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In Brief

Radical Preacher Amritpal Singh Gets Parole For 4 Days To Take Oath As MP

New Delhi: Radical preacher Amritpal Singh, who was elected the MP from Punjab's Khadoor Sahib seat after contesting the elections from a jail in Assam, has been granted parole for four days, beginning Friday, to take the oath of office. Singh, who is in Assam's Dibrugarh jail under the National Security Act, had written to the Punjab Government on June 11 and asked to be released temporarily so that he could be sworn in. The state government had sent an application to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and the parole decision was taken based on that. Amritsar Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Thori said on Wednesday, "Amritpal Singh has been granted parole for 4 days or less from July 5 with certain conditions, about which the jail superintendent, Dibrugarh, has been informed." After getting a nod from the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Kashmiri leader Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid, who is in jail in the 2017 Jammu and Kashmir terror funding case, will be sworn in on Saturday as the MP from the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency. Sources said it is likely that both Singh and Rashid will be administered the oath in the Speaker's room on Saturday, after getting the go-ahead from the government and concerned agencies. Singh's lawyer and his family, however, said they don't have any information about the date of the swearing-in event. The preacher, who is the head of the 'Waris Punjab De' political group, contested the Lok Sabha elections as an Independent and defeated Kulbir Singh Zira of the Congress with a margin of nearly 2 lakh votes. The MP, who says he is inspired by Khalistani terrorist Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, was named in several cases related to spreading disharmony, attempt to murder and attack on police personnel along with his associates.

PM Modi Praises Sudha Murty's First Speech In Rajya Sabha On Women's Health

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today praised new Rajya Sabha MP Sudha Murty for her maiden speech in the House. Speaking during a discussion on the motion of thanks on the President's Address in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, Ms Murty spoke about women's health. Quoting her father, she said when a mother dies it is counted as one death in the hospital but for the family, a mother is lost forever. "I want to thank Sudha Murty for speaking in detail about women's health," PM Modi said as the philanthropist-author stood up and greeted him. While referring to Ms Murty's "emotional" remark on



mothers, he said his government has focused on women's health and sanitation as a "priority sector" in the last 10 years. "Our country's women have benefited from the toilets we have made," PM Modi said while replying to a debate on a motion thanking President Droupadi Murmu for her address to the joint sitting of Parliament last week. He also said they have provided sanitary pads and initiated a vaccination program during pregnancy for women.

Sudha Murty's Maiden Speech In Rajya Sabha
 Sudha Murty pressed for a government-sponsored vaccination programme to combat cervical cancer. "There is a vaccination which is given to girls, between the age of nine to 14, known as a cervical vaccination. If the girls take that, it (cancer) can be avoided... we should promote vaccination for the benefit of our girls because prevention is better than cure," she said in her first speech in Rajya Sabha. The government has handled a very "big vaccination drive during Covid" so it may not be very difficult to

provide cervical vaccination to girls in the age group of 9-14 years, she said. Ms Murty, who was nominated by President Droupadi Murmu to the upper house on the eve of International Women's Day, said the cervical vaccination has been developed in the West and has been used for the last 20 years. "It worked very well. It is not expensive. Today it is Rs.1,400 for people like me who are in the field. If the government intervenes and negotiates... you can bring it to Rs.700-800. We have such a large population. It will be beneficial for our girls in the future," she said during her 13-minute address.

Farmer loan waiver soon: Bhatti

Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said that the opposition parties have asked the Congress government when they will waive the loans and they are taking people's opinions and formulating the procedures for the schemes. It has been announced that the report after talking to all the communities will be introduced in the assembly and soon the farmer's loan will be waived off. Bhatti spoke to the media on Wednesday. Farmer suicide is a painful thing and warned to ignore who is behind the farmer suicide. Bhatti explained that an inquiry has been ordered into the incident of farmer's suicide. He said that the previous government took five years to waive the loan of Rs. He said that every paisa collected by the people will be used for the development of the state and the job calendar will be announced soon. He said that the Congress government will surely implement six guarantees.

Harish Rao fire on Congress

Hyderabad: Before the incident of farmer suicide by drinking pesticide in Khammam district is forgotten, BRS MLA Harish Rao on Wednesday said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's own district is not paying attention to his problem and committed suicide by drinking pesticide. Harish Rao tweeted on his Twitter. Farmer suicides are becoming routine in Telangana state and the Congress government is not paying attention to the farmers at least. Harish Rao said that the BRS side is demanding that the government leave its slumber and take appropriate measures. A farmer named Parasuramudu of Gudidoddi village of Aiza mandal of Mahabubnagar district has grabbed 5 acres of land by some people from the same village. It is reported that he tried to commit suicide by drinking pesticide in the collector's chamber as he went to the authorities and did not care about it and his problem was not being solved in public.



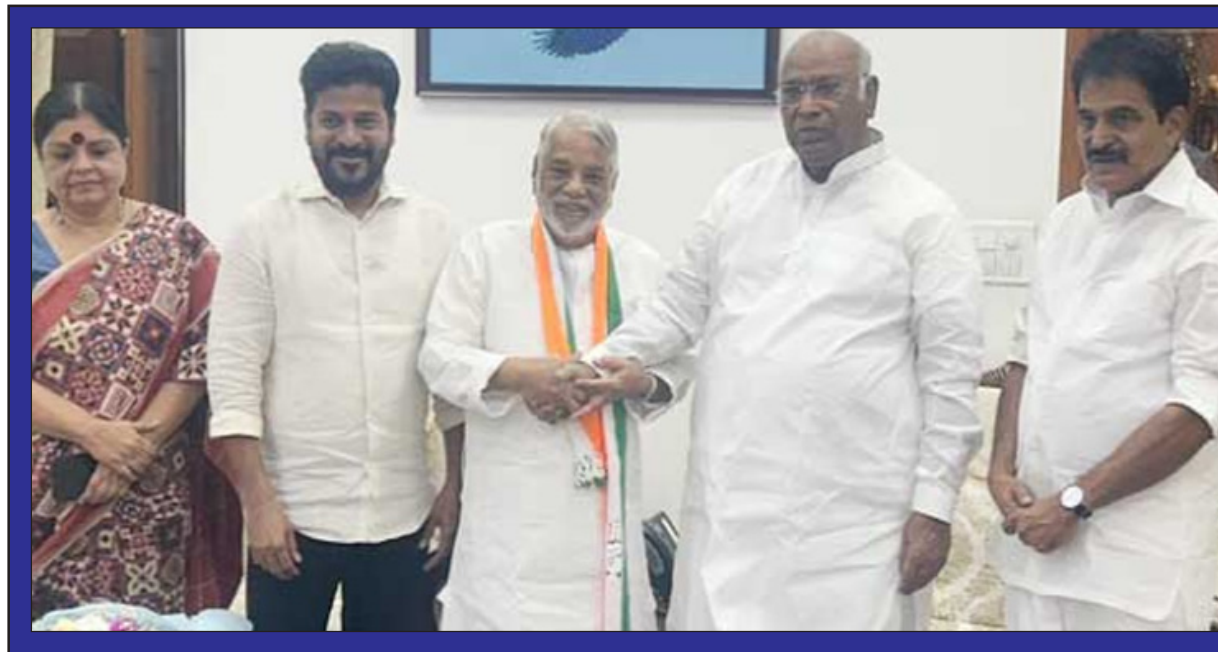
"ORGANISERS TRIED TO COVER UP INCIDENT": YOGI ADITYANATH ON HATHRAS STAMPEDE

New Delhi: The organisers of a 'prayer meet' - held by godman Bhole Baba in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras, which ended in a stampede that killed over a hundred - "tried to cover up the incident", Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said Wednesday. "This will not happen again... there will be SOPs (standard operating protocols)..." Facing flak from the opposition over a horrific event that killed 121 people, the Chief Minister took a swipe at Samajwadi Party boss Akhilesh Yadav, declaring, "Some people have a tendency to dig up politics. Everyone knows with whom he has a photo and who his political connections are..."

"The reference was to a photo of the godman with Mr Yadav, which has now gone viral. Yogi Adityanath also said a high-level judicial committee, to be led by a retired High Court judge and include retired cops and senior civic officials will investigate potential lapses, of which several, including questions over permission and a possible lack of crowd safety measures, have already been flagged. "The culprits won't be spared," the Chief Minister declared. "We cannot deny this stampede is not an accident... (but), if not accident, then it was a conspiracy by whom? We will conduct a judicial inquiry under a retired High Court judge."



Yogi Adityanath confirmed what reports this morning that the stampede had been triggered by a tug-of-war - between parts of the massive crowd pushing to touch the godman's feet and those trying to leave the venue after the 'prayer meeting' was completed. "I spoke to some of the witnesses... they said that during the 'satsang', when women wanted to touch the godman's feet, a sea of people pushed forward and security (Bhole Baba's private detail) pushed back."



KK joins Congress party

New Delhi: Senior leader and Rajya Sabha member K Kesha Rao has joined the Congress party. AICC President Mallikarjuna joined the KK Congress party at Kharage's residence. In the presence of CM Revanth Reddy, Kharage invited KK to the party wearing a Congress scarf. Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijaya Lakshmi earlier joined the Congress party in the presence of CM Revanth Reddy. It is known that KK has resigned from BRS party. It is known that among BRS MALs, Dana Nagender, Tellam Venkatarao, Kadiam Srihari, former Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Sanjay Kumar, Kale Yadayah, former mayor Bontu Rammohan, etc. have joined the Congress party.

Nitish Kumar's Deputy Removes Turban He Had Vowed To Wear Until...

Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh): Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary took off his turban in Ayodhya and placed it in Lord Ram Temple in fulfillment of a vow regarding Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Mr Choudhary took a dip in the Sarayu river here and dedicated his turban to the Hanuman Garhi temple in Ayodhya. Recalling his vow, Mr Choudhary on Tuesday said that it is time for him to remove his turban and offer it at the

feet of Lord Ram. The BJP leader had started sporting a turban after Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar jumped ship to the Mahagathbandhan in 2022 after ditching the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Mr Choudhary had vowed that he would take off his turban only after "dethroning" Nitish Kumar. "True that I had pledged to wear the turban until I made Nitish Kumar resign as the Chief Minister. But now

that he has switched back to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) after resigning as the Chief Minister of the INDI Alliance, it is time for me to dedicate this turban to the feet of Lord Ram. The day Nitish Kumar ji resigned as the Chief Minister of the INDI-Alliance and joined back the NDA, I announced that I would dedicate my turban to Lord Ram," Mr Choudhary told. Nitish Kumar returned to the National Democratic Alliance in January this

year, after having developed "differences" with the Mahagath bandhan alliance. This was his fifth crossover in the past ten years, preceding his ninth time as the Chief Minister. This led to the collapse of the Mahagathbandhan government after which the NDA government was formed in the state. BJP leaders Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Sinha were sworn in as the Deputy Chief Ministers.

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PM's "Remote" Swipe At Sonia Gandhi, Opposition Walks Out Of Rajya Sabha

New Delhi: The Opposition cannot listen to replies of questions they raised and can only run away, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Wednesday as the Opposition walked out of Rajya Sabha during his reply to the Motion of Thanks to the President's address. Opposition MPs led by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge walked out after Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar refused to grant him permission to intervene during the Prime Minister's address. The Opposition's walkout followed the Prime Minister's swipe at former Congress chief and Rajya Sabha MP Sonia Gandhi. "These people are used to running the government on auto pilot and remote pilot. They don't believe in working, they just know how to wait," he said. The remark was aimed at Mrs Gandhi, who has often been accused by the BJP of running the Manmohan Singh government from behind the scenes. "But we leave no stone unturned in hard work. We would step up what we did in the last 10 years. Considering what our dreams are, these 10 years were an appetiser. The main course has started now," the Prime Minister said. As the Prime Minister, members of the Opposition were heard demanding that Mr Kharge, Leader of the Opposition, be allowed to intervene. Opposition MPs raised slogans of "LOP ko bolne do". Mr Kharge, too, was heard requesting the Chairman repeatedly for an opportunity to intervene. "We want to put forth our views, please," the 81-year-old said. The slogans then changed to "jhoot bolna band karo (stop lying)" and "sharm karo (please have shame)".



Eventually, Mr Dhankhar said that the Opposition's conduct is not appropriate. "I strongly condemn unparliamentary practice, please take your seats." As the slogans continued, the Prime Minister paused his speech on the government's achievements and said, "Mr Chairman, the country is watching. Those spreading lies do not have the guts to listen to the truth. They cannot sit and listen to the answers to the questions they raised. They are insulting the Upper House, its traditions. The people have defeated them in every way and they don't have any other option other than shouting in alleys."

"Sloganeering, shouting and running away, this is their destiny," the Prime Minister said, as the Opposition walked out. Chairman Dhankhar then said the Opposition's conduct was "agonising". "I gave the Leader of the Opposition the opportunity to speak without disruptions. They did not leave the House, they left decorum. They did not turn their backs to me, but to the Constitution. They did not disrespect us, they disrespected the oath they have taken. There cannot be a bigger disrespect of the Constitution. I condemn their conduct." The Chairman said he hopes the Opposition MPs will "int-

to restore democracy. "There has been no bigger election to protect the Constitution. In 1977, the country showed democracy runs in its veins," he said. "If the election this year was to defend the Constitution, then the people of the country found us up to it," the Prime Minister added. Mr Kharge later said in a social media post that INDIA parties walked out because "PM Modi was lying". "He claims that we are against the Constitution, but the TRUTH is that BJP-RSS, Jansangh and their political forefathers had fiercely opposed the Constitution of India." They had burnt the effigies of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at that time. This was a shameful thing and an affront to Democratic values. The truth is that Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar had given the credit of drafting the Constitution to the Congress party," he said.

BJD, Once BJP's Friend In Need, Joins Opposition's Rajya Sabha Walkout

New Delhi: The Naveen Patnaik-led Biju Janata Dal (BJD), once the BJP's friend in need whose support helped several contentious Bills clear Rajya Sabha during Modi 2.0, were on the other side today. The party's nine MPs joined the Opposition's walkout during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reply to the Motion of Thanks to the President's address. The walkout in the Upper House today followed the Prime Minister's swipe at former UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi. "These people are used to running the government on auto pilot and remote pilot. They don't believe in working, they just know how

to wait," he said, triggering loud protests from the Opposition. Opposition MPs led by Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge requested Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar for permission to intervene, but the Chair responded that their conduct was "inappropriate". As the Opposition members walked out, MPs of the BJD joined them. Over the past one year, the Naveen Patnaik-led party has gone from backing the BJP on contentious Bills in Rajya Sabha to almost forging an alliance with the BJP ahead of the state and Lok Sabha polls to losing power in Odisha to the BJP. The party scored a blank

Amarnath Yatra Breaks Record With High Pilgrim Turnout in First Four Days

Amarnath Yatra: The Amarnath Yatra broke last year's record by crossing the 74,000 mark in the first four days. In the first four days of the annual Shri Amarnath Yatra, 74,696 pilgrims from different parts of the country paid obeisance at the holy cave of Lord Shiva. Yesterday, 22,715 pilgrims paid obeisance to the naturally formed Shiv Lingam at the holy Amarnath cave. The total number of pilgrims who have visited the holy mountain cave shrine in the deep Himalayas during the first four days since the yatra started has reached 74,696. Stringent security arrangements and large-scale facilities have been put in place for the smooth conduct of the Yatra. Around a lakh security personnel from the police, Central Reserve Police Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, and other paramilitary forces



have been deployed from the Jammu base camp to the Kashmir base camps.

The 7th batch of more than 5,000 pilgrims, which left from Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas base camp in Jammu today, will start their foot pilgrimage tomorrow from both camps, including thousands of others who have already reached Srinagar with

today's registration for the Amarnath Cave Shrine. The 52-day long Amarnath Ji Yatra will conclude on the 19th of August this year on the auspicious occasion of Shrawan Poornima, which also coincides with the festival of Raksha Bandhan. More than 4.5 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine last year.

Cabinet Panels Named, BJP Allies Get Highest Representation Since 2014

New Delhi: The fact that the BJP is running a government without a majority on its own was reflected in the newly constituted Cabinet committees as well as the time taken in naming their members. The BJP's allies in the NDA have got the highest representation in the panels since 2014. The members of the committees have been announced over three weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the council of ministers took oath on June 9. One panel that will remain unchanged is the all-important Cabinet Committee on Security, which takes decisions on all national security related matters, including defence expenditure and senior appointments in the security apparatus. Headed by the Prime Minister, the committee also consists of the Ministers for Defence, Home

Affairs, Finance and External Affairs and not only will the composition remain unchanged but also the people, with all the Modi 2.0 ministers in the committee retaining their portfolios. The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs, which deals with economic and political issues as well as Centre-state relations and is also known as the 'Super Cabinet', has now got the Telegu Desam Party's K Rammoohan Naidu and Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) Chief Jitan Ram Manjhi as members. Mr Manjhi is the minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) while Mr Naidu is the Civil Aviation minister. Lalan Singh from the Janata Dal United is in the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs while another key Bihar ally, Chirag Paswan, who heads the Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas), has found a place in the Cab-

net Committee on Investment and Growth. Lalan Singh aka Rajiv Ranjan Singh holds the Panchayati Raj and Animal Husbandry portfolios and Mr Paswan is the minister for Food Processing Industries. Jayant Chaudhary, leader of the Rashtriya Lok Dal, which was a key INDIA ally earlier, is a special invitee in the Cabinet Committee on Skill, Employment and Livelihood. Mr Chaudhary is the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is in every cabinet committee except those on Appointments and Accommodation, which is a sign of his stature in the Modi government. Among new entrants, former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who is now the Union Agriculture minister, is on the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

In Rajya Sabha, PM Narendra Modi Reacts To Manipur Issue, Unemployment, Misuse Of Probe Agencies

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today presented the vision of his government for the next five years while criticising the opposition for carrying out a misleading campaign against the ruling alliance. While the opposition staged a walkout, PM Modi also delved into critical issues like Manipur, employment and cooperative federalism. He also slammed the opposition for having a double standard regarding investigation by the probe agencies.

Speaking on Manipur in Rajya Sabha during the motion of thanks to the President's address, PM Modi said that the Union government is continuously making efforts to normalise the situation in Manipur. "More than 11,000 FIRs have been registered

and over 500 people arrested. Incidents of violence are continuously reducing in Manipur. Today, schools, colleges, offices and other institutions are open in the state. Central & State governments are talking to all stakeholders to restore peace. The Union Home Minister stayed there for many weeks," said Modi.

The Prime Minister further said that the Central government is extending all cooperation to Manipur to tackle the flood situation as well. "Today, 2 teams of NDRF have reached Manipur. I warn those who are trying to add the fuel to fire will be rejected by Manipur... Congress had imposed President's rule in Manipur 10 times," said Modi. He said that the government is trying its best

to bring peace in Manipur and urged everyone to cooperate.

PM Modi On Misuse Of Probe Agencies

Reacting to the allegations of the opposition leaders that the central probe agencies like the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate, PM Modi said that it was during the Congress-led UPA regime that the Supreme Court had termed CBI 'caged parrot'. "I would like to say without hesitation that I have given a free hand to agencies to take stringent action against corruption and the corrupt. Government will not interfere anywhere. They should work honestly for honesty... I would like to tell the citizens that no corrupt will be safe from the law. Ye Modiki guarantee hai," said PM Modi.



The Prime Minister also said that while the Congress claims misuse of probe agencies when corrupt leaders are arrested, the same party wants the Central government to arrest the Chief Minister of Kerala that shows their double standards.

"They are people who have double standards. I would like to remind the country again and again of the double standards. In Delhi, they share the stage and level allegations against investigation agencies, they conduct rallies to protect the corrupt.

'Bhole Baba': Ex Cop-Turned-Preacher At Centre Of UP Stampede Horror

Hathras: Spiritual leader Bhole Baba, former police constable-turned-preacher, is missing since his latest sermon ended in a stampede that killed 121 of his followers on Tuesday evening in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras. A police report says more than 250,000 people attended Tuesday's satsang or prayer meeting at Hathras, some 200 kilometre from national capital Delhi, despite permission being given for only 80,000. Originally Suraj

Pal Singh, he later changed his name to Narayan Sakar Hari or "Bhole Baba". The preacher is a native of Kasganj village, close to the Hathras area where the stampede took place. He was a police constable in Agra for nearly a decade before he resigned in the 1990s and turned to spirituality and started giving public sermons about leading a pious life.

He used to travel across the northern states of Uttar

Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, where he has a huge following, and address gatherings, mostly on the first Tuesday of every month, media reports said. Reported to be in his early 60s, he usually dresses in pristine white suits and ties, sporting sunglasses, a departure from the spartan image of most godmen. His followers, most of whom are women, are usually dressed in pink and worship him as "Bhole Baba". His wife,

who is often present during congregations, is addressed as "Matashri".

"The great Narayan Sakar Hari will manifest in person and bless devotees," said a video posted on his YouTube channel ahead of the Tuesday gathering. A member of Dalit community, the preacher's aim was to create an ideal society, free of superstition and full of compassion, according to a hoarding erected at the site of Tuesday's incident.

To protect himself from devotees who would rush to touch his feet and seek his blessings, he had formed a security team known as Narayani Sena, with men and women guards who would escort him to gatherings. Multiple media reports claim mismanagement was common in the congregations, alleging that even during the Covid lockdown his followers were allowed to worship at his ashram, which has no idols.



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EDITORIAL

Rule was undeclared emergency

Indira did not side with the opposition. The leaders were not scolded. Neutral social producers were not arrested. Society was not divided along religious lines. Eventually the emergency was lifted and elections were held. Advani had told the press in 2015 that Modi's rule was an undeclared emergency. People know that today's modium is a dictatorship. Not only fanatics, educated people, students of schools, colleges, universities, are suspicious of religious minorities, especially Muslims. Haters. A combination of Hitler's Nazism, Mussolini's fascism, and Franco's dictatorship rule the country today. People, especially Indians are the forgotten heroes of history. Corrupt people are repeatedly elected. Leaders sing the same old song everywhere and on every occasion. They divert people's attention and profit. All the time of the legislative assemblies is wasted. River water is flowing. Lost water does not come back. On the night of 30 June 1934, known as the Night of the Knives, Hitler killed 290 of his own paramilitary (SA) chiefs, independent dissidents, dissidents, chancellors, allies and long-time supporters of the coalition government with his special army, secret police forces, including Chief Ernst Rohm. 30 lakh SA forces were spared. Röhm was a good friend of Hitler. A prominent figure in the Nazi Party. Together the two founded the SA, which made Hitler powerful. All those killed were those who helped Hitler gain power and committed genocide. Hitler believed that Röhm had strengthened and fostered progressive sentiment among the Nazis, who were a threat to his power. In order to stabilize the power, he felt that the leftists in the party should be restrained and the army should be fully supported. He killed critics of Nazi transgressions. These can be compared to the killing of own people in Godhra massacre, removal of Advani, Murali Manohar Joshi and other Sangh leaders. The slogan given by the Nazis in the Night of Knives killings was 'All for Germany'. It is banned today. Jörn Hoek is a history teacher and leader of the nationalist party 'Alternative for Germany (AfD)'. With lies, Germany grew up anti-multicultural. During the Zorn 2021 procession, he repeatedly chanted the banned Nazi slogan "All for Germany" and "All for Germany". He was criticized for promoting racial hatred and using anti-Semitic language. A case is pending against him. Jörn wants to run for governor of Thuringia in the regional elections. He repeated this slogan during the campaign late last year. The Nazi genocide memorial is a symbol of shame. German University Vice-Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel said that Zorn should not be ignored (for denigrating Gandhi and Nehru and worshipping Godse who killed Gandhi).

The Central Council of Jews has criticized Zorn's actions as a form of AfD. AfD expelled the 52-year-old Zorn, a youth leader, without even seeing him, warning that his behavior would threaten the party's popularity. Jörn Thuringia is campaigning after the AfD won a large majority of the vote in the European Union elections. They are trying to win and get a constitutional position. Modi inappropriately and unnecessarily says that I freed India (Hindus) from 400 years of Muslim slavery. If that were true then Hindus would have been the majority in India. Modi would become the Prime Minister. In this yeti election, they incited hatred against the minority Muslims for the votes of the majority Hindus. Indira Gandhi will lift the emergency imposed if there is a way to cover up her autocratic rule. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla introduced a resolution against Emergency. President Murmu criticized Emergency in his speech to both Houses of Parliament. Both displayed the character of Sangh. He proved that even if the number of seats is reduced, the modium will not change. Indira's undemocratic Emergency took away the freedoms of opposition, press and people. All those who threatened his authority were put in jails. However, that emergency was not unconstitutional. Article 352 has given the possibility to impose emergency in case of internal and external dangers. Lokanayak Jayaprakash Narayan (JP) 25th June 1975 Patna public meeting in the name of total revolution called the army, police, armed forces and the people not to obey the orders of the government. It was considered a state threat. Indira blindsided President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed and imposed Emergency on 25 June 1975 midnight.

The Modi government lifted President Kovind's facsimile rule in Maharashtra without telling President Kovind to set up a government in their favor overnight. Indira did not side with the opposition. The leaders were not scolded. Neutral social producers were not arrested. Society was not divided along religious lines. Eventually the emergency was lifted and elections were held. Advani had told the press in 2015 that Modi's rule was an undeclared emergency. People know that today's modium is a dictatorship. Not only fanatics, educated people, students of schools, colleges, universities, are suspicious of religious minorities, especially Muslims. Hate. Hitler's Nazism, Mussolini's fascism and Franco's dictatorship together rule the country today. The Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS) benefited immensely from the Emergency. RSS is communal from the beginning. Netaji harmed the freedom struggle, recruitment of the Indian National Army and the national movement under Gandhi. Helped the English. They wanted to continue their rule. JP praised such a Sangh as just anti-Indira. If the Sangh is communal, I am also communal. In the anti-Emergency struggle, the Sanghees got an opportunity to go around with the socialists and communists. Their political untouchability is gone. The literature sold wildly. Subscriptions were collected. Get us out of jails, we will help implement your 20 points, Sanjay's 5 points schemes. Sangh workers will serve you. Indira did not listen to the prayers of Anna Sangh leaders. They were not released from prisons. They became heroes in the eyes of people who did not know these things. Political differences, differences of opinion, philosophical differences, politicians and the ruling opposition can't consider each other as competitors and work for the people in the legislatures? Can't humans become humans? Didn't Nehru rule in coordination with Vedicists Rajendra Prasad, Radhakrishnan and Patel? It seems that ten years of rule and today's third love cannot be seen. Adani and Ambani, who are looting with new sources of income, can't they use that wealth to solve public problems? The characteristic of fanatics is like a dog's tail. Religionists read and listen to prophecies daily. But they don't obey. Constructive actions, not rhetoric, are the stepping stones to progress. Socially benefited groups should make efforts to prevent this disease. Historical lessons should be taught and mistakes should not be repeated. Values should be protected. If people are sensitized in the right direction, they will become heroes.

Case booked against BRS MLA Kaushik Reddy for obstructing duty



Karimnagar: The police have registered a case against Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy for obstructing officials from their duty. The MLA on Tuesday had staged a protest during the Zilla Parishad general body meeting demanding

the suspension of the district education officer. He along with other ZPTCs sat at the meeting hall door preventing Collector Pamela Sathpathy from leaving the hall. He also had an argument with other members. In the evening, ZP

CEO Srinivas lodged a complaint with one town police against the MLA. Based on the complaint, police registered a case against Kaushik Reddy under section 221, 126 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Case against Kaushik Reddy bid to stifle the voice of Opposition: KTR

Hyderabad: Taking a strong exception to criminal case filed against the BRS leader and Huzurabad MLA, Padi Kaushik Reddy in Karimnagar for voicing his concerns at the Zilla parishad meeting, the party working president, K T Rama Rao called it a deliberate attempt to stifle the voice of the opposition. He said the government was filing false cases against the elected representatives of the BRS in a bid to silence them and threaten them into submission. He wondered whether public governance would mean filing illegal cases against public representatives for questioning government on public issues. He questioned whether it was wrong on the part of an MLA to hold a meeting with the mandal education officer on the status of facilities provided to the poor students in the government schools of the constituency, as well as the upkeep of classrooms.

He pointed out that the District Educational Officer had served notices to the mandal education officer for attending the meeting held by the MLA.



Kaushik Reddy ad expressed his anger over the government official behaving like a Congress party worker and raised the same issue in the ZP meeting. K T Rama Rao wanted to know whether Kaushik Reddy had the right to organize a meeting with the constituency officials as its MLA or not. Apart from distribution of Dalit Bandhu cheques, KCR Kits and nutrition Kits, are given by government hospital, Kaushik Reddy demanded a gynecolo-

gist to be posted in government hospital for women. Is this wrong on the part of an MLA, he questioned.

Justifying the protest, he said Kaushik Reddy had tried to lodge a protest as the collector was not paying attention to the issues raised by him in the Zilla Parishad meeting. Coming down heavily on the government for depriving public representative of his right to protest, K T Rama Rao called it a case of conspiracy. The case was filed against Kaushik Reddy under the pressure of government officials.

Demanding the government to withdraw the case against the Huzurabad MLA immediately, he said Kaushik Reddy had been fighting for the people of the constituency and their issues ever since, he was elected as an MLA. He has been exposing irregularities and corruption of government officials consistently. The BRS would continue to fight for the people and remain the voice of the public without surrendering to the threat of the government, he asserted.

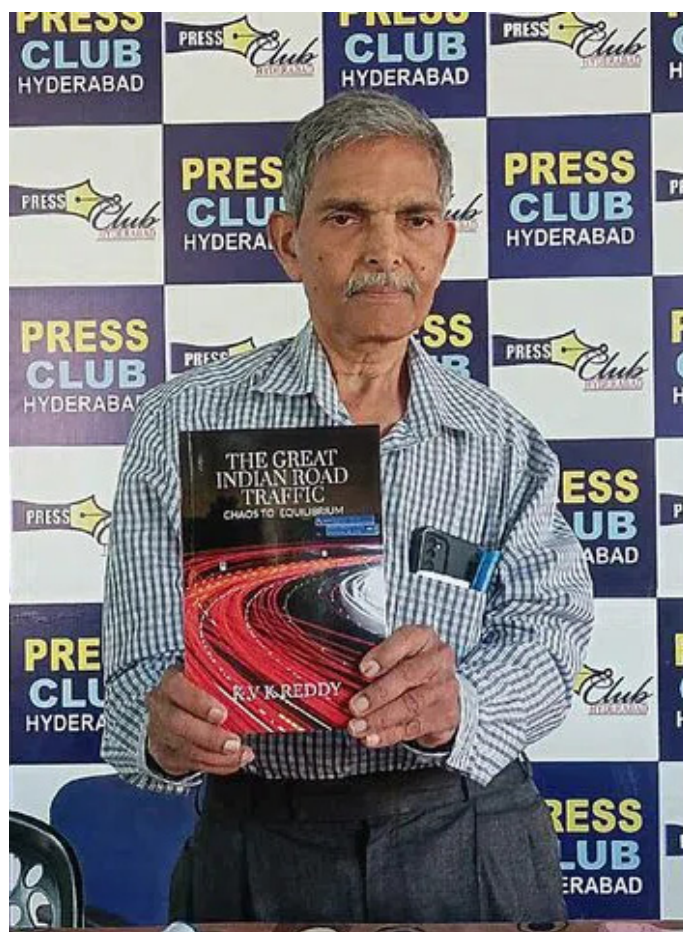
Expert suggests rules to beat traffic in cities like Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Hyderabad is not new to traffic jams. With the ever-growing human and vehicle population, the traffic has also gotten worse. Also on the rise have been the road accidents and the lives lost in them.

Highlighting the issues of incessant traffic and increasing road accidents in the cities, traffic expert and author of the book 'The Great Indian Road Traffic: Chaos to Equilibrium', KVK Reddy attributes certain responsibility on part of the drivers too.

Contrary to popular belief, he argues that the state of the roads was not the only reason for accidents. Poor driving habits were the main culprit. "Even if we widen the roads, the problem will continue. People need to change their habits," he advocates.

Reddy who has been observing road traffic all over the world for two decades suggests that roads should be divided into three lanes. "The left lane for public transportation, like buses, and auto-rickshaws and middle lane for slow-moving vehicles like trucks and learners' vehicles. The right lane should be for private cars and two-wheelers," he says adding that vehicles must not



go beyond 40 kmph and maintain 10 feet distance.

Reddy calls for stringent traffic laws to supplement the division of roads. Also, the motorists oriented to follow cer-

tain driving practices such as not overtaking and using indicators to take turns.

Regarding emergency vehicles, he says, "when the siren of an ambulance is heard,

TTD Clarification: No changes in making of Annasradams of Srivari temple in Tirumala

Tirumala: The Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams (TTD) has asserted that there

was no proposal to change the old practice of replacing it with normal rice and said the social media reports on this issue were "absolutely void of truth". The TTD EO J Shamala Rao had a meeting with the priests and the temple authorities the other day and discussed at length the Anna Prasadams and their importance only. "Apart from that no decision has been taken on the preparation or increasing Dittam of Annasradams", the spokesman asserted. "But some people are creating rumors on social media that changes have been made in the

preparation of Annasradams in Srivari Temple and it is completely incorrect" He said ap-



pealing to people not to believe such false news making rounds on social media platforms.

Five-year-old dies in Bhadrachalam after pen pierces through her head



Bhadrachalam: A five-year-old girl died as a pen pierced into her head and a surgery performed to remove the pen allegedly led to an infection. It was said that when the child Riyanshika was playing in the house with a pen in her hand she accidentally fell down from a cot and the pen caused a perforation in the temporal region close to her left ear. She was immediately rushed to Government Area Hospital at Bhadrachalam as she was bleeding profusely. She was later shifted to a private hospital in Khammam where a neurosurgeon performed surgery and removed the pen on Tuesday. However, following the surgery, an infection developed in the brain and she succumbed to the infection. Her father Manikanta, who works as a mechanic at Bhadrachalam, was in tears as he could not save his daughter though he spent over Rs 2 lakh. The residents in the neighbourhood gathered at the child's house to console Manikanta and his wife Swaroopa, who were in deep shock at the loss of their child.

213 prisoners released in Telangana after state grants premature release

Hyderabad: A total of 213 prisoners were released from different prisons in Telangana on Wednesday after the State government granted premature release to the prisoners. The prisoners were lodged at Central Prisons - Sangareddy, Nizamabad, Hyderabad, Cherlapally and Warangal, and different jails in the States. Among the 213 prisoners were 35 women. They were convicted by the courts in various crimes and based on their behaviour, jail term period and gravity of the cases the State government identified and released the 213 prisoners. As part of the rehabilitation program, the Telangana prisons department will be providing jobs at 'My Nation Fuel Stations' to 70 prisoners including three women. Another eight women were provided with sewing machines so that they could take up tailoring vocation and earn a livelihood.

vehicles in the middle lane and right lane should move to their left and right respectively and ensure smooth passage of the ambulance."

Reddy believes following these measures will decrease the fatality rate. "If followed, traffic will move faster without unruly overtaking. Money and fuel can also be saved if the pace of vehicles is constant. Air and noise pollution will also significantly decrease," he says.

Safety tips for road users:

* Vehicles must travel one behind the other without overtaking

* Buses should stop only at designated stops

* To turn left or right, indicators must be used well before turning

* Traffic lights should be placed every 2-3 km

* 2-minute intervals for lights giving pedestrians time to cross

Lanes:

* Left lane for public transportation like buses and auto-rickshaws

* Middle lane for slow-moving vehicles like trucks and learners' vehicles

* Right lane for private cars and two-wheelers

Cricket Australia Chief Nick Hockley Commits To Resume Bilateral Cricket With Afghanistan

Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley congratulated the Afghanistan men's cricket team for their victory over Australia in the league phase of the recently concluded T20 World Cup and reiterated commitment to resume bilateral cricket with the Asian nation. Earlier this year, in March, Cricket Australia postponed a men's T20I series against Afghanistan, scheduled for August this year, citing the deterioration of human rights for women and girls in the country. This decision followed their previous postponement of an ODI series against Afghanistan.

"We hope for progress and will continue to discuss and maintain contact with the Afghanistan Cricket Board. They had a fantastic tournament with phenomenal players and played with great passion. Regarding our bilateral matches, we have consulted extensively with stakeholders, including the Australian government, and chose to postpone our last couple of series with Afghanistan on human rights grounds," Hockley replied to IANS query in a selected media interaction.

"We maintain a close relationship and regular dialogue with the Afghanistan Cricket Board and want to see cricket thrive worldwide for both men and women. We hope for progress and continue to discuss and maintain contact with the Afghanistan Cricket Board, aiming to resume bilateral cricket against Afghanistan in the future," he said.

The CA chief also highlighted the Afghanistan women's team's exile in Australia and their request to the ICC to play. Hockley confirmed that discussions on this topic would likely take place in upcoming ICC meetings, while also noting that several Afghan women cricketers are already integrated into local cricket



clubs in Australia.

"We understand that the Afghanistan women based in Australia have written to the ICC. We have meetings coming up in Colombo in July, and I'm sure it will be a topic of conversation. The Afghan women in Australia are engaged with the cricketing community, but it's not something we were directly involved in," he said.

Hockley also hinted at the possibility of organising a tri-series involving cricketing powerhouses India and Pakistan in Australia. This announcement comes as a significant development, given that the two cricketing giants have not played a bilateral series since the 2012-13 season, limiting their encounters to global ICC events.

"Pakistan and India are traditional rival teams; there is a lot of excitement for their matches," Hockley said. While no formal talks have been initiated yet, he reiterated Cricket

Australia's openness to facilitate and support such initiatives. "To the extent that we'd be able to facilitate or help in that, we'd be very open to do so. However, the final decision rests with the respective cricket boards of India and Pakistan."

This statement underscores CA's willingness to bridge the gap between the two nations, leveraging Australia's neutral grounds to bring fans the electrifying experience of India-Pakistan cricket outside of ICC tournaments. The excitement surrounding an India-Pakistan series is palpable, particularly after their recent clash in the 2024 T20 World Cup group stage held in New York, which attracted 90,293 spectators.

India emerged victorious by six runs, with Rohit Sharma's team eventually lifting the trophy, while Pakistan, led by Babar Azam, failed to advance beyond the group stage. Reflecting on the enthusiasm for these matches, Hockley shared,

"Given the schedules, we haven't had formal discussions in that regard, but we have said it on the record that we will be happy to host the India vs. Pakistan bilateral series."

The Melbourne Cricket Club and the Victorian government have also expressed interest in hosting such high-profile games, following the massive turnout and success of past events. Moreover, Hockley highlighted the necessity for bilateral series to carry more weight and significance, akin to the World Test Championship (WTC) structure. "The ODI World Cup, which India hosted last year, was fantastic. I think the ten-team format, where every game counts, is excellent. "From an Australian perspective, we would continue to value all three formats and would also want that each bilateral series must have consequences in terms of qualifications for the World Cups," he concluded.

How Rohit Sharma-Virat Kohli Decision Led To T20 World Cup 2024 Glory: Report Makes Big Revelation

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli ended their T20I careers on a high as India clinched the T20 World Cup 2024 title after defeating South Africa in the summit clash. Rohit led the Indian cricket team by example as he played a number of important knocks in the competition while Kohli saved his best for the final as he slammed a gritty half-century. In the aftermath of the win, they both announced their retirements from T20Is but not before etching their names in Indian cricket folklore. However, things were not as straightforward just one year ago where there were doubts over whether the two star cricketers will continue playing in the shortest format of the sport. However, according to a report, early calls on Virat and Rohit's future with the side ultimately led to India's massive success in the T20 World Cup 2024.

According to the Indian Express report, the BCCI selectors decided to stick with Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli for the T20 World Cup despite some criticism from experts as well as fans. Following the ODI World



Cup 2023, both Virat and Rohit missed a number of T20I series with Hardik Pandya taking over the captaincy and there were talks on the all-rounders permanently assuming the position. However, chief selector Ajit Agarkar decided to have a conversation with Rohit Sharma. "Rohit agreed straight away. He

felt he would give one last shot in the T20 format. Rohit felt the way his batting form is, he can push one more season," a BCCI official told The Indian Express. A similar chat also took place with Virat who emerged as the top run-scorer in the IPL 2024 and with not many in-form top order batters in the fray, the star batter also

agreed to play the World Cup. It was the also around this time that Hardik confirmed that he will be bowling during the T20 World Cup 2024 after recovering from his injury. "With these three important pieces of the jigsaw in place, the picture was clear. Now we needed to put a plan in place," said a selector.

"God Has Its Own Plan": Rishabh Pant's Heartwarming Post After T20 World Cup Triumph

Many were unsure how wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant would fare on his return to international cricket through the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup in the USA and the West Indies. He had scored 446 runs in 13 matches on return to competitive cricket for Delhi Capitals in IPL 2024 and looked at his best behind the stumps, an aspect where many had kept their eyes on, especially after his right knee was reconstructed and needed lengthy rehabilitation post injuries sustained in a life-threatening car-accident in December 2022. But Pant thrived at his new number three position in the side, amassing 171 runs in eight innings, averaging 24.42 at a strike-rate of 127.61, as India went on to lift the trophy for the second time at Barbados. "Blessed, Humbled & Grateful. God has its own plan," wrote Pant. In another post, Pant posed with his winner's medal and captioned, "This medal hits you differently." He also impressed with his wicketkeeping skills, taking 13 catches and effecting a stumping to set the record for most dismissals by a keeper in any edition of Men's T20 World Cup. From being in a period of utmost pain and uncertainty towards what future had in store, Pant now finds himself as a T20 World Cup champion. Before departing for New Delhi from Barbados with the Indian team, Pant took to social media to reflect on the remarkable 18-month period of him being on crutches, doing all simple things like climbing stairs, shuffling and running to go all the way in lifting the T20 World Cup trophy at Barbados.



How Amitabh Bachchan Transformed Into Ashwatthama For Kalki 2898 AD



Amitabh Bachchan stars as Ashwatthama in Nag Ashwin's Kalki 2898 AD. A few make-up artists shared some behind-the-scenes photos from Amitabh Bachchan's Kalki 2898 AD transformation. Da MakeUp Lab's official Instagram handle shared pictures of Amitabh Bachchan and wrote, "Behold the transformation of Amitabh Bachchan Sir into Ashwatthama: a timeless legend brought to life by a legendary actor." Karandeep Singh also shared some BTS photos

of Amitabh Bachchan from the sets of Kalki 2898 AD. Make-up artist Karandeep Singh shared some more photos of Big B and he wrote, "Congratulations to the whole team of Kalki for mind blasting opening. We hope you all liked the look of sir Amitabh Bachchan designed by Preetisheel and set makeup execution by me. Here are some detailed shots of his look and behind the scenes." On the work front, Amitabh Bachchan recently starred in Kalki 2898 AD. Be-

fore that he starred in Ganapath, alongside Tiger Shroff and Kriti Sanon. The veteran actor will star in the Hindi remake of the Hollywood film The Intern, co-starring Deepika Padukone. The actors have previously worked together in the 2015 film Piku. Amitabh Bachchan will also co-star with Rajinikanth in TJ Gnanavel's untitled film. Amitabh Bachchan and Rajinikanth famously co-starred in Hum.

Rakul Preet Singh's witty reply on marriage plans: 'Kitni Baar Karaoge'

Actor Rakul Preet Singh, currently busy promoting her upcoming film 'Indian 2', recently engaged with fans in a Q&A session on Instagram Stories. During the session, a fan asked about her marriage plans to which Rakul cheekily responded by posting an adorable picture from her wedding with actor Jacky Bhagnani in traditional attire.

The fan asked, "Mam shaadi ka kya plan hai (Ma'am, what is your marriage plan?)" Apart from posting the picture, she added a hilarious reply with a caption that read, "Ho gai hai bhai! Kitni baar karaoge (It's already happened, guys! How many times do you want it to happen?)" Rakul and Jacky tied the knot in a close ceremony in Goa on February 21. They had two ceremonies – as per Sikh and Sindh traditions. Both opted for designer Tarun Tahiliani's wedding attire on their D-Day.

The wedding was attended by the couple's family members and close friends in Goa. From Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, Shilpa Shetty to Arjun Kapoor, Varun Dhawan and Esha Deol, the who's who of Bollywood marked their presence at the ceremony to bless the couple as they embarked on their new journey. Another fan asked her if she watched the thrilling final match between India and South Africa in the T20 World



Cup. Rakul replied by sharing a time-lapse video celebrating India's victory in the T20 World Cup with her husband and friends with a caption that read, "Yessss and that's how we watched it." When a third fan asked about returning to the Telugu film industry, Rakul expressed her eagerness to work in Telugu cinema again, stating she misses it and awaits an exciting script. Meanwhile talking about her upcoming film, 'Indian 2' is the sequel to the 1996 film 'Indian', which also starred Kamal as Veerasesaran Senapathy. The franchise brings back Kamal and director S Shankar for the sequel. Sidharth, Rakul Preet Singh, and Kajal Aggarwal are also part of the film. 'Indian 2' has music by Anirudh Ravichander and has writers Jayamohan, Kabilan Vairamuthu and Lakshmi Saravanakumar on board. The first poster of Indian 2 was unveiled on the occasion of the Pongal festival in 2020. Produced by Lyca Productions and Red Giant Movies 'Indian 2' will be released on July 12, 2024, worldwide in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu.