उसी के कूदरत (शक्ती) के माध्यम से जाना जा सकता है। पवित्र कुरआन 57/03 में आया है के, "वही (ईश्वर) सबसे पहिले और सबसे आखिर है। और (अपनी शक्तियों से) सब पर प्रकट और (दृष्टी से) छिपा हुआ। और वही सब (चीजों) को जानता है।"

आस्तिक हो या नास्तिक खुद को ही सही और दूसरों को ग़लत बताते हैं। जबकि दोनों में भी कमियां और खूबियां हैं। एक दूसरे की कमियों को दुर्लक्षित करके खूबियों को अपनाने की हिम्मत दोनों में भी होनी चाहिए। मुझे समझ में ही नहीं आता के, दो, तीन सौ साल के विज्ञान को ही सही मानने वाले नास्तिक हजारों सालों के धर्म के दुश्मन क्यों बने हैं? और हजारों सालों के धर्म को ही सही मानने वाले धार्मिक विज्ञान के विरोध में क्यों खड़े हैं? जबकि धर्म और विज्ञान दोनों भी कल्याणकारी ही हैं। धर्म और विज्ञान दोनों के स्वीकार से जीवन समृद्ध हो सकता है।

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

SAVE DHARMA!

All religions say!
Save dharma, so that it can save you!

What is this Dharma?
Discharging one's duty without hurting any one!
Means any living beings!
Even not to cut down trees unless needed for living!



What ever preaching you take!
Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism any other religious books!
All say one and only one, strictly adhere to pious way of life!

Irrespective of caste and creed, the following of Dharma is a must!
God's are not so many, only one God is there!
Names may differ, some say Ram, some other mohammed and some may Christ!
They never differ with each regarding Dharma!

Dharma not only saves you, but make you kindhearted, disciplined, helpful to others!
If followed by all our brothers and sisters men and woman!
Certainly Peacefulness will be there all around the Universe!

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



A MOTHER LOVE

In the hush of dawn, a mother's eyes awake,
Her heart a compass, pointing to her child's sake.
She gives her flesh, her breath, her very soul,
More than gold, more than any worldly role.

When pain strikes--- body aches, mind storms, grief tides---
She stands a shield, absorbing all that hides.
No hardship too heavy, no night too long,
For love's fire burns, fierce, pure, and strong.

She molds the child's world with tender hands,
Teaching trust, courage, and where hope lands.
Her smile, a sunrise, her voice, a calm tide,
She whispers strength when the child must abide.

Through illness, loss, through storms that break,
She fights the darkness for her child's sake.
No wealth can match the value of her care,
No riches buy the love she dares to share.

In every tear she wipes, a promise kept,
In every laugh, her soul

is deeply swept.
She is the root, the child the blooming tree,
Her sacrifice, the soil where dreams run free.

When the world turns cold, she's the warm hearth,
A beacon bright, the only true love's worth.
No bond compares, no other love so pure,
For she lives in them, and they endure.

Her patience endless, her forgiveness vast,
She bears the weight while the child flies fast.
Though trials come, she never lets them fall,
Her spirit lifts, answering every call.

In every scar, a story of her grace,
In every smile, her legacy's place.
So let the world know, in verse and song,
A mother's love---eternal, fierce, and strong.

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No better investment destination than Andhra Pradesh: CM Chandrababu Naidu

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Tuesday that there is no better investment destination than Andhra Pradesh.

He invited industrialists to visit Andhra Pradesh and personally observe the policies implemented by the state government and the favourable conditions for investments. He urged them to make investment decisions only after witnessing the speed of doing business policies.

The Chief Minister, who is attending the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, was addressing the CII session on "India at the Centre: The Geography of Growth - The Andhra Pradesh Advantage".

The Chief Minister posted on X that he told the industry leaders that Andhra Pradesh isn't just an investment destination but a strategic advantage.



He showcased Andhra Pradesh's strengths across various sectors. "With nearly a quarter of India's FDI, our speed of doing business makes AP a premier investment hub. I invited the global industry to partner with us for long-term growth," he wrote.

According to an official release,

the Chief Minister said that India will become a global power by 2047, and Andhra Pradesh will be at the forefront of this transformation.

He said that Andhra Pradesh has attracted 25 per cent of the foreign investments that have come into the country. The session discussed the vast investment opportunities in green

energy, technology, fuel, digital infrastructure, logistics, and manufacturing sectors.

CM Chandrababu Naidu explained the state government's policies and investment opportunities in various sectors. He informed the industrialists about green ammonia, Google investments, and the Andhra Pradesh brand image. He said that they are focusing on aspects such as Space City, ports, airports, and highway connectivity.

The Chief Minister said that the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh is providing all-round support to investors, and that drones will be used in the agriculture and medical sectors.

He said they are also planning to launch a drone ambulance from Andhra Pradesh in 2026. The CM stated that Andhra Pradesh's strengths lie in its 1,054-kilometre coastline, ports,

and airports. He added that the government is working towards a target of natural farming on 50 lakh acres in the next 3-4 years.

"I have been attending the World Economic Forum in Davos for decades. Every time I come to Davos, I learn new things from industrialists and experts. I share new ideas. I learn about the changes happening in various sectors, including technology, and formulate policies accordingly. In Davos, we understand the ideas of global industrialists and are transforming the state into a business-friendly state," he said.

"The knowledge economy will change the country's economic system. Wealth creation will take place. Indians, especially the Telugu people, are at the forefront of adopting technology. Only by effectively utilising technology can we achieve amazing results. India has a youth power that no other country has. The

Suryakumar Yadav & Co. return for final push ahead of T20 World Cup 2026

Nagpur: Skipper Suryakumar Yadav's performance will be closely watched when India starts a five-match T20I series against New Zealand at the New Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur on Wednesday.

This series is the last chance for both teams to prepare for the T20 World Cup, starting on February 7. Since he became captain in 2024, Suryakumar has led India to an impressive series of results. The team has won eight T20I series in a row and holds a 29-5 record, which includes two super over victories, since claiming the world title in Bridgetown.

However, it has been a challenging time for him personally. The 2025 season was his toughest yet while playing for India, resulting in only 218 runs from 19 matches at a strike rate just above 123, and he didn't score a single fifty. Having moved down to No. 4 to make room for Tilak Varma, Suryakumar will be eager to bring back his aggressive batting style and strengthen his leadership during this important period.

New Zealand, meanwhile, arrive chasing history of their own. Over the last year and a bit, they have pulled off unprecedented series wins in India in Tests and ODIs. The one thing they still want is to win a T20I series in India, excluding the one match they did win in 2012. But New Zealand has been so close to winning a T20I series twice; both



the 2017 and 2023 series were decided in the final match, where India prevailed by a score of 2-1.

This close call adds an extra edge to the five-match series, even without considering the World Cup context. Unlike the preceding ODI matches between these two sides, where each team were missing an important player, both will field their nearly full-strength teams for the T20I matches.

Mitchell Santner has returned to lead New Zealand's white-ball squad, complemented by Rachin Ravindra, Matt Henry, and Jacob Duffy. India will bring back Jasprit Bumrah, along with the two all-rounders who were missing from the lineup during the ODIs: Hardik Pandya and Axar Patel. With this combination of players, India looks like

an even more powerful T20I team.

Axar's return could be important on a Nagpur surface that often favours spin. New Zealand out-spun and out-thought India's batters in the ODIs, but Axar presents a different challenge. He is tall, quick through the air, stump-seeking, and hard to sweep. He is also a key middle-order hitter against spin.

For New Zealand, Tim Robinson is the batter to watch. He announced himself with a maiden T20I hundred against Australia last year and followed it up with an impressive home series against the West Indies, striking at 160.52 in the power-play. Although he is not currently in the World Cup squad, Robinson knows a strong performance against India could keep him in the running if last-

minute chances come up.

Both teams have lingering selection questions. India captain Suryakumar confirmed that Ishan Kishan will be taking Tilak Varma's place as he is out with an injury. The skipper will also have to decide between Shivam Dube and Harshit Rana about which allrounder will occupy spot No. 8—whether it will be a batting allrounder or a bowling allrounder may depend on the conditions of the pitch (dry, grippy).

New Zealand probably will not rush to get Michael Bracewell back from a calf injury, but they will likely bring Glenn Phillips back into their eleven after he missed the last T20I series. Glenn Phillips would likely take the place of James Neesham in NZ's XI.

Not only do the conditions at this venue add an interesting twist, but the history of Nagpur hosting these two teams previously in T20Is (during the 2016 World Cup), when NZ famously used three spinners to bowl India out for 79, adds extra intrigue.

The VCA Stadium continues to provide a good environment for slow bowlers, with spinners having the second-best average (20.82) and fourth-best economy rate (6.7) among Indian venues that have hosted at least five T20Is. A pleasant and dry day with evening temperatures expected to be in the low 20s sets the stage for an exciting encounter, with India coming in with momentum and a position



of authority, while New Zealand is seeking that elusive first win against India.

Time: 7:00 PM IST

Venue: Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium, Jamtha
Broadcast and streaming: Star Sports & JioStar

Squads:

India: Suryakumar Yadav (C), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (wk), Ishan Kishan, Shreyas Iyer, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Varun Chakravarthy, Rinku Singh, Arshdeep Singh, Ravi Bishnoi, Harshit Rana.

New Zealand: Mitchell Santner (C), Devon Conway, Bevon Jacobs, Daryl Mitchell, Glenn Phillips, Tim Robinson, Jimmy Neesham, Ish Sodhi, Zak Foulkes, Mark Chapman, Michael Bracewell, Rachin Ravindra, Kyle Jamieson, Matt Henry, Jacob Duffy, Kristian Clarke.

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The long-running debate over movie ticket price hikes in Telangana has taken a decisive turn with a fresh order from the High Court. In a move aimed at ensuring transparency and curbing last-minute approvals, the court has ruled that any revision or hike in ticket prices must be decided and officially announced at least 90 days prior to a film's release. The directive comes under the provisions of the Telangana Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1955. The ruling effectively puts an end to the practice of "11th-hour" permissions for ticket price hikes, a trend that has often sparked controversy among audiences and industry observers. However, the immediate impact of this order is being felt by several high-profile releases lined up for the festive Sri Rama Navami weekend. Films such as Nani's *The Paradise*, scheduled for release on March 26, and Ram Charan's *Peddi*, set to hit theatres on March 27, now face a major hurdle. Since their release dates fall well within the 90-day window mandated by the court, these films will not be eligible for ticket price hikes in Telangana if they adhere to their announced schedules. Industry sources suggest that releasing without a hike could lead to a marginal dip in box office collections compared to usual festive trends. On the other hand, if the makers are keen on securing higher ticket prices, they may be forced to postpone their releases by over a month and announce revised dates immediately to comply with the court's order. The ruling also has implications for other upcoming projects, including Pawan Kalyan's *Ustaad Bhagat Singh*, planned for release in April 2026. Summer releases such as Venkatesh's *Aadarsha Kutumbam* and Chiranjeevi's *Vishwambhara* will now require swift and strategic decisions from their producers if they intend to benefit from ticket price hikes. With the new regulation in place, the coming days are expected to be crucial for the Telugu film industry, as makers reassess release strategies in light of the High Court's directive.

You pushed Indian badminton forward: Yuvraj hails Saina Nehwal's 'incredible career'

New Delhi: Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh congratulated Olympic medalist Saina Nehwal, one of India's most outstanding badminton players, who has announced her retirement from competitive sports after nearly two years of absence due to a chronic knee issue.

The 2012 London Olympics bronze medallist last played a competitive badminton match at the 2023 Singapore Open and had not officially announced her retirement until Monday, when, during a podcast, the ace shuttler mentioned that she had left the court on her own terms and "there was no need to announce it."

"Well played, Saina! Congratulations on an incredible career. You pushed Indian badminton forward and inspired a generation. Wishing you the very best for what's next," Yuvraj wrote on X, congratulating the badminton ace on a remarkable career. Nehwal revealed that a degeneration of cartilage in her knees forced her to take the tough call after discussions with her family and coaches, stating, "Your cartilage has totally degenerated, you have arthritis... I just told them, 'Now probably I can't do it anymore, it is difficult.'"

Nehwal mentioned that her



body could no longer handle the strain of elite badminton, leading her to retire. "You train eight to nine hours to be the best in the world. Now, my knees would give out in one or two hours. It was swelling, and it became very tough to push after that. So I thought it was enough. I can't push it anymore," she said.

The shuttler from Hisar gained international recognition in 2008 by winning the junior world championship and making history as the first Indian woman to reach the singles quarterfinals at the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

In 2009, she made history as the first Indian to win a BWF Super Series tournament by securing the Indonesia Open. A

year later, she achieved the status of a Commonwealth Games champion.

During London 2012, Nehwal achieved a historic milestone as India's first Olympic badminton medallist by winning a bronze in women's singles after her semi-final.

In 2015, she achieved a historic milestone by becoming the world No. 1 in singles badminton rankings, making her the first Indian woman to do so and only the second Indian shuttler, after Prakash Padukone, to reach the top. That year, she also reached the final of the BWF World Championships, being the first from India to do so, but took home silver after losing to Carolina Marin.