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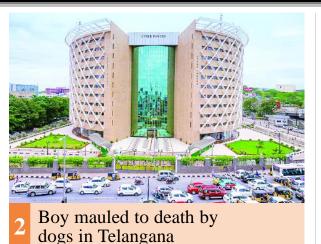
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Another BRS MLA joins Congress, sixth in four months









Palla assumes charge as new president of AP TDP

Amaravati: Gaju waka MLA Palla Sr inivasa Rao assume d charge as new pre sident of TDP Andh ra Pradesh unit. In a programme held a t party central office on Friday, he took the responsibilities. TDP general secreta ry Nara Lokesh also attended the progra mme and greeted hi m. On this occasi on, (Cont.on P2)



#### Fresh case filed against former MLA **Pinnelli**

Palnadu: Former YSR Congress ML A Pinnelli Ramakris hna Reddy finds hi mself embroiled in another legal issue, as a fresh case has b een registered again st him. The compla int was lodged by Komara Siva, the Te lugu Youth Palnadu District secretary, w ho alleged that Pinn elli (Cont.on P2)



Mahasabha in Hyd from June 20

Hyderabad: The inaugural World Ka mma Mahasabha w ill take place at HIC C, in Hyderabad on July 20-21, organis ed by the Kamma G lobal Federation (K GF). Jetty Kusum Kumar, founder of the organization, an nounced that promi nent figures including former Vice-Pre sident (Cont.on P2)

# Lok Sabha adjourns for day amid oppn uproar over NEET AP CM Chandrababu

New Delhi, Jun  $\overline{28}$  (The Capital News): The proceedings of the Lok Sabha were adjourned for the day on Friday as the opposition demanded a discussion on the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the medical entrance exam NEET. When the House reassembled at 12 noon, opposition members continued with their demand for a discussion on matters related to the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). Speaker Om Birla and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told opposition members that they can discuss the matter during the course of the Motion of Thanks on the President's address. Birla said there are certain norms of Parliament that have to be followed and committees have to be formed to which



Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said students are not aware of it. They are only demanding justice. As members from the Congress, TMC and DMK parties stormed the Well, Rijiju said it is for the first time that the opposition is seen demanding a discussion on an issue before the

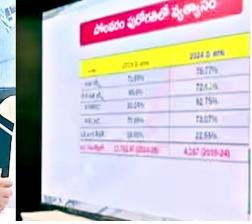
House takes up the Motion of Thanks on the President's address. "I assure the opposition we will answer any issue that you raise during the Motion of Thanks discussion," Rijiju said. As members continued with sloganeering, Birla said the people have elected (Cont.on P2)

#### Unresolved state bifurcation issues discussed

minister Chandrababu Naidu on Undavalli. The (Cont.on P2)

Vijavawada, June 28 (The Friday. The Governor traveled from Capital News): Telangana Governor Hyderabad to Vijayawada airport C P Radhakrishnan held a special and then proceeded by road to the meeting with Andhra Pradesh chief residence of Chandrababu Naidu in





## Chandrababu releases white paper on Polavaram

Accuses Jagan government of damaging Polavaram project

Capital News): Andhra Pradesh chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu Polavaram project, asserting the project had been significantly undermined over the last five years (2019- numerous (Cont.on P2)

Vijayawada, June 28 (The 24). The chief minister accused the Jagan government of damaging the Polavaram project and highlighted released a white paper on the that during the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) administration, the project progressed smoothly, overcoming

## Pending bills total Rs. 14,831 Cr in 17 municipal corporations

K Varaprasadarao

Vijayawada, June 28: The M unicipal administration officials disclosed that a staggering Rs. 14,831 crores are currently outst anding across 17 municipal corporations in the state, encompass ing 851 pending bills. This disclosure came to light during a review chaired by Municipal Ad ministration minister P Narayana on Friday, alongside senior Secr etariat officials overseeing Muni cipal Corporations.

The review focused on the accumulation of pending bills within the municipal corporations, revealing a significant financial burden. Accor ding to official calculations, the total pending amount stands at Rs. 14,831 crore spread across 851 bills. Alarming discrepanci es have surfaced where expenses



surpass available funds in several accounts. Of the total pending amount, Rs. 10,232 crore pertain to outstanding dues related to wo rks and schemes under general f unds within the corporations. Ad ditionally, Rs. 246 crore rema in unpaid for crucial infrastructure projects including roads, dra ins, buildings, street lights, and drink ing water supply. It was disclos ed that the previous government

had allocated Rs. 2,532 crore for projects under the 15th Finance Commission, of which the Centr al government disburse d Rs. 1,7 30 crore. The State government has only disbursed Rs. 523 cro re, diverting the remainin g Rs. 1,206 crore to other Nav ratna sc hemes. Officials said that contra ctors have not received the ir du es which leading to incomplete project works.

### Reliance, first Indian company, achieves historic milestone, surpasses Rs 21 lakh crore market cap

New Delhi, June 28 (The Capital News): In a historic achievement, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has become the first Indian company to surpass a market capitalisation of Rs 21.12 lakh crore. On Friday, June 28, the shares of RIL, a diversified conglomerate with interests in oil, telecom, and retail sectors, soared by 2.78 per cent, reaching a fresh all-time high of ?3,162 during trading on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). This remarkable surge propelled RIL's market cap beyond the Rs 21 lakh crore mark for the first time. The stock's impressive performance was driven by the announcement from Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, a subsidiary of RIL, about new unlimited data plans set to roll out from July 3. These revised tariffs, ranging from Rs 189 for a 2 GB/month plan to Rs 3,599 for an annual plan with 2.5 GB/day, include unlimited 5G data for plans offering 2 GB/day and above. Market analysts highlighted that the tariff adjustments were in line with expectations. However, Jio's initiative in leading the tariff hike and its strategic focus on enhancing returns on investments were perceived positively by brokerage firms.



## Airtel, Reliance Jio announce significant tariff hikes by 21, 25 percent

New Delhi, June 28 (The Capital take effect from July 3. This follows 10 percent to 21 percent, which will ing from 10 (Cont.on P2)

News): In a move that is set to a similar announcement by Reliance immensely impact mobile phone Jio, signaling a major shift in the consumers across India, the country's pricing landscape of the Indian teletop two telecom operators, Bharti com sector. Reliance Jio, which led Airtel and Reliance Jio, have the change with an announcement on announced substantial increases in June 27, has increased its tariffs by mobile tariffs. Bharti Airtel has dis- 12.5 percent to 25 percent. Bharti closed a tariff hike ranging between Airtel followed suit with a hike rang-

## **Delhi govt to hold emergency** meeting on heavy rain, water logging in city

New Delhi, Jun 28 (The Capital News) The D elhi government will hold an emergency meeting on Friday afternoon to take stock of the situation in the city after heavy rains left the national capital waterlogged and brought traffic to a standstill in many areas. All Cabinet ministers and top officials will attend the meeting that will be held at the Secretariat at 2 pm, officials said. Heavy rains hit normal life in Delhi. A portion of the roof of th e Delhi airport's Terminal-1 collapsed due to the rain, leaving one person dead and six injured. The Safdarjung weather station recorded 153.7 mm of rainfall, which began around 3 am. Delhiites shar ed on social media videos and photos of submerg ed vehicles on waterlogged roads and of long traffic jams.









#### Reliance **Industries** mcap tops Rs 21 lakh crore mark amid rally in shares

New Delhi: Shares of Reliance Industr ies climbed over 2 p er cent on Friday, tak ing its market valuation above the Rs 21 lakh crore mark. The heavyweight stock rose by 2.31 per cent to settle at Rs 3,13 1.85 apiece on the B SE. During the day, it jumped 3.27 per ce nt to hit a record hig h of Rs 3,161.45.It w as the biggest gainer among the 30-share BSE Sensex firms.O n the NSE, the stock climbed 2.19 per cent to settle at Rs 3, 128.25 each. The co mpany's market valuation jumped by Rs 47,777.57 crore to Rs 21,18,951.20 cror e. Reliance Industr ies is the country's most valued firm by market capitalisation (mcap).In volume te rms, 10.33 lakh shar es of the company were traded on the B SE and 144.77 lakh shares on the NSE during the day. So far this year, shares of Reliance Industries have jumped 21.16 per cent on the BS E.Reliance Industrie s Ltd (RIL) on Febru ary 13 this year beca me the first Indian company to achieve a market capitalisati on of Rs 20 lakh crore.



#### Boy mauled to death by dogs in **Telangana**

Hyderabad: A sixyear-old boy was m auled to death by a p ack of dogs in Sanga reddy district of Tela ngana on Friday, pol ice said. The boy, son of construction work ers from Bihar, Frida y morning went to answer nature's call behind the camp wh ere they stay when the dogs attacked hi m, police said. Death was instant for hi m. The boy's parents work at a construction site near Patan cheru in the district, police added.

# Another BRS MLA joins Congress, sixth in four months

Hyderabad, June 28: In yet another jolt to Bharat Ras htra Samithi (BRS), its MLA Kale Yadaiah joined the ruling Congress on Friday. Yadaiah, who represents the Chevella constituency in Rangareddy district, joined the Congress in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, AICC incharge Deepa Dasmunshi and other leaders in Delhi. Yadaiah is the sixth MLA of BRS to defect to the Congress party in the last four months. The BRS has lost three MLAs to Congress during the last week. Several senior leaders of BRS switched loyalties to Congress since the latter came to power in December 2023.It is a homecoming for Yadaiah, who had defected to BRS in 2015 a few months after he was elected to Assembly on a Congress ticket. In 2018, he retained the Chevella seat as BRS candidate.In the Assembly elections held in November 2023, Yadaiah won Chevella seat for



a third consecutive term, defeating Congress party's P. Beem Bharat by a slender margin of 268 votes. Yadaiah had met Revanth Reddy in March, triggering speculations that he would join Congress soon. The MLA had clarified that he met the Chief Minister to discuss development pro-

grammes in his constituency.BRS MLA and former Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy joined the Congress party on June 21. The MLA from Banswada in Nizamabad district is a prominent leader and a former minister.Two days later, BRS MLA from Jagtial constituency M. Sanjay Congress. However. Saniav Kumar's admission triggered dissent in the party with senior leader and former minister T. Jeevan Reddy threatening to resign as Member of Legislative Council.Jeevan Reddy, who had lost to Sanjay in 2018 and 2023 from Jagtial, was unhappy with the Chief Minister for admitting Sanjay into the party without consulting him. The central leadership of Congress has summoned Jeevan Reddy to Delhi to pacify him. The former minister also questioned the need for making BRS MLAs defect to Congress when the ruling party is strong with 65 members in the 119-member Assembly.BRS had won 39 seats in the 119-member Assembly. The series of defections and the defeat in the recent by-election Secunderabad Cantonment constituency brought down its strength to 32.

### **Telangana: Leaders pay tributes** to former PM Narasimha Rao on birth anniversary

Hyderabad, June 28: Leaders across the political spectrum in Telangana on Friday paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao on his 103rd birth anniversary. Leaders cutting across party lines recalled the services of the late leader, who was posthumously conferred Bharat Ratna in March this year. Telangana ministers, leaders of the ruling Congress, opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and family members of the late leader visited PV Ghat on the banks of Hussain Sagar lake here to pay floral tributes.

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meeting between the two leaders lasted for two hours. Sources from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) described the meeting as a courtesy call, emphasizing that no political issues were officially discussed. However, given the context of TDP being a partner in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), it is believed that a range of topics may have been addressed during the conversation. Moreover, numerous issues related to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014, which have been pending between the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, seem to have been part of the discussion.

#### Airtel, Reliance Jio...

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percent to 20 percent. Both companies' revised plans will become effective starting July 3. In a press release, Bharti Airtel led by Sunil Mittal, emphasized the need for average revenue per user (ARPU) to exceed Rs 300 to sustain a healthy business model, enabling essential investments in network technology and spectrum. Bharti Airtel has specifically adjusted rates across its unlimited voice and daily data plans. For example, prices for unlimited voice plans have seen increases of approximately 11 percent, with rates now adjusted from Rs 179 to Rs 199, Rs 455 to Rs 509, and Rs 1,799 to Rs 1,999. In the daily data plan category, the Rs 479 plan has been raised to Rs 579, reflecting a 20.8 percent hike. This tariff revision marks the first significant increase in the telecom industry in about 30 months, following a subdued response to the recent spectrum auction. Reliance Jio initiated the tariff hike trend with a 12 to 25 percent increase across its mobile plans, highlighting efforts to boost its ARPU, which had stagnated at Rs 181.7 in recent quarters. The simultaneous implementation of the revised plans by Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio on July 3 is expected to influence the trajectory of 5G adoption in India, where both companies have been offering 5G services at 4G prices. As of the end of the fourth quarter of 2024-25, Jio reported 108 million 5G subscribers, while Airtel recorded 72 million. Consumers should brace for higher mobile phone bills as these tariff hikes take effect, marking a significant shift in the Indian telecom sector's pricing dynamics.

## Telangana HC reserves order on KCR's plea to stay inquiry

Hyderabad, June 28: The Telangana High Court on Fri day reserved its orders on mai ntainability of a writ petition filed by former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, seeking a stay on further proceedings of Justice L. Narasimha Reddy Commission to investigate the power purchase agree ment with Chhattisgarh and th e construction of the Bhadra dri and Yadadri Thermal Pow er Plants during the BRS gov-

A division bench, co mprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe Jukanti, reserved the orders after hearing the arguments of Advocate General A. Sudhars han Reddy. The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief has soug ht to strike down the Governm ent Order constituting a oneman Commission headed by a former judge of the High Cou rt.The court, which heard the arguments of KCR's counsel on Thursday, took up further hearing in the case on Friday. The Advocate General dis-



and Justice Anil Kum ar petitioner's counsel that the ties causing a loss of Rs 250 ly.Earlier, the High Court Registry had declined to allot a number to the petition, raising objection over impleading the retired High Court judge in a personal capacity.KCR's counsel Aditya Sondhi had argued that it was necessary to name Justice Narasimha Red dy as a respondent. He cona press conference and con-

missed the contention of the ernment committed irregulari-Commission acted unilateral- crore to Rs 300 crore to the state exchequer without giving KCR the opportunity to present his contentions before the Commission.Sondhi argued that Justice Reddy holding a press conference was inappropriate as the Commission's sole duty was to submit the report to the government. The High Court overruled the tended that Justice Reddy held Registry's objections and directed it to allot a number to cluded that the previous gov- the petition. The bench later should be admitted.KCR's counsel also argued that the order constituting the Enquiry Commission was without jurisdiction since the terms of reference were under adjudication by both the Telangana and Chhattisgarh State Electr icity Regulatory Commission s. He submitted to the court th at the Commission of Inquiry, as constituted under the Act, lacks jurisdiction to make fin dings on matters already adjudicated by a quasi-judicial aut hority. The court was told that the Commission had issued notice to KCR seeking details relating to power purchase agreements and construction of power plants. Since he was busy campaigning in the Lok Sabha elections, he sought more time to respond. Even before he could submit his reply, Justice Narasimha Reddy held a press conference on June 15 to say that there were irregularities in power purchase agreements and the construction of power plants.

heard whether KCR's petition

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Palla assumes ..

MLA Palla thanked Chief Minister N Chandrab abu Naidu for giving him an opportunity to lead the party's responsibilities. He also said that the TDP was only the party in the country to give utm ost priority for backward classes. Several MLAs and ministers attended and congratulated him.

#### Fresh case filed...

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punched him in the stomach at the Macharla cou rt. Following the complaint, the police have registered a case under Section 323 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which deals with voluntarily causing hurt. This new case adds to the former MLA's ongoing legal troubles. Previously, Pinnelli Ramakrishna Reddy was arrested in connection with attacks that took place on the polling day of the general elections (May 13) and the following day. Following his arrest, he was remanded by the court and is currently held at Nellore Central Jail.

#### World Kamma ..

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Venkaiah Naidu, AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and Telangana CM Revanth Reddy will be the chief guests. Kusumakumar highlighted the significance of the Kamma community, which comprises 2.1 crore people globally, accounting for 1.5 percent of India's population. The KGF aims to unite this community on a single platform, focusing on skill development in rural areas, farmer support, organizing meetings, fostering connections with other social classes, and honoring individuals for their exceptional contributions. The Hyderabad conference will address various key topics, including the exchange of intellectual property, information sharing among Kamma families, support for disadvantaged families, management of service programs, recognition of outstanding individuals, youth and political empowerment, agricultural support, and investment and job opportunities. event marks a significant step towards empowering the Kamma community and promoting their growth and development on a global scale.

#### Chandrababu releases..

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challenges. He recalled that the TDP government achieved a Guinness World Record by completing 32,215 cubic meters of concrete work in the spill channel in a single day. Naidu detailed the TDP government's accomplishments, including the completion of upper and lower coffer dams and head works. He emphasized that the diaphragm wall, a critical component of the project, was completed in a record time of 414 days. Naidu noted that a diaphragm wall extending two kilometers and

structed by the German company 'Baur'. He mentioned that the spillway gate designs were prepared, and gate installation had commenced during the TDP tenure. Naidu pointed out that all project-related works received approval from the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) and the Central Water Resources Department, with former ministers Uma Bharati and Nitin Gadkari expressing satisfaction with the progress. According to Naidu, 72 percent of the Polavaram project

over 100 meters deep was con-regime, with Rs 11,537 crore July spent on the works. Naidu criticized the YSRCP government's handling of the Polavaram project over the past five years, accusing it of making poor decisions and engaging in reverse tendering dramas. He claimed that the day Jagan Mohan Reddy was sworn in as chief minister in 2019, orders were issued to halt the Polavaram works. Naidu highlighted that notices were served on July 29, 2019, for the construction company to vacate the site, following was completed under the TDP the Peter Committee report on

24, 2019. Naidu explained that the central government concluded no corruption occurred in Polavaram, as stated in Parliament on December 2, 2019. He asserted that changing the contractor further delayed the project and criticized the

reverse tendering process as being against the rules. Naidu accused the Jagan government of damaging the Polavaram project, expressing regret that despite claims of saving Rs 738 crore through reverse tenders, the diaphragm wall was ultimately damaged.

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address to the joint sitting of

#### Lok Sabha adjourns..

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members to this House so that they can raise and discuss issues, and not disrupt the proceedings. "There is a difference between protest on the road and protest inside the House... You (Opposition) don't want House to run? You don't want to discuss NEET during Motion of Thanks dis-

Islam took oath as a Lok Sabha member When the House met in morning, opposition members were on their feet seeking the acceptance of an adjournment motion to suspend all business and discuss matters related to NEET. However, the Speaker said he would first take up the obitucussion?" Birla said. As the ary references to 13 former accepted, he said. House continued to see uproar, members, including ex-Lok

TMC member S K Nurul Manohar Joshi. When the obituary references were over, the opposition members were on their feet again. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said the NE ET issue is a very important issue for the whole country and they want a dedicated discussion in the House on the matter. Hence, the adjournment motion should be However, Birla said

Birla adjourned the proceed- Sabha spe aker and ex- he could not allow it as the ings till Monday. Amid din, Maharashtra chief minister House was about to take up

both Houses of Parliament on Thursday. "You can raise all matters in the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address. You will get enough time. But I can't allow you to raise any other issue during the debate on the Motion of Thanks. It was already decided and mentioned in the bulletin too," he

# Cab driver killed, six injured after portion of roof collapses at Delhi airport's T-1

New Delhi, Jun 28 ((The Capital News)) A cab driver died and six people were injured after a portion of a canopy at Delhi airport's Terminal-1 collapsed on cars amid heavy rain early Friday, leading to suspension of flight departures, according to officials.Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu visited Terminal-1 (T1) to take stock of the situation. He said he was monitoring the situation and the injured had been hospitalised.Delhi Fire Services (DFS) officials said three fire tenders were rushed to Terminal-1 (T1) of the airport after a call about the incident was received around 5:30 am.Besides the roof sheet, the support beams collapsed, damaging the cars parked in the pick-up and drop area of the terminal. A search operation was condu cted to make sure no one was trapped inside the damaged vehicles, they said. The injured have been admitted to Medanta Hospital near the airport. One of them was rescued from a car on which an iron beam had fallen. He was later identified as Ramesh Kum ar, they added. Work was underway to clear the debris. Deputy Commissione r of Police (IGI) Usha Rangnani said due to heavy rains, the shed outside Terminal-1 of the Indira Gandhi Inte rnational Airport (IGIA), spanning



from departure gate no. 1 to gate no. 2, collapsed around 5 am, damaging four vehicles. One person died and six people were injured in the incident. All the injured are stable, she said.T eams of Delhi Police, DFS, Central Industrial Security Force and Nation al Disaster Response Force are present at the spot, the DCP said. A police official said the deceased was identified as Ramesh Kumar (45), a taxi driver and a resident of Rohini in Del hi. The injured have been identified as Santosh Kumar Yadav (28), Subham Shah (30), Dashrat Ahirwar (25), Arvind Goswami (34), Sahil Kundan (27) and Yogesh Dhawan (44). They are residents of Delhi, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, the official said. Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu visited the airport terminal and took stock of the situation."Personal ly monitoring the roof collapse incident at T1 Delhi Airport. First respon

ders are working at site. Also advised the airlines to assist all affected passengers at T1," he said in a post on X."The injured have been evacuated to hospital. Rescue operations are sti ll ongoing," he added. The Civil Avia tion Ministry said flight operations at T1 have been suspended till further notice."Heavy rain in early morning today has resulted in the collapse of the canopy of #DelhiAirport Termin al 1. As a result of which flights to & from Terminal 1 have been closed till further notice. Alternate arrangemen ts are being made for the smooth oper ation of the flights," the ministry said in a post on X.

The flight departures were suspended soon after the roof co llapse incident. Passengers who were already inside the terminal boarded their flights, sources said. T1 has only domestic flight operations by IndiGo and SpiceJet. The airport -- which has

three terminals T1, T2 and T3 -- handles around 1,400 flight movements daily. A Delhi International Airport Li mited (DIAL) spokesperson said, "D ue to heavy rain since early this morn ing, a portion of the canopy at the old departure forecourt of the Delhi airport's Terminal-1 collapsed around 5 am. There are injuries reported and emergency personnel are working to provide all necessary assistance and medical aid to those affected."As a result of this incident, all departures from Terminal 1 are temporarily suspended and check-in counters have been closed as a safety measure, the spokesperson said in a statement. The suspension of operations at the terminal also led to the cancellation of som e flights.In a statement, an IndiGo spokesperson said flight operations ar e impacted due to structural damage at T1 due to adverse weather conditions."This has led to flight cancellations in Delhi as passengers are not able to enter the terminal. Passengers already inside the terminal will be abl e to board their planned flights, but those with flights later in the day will be offered alternatives," the airline sa id in a statement. SpiceJet said in a po st on X that flights have been cancell ed as T1 will remain partially closed for operations until further notice.

# Tripura CM meets PM Modi

Agartala, Jun 28 (The Capital News) Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and discussed various developmental issues of the northeastern state.Saha met Modi at New Parliament House in New Delhi on Thursday."Delighted to meet with Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji at the New Parliament House, New Delhi. I also conveyed the enthusiasm of sisters & brothers of #Tripura for Modi 3.0. We also discussed various developmental issues in order to fulfil our commitment of #ViksitBharat," Saha posted on X.During the meeting, the chief minister requested the PM for a new railway link from Belonia in Tripura to Feni in Bangladesh, Indo-Bangladesh connectivity through the Maitri bridge in South Tripura district, construction of 15 new Eklavya model residential schools, declaring MBB airport at Agartala as International airport, an official release said. The CM also urged Modi for establishment of Agar International Trade and Research Centre at Agartala, inclusion of Sabroom-Ramgarh-Chittagong and Sabroom-Ramgarh-Mongla route as the protocol route for transit and trans-shipment, the release said.Saha also called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah and urged him to sanction two more India Reserve battalions and release of funds under security-related expenditure. The CM met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and requested him for setting up of Sainik School at Assam Rifles land at Teliamura in Khowai district and Udaipur in Gumati district.He also met the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda and requested an AIIMS-like institute in the state.

# Rijiju slams Congress for disruptions in LS

New Delhi, Jun 28 (The Cap ital News) Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday slammed the Congress for stalli ng the Lok Sabha proceedings without taking up the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the Pre sident's address and accused it of flouting parliamentary conventions.Rijiju's remarks came soon after the Lok Sabha was adj ourned for the day amid opposition protests for a dedicated discussion on the NEET issue ahea d of the debate on the Motion of Thanks."The government is re ady for discussion on any issue, but the attitude of the Congress to stall parliamentary proceeding flouting parliamentary traditions and conventions," the minister said.Rijiju said as per parliamentary conventions and traditions, the debate on the Motion of Thanks takes precedence over ev ery other discussion in the



House."But, Congress raised such an issue which was against the dignity of the House. Congre s is not good. I condemn the mage is sparty leader said there should. Murmu addressed the joint sitnner in which the Congress is be no discussion on the Motion ting of the Lok Sabha and the of Thanks and other issues shou ld be discussed first," the minister said.Rijiju said the Lok Sabh a Speaker had asked the opposition members to raise the NEET issue during the discussion on th e Motion of Thanks on the Pre

sident's Address and that the gov ernment would respond to it."T he government is ready for discussion, but it has to be as per the rules. The debate on the Mot ion of Thanks will go on for thr ee days. Members can put their views in detail during the debat e," Rijiju said. The National Eligi bility cum Entrance Test (Under graduate) or NEET-UG was conducted by the NTA on May 5 with around 24 lakh candidates taking part in it. The results were announced on June 4, but they were followed by allegations of question paper leaks in states such as Bihar, besides other irregularities.President Droupadi Rajya Sabha on Thursday. The Lok Sabha has allotted 16 hours for the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's addre ss. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to respond to the debate on Tuesday.

### Criminal negligence responsible for shoddy infrastructure: Cong on Delhi airport roof collapse

New Delhi, Jun 28 (The Cap ital News) The Congress on Frid ay hit out at the Modi governme nt over the Delhi airport roof coll apse, saying "corruption" an d "criminal negligence" is respo nsible for the shoddy infrastructure created in the last 10 year s.One person died and six were injured after a portion of the roof of the Delhi airport's Terminal-1 collapsed on cars, including taxi s, amid heavy rain early Friday, leading to suspension of flight departures.Civil Aviation Minist er K Rammohan Naidu said he was monitoring the situation and the injured had been hospitalis ed."Corruption and criminal neg ligence is responsible for the coll apse of shoddy infrastructure fal ling like a deck of cards, in the past 10 years of Modi Gove rnm rjun Kharge said in a po st on X. ."Delhi Airport (T1) r oof collap se, Jabalpur airport ro of collap se, Abysmal condition of Ayodh ya's new roads, Ram M andir lea kage, cracks in Mumbai Trans H arbour Link road, 13 new brid



ges falling down in Bihar in 20 23 & 2024, Pragati Maidan Tunn el submerging, Morbi bridge collapse tragedy in Gujarat, ... are some stark instan ces which exposes the tall claims by Modi arged. Congress general secretar ji and BJP of creating 'World ent," Congress president Mallika Class Infrastructure'," he said.He said on March 10th, wh en Modi ji inaugurated the Delhi Ariport T1, he called himself "D oosri mitti ka insaan..."."All this false bravado and rhetoric was only reserved for quickly indul ging in ribbon-cutting ceremonie s

before Elections. Our heartfelt condolences to the victims of the Delhi airport tragedy. They bore the brunt of a Corrupt, Inept and Selfish Government," Kharge ch y Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "The question is that the prime inauguration minister will take responsibility for these substandard construction works marked by corruption.""Is the veil finall y lifting from BJPs Chanda lo, C handa lo corruption model," she



## Govt has taken right decision: Gowda on CBI probe in NEET paper leak case

News) Amid an uproar in the Rajya Sabha over the NEET issue, senior JD(S) leader H D Deve Gowda on Friday appealed to the opposition to let the House function smoothly and said the government cannot fix responsibility until the probe in the matter is completed.Rajya Sabha witnessed chaotic scenes as opposition members demanding a discussion on the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) raised slogans and entered the Well of the House during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address.Intervening during the discussion, Gowda said lakhs of students have been affected because of the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the medical

New Delhi, Jun 28 (The Capital entrance exam." I do not want to take sides. The government has taken the right decision (to order a CBI probe)," the former prime minister said.He said the investigation is not yet complete and the government cannot fix responsibility until it is completed. He appealed to the opposition members to let the House function smoothly. However, the protesting members did not relent.BJP leader Sudhanshu Trivedi, who initiated the discussion on the Motion of Thanks, said it was unfortunate that the opposition was continuing with its protests and sloganeering despite an appeal for order by a senior member like Gowda. The JD(S) is part of the NDA and Gowda's son H D Kumaraswamy is the Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises minister.

## Nagaland govt hopeful of solution to Naga political issue during PM Modi's third term: Minister

Kohima, Jun 28 (The Cap ital News) The Nagaland government is hopeful and confident of a Naga political solution during the third term of Pr im e Minister Narendra Modiled NDA government at the Centre, a state minister said. "In this new government of the NDA led by PM Modi, the stat e government would love to see the mitigation of the Naga political issue positively," Nag aland government spokesperson and Tourism and Higher Education minister Temjen Imna Along said on Thursday. He said the Nagas need to be assertive to help build the confidence of the state government and also the Central government to come together with the Naga political groups that are in talks with the Centre to find a solution to the decadesold Naga problem."To be able to solve that we all have to come together and that should be done first because it cannot be resolved without sitting down and talking," he said.T he Nagaland government has constituted a 'Political Affairs Committee' (PAC) comprising ministers and legislature party leaders of all political parties

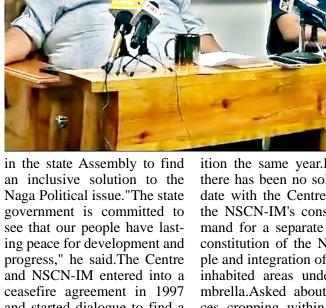


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ition the same year. However, there has been no solution till date with the Centre refusing the NSCN-IM's consistent de mand for a separate flag and constitution of the Naga people and integration of all Naga inhabited areas under one u mbrella.Asked about differen ces cropping within the Peo ples' Democratic Alliance (P DA) – a pre-poll partnership between the Nationalist Demo cratic Progressive Party (NDP P) and BJP following the debacle in the Lok Sabha election, he said "The PDA is inta ct"."It is just the presumption and assumption of the many

critics but in politics many things happen but the core value of the PDA is always strong and will continue to give stability and good governance as far as possible to the people of Nagaland," he said.NDPP candidate Chumbe n Murry lost in the recent Lok Sabha polls to S Supongmeren Jamir of Congress."In every election one or the other issue crops up, but the PDA alliance under the leadership of Chief Minister Rio and the Deputy Chief Ministers Y Patton of BJP and T R Zeliang of NDPP have an agenda and the agenda is Nagaland," he said.





Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu meeting with Telangana Governor Radhakrishnan at his residence Undavalli on Friday







Minister for HRD and IT Nara Lokesh interacting visitors as part of Prajadarbar at Undavalli on Friday



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy Deputy Chief Minister M Bhattivikramarka paying tributes to former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao at Delhi on Friday



Gajuwaka MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao assuming office as new president of TDP for Andhra Pradesh unit held in a programme at party central office on Friday



Civil Supplies Minster N Manohar conducting the review with officials on Friday



Telangana Governor Radhakrishnan visiting Durga temple in Vijayawada on Friday



MP CM Tamesh meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah at his residence in New Delhi on Friday



TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh welcoming Telangana Governor Radhakrishnan at Undavalli on Friday

# Police clash with protesters in Kenya as the military patrols the streets

Nairobi, Jun 27 (The Capital dent's resignation after the bill was News) Kenyan police on Thursday clashed with protesters in Nairobi before planned protests against a contentious finance bill, despite the president's decision not to sign it after the plans sparked deadly chaos in the capital and saw protesters storming and burning part of the parliament building.Protesters who said last week that they would march to the State House on Thursday say they still don't trust President William Ruto, who has said the tax hikes would be withdrawn and budget cuts would be made.Police have hurled tear gas canisters at groups of protesters attempting to congregate within the central business district. The military has been patrolling the city despite a Wednesday court order that suspended their deployment to support police during the protests.Dep uty President Rigathi Gachagua on Wednesday urged the young protesters to call off planned protests and give dialogue a chance. The leaderless movement began online with young people demanding that legislators reject the proposed tax hikes. It later morphed into calls for the presi-

passed.On Tuesday, thousands of protesters stormed Kenya's parliament, burning parts of the building and sending lawmakers fleeing. Police opened fire and at least 22 people were reportedly killed in the chaos. Activists were divided about the agenda of Thursday's protests. One protester, Boniface Mwangi, urged others to peacefully march to parliament road where protesters were killed to pay their respects. "Invasion of the State House isn't a solution," he wrote on X.But Francis Gaitho, one of the many activists mobilizing for the protests online, insisted that young people should march to the State House. Activists and others warned that the stakes were higher than in past protests, because Ruto vowed on Tuesday to quash unrest "at whatever cost". An alyst Javas Bigambo told The Associated Press that the discontent is partly because Kenyans don't trust the president to implement the austerity measures he announced on Wedne sday."Kenyans still have a problem with the economy and wastage in government," he said.Bigambo said



Ruto's U-turn should be a "lesson on humility" as his initial reaction on Tuesday was "not stately and full of emotions" further agitating protesters. He said the government should win back the populace by opening dialogue channels and ensuring a consultative budgeting process.Busin esspeople in Nairobi were standing guard outside their shops on Thurs day to prevent looting and vandalism, which took place during Tuesday's protests.Major roads leading to key

government buildings, including parliament, have been blocked.Outside Nairobi, protests have been reported in Mombasa, Kisumu, Migori and other major towns.US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday spoke with Ruto, thanking him for taking steps to reduce tensions."The Secretary underscored the importance of security forces demonstrating restraint and refraining from violence and encouraged prompt investigations into allegations of human rights abuses," a statement read.Ruto has been embraced by Washington as a welcome, stable partner in Africa, while frustration grows elsewhere on the continent with the US and other Western powers. In May, Ruto went to Washington in the first state visit by an African leader in 16 years. On Tuesday, as the protests erupted, the US designated Kenya as its first major non-NATO ally in sub-Saharan Africa, a largely symbolic act but one highlighting their security partnership.Also Tuesday, hundreds of Kenyan police deployed to lead a multinational force against gangs in Haiti, an initiative that brought thanks from US President Joe Biden.



## 7.2 magnitude earthquake shakes southern Peru

Lima, Jun 28 (The Capital News) A magnitude 7.2 earthquake shook the southern coast of Peru early Friday. Authorities say there are no immediate reports of casualties. The US Geological Survey said the earthquake occurred at 12:36 am (0536 GMT). The epicentre was located in the Pacific Ocean, some 5 miles (8 kilometres) west of the district of Atiquipa, in the province of Caravelí. That is some 380 miles south of the capital, Lima, near the borders with Chile and Bolivia. The depth was 17 miles (28 kilometres). The earthquake was felt in the nearby regions of Ayacucho, Ica, and the capital, local media reported. Eder Allca, the mayor of the district of Sancos, in the Ayacucho region, told the local radio station RPP that a road in his district suffered rock slides that left several localities cut off. The Hydrography and Navigation Directorate of the Peruvian Navy reported that the seismic event generated a tsunami alert along the Peruvian coast. However, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Honolulu said any threat of a tsunami had already passed. Earthquakes are frequent in Peru, as the country is located in the Pacific "Ring of Fire."

## **Ultra-Orthodox Jews block highway to protest** Israel's new mandatory military service ruling

Bnei Brak (Israel), Jun 28 (The Capital News) Hundreds of ultra-Orthodox Jewish men blocked a major highway in central Israel for two hours on Thurs day to protest a recent Supreme Court decision ordering young religious men to enlist for military service. Military service is compulsory for most Jewish men and women in Israel. But politically powerful ultra-Orthod ox parties have won draft exemp tions for their followers that allo w them instead to study in religious seminaries. This long-stan ding arrangement has bred widespread resentment among the broader public — a sentiment that has grown stronger during the eight-month war against Hamas in Gaza. Over 600 sol- army." The ultra-Orthodox see of thousands of reservists have their part in protecting the state. been activated, straining careers, businesses and family lives.Prot esters sat on the highway and lay on the ground as police lifted them up and dragged them away. Officers mounted on horseback charged into the crowd. Many demonstrators held signs and chanted "To prison! Not to the army!""We all came here for one goal, we reflect the position of



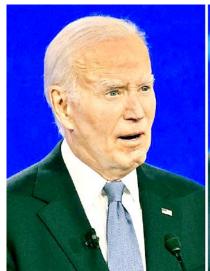
all the Orthodox public," said a young man, identifying himself only by his first name Ozer. "All the Orthodox public prefers to go to prison and not to the Many fear that greater contact with secular society through the military will distance adherents from strict observance of the faith. The Supreme Court this week ordered the government to begin drafting ultra-Orthodox men, saying the system of exemptions is unequal. The decision could lead to the collapse of Prime Minister Benjamin Netan

yahu's government. Ultra-Ortho dox parties and their followers oppose any change in the system. The ultra-Orthodox make up roughly 13 per cent of Israel's population. But under the coundiers have been killed, and tens their full-time religious study as try's fragmented political system, they wield significant political power and often serve as political kingmakers. The parties are key members of Netanyahu's governing coalition and could potentially force new elections if they decide to leave the government.Ultra-Orthodox leaders ha ve not yet said whether they will quit the government, but their followers have scheduled a large protest in Jerusalem on Sunday.

## US opted out of Paris Accord as India, China weren't paying: Ex-Prez Trump

Atlanta, Jun 28 (The Capital News) Former US president Donald Trump has said his administration opted out of the landmark Paris Climate Accord in 2017 as it was a "rip-off" whic h would have cost Washington USD 1 trillion, as he claimed th at India, China and Russia wer en't paying for it. Trump, the presumptive candidate of the Repu blican Party, made the claims at the first of presidential debates with his Democratic Party rival President Joe Biden on Thur sday, where the two 2024 presidential candidates sparred over the state of the economy, border, foreign policy, abortion, national security and climate change. During their roughly 90-minute debate marred by personal attacks, Trump, 78, claimed that the Paris Climate Accord would have cost USD 1 trillion and the US was the only country that had to pay.

Calling it a "rip-off", he said that China, India and Russia weren't paying.In 2017, Trump pulled the US out of the 2015 Paris climate agreement, saying the international deal to keep global temperatures rising below 2 degrees Celsius was disadvan-



tageous to US workers. As part of the Paris Agreement, in 2009, the US and other developed nations committed to collectivedeveloping countries, predominantly in the Global South, adapt to the impacts of climate change like sea level rise and worsening heat. According to a CNN report, developed nations met their collective goal two years late in 2022, but the figure has never been as high as Trump suggested.Contrary to what Trump said, the US has never paid USD 1



trillion in international climate finance, according to the repo rt.The US paid nothing to the global finance goal after Trump ly contribute USD 100 billion pulled the country out of the per year by 2020 to help poorer, Paris accord. President Biden has pledged USD 11.4 billion annually from the US, but this level of funding hasn't materialised, the report said. Trump, a known climate change sceptic, has continuously argued that countries like China and India are benefiting the most from the Paris Agreement.China is the world's biggest carbon emitter followed by the US, India and the EU.

#### Ricky Gervais announces new tour 'Ricky Gervais: Mortality'

Los Angeles, Jun 28 (The Capital News) Actor-comedian Ricky Gervais has announced that he will be embarking on a new comedy tour, titled "Ricky Gervais: Mortality", later this year.According to entertainment news outlet Deadline, the tour will run through the end of 2025 and culminate in a new stand-up special for Netflix.Gervais' special for Netflix will be his fourth for the streaming service. His earlier collaborations with Netflix include "Humanity" (2018), "SuperNature" (2022) and "Armageddon" (2023)."We're all gonna die. May as well have a laugh about it. Mortality looks at the absurdities of life. And death. Bring it on," the comedian said in a statement.Gervais and Netflix have had a robust partnership together, as his last special, "Armageddon", won a Golden Globe.It also spent time at No 1 on Netflix's most-watched list and holds the world record for the highestgrossing comedy special of all time.

## Majority of debate watchers say Trump won debate over Biden: CNN Poll

Atlanta, Jun 28 (The Capital News) Former US president Donald Trump turned in a better performance than President Joe Biden during the first of presidential debates, a shift from 2020 when debate watchers saw the 81-year-old Democrat as outperforming his Republican rival.During Thursday's feisty debate that lasted roughly 90 minutes, President Biden and 78-year-old Trump sparred over the economy, immigration, foreign policy, abortion and national security. Both the leaders called each other a liar and the worst president in the history of the US.Sixty-seven per cent to 33 per cent of the registered debate watchers said that Trump turned in a better performance, according to a CNN flash poll conducted by SS RS.CNN was the host of the first of the three presidential debates held in Atlanta.Before the debate, the same voters said, 55 per cent to 45 per cent, that they expected Trump to perform better than Biden.The poll's results reflect opinions of the debate only among those voters who tuned in and are not representative of the views of the full voting public – in their demoWHO WON THE DEBATE?



level of attention they pay to politics.Debate watchers in the poll were 5 points likelier to be Republicanaligned than Democratic-aligned, making for an audience that was slightly more Republican-leaning than all registered voters nationally.But the results are a shift from 2020 when Biden was seen by debate watchers as outperforming Trump in their presidential debates, CNN graphics, political preferences or the reported.A 57 per cent majority of

debate watchers Thursday night said they have no real confidence in Biden's ability to lead the country, and 44 per cent that they have no real confidence in Trump's ability to do so. Those numbers are effectively unchanged from the poll taken before the debate, in which 55 per cent of those voters said they had no confidence in Biden and 47 per cent that they lacked confidence in Trump.Neither candidate scores

MARGIN OF ERROR: +/-5.5% PTS

highly on this metric, but while just 36 per cent of debate watchers now say they have a lot of confidence in Trump's ability to lead the country, only 14 per cent say the same of Biden, the report said. The CNN poll was conducted by text message with 565 registered US voters who said they watched the debate Thursday, and the poll findings are representative of the views of debate watchers only, CNN emphasised.

## Plan was to make it difficult for England without doing anything extraordinary: Axar

Georgetown (Guyana), Jun 28 (The Capital News) His exploits in the powerplay set up India's massive win over England and left-arm spinner Axar Patel said keeping things simple was the key as it helped him make life difficult for rival batters "without doing anything extraordinary". Coming in to bowl in the fourth over, Axar (3/23) removed England skipper Jos Buttler off his very first delivery before dismissing Jonny Bairstow and Moeen Ali in consecutive overs to derail England's chase as they eventually folded for 103 in pursuit of 172 in the T20 World Cup semifinals here on Thursday." Obviously in powerplay, it is difficult (to bowl) but when you know that you are getting help from the wicket, then without thinking much, without doing anything extraordinary, I thought that the more I keep it simple, the easier it would be for me," Axar said during the postmatch press conference."We spoke in the dressing room that it's not an easy wicket (for batting), and I knew that the batsmen will charge at me. It wasn't going to be easy to hit me down the ground and also (they) couldn't hit off the back foot because the ball wasn't coming on the bat."So my plan was to make it difficult for them, force them to think of playing some other shots, and, that's what happened on the first ball. So that was the plan."Axar sent his first ball from round the wicket and Buttler, looking for the reverse-sweep, staying low and skidding as



ended up lobbing it up for wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant to do the rest."I hadn't really planned to get a wicket on the first ball. My mindset was to put the ball in the right areas. Obviously, when you play knockouts, you want to start and finish well with the first and last ball," said Axar, who was adjudged the Player-of-the-Match."I think it was difficult to hit big shots, to sweep and reverse sweep because some balls was keeping low on this wicket, so you can't connect it so easily."India scored 171 for 7 after being asked to take first strike and Axar said they were confident of defending the total."I think 170 was a par score, we could defend it.

Rohit bhai said after he finished batting that it was very difficult to hit big shots because the odd ball was spinning, it was

well."When we made 170, we knew that we had scored 10-15 runs extra, which we could have defended."Batting at number eight, Axar also hit a six during his 10-run cameo and he said it gave him an idea about the nature of the surface as the pacers were bowling slower balls in the death overs." Obviously, I got a clue from that (batting) as to what I could do and what I couldn't. When I went to bat, everyone was bowling slower, the ball was not coming at the speed I wanted so I couldn't connect properly. So giving pace would have made it easy for them. It was important to hit the ball at a good area."It's also about pressure. When you are chasing, and you know that the wicket is helping the bowlers, as an opener, or anyone in the top four, they think of cashing in on the powerplay as much as possible but it didn't work out."

## Javelin thrower DP Manu could be in dope net; NADA asks AFI to stop him from competing



Panchkula (Harvana), Jun 28 (The Capital News) Javelin thrower DP Manu has been asked to stay away from competitions by the Athletics Federati on of India on the instructions of the National Anti-Doping Agen cy as the Olympic hopeful is suspected to have been caught in the dope net. The 24-year-old Manu, who won a silver medal at the 2023 Asian Championhsi ps, was more or less certain to qualify for the Olympics through world ranking quota but is set to miss the Paris bus after the latest

development. He was in the initial entry list for the National Int er-State Championships which began on Thursday here. But his name has been dropped from the updated roster.AFI president Adille Sumariwalla told PTI that NADA has asked the federation to stop Manu from competitions but he did not confirm whether the athlete has committed a doping offence."There could be something like that, but we still don't know what is the actual thing. There was a phone call to AFI office (from the NADA)

yesterday that he (Manu) be stopped from competitions," Sumariwalla said."Otherwise there are no details (on what kind of possible violation). I think the athlete himself (DP Manu) is finding out from the NADA what is the exact thing."Manu finished second behind Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra with a throw of 82.06m in the Federation Cup from May 15 to 19 in Bhubaneswar. He later won gold in Taiwan Athletics Open in Taipei City on June 1 with a throw of 81.58m.Manu was 15th in the World Athletics Road to Paris list and on course to qualify for Paris Olympics as 32 athletes will compete in the men's javelin throw event. The qualification deadline is June 30.Chopra and Kishore Jena have already secured automatic qualification for the Olympics after breaching the entry standard of 85.50m.A country can have a maximum of three athletes in an Olympics track and field event.

## Jason Day set to finally play Olympic golf for Australia at the Paris Games

Sydney, Jun 28 (The Capital News) Jason Day will finally make it to an Olympics while a brother-and-sister combination are two of the other three golfers set to play for Australia at the Paris Games.Day was ranked world No. 1 in 2016 when he decided not to play at the Rio Olympics, saying he was concerned about going to Brazil with the Zika virus spreading while his wife was pregnant. He said earlier this year that he regretted not going."I had one of those spots, and at the time we were having kids, and then obviously there was that (Zika) scare, so I was kind of like a little bit freaked out about that," Day said at a PGA tournament in May. The Australian Olympic Committee said Friday that Min Woo Lee would join Day on the men's team while Minjee Lee and Hannah Green would form the



women's team. The two Lees are brother and sister.Minjee Lee will become the first Australian golfer to compete at three Olympics, Green returns for her second Games while Min Woo Lee will join Day in making his Olympic debut. The four players all qualified by virtue of their

Olympic ranking at the end of a two-year ranking period. Green and Minjee Lee finished the period ranked seventh and 11th respectively, while Day and Min Woo are Australia's highestranked male golfers at 27th and 36th respectively. Green matched Australia's best Olympic golf finish with a tie for fifth at Tokyo 2020 and has won two LPGA Tour events this year. Minjee Lee has 10 career LPGA wins.Day has 13 career PGA Tour wins including a major the 2015 PGA Championship. Min Woo Lee is the reigning Australian PGA champion and achieved a career-best world ranking of 31st in 2024. The Olympic tournament will be played at Le Golf National at Guyancourt near Paris. The men compete from Aug. 1-4 and the women from Aug. 7-10.

International Golf Federation

### Esther Anil Makes a Splash in Black Monokini! son is and Esther Anil is serving some serious summer vibes in her latest Instagram post! The rising star stuns in a sleek black one-shoulder cutout monokini that perfectly accentuates her toned legs. The daring swimsuit exudes confidence and oomph, making Esther a vision of poolside perfection. Adding a touch of whimsy, Esther playfully tucks a cute pink flower behind her ear, further amping up the summery charm. With a sensuous pose against a breathtaking beach backdrop, Esther is setting the internet ablaze. Fans are swooning over her look, showering her with compliments in the comments section. Looks like Esther is ready to take the summer style game by storm!

## Nizam BO: Kalki Crosses RRR

✓ alki 2898 AD is a recent film at the box office. Prab has is starring in the lead role, and the film is directed by Nag Ashwin. Vyjayanthi Movies bankrol led the film. The film opened to a po sitive response from everyone. Now, we have an interesting update on the film's day one result in Nizam. Niza m is one area where in every film, a star hero would give good results to the producers and distributors. Prabhas has an established market already in Nizam area and his film has now crossed the numbers of RRR on a release day. The trade reports reveal that Kalki collected a revenue of 24 Cr rupees on the first day at the box office. Earlier, RRR generated 23.55 Cr rupees on the release day. Kalki crossed the number comfortably. Not just in Nizam, but the film is doing well in all other regions successfully. The team is happy with the film's performance on the release day and are hopeful of a strong and steady run at the box office across the nation.



# Kalki Release: Suriya's Karna In Discussions



Kalki trending on social media, there is another

news. The Nag Ashwin directorial touched the mythology elements

so well and it is having a dream run at the box office. Meanwhile, Suriya's upcoming film is also in the news.Bollywood filmmaker Rakeysh Om Prakash Mehra, who planned a mythology project titled Karna, on Suriya in the lead role. With the release of Kalki, this upcoming project also garnered the limelight on social media. The project is being planned as a pan-India film with a budget of approximately 350 crore rupees. Excel Entertainment will be bankrolling the film and the pre-production works are already in progress. Already, the team finalized the film's cast. With Jahnvi Kapoor onboarding as Draupadi, the film also features Ali Fazal, Vijay Verma, Abinash Tiwari and others. The Indian filmmakers are bringing back the mythological genre and we have to see if Suriya will impress as Karna.

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