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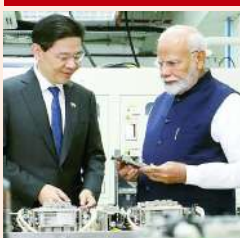


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PM Modi visits chip manufacturing unit in Singapore, discusses collaborations

Singapore: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accompanied by his counterpart Lawrence Wong, on Thursday visited AEM Holdings, a leading company in semiconductor and electronics sector, here and discussed opportunities for collaboration. PM Modi also visited the (Cont.on P2)



TDP MLA Koneti Adimulam suspended amid allegations of sexual harassment

Amaravati: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has suspended Satyavedu Telugu Desam Party (TDP) MLA Koneti Adimulam from the party, following allegations of sexual harassment leveled against him. The TDP high command, acknowledging the gravity of the situation, (Cont.on P2)



Repair work underway at Prakasam Barrage following gate damage

Vijayawada: Repairs to the damaged gates at the Prakasam Barrage are currently in progress, with officials working under the guidance of experts. The repair operations are specifically focused on gates number 67 and 69, which suffered significant damage. The mishap occurred (Cont.on P2)

Century-long problem of Budameru continues to haunt Vijayawada

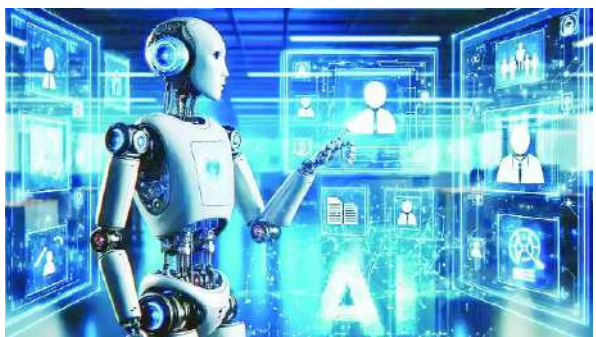
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Vijayawada, Sep 5: Despite a century-long appeal from the people of Krishna and farmers of West Godavari district to resolve the issue of the Budameru rivulet - whose overflow has been inundating Vijayawada for the past six days - the problem remains unsolved. This issue, discussed as far back as during the British colonial government, has seen little progress even after 100 years. Former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Tanguturi Prakasam Panthulu, had formulated the Budameru scheme before



the construction of the Prakasam Barrage. However, despite the proposal and subsequent discussions, no significant progress has been made to resolve the flooding issue caused by the Budameru rivulet. The ongoing crisis has led to a blame game between the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). Both parties have accused each other of neglecting the issue, with former Chief Ministers N Chandrababu Naidu and Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy engaging in personal attacks. Meanwhile, the (Cont.on P3)



Telangana plans to improve delivery of services to over 1 crore citizens using AI

Hyderabad, Sep 5 (The Capital News): Recognising the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence in promoting Sustainable Development Goals, Telangana intends to improve service delivery for over one crore citizens and enhance productivity of the government employees by more than 20 per cent over the next 3 years. A report- AI Powered Telangana Strategy Document and Implementation Roadmap- released by the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said six critical pillars have been identified to enable an AI-powered state. "The government intends to improve service delivery for 1Cr+ (over one crore) citizens and enhance productivity of government employees (Cont.on P2)

Police detained former MP Nandigam Suresh in attack on TDP office

• Police intensify search for YSRCP leaders

Amaravati, Sep 5 (The Capital News): Special police teams have been deployed to locate the accused involved in the attack on the residence of former Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) central office in Mangalagiri. The police are conducting an intensive search for prominent leaders of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), including former minister Jogi Ramesh, YSR Congress leaders Lella Appireddy, Devineni Avinash, Talashila Raghuram, and YSRCP youth president Panuganti Chaitanya. The police have already detained former MP Nandigam Suresh and Vijayawada city YSRCP leader Avutu Srinivasa Reddy, which has reportedly caused panic among the remaining accused. Following the arrests, Jogi Ramesh, Devineni Avina



sh, Lella Appireddy, and Talashila Raghuram have switched off their mobile phones and gone into hiding. However, sources indicate that the police have traced the whereabouts of some of the (Cont.on P3)



APGOsJAC, JAC Amaravati contributes Rs.120 CR to CM Relief Fund for flood victims

Vijayawada, Sept 5 (The Capital News): In a commendable act of solidarity, the Andhra Pradesh Joint Action Committee (APJAC) Amaravati has donated more than Rs 120 crores, equivalent to one day's salary from about 10 lakh employees, teachers, and pensioners, to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to support the flood victims. The donation aims to assist those affected by the devastating floods in the joint Krishna and Guntur districts, caused by heavy (Cont.on P2)



TN CM signs MoU worth Rs 2000 crore with Trilliant

Chennai, Sep 5 (The Capital News): Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, who is on a 17-day visit to the US to seek investments for the state, has signed a Rs 2,000 crore Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Trilliant. This is for establishing Trilliant's manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu as well as for constituting their Development and Global Support centre in the state, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) in a statement on Thursday said. The statement also said that the Chief Minister had a productive discussion with sports goods makers, Nike for establishing its product creation and design centre in Tamil Nadu. CM Stalin met the officials of 'Optum', a healthcare-providing (Cont.on P2)



Six Maoists killed in encounter with Telangana Police

Hyderabad, Sep 5 (The Capital News): Six Maoists were killed in an encounter with police in Telangana's Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Thursday. The incident occurred near Raghunathpalem in Karakagudem mandal near the border with Chhattisgarh. Some top Maoist leaders from Telangana are reported to be among those killed. The exchange of fire took place in the forest area when a police party was engaged in combing operations. Two policemen were also reportedly injured in the exchange of fire. Further details were awaited. Police (Cont.on P2)



Another low pressure in Bay of Bengal Expected heavy rains in AP, Telangana

Amaravati / Hyderabad, Sep 5 (The Capital News): Another low pressure in Bay of Bengal is expected to bring heavy to very heavy rain to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana once again. The Telugu states have already experienced heavy rains and floods, which have disrupted people's lives. Now, they are facing additional trouble as the Meteorological center has forecasted heavy to very heavy rains in the coming days. The Hyderabad Meteorological Center has warned that heavy to very heavy rains are likely to occur in Telangana state due to a low pressure system and monsoon trough. Heavy and very heavy rains have been forecasted for September 5, with the possibility of heavy rains (Cont.on P2)

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decided to take swift action by suspending the MLA before seeking an explanation from him. The accusations surfaced when a woman, accompanied by her husband, made public the details of her ordeal at a press conference held at the Somaji guda Press Club in Hyderabad. She alleged that MLA Adimulam had sexually assaulted her at a hotel in Tirupati. In support of her claims, the victim released private videos that reportedly document the misconduct. She further revealed that she had written letters to both Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh, seeking their intervention. According to the victim, she and the MLA had met several times due to their involvement in party programmes. She alleged that Adimulam had obtained her phone number and began repeatedly calling her. The harassment, she claimed, escalated when the MLA sexually assaulted her on three separate occasions, threatening to kill her and her family if she disclosed the incidents to anyone. In a shocking disclosure, the victim stated that she used a pen camera to capture incriminating evidence of the MLA's actions. She further alleged that Adimulam had a pattern of exploiting young women and boasted about his conquests. The victim urged the TDP leadership to take strict action against all individuals involved in such activities, demanding that Adimulam's suspension be permanent.

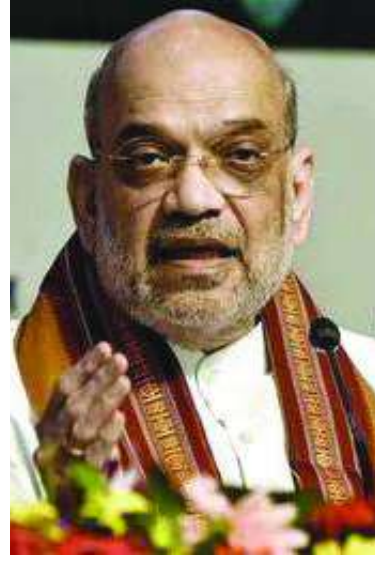
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when a boat collided with the counterweight at gate 69, leading to its breakage. The work is being meticulously supervised by expert Kannayanaidu, with chief engineer Thota Ratnakumar overseeing the overall project. The incident, which took place two days ago, involved iron boats that were swept away by the floodwaters flowing from the upper reaches of the Krishna River. The boats struck the barrage gates, resulting in the damage. While the counterweight at gate number 64 sustained minor damage, the counterweight at gate number 69 was severely damaged, breaking in the middle. The Krishna River experienced record-level flooding on September 2, which caused the boats anchored by fishermen in the upper reaches of Bhavanipuram, Gollapudi, and Ibrahimpatnam to be swept away. Of the four boats that were carried off by the strong currents, one collided with the counterweight at gate 69 and became lodged there. Two other boats followed suit, crashing into the first and stopping. A fourth boat, which struck the counterweight at gate 64, sustained minor damage and is now stuck as well.

Amit Shah greets 'hard working' teachers, applauds their role in nation-building

New Delhi, Sep 5 (The Capital News) : Home Minister Amit Shah, on Thursday, extended warm wishes to all teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day, lauding their invaluable contributions to nation-building. Amit Shah took to social media platform X to share his message, emphasising the critical role that teachers play in shaping the future of their students and the country. "On Teachers' Day, I bow to all the teachers who not only build the lives of their students but also make invaluable contributions to building a great nation." Amit Shah also paid homage to Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the second President of India, whose birth

anniversary marks the occasion of Teachers' Day. "On the Jayanti of Bharat Ratna Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, I bow to the former President of India and extend my heartfelt greetings to all our hard-working teachers," Shah added. Teachers' Day is also marked by a national-level event organised by the Department of School Education and Literacy, under the Ministry of Education. This function is held to honour the country's most dedicated and exemplary teachers by conferring upon them the prestigious National Teachers' Awards. President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Teachers' Awards 2024 to 82 outstanding educators on Thursday during a special



cerial ceremony at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. These awards honour teachers who have significantly contributed in the education sector.

Among the 82 recipients, two awardees are differently-abled, and one specialises in working with children with special needs (CWSN). The recipients comprise educators from other departments as well, including 16 teachers from the Department of Higher Education and 16 from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. In a unique gesture to honour teachers, the Amrit Udyan at Rashtrapati Bhavan will be exclusively opened to educators on Teachers' Day. To facilitate access, a free shuttle bus service will operate between the Central Secretariat Metro Station and Gate No. 35 of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Parents walk 15 kilometers carrying dead bodies of two children

Gadchiroli, Sep 5 (The Capital News): A heart-wrenching tragedy in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, has brought the dire state of healthcare in remote areas into sharp focus. Two young brothers, both under ten years old, died due to a fever after receiving inadequate medical care. Their parents were left with no choice but to walk 15 kilometers carrying their lifeless bodies on foot due to the unavailability of an ambulance. The distressing incident, which occurred in Aheritaluka, came to light after a video was presented in the



Maharashtra Assembly by Leader of the Opposition Vijay Wadetiwar. The video, which has since gone viral, shows the grieving parents navigating a muddy, rain-soaked path while carrying their children on their shoulders. This tragic scenario underscores the severe deficiencies in the region's health-

care infrastructure. Vijay criticized the state's healthcare system, stating, "The brothers' condition deteriorated rapidly due to a lack of timely treatment, and the absence of an ambulance compounded the tragedy. This incident highlights the catastrophic failure of healthcare services in Gadchiroli." The video reveals the couple's painful journey from the hospital to their village, Pattigaon, which is 15 kilometers away. Their tragedy is compounded by the fact that another recent incident involved a pregnant tribal woman who lost her unborn

child after an ambulance failed to arrive in time on September 1. The opposition Congress party has harshly condemned the government, accusing it of neglecting the needs of rural populations while prioritizing political events. "The focus must shift from political programs to addressing the pressing healthcare needs of the people," they emphasized. Public outrage has surged on social media, with many criticizing the government's inaction. However, as of now, there has been no official response from the state government.

Police detained..

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absconding leaders. The Andhra Pradesh High Court has refused anticipatory bail to former minister Jogi Ramesh, further escalating the pressure on him. He has reportedly turned off his phone and is actively evading the authorities. Special police teams have intensified their efforts

to locate him and the other accused. Devineni Avinash, Lella Appireddy, Nandigam Suresh, and Talasila Raghuram, along with 14 other individuals, are facing charges in connection with the violent attack on the TDP central office. They had collectively approached the High Court seeking anticipatory bail,

but their petition was dismissed. In a related move, former Bapatla MP Nandigam Suresh is being transferred to the Guntur district by the police, with plans to present him at the Superintendent of Police (SP) office before producing him in court.

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rains and the overflowing of the Budameru River. APJAC Amaravati chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu, associate chairman T V Phani Perraju, treasurer Kanaparthi Sangeeta Rao, along with other leaders, handed over a formal letter to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, who has been continuously monitoring relief efforts from the Vijayawada district Collector's office. The floods have had a profound impact, with many victims being small employees, labourers,

workers, outsourcing staff, and contract employees, many of whom are still unable to leave their homes. APJAC Amaravati has called on the government to provide additional assistance to these vulnerable groups. The relief measures being undertaken by the Chief Minister have been praised as exemplary, and the dedication of the 75-year-old leader has been described as inspirational. APGOsJAC contributes Rs 8 crore : On other hand, the Andhra Pradesh Government Officers' Joint Action Committee (APGOsJAC) has decided to

donate one day's basic pay, which is estimated to be approximately 8.1 crores, from the salaries of willing members to the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund. K V Krishnaiah, chairman of APGOsJAC, Ajay Medipalli, secretary general, and Tirupati Naidu M, convener, expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to support the people of Andhra Pradesh during this critical period. In their letter to the Chief Minister, they underscored their commitment to the relief efforts and their willingness to assist in any way possible.

TN CM signs..

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company which already has an established unit in Tamil Nadu employing 5,000 people. The CMO in the statement said that the meeting with 'Optum' was for extending the company's operations in Tiruchi and Madurai districts of Tamil Nadu. It may be noted that CM Stalin during his business visit met several corporates in San Francisco and now in Chicago. The CM visited the headquarters of Google, Apple and Microsoft and has entered into

MoUs with these tech giants for investments in Tamil Nadu. The Chief Minister is travelling to the US eight months after the Tamil Nadu government signed MoUs worth over Rs 6 lakh crore during the third edition of the Global Investors Meet. Tamil Nadu's focus is mainly on embracing cutting-edge technologies and fostering an ecosystem conducive to R&D and high-tech manufacturing and in this regard the Chief Minister is meeting major technology companies in the US.

Since assuming office in May 2021, CM Stalin has visited the UAE, Singapore, Japan and Spain to get investment proposals for Tamil Nadu. It may be noted that Tamil Nadu has already emerged as the locus of iPhone manufacturing in India with three key suppliers -- Foxconn, Pegatron, and Tata Electronics -- expanding their operations. Additionally, Bharat FIH, an arm of Foxconn, will soon begin to assemble Pixel phones and drones for Google.

PM Modi visits..

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Singaporean semiconductor companies to participate in the 'SEMICON INDIA' exhibition, to be held in Greater Noida from September 11-13. According to an MEA statement, the Prime Minister also interacted with Indian interns from Odisha's 'World Skill Center', undergoing training in Singapore, as well as Singaporean interns who had visited India under the 'CII-Enterprise Singapore India Ready Talent Programme' and Indian engineers working at the AEM facility. Both the leaders were briefed about AEM's role in the global semiconductor value chain, its operations and plans for India. Singapore Semiconductor Industry Association gave a briefing on the development of the semiconductor ecosystem

in Singapore and opportunities for collaboration with India. Representatives of several other Singaporean companies from this sector were also present. "Given our efforts to develop the semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem in India and Singapore's strengths in this sector, both sides have decided to expand bilateral cooperation," according to the MEA. During the second meeting of the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable, both sides agreed to add advanced manufacturing, with a focus on semiconductors, as a pillar for enhancing bilateral cooperation. According to the MEA, both sides have also concluded the MoU on India-Singapore semiconductor ecosystem partnership. "This visit by both the Prime

Ministers underscores the commitment of both sides to develop cooperation in this area. Prime Minister Modi conveyed his appreciation to Prime Minister Wong for joining him in this visit," the MEA statement read. Earlier this week, the Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi, approved the proposal of Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd to set up a semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat, with an investment of Rs 3,300 crore. The proposed unit, under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), will produce nearly 60 lakh chips per day. In March, PM Modi laid the foundation stone of three semiconductor projects worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore. As per reports, India's semiconductor-related market will reach \$64 billion in 2026, nearly triple the size in 2019.

Telangana plans..

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by more than 20 per cent over the next 3 years, setting the benchmark for AI-driven governance across India. The government will set an example by integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) across its operations to enhance efficiency and service delivery and generative AI will be leveraged to power interventions aimed at solving the most critical governance challenges across domains including education, healthcare, agriculture, and service delivery, the report further said. Addressing the gathering after releasing the report at the ongoing Global AI Summit here, Reddy said nothing will change society, and lives of people, as technology and innovation. "Our commitment to artificial intelligence is not new. We have already taken big steps for AI. We want to lay a strong foundation for our future," he said. Telangana AI Mission, or T-AIM, in partnership with Nasscom, will help implement the AI framework in the state, he added. IT Minister D Sridhar Babu also spoke at the event. The state government intends to promote the development of datasets and models that allow AI to account for state-specific nuances including language and culture, besides government departments and selected early stage startups will be provided subsidised access to compute capacity to level the playing field for innovation, specifically for socially conscious solutions, the report further said.

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say while left-wing extremism completely disappeared in Telangana due to sustained efforts over the last 10-15 years, areas bordering neighbouring states like Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra still have Maoist presence. Senior police officers admitted on many occasions that the fact that the leadership of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) is in the hands of people from Telangana is a matter of great concern for them. Thursday's encounter came as a big setback for the Maoist outfit trying to revive its activities in the state. This came two days after nine Maoists, including six women, were killed by security forces in Chhattisgarh. The Maoists were killed in an anti-Naxal operation conducted in the forests along the border of Chhattisgarh's Dantewada and Bijapur districts on September 3. The joint operation involved Dantewada District Reserve Guards, Bastar Fighters, and CRPF battalions 111 and 230, who acted on intelligence about the presence of a large number of Maoists from PLGA Company No. 2, West Bastar division, and Darbha division. Top Maoist Leader Macherla Esobu from Telangana is reported to be among those killed in the encounter in Chhattisgarh. Esobu, also known as Jagan, Dada Randev, and Randhir, was in charge of the CPI (Maoist) Party's central military and the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border. A key member of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC), Esobu hailed from Tekulagudem village in Kazipet mandal, Hanamkonda district and was active in the Maoist movement since the 1980s. The Maoist leader was carrying a cash reward of Rs. 25 lakh on his head.

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continuing until September 10. Additionally, torrential rains may occur across Telangana for up to 5 days, particularly in the North and North-Eastern districts. Last night, heavy rainfall was recorded in several districts, with the highest rainfall recorded in Siddipet district at 17 cm, followed by Nizamabad district at 13 cm, and Asifabad, Manchiryala, and Medchal Malkajigiri districts at 7 cm each. Another low pressure system is expected to form in the Bay of Bengal soon, with the monsoon trough currently moving from Ramagundam to Kalingapatnam in Telangana. The ongoing surface circulation along the Coastal Andhra coast is likely to intensify into a low pressure system, potentially leading to heavy and very heavy rains in the state, according to an official from the Hyderabad Meteorological Centre. A "Yellow Alert" has been issued for several districts, with heavy to very heavy rain expected. In addition, light to moderate rain is forecasted for Hyderabad, while heavy rain is expected for Mahabubabad, Khammam, Suryapet, and Bhadrachalam districts. On the second day, heavy to very heavy rains are expected in the North-East districts, and heavy rains are forecasted to fall across the state for the next 5 days. The Cyclone Warning Center in Visakhapatnam has indicated that a low pressure system is likely to form in the Bay of Bengal, leading to heavy rains in North Andhra for four days. As a result, Palnadu, Eluru, and NTR districts have been placed under an "Orange Alert," with moderate to heavy rains expected in the coastal districts, and a "Yellow Alert" issued for several other districts. Additionally, the sea is rough, and fishermen have been advised not to venture out for the next three days, according to the Visakha Cyclone Warning Center.



Excise policy case: CBI questions maintainability of Kejriwal's bail plea in SC

New Delhi, Sep 5 (The Capital News) Questioning the maintainability of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's pleas seeking bail and challenging his arrest, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Thursday told the Supreme Court that he should have first approached the trial court for bail in the corruption case linked to the alleged excise policy scam. Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the central agency, submitted before a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan that even in the money laundering case, Kejriwal, who had challenged his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), was sent back by the apex court to the trial court. "He has approached Delhi High Court directly without going to sessions court. Under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), both have concurrent jurisdiction. My preliminary objection is he must first go to trial court," Raju said. The law officer said the CBI did not issue a notice to Kejriwal under section Section 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure as he was already in judicial custody. Earlier in the day, Kejriwal told the top court that the CBI did not arrest him for nearly two years in the alleged excise policy scam



and an "insurance arrest" was made on June 26 after he got bail in the "harsher" money laundering case filed by the ED. Senior advocate Abhishhek Singhvi, appearing for the chief minister, told the bench that no notice was served to Kejriwal by the CBI before his arrest and an ex-parte arrest order was passed by the trial court. Seeking bail for the beleaguered Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader, Singhvi submitted that Kejriwal is a constitutional functionary and not a flight risk. Singhvi said Kejriwal was also not named in the CBI FIR. The senior lawyer pointed out that the top court, while granting him interim bail in the money laundering case, had said the

chief minister was not a threat to society. "What started in August 2023 has led to arrest in March this year in the money laundering case," he said, adding the top court and a trial court have already granted him bail. The hearing still is underway. Kejriwal has filed two separate petitions challenging the denial of bail by the Delhi High Court and against his arrest by the CBI. The AAP chief was arrested by the CBI on June 26. On August 14, the top court refused to grant interim bail to Kejriwal in the case and sought a response from the probe agency on his plea challenging his arrest. The Delhi High Court had on August 5 upheld his arrest as legal,

and said there was no malice in the acts done by the CBI which was able to demonstrate how the AAP supremo could influence witnesses who could muster the courage to depose only after his arrest. The high court had asked him to move the trial court for regular bail in the CBI case. The excise policy was scrapped in 2022 after the Delhi lieutenant governor ordered a CBI investigation into alleged irregularities and corruption involving its formulation and execution. According to the CBI and the ED, irregularities were committed while modifying the excise policy and undue favours extended to licence holders.



Direct train started from Prayagraj to Vaishno Devi Katra

Prayagraj, Sep 5 (The Capital News) The North Central Railway on Thursday started a direct train service from Subedarganj station in Prayagraj to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra in Jammu and Kashmir, in line with a long-standing demand of devotees, officials said. The Katra Jammu Mail will depart from Subedarganj station at 10:35 am daily and reach Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra at 9:15 am the following day, North Central Railway PRO Amit Malviya said. The train will pass Fatehpur, Govindpuri, Tundla, Aligarh, Chipiyana Buzurg, Delhi, Sabzi Mandi, Narela, Sonipat, Gaur, Samalkha, Kurukshetra, Ambala Cantt, he said. On the return journey, the train will depart Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra at 3:20 pm daily and reach Subedarganj at 12:35 pm the following day. Praveen Patel, the MP for Phulpur, where Prayagraj is located, said, "It is a very auspicious day for the people of Prayagraj. The long-standing demand for a direct train to Mata Vaishno Devi Dham has been fulfilled. Earlier, people had to go to Delhi first and face a lot of trouble there." He said the government's "gift" to the people of Prayagraj would also benefit devotees of surrounding districts who would be able to travel directly to Katra and visit Mata Vaishno Devi.

30 teachers detained from Mandi House in Delhi during anti-NEP protest

New Delhi, Sep 5 (The Capital News) Around 30 teachers were detained by the police from Central Delhi's Mandi House area as they gathered there to take part in the unity march against several issues including NEP 2020, paper leak, and scuttling of reservations in educational institutes. On the occasion of Teacher's Day, associations of different central and state universities had called for a joint students and teachers unity march from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar. According to a senior police officer, the teachers were detained because they tried to move towards the Embassy area. "The teachers were allowed to hold the protest but when they tried to move towards the Embassy area, the police were forced to detain them. The protesters at Jantar Mantar were allowed to stage the protest," the officer said. The protesting teachers under the banner



Federation of Central University Teachers Associations (FEDCUTA), alleged they were forcibly detained by the police as soon as they gathered at the site to prevent them from undertaking their proposed march from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar. FEDCUTA president Moushumi Basu alleged, "The police said they would drop us at Jantar Mantar but we were taken to Kapashera Police Station near the Gurugram border." Among those detained were Basu and former presidents Nandita

Narain, D.K. Lobiyal and Rajib Ray, the teachers association said in a statement. "On the day that the nation observes as Teachers' Day, senior teachers and students were forcibly detained by the police in order to prevent the March. The action of the Delhi Police today... is a shocking demonstration of the continuing assault on Indian democracy and the utter contempt with which state views education, learning and the teaching community," the statement read. Meanwhile, student groups from different universities including Jawaharlal Nehru University, Ambedkar University, and Delhi University gathered at Jantar Mantar to continue the protest. Carrying placards and posters, the students raised slogans against the police action and several other issues including New Education Policy 2020, paper leak, and scuttling of reservations in educational institutes.

Cal HC takes serious exception to state lawyers' absence in non-political cases

Kolkata, Sep 5 (The Capital News) The Calcutta High Court on Thursday expressed serious concerns about the absence of West Bengal government lawyers in cases before it, particularly when the matters are not politically sensitive. Addressing a PIL regarding the plight of tiger attack victims in the Sunderbans, Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam remarked on the absence of state representation despite prior instructions. The Chief Justice observed, "Unless something is politically sensitive, no government counsel is promptly attending to the matters." Sivagnanam questioned the process by which lawyers are assigned cases by the government, describing the situation as "very saddening." He noted the inconvenience of having to enquire about state representation in every case. Maintaining that allocation of cases to lawyers needs to be done by the state properly, the bench said, "If



this happens in court No 1 (the Chief Justice's court), imagine the plight of the other courts." The division bench, also comprising Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, said it's a matter of regret that in spite of having passed an order on May 9, none has appeared for the state. The court has scheduled the matter for a follow-up hearing on September 26. Mohammed Ghalib, an advocate for the West Bengal government who was present in court but not involved in the PIL, apologised uncondi-

tionally on behalf of the state. He was requested to inform the government pleader's office to ensure corrective measures are taken. The bench said in the instant petition before it, the court had on May 9 directed the petitioner to serve notice in the office of the government pleader so that a counsel can appear for the state and make submissions before it in view of the sensitivity of the matter. On an earlier occasion in April, the state was represented by senior lawyers, the court noted.

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public remains frustrated and outraged as their lands and livelihoods are repeatedly damaged. The Budameru rivulet has a notorious history of flooding farmlands and residential areas in Krishna district, as well as affecting the Kolleru region. Farmers in the Kolleru region have long demanded the diversion of the Budameru into the Krishna River and the construction of a reservoir to mitigate the risk of floods. In 1956, then-Deputy Chief Minister Neelam Sanjiva Reddy announced that Rs 50 lakh had been allocated for irrigation projects, with the Budameru diversion channel being the priority. However, despite starting the diversion works even before the Prakasam Barrage was approved, the project remains incomplete to this day. Historical records reveal that the government has been aware of the devastating impacts of Budameru floods for over a century. In January 1917, the British government acknowledged that 9,700 acres of land were flooded, causing significant crop damage, with a loss of Rs 5,000. In April 1956, the Socialist Party of Bhimavaram on behalf of farmers appealed to Sanjiva Reddy to construct a reservoir and diversion channel to prevent further loss to farmers. Despite numerous announcements and partial attempts, the Budameru problem persists. The rivulet, originating in Khammam district of Telangana, splits near Velagaleru in Krishna district, with part of it heading towards the Vijayawada Thermal Power Station (VTPS). Efforts to widen the channel and redirect it were made during the tenure of former Chief Minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, but VTPS opposed the plan. One proposed solution is to divert Budameru's flow towards the sea by controlling the rivulet with the Velagaleru Regulator and constructing the Budameru Diversion Channel (BDC), which connects to the Krishna River downstream of the Prakasam Barrage. The BDC was constructed with a flow capacity of 10,500 cusecs, but experts recommend increasing this to 17,500 cusecs to match the design capacity of the Polavaram Right Bank Canal. However, before enhancing the BDC's capacity, encroachments along the Budameru need to be removed, especially within Vijayawada city. Only after removing these encroachments and building high flood banks can the risk of floods to Vijayawada be minimized. But political parties are hesitating to take action against the encroachments to protect their political interests. The Chandrababu Naidu-led government allocated funds for the BDC project between 2014 and 2019, but no significant progress was made. The TDP has alleged that the YSRCP had utterly failed in taking forward the BDC. As political parties continue their blame game, the people of Andhra Pradesh, especially the farmers, remain the victims of this century-long unresolved issue. Without decisive action and long-term solutions, the Budameru rivulet will continue to pose a threat to Vijayawada and the surrounding regions.

Harvinder's historic golden touch, Sachin's silver take India's medal haul to 22 at Paralympics

Paris, Sep 5 (The Capital News): Harvinder Singh scripted history by becoming the first Indian archer to clinch a gold at the Paralympics after world champion shot-putter Sachin Sarjerao Khilari's record-shattering silver-winning effort as the country's athletes continued to surpass expectations in its best ever performance at the Games here. The 33-year-old Harvinder, who became the first Indian to win an archery medal at the Games with a bronze three years ago in Tokyo, bettered the colour of his medal in a superlative performance of five consecutive wins. He defeated Poland's Lukasz Ciszek 6-0 in a one-sided final to script history for himself and the country. Both legs of the Haryana-archer were impaired while he was still a toddler owing to a dengue treatment adversely affecting him. Earlier, the 34-year-old Khilari pulled off a 16.32m throw in his second attempt of the F46 category final to better his own Asian record of 16.30m which he set in May while winning gold in the World Para-Athletics Championships in Japan. Their performance took India's medal haul to 22 and the nation is currently placed 15th in the overall standings with four gold, eight silver and 10 bronze medals. Greg Stewart of Canada defended his Tokyo Paralympics gold with a throw of 16.38m, while Luka Bakovic of Croatia took the bronze with 16.27m. Khilari's silver was also India's 11th medal from track-and-field, the Tokyo haul of one gold, five silver and two

bronze medals long overhauled. Late on Tuesday night, Indians won silver and bronze in both men's high jump T63 and javelin throw F46 after Deepthi Jeevanji's bronze in the women's 400m T20 category in India's best day at the Games. Sharad Kumar and Mariyappan Thangavelu won silver and bronze respectively in the men's high jump T63 while Ajeet Singh and Sundar Singh Gurjar took the second and third spots in the javelin throw F46 final. F46 classification is for athletes with arm deficiency, impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement in arms, with athletes competing in a standing position. Hailing from a farming family at Karagani village in Maharashtra's Sangli district, Khilari met with an accident during his childhood. The injury resulted in gangrene of the skin on his elbow and muscle atrophy. Even after several surgeries, his arm never recovered. He also lost his mother when he was young. "I had wanted to win the gold medal, but it did not happen. It's my best distance but I am not satisfied. I feel I could have done better. It was not my day," Khilari said about his performance on Wednesday. **Simran enters 100m semis** World champion sprinter Simran entered the semifinals of the 100m (T12) event with a season's best timing of 12.17sec. The runner was visually impaired as an infant after being born prematurely. After the heat race of Wednesday, she was ranked second overall, finishing behind

reigning Paralympic champion and world record holder Omara Durand of Cuba, who also ran a season's best of 11.87s, in the 16-member field. The semifinal will take place on Thursday. **Tokyo silver-medallist Bhavina ousted** India's challenge in the women's singles table tennis competition after Tokyo edition's silver-medallist Bhavinaben Patel lost to China's Ying Zhou 3-1 in the class 4 quarterfinal. Bhavinaben, who became India's first-ever medal winner in the sport with her silver in the Tokyo Paralympics, fought hard in the first two games and even won the third but eventually lost to her Chinese rival 12-14, 9-11, 11-8, 6-11. Earlier, the other women's singles player in class 3, Sonalben Patel lost to Croatia's Andela Muzinic Vincetic in the round of 16. Bhavinaben was diagnosed with polio when she was one-year old. She competes in class 4 which is meant for wheel-chair bound athletes with functional arms and hands. **No medals in shooting** In Chateauroux, Indian shooters Nihal Singh and Rudransh Khandelwal failed to make the final of mixed 50m pistol (SH1) competition. Nihal, the 2023 world championship bronze medallist, finished 19th. He had an aggregate score of 522 across six series. Competing in his maiden Paralympics, 17-year-old Rudransh, who lost his left leg in a freak mishap when he was just eight-years-old, scored 517 to sign off in the 22nd spot in the qualification round.

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Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu visiting the Budameru channel flowing area and nearby fields in Vijayawada surroundings on Thursday



Centre team visiting Prakasam barrage and reviewing the flood situation in Vijayawada city on Thursday



Union Minister Sivaraj Singh Chowhan visiting flood affected areas in Vijayawada city on Thursday along with AP BJP president Daggubati Purandeshwari



Chief Minister N Chandrababu inspecting Madhranagar Railway station in Vijayawada on Thursday



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French woman whose husband is accused of inviting men to rape her testifies in court

Avignon (France), Sep 5 (The Capital News) A woman who was allegedly drugged by her now ex-husband so that she could be raped while unconscious by other men testified Thursday that her world collapsed when police uncovered the years of alleged abuse. Speaking in a calm and clear voice, Gisèle Pélicot detailed to the court in the southern French city of Avignon the horror of discovering that her former spouse systematically filmed the suspected rapes by dozens of men — storing thousands of images that police investigators later found. 'It's unbearable,' she testified. 'I have so much to say that I don't always know where to start.' Dominique Pélicot, now 71, and 50 other men are standing trial on charges of rape and face up to 20 years in prison. The trial started on Monday and is expected to run until December. Thursday marked the first time that Gisèle Pélicot had testified. The Associated Press doesn't generally identify victims of sexual crimes. But Gisèle Pélicot's lawyer, Stéphane Babonneau, said she accepted that her name be published in the same way that she insisted that the trial be held in public. She told the court that she hopes her testimony



might help spare other women from similar ordeals. She said she pushed for the trial in open court in solidarity with other women who go unrecognized as victims of sexual crimes. She and her husband of 50 years were living in their family home in a small town in Provence with their three children before her world was torn apart in late 2020. 'I thought we were a close couple,' she told the court. But a security agent caught her husband taking photos of women's crotches in a supermarket, leading investigators to search Dominique Pélicot's phone and computer. They found thousands of photographs and videos of men appear-

ing to rape Gisèle in their home while she appears to be unconscious. Shocked, she left her husband after police showed her some of the images. 'For me, everything collapses,' she testified. 'These are scenes of barbarity, of rape.' She left with two suitcases, 'all that was left for me of 50 years of life together.' Since then, she said, 'I no longer have an identity... I don't know if I'll ever rebuild myself. Police investigators found communications Dominique Pélicot allegedly sent on a messaging website commonly used by criminals, in which he invited men to sexually abuse his wife. The website has been shut down. Crude details of the

alleged abuses, which investigators said began in 2011, and of the elaborate system Pélicot put into place over 10 years have emerged during the trial. Men invited to the couple's home had to follow certain rules — they could not talk loudly, had to remove their clothes in the kitchen, could not wear perfume nor smell of tobacco, French media reported. They sometimes had to wait up to an hour and a half on a nearby parking lot for the drug to take full effect and render Gisèle Pélicot unconscious. 'I was sacrificed on the altar of vice,' she testified. 'They regarded me like a rag doll, like a garbage bag.' Because Dominique Pélicot videotaped the alleged rapes, police were able to track down — over a period of two years — a majority of the 72 suspects they were seeking. Besides Pélicot, 50 other men, aged 22 to 70, are standing trial. Several defendants are denying some of the accusations against them, alleging they were manipulated by Pélicot. Over the next few months, the defendants will appear in small groups before a panel of five judges, with Pélicot scheduled to speak next week. Psychologists, psychiatrists and computer experts will also testify.



Police shoot suspicious person near a museum and Israeli Consulate in Munich

Berlin, Sep 5 (The Capital News) Police in Munich said officers fired shots at a suspicious person on Thursday in an area near the Israeli Consulate and a museum on the city's Nazi-era history. Police said on the social network X that the person was hit in the shooting, but didn't give further details. They said there was no evidence of any more suspects connected to the incident. There was no immediate information on why the person was considered suspicious. The incident took place in the Karolinenplatz area, near downtown Munich. Police said they had increased their presence in the city, Germany's third-biggest, but they had no indication of incidents at any other locations or of any other suspects. Israel's Foreign Ministry said the consulate in Munich was closed when the shooting occurred and that no consulate staff had been affected by the incident.

Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Tom Hardy to lead crime thriller movie 'Blood on Snow'

Los Angeles, Sep 5 (The Capital News) Hollywood stars Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Tom Hardy will headline "Blood on Snow", the upcoming film adaptation of Norwegian author Jo Nesbo's crime thriller novel of the same name. Cary Fukunaga, best known for directing James Bond movie "No Time To Die", "Jane Eyre", "Maniac" and season one of "True Detective", will tackle the project, reported entertainment news outlet Deadline. The script has been adapted by Nesbo from his novel, which was published in April 2015, with revisions by Ben Power. Set in 1970's Oslo, the story is about two rival gang leaders—Hoffman and the Fisherman (Hardy) who are vying for control. 'Hoffman's trusted hitman, Olav (Johnson), is a cold, efficient killer, perfect for the job. But beneath his ruthless exterior lies an unexpected intelligence and an unwavering moral code shaped by a complicated childhood... When



Hoffman orders his own wife to be murdered, Olav's principles clash with his loyalties.' Instead of pulling the trigger, he hatches a scheme that makes him Hoffman's next target and with nowhere safe to turn, Olav forms an uneasy alliance that places him at the heart of Oslo's deadly gang war. Once a violent enforcer, Olav's choice makes him an unlikely hero in a world where no good deed goes unpunished," read the official synopsis. Hardy will also produce the project along with Dean Baker under their Hardy Sea & Baker banner,

alongside Fukunaga, Nesbo, Niclas Salomonsson, and Hayden Lautenbach. Mike Larocca and Michael Schaefer will also produce under the Department M. Executive producers on the film include Tallulah Fairfax, Damiano Tucci, Sophia Banks and Tiziano Tucci. Taylor-Johnson was most recently seen in Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt-starrer "The Fall Guy". His upcoming projects are "Kraven the Hunter", "Nosferatu" and "28 Years Later". Hardy will next feature in "Venom: The Last Dance", the third part of his "Venom" franchise.

The UK says water bosses could face prison under plans to clean up sewage-clogged rivers

London, Sep 5 (The Capital News) The bosses of water companies that pollute waterways could go to prison under a new law the British government says will help clean up the country's sewage-clogged rivers, lakes and beaches. A bill introduced in Parliament on Thursday will give regulators the ability to ban bonuses for executives of polluting firms and bring criminal charges against lawbreakers, with the possibility of up to two years' imprisonment for executives who obstruct investigations. The state of Britain's waterways made a stink during the campaign for a July 4 national election. For critics of the Conservative Party that had been in office since 2010, dirty water was a pungent symbol of Britain's aging infrastructure and the effects of privatisation of essential utilities. The private companies that provide combined water and sewage services routinely discharge



sewage into waterways when rain overwhelms sewer systems often dating from the Victorian era. Critics say the firms have failed to invest in upgrading infrastructure — but have continued to pay dividends to shareholders. Water companies say they want to invest in upgrades but accuse the industry's financial regulator, Ofwat, of not allowing them to raise customers' bills enough to finance improvements. The centre-left Labour Party government elected in July has promised to clean

up the "unacceptable" state of Britain's waters. Environment Secretary Steve Reed said that "water executives will no longer line their own pockets whilst pumping out this filth". The bill, which must be approved by lawmakers, also would strengthen powers of the regulators and force water companies to publish real-time data of all sewage spills. Clean-water campaigner Feargal Sharkey said it was good news that "after years of denial at least there is a government prepared to accept and recognise the scale of the problem". But he said existing anti-pollution laws have rarely, if ever, been used. "We don't need new regulations, we don't need new laws, we've got 35 years' worth of laws that have never been applied," Sharkey told Sky News. "You should force them to go out and apply the law as it stands today, that would have been a massive step forward."



PM Modi discusses ways to boost bilateral cooperation with Singapore President

Singapore, Sep 5 (The Capital News) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called on Singapore's President Tharman Shanmugaratnam and discussed avenues to broaden and deepen bilateral cooperation. Modi, who is on a two-day visit to the city-state in South Asia, arrived here on Wednesday for his fifth official visit. "PM @narendramodi held fruitful talks with President @Tharman_S in Singapore today. PM thanked President @Tharman_S for his passionate support for the partnership. Discussions focused on avenues to broaden and deepen cooperation," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X after the meeting. Earlier, Prime Minister Modi held talks with his counterpart Lawrence Wong during which they agreed to elevate bilateral ties to a "comprehensive strategic partnership." He also met former Singapore premier Lee Hsien Loong and discussed areas such as green energy and FinTech where the two countries can work together.

World stocks mixed after Wall Street extends losses as technology and energy stocks fall

Hong Kong, Sep 5 (The Capital News) European and Asian markets were mixed Thursday following a global sell-off a day earlier, as Wall Street declined in the technology, energy and other sectors. France's CAC 40 lost 0.1% in early trading to 7,496.01, while Germany's DAX rose 0.3% to 18,647.33. Britain's FTSE 100 inched up 0.1% to 8,279.76. Futures for the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average were both up 0.1%. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 slipped 1.1%, and closed at 36,657.09. Data released Thursday showed Japan's wage growth remains strong, as average cash earnings in July grew 3.6% year-on-year, beating market expectations, while real earnings unexpectedly increased by 0.4% in July, increasing the likelihood of another rate hike. The US dollar was trading at 143.63 Japanese yen, fuelled by the robust data. "If global markets remain in risk-off mode — especially with commodities like oil tanking — the Fed could be pressured to pull the trigger on a larger 50-basis-points cut. This would be driven by easing inflation risks, which could send USD/JPY further south," Stephen Innes of SPI Asset Management said in a commentary. In South Korea, the Kospi ended 0.2% lower at 2,575.50, as the country's economy contracted



by 0.2% in the second quarter, in line with estimates. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index declined 0.1% to 17,444.30 and the Shanghai Composite index was up 0.1% at 2,788.31. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.4% to 7,982.40. On Wednesday, the S&P 500 fell 0.2% to 5,520.07. The Nasdaq composite shed 0.3% to 17,084.30. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, however, managed a gain of 0.1% to close at 40,974.97. The market's latest pullback came as a government report showed job openings in the US fell unexpectedly in July, a sign that hiring could cool in the coming months. The Labour Department reported that there were 7.7 million open jobs in July, down from 7.9 million in June and the fewest since January 2021. Openings have fallen steadily this year, from nearly 8.8 million in January. But overall, the report was mixed, with hiring having risen last month. Several other reports this week will help give a clearer picture of the economy for the Fed and Wall Street. The Institute for Supply Management will release its services sector index for August on Thursday. The services sector is the biggest component of the US economy. The US will release its monthly jobs report for August on Friday. Economists polled by FactSet expect that report to show that the US added 160,000 jobs, up from 114,000 in July, and that the unemployment rate edged lower to 4.2% from 4.3%. The report's strength, or weakness, will likely influence the Fed's plans for how it trims its benchmark interest rate. Traders are forecasting the Fed will cut its benchmark rate by 1% by the end of 2024. Such a move would require it to cut the rate by more than the traditional quarter of a percentage point at one of its meetings in the next few months. In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 3.76% from 3.83% late Tuesday. That's down from 4.70% in late April, a significant move for the bond market. The yield on the 2-year Treasury, which more closely tracks potential action from the Fed, fell to 3.76% from 3.87%. In energy trading, benchmark US crude gained 49 cents to \$69.69 a barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, rose 58 cents to \$73.28 a barrel. In currency trading, the euro cost \$1.1096, slightly up from \$1.1082.

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India's focus will be on self-improvement: Rishabh Pant ahead of Bangladesh series

Bengaluru, Sep 5 (The Capital News) Wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant warned against taking Bangladesh lightly in the upcoming two-Test series, and stressed on the need for India to keep improving themselves to stay ahead of the competition. Bangladesh, who recently blanked Pakistan 2-0 at Rawalpindi, will face Rohit Sharma's side in the first Test at Chennai from September 19 before moving to Kanpur. India will play a total of 10 Tests within the next five months as the series against Bangladesh will be followed by three Tests against New Zealand at home in October-November before moving to Australia for the five-Test Border-Gavaskar Trophy. "Asian countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka perform well in Asian conditions because they are accustomed to the wickets," Pant told Jio Cinema. "As the Indian cricket team, we focus solely on our own standards and how we can improve. Regardless of the opposition, we strive to play with the same intensity and give our 100 percent every single day," he said. Pant said no series can be taken lightly with the margins between the teams decreasing in international cricket. "Pressure will always be there because in international cricket, you can't take any series lightly.



The margin between winning and losing is very small, and nowadays, the gap between international teams isn't much either," he said. Pant said playing in the Duleep Trophy ahead of a long season of Test cricket will give the players quality match practice while young cricketers at domestic level will benefit from the presence of international stars. The opening round Duleep matches got underway here at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium and at Anantapur on Thursday. "It is very important for us to play domestic cricket because as a cricketer, match practice is always very important," he said. "Especially coming back to domestic cricket, the youngsters also learn a lot of things from us — they see you playing here even after playing international cricket. There is a lot to give back to domestic

cricket." "It also gives us the opportunity to share all the learning and experiences from international cricket with our colleagues, especially with the young players and newcomers; it gives them a huge boost since we all have reached here from playing domestic cricket," Pant added. Pant, who is playing for Team B in Duleep Trophy, said he was looking forward to getting back into domestic cricket as this is his first red-ball game after December 2022. "It is an amazing feeling for me, also because when I met with the accident two years ago, I used to always think about when I will be able to play for India again," he said. "In the last six months I (have) played IPL and we (have) also won the World Cup. It's a great feeling as I had always dreamt of winning the World Cup since I was a kid."

Ugandan Olympic athlete dies after being severely burned by her partner over a land dispute



Nairobi (Kenya), Sep 5 (The Capital News) Ugandan Olympic athlete Rebecca Cheptegei has died at a Kenyan hospital where she was being treated after 80% of her body was burned in an attack by her partner. She was 33. A spokesperson at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret city, Owen Menach, confirmed Cheptegei's death on Thursday. Menach said the long-distance runner died early in the morning after her organs failed. She had been fully sedated on admission at the hospital. Cheptegei competed in the women's marathon at the Paris Olympics less than a month before the attack.

She finished in 44th place. Her father, Joseph Cheptegei, told journalists at the hospital that he had lost a daughter who was "very supportive" and hopes to get justice. Trans Nzoia County Police Commander Jeremiah ole Kosiom said Monday that Cheptegei's partner, Dickson Ndiema, bought a can of gasoline, poured it on her and set her ablaze during a disagreement Sunday. Ndiema was also burned and was being treated at the same hospital. Menach said Ndiema was still in the intensive care unit with burns over 30% of his body but was "improving and stable." Cheptegei's parents said their daughter

bought land in Trans Nzoia to be near the county's many athletic training centers. A report filed by the local chief said the two were heard fighting over the land where her house was built before the attack. The Uganda Athletics Federation eulogized Cheptegei on the social platform X, writing, "We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our athlete, Rebecca Cheptegei, early this morning who tragically fell victim to domestic violence. As a federation, we condemn such acts and call for justice. May her soul rest in Peace." Uganda Olympic Committee President Donald Rukare called the attack "a cowardly and senseless act that has led to the loss of a great athlete." In 2023, Ugandan Olympic runner and steeplechaser Benjamin Kiplagat was found dead with stab wounds. In 2022, Kenyan-born Bahraini athlete Damaris Muthee was found dead and a postmortem report stated that she was strangled. In 2021, long distance runner Agnes Tirop was stabbed to death at her home. Her husband, Ibrahim Rotich, was arrested and charged with murder, the case is ongoing.

Defender Laldinliana Renthlei returns to Chennaiyin FC ahead of ISL season

Chennai, Sep 5 (The Capital News) Defender Laldinliana Renthlei on Thursday returned to his former club Chennaiyin FC ahead of the Indian Super League season. The 26-year-old Renthlei, who is from Mizoram, has also played for Jamshedpur FC and Odisha FC in the past. Renthlei's first stint with the Chennaiyin saw him play a key role in their journey to the final of the 2019-20 ISL season in which the club finished runners-up. He is the 13th signing for CFC, joining fellow defenders Vignesh Dakshinamurthy, Mandar Rao Desai, and PC Laldinpuia. Head coach Owen Coyle said, "I worked with him during season six when we reached the ISL final, and he was an outstanding full-back. He also came with me to Jamshedpur,



where we won the Shield. He's a fantastic defender and a tremendous addition to the squad." "The goal this season is clear – work hard, stay focused, and push ourselves to win the ISL. I chose Chennaiyin because of its winning spirit, the incredible fans and of course coach Owen who I have worked with in the past and has shown faith in me by getting

me to the club once again," Renthlei said. He rose to prominence during the 2017-18 season with Chhinga Veng, playing a pivotal role in their Mizoram Premier League (MPL) title win. Renthlei moved to the I-League outfit Aizawl FC in December 2017 and also played as a central defender and midfielder during his career.



Krithi Shetty's Green Saree Look is a Sizzling Treat!

Uppena star Krithi Shetty is back to steal our hearts with her stunning looks. The actress recently shared a series of pictures on her social media, where she is dressed in a gorgeous green saree with a yellow sleeveless blouse. Her open hair, golden jumkas, subtle makeup, small bindi, and golden bangles complete the look perfectly. Krithi's infectious smile adds to her charm and leaves us mesmerized. Apart from her stunning looks, Krithi is also keeping busy with her acting career. She is currently working on several Tamil and Malayalam films.

HIT 3 Hunter's Command: Nani Is The Danger



After the blockbuster success of Saripodhaa Sanivaaram, movie buffs have been waiting cautiously for the announcement of his next project. Today, it's announced that Nani's next is HIT: The 3rd

Case to be directed by Sailesh Kolanu and bankrolled by Prashanti Tipirneni on Wall Poster Cinema, and Nani's Unanimous Productions. The makers released a glimpse called Hunter's Command to introduce

Nani's character. Two officer's chase a HIT officer and they try to rescue him, as there is a danger. However, they are soon informed that the HIT officer himself is a danger. He is Arjun Sarkaar, and he himself is a danger. Nani makes a stylish and ferocious entry with bloodied hands and an axe, his intense presence accentuated by his smoking style. He delivers a single and powerful line, "Get set and go." His commanding voice leaves a strong impression. This seems to be the most ferocious character for Nani. Technically the glimpse looks strong with superb camera work by Sanu John Varghese and intense BGM scored by Mickey J Meyer. The glimpse escalated the inquisitiveness for the movie scheduled for its release on May 1st, 2025.

Bhagyashri Borse Killing It In Milky White

Bhagya Shri Borse, who was last seen in the Telugu film Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja Mr. Bachchan, is turning heads with her latest photos. Although the movie didn't perform well at the box office, Bhagya Shri's glam is undeniable. In the pictures, she's rocking a cream bralette with blue shorts and an open shirt, showcasing her stunning figure and captivating smile. Her open hair and minimal makeup complete the look, making her appear both sexy and elegant. While there's no official news about her next project, fans are eagerly waiting to see what she has in store next.

