

Bengaluru to get new airport, minister MB Patil shares plans

Bengaluru (Karnataka) [India], : Emphasising the rapidly growing global city of Bengaluru's need for another international airport with an annual capacity of handling 100 million passengers, MB Patil, Minister for Infrastructure, stated on Wednesday that the construction of a second airport for the city is certain. Speaking at a press conference at Vidhana Soudha, the Minister noted that a land parcel of about 4,500-5,000 acres will be required for the proposed airport. A high-level committee will make the appropriate decision, taking several factors into account, he added. "Currently, KIA, which is the third busiest airport in the country after Mumbai and Delhi, has an annual capacity of handling 52 million passengers and 0.71 million tonnes of cargo. Further expansions could optimise these figures to 110 million passengers and 1.10 million tonnes of cargo. The airport is expected to reach its peak handling capacity by 2035, both in terms of passengers and cargo. Thereafter, there will be no scope for further building runways, as it already has two," he explained. Regarding the Tamil Nadu government's decision to build an airport at Hosur following Karnataka's initiation of talks for a second airport for Bengaluru, Patil opined that their decision would not affect Karnataka. "According to norms, before arriving at a decision on the airport's location, we need to consider ecological factors. Besides, connectivity, such as highways, trains, and metro, should also be kept in mind.

Rahul Gandhi slams BJP after drop in IIT graduates' pay: 'Anti-education mindset'



Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said the youth of the country have been completely demoralised by unemployment and claimed their future is in "limbo" due to the BJP's "anti-education mindset". The former Congress chief's remarks came over a media report, which claimed that the salaries of engineers graduating from the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in 2024 have experienced a decline due to the slowdown in hiring. "The ill-effects of the economic slowdown are now being faced by the country's most prestigious institutes like IITs. The continuous fall in placements from IITs and the drop in annual package are further hurting the condition of the youth which is facing the peak of unemployment," Gandhi said in a post in Hindi on his WhatsApp channel. The Congress leader claimed that 19% of the students could not get campus placement in 2022 and the same rate doubled to 38% this year. "When this is the condition of the most famous and respected educational institutions of the country, what will be the plight of the rest of the institutions!" Gandhi said. "Today the youth is completely demoralised by unemployment - parents are spending lakhs to get professional education, while students are forced to study by taking loans at high interest rates. Then not getting a job or ordinary income is only causing a decline in their financial condition," he added. Gandhi said this is the result of the "anti-education" mindset of the BJP due to which the future of the meritorious youth of this country is in "limbo". Does the Modi government have any plan to free the hardworking youth of India from this crisis? he asked. The opposition will continue to raise the voice of the youth with all its might and will hold the government accountable for this "injustice", Gandhi said.

Here's Final Voting Data For 13 Assembly Seats In 7 States

Bypolls for 13 Assembly seats across seven states were conducted, marking the first significant electoral event after the general elections. These polls aimed to elect new Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) for seats vacated by lawmakers who contested Lok Sabha elections. The outcomes are expected to influence the political dynamics of both ruling and opposition parties in these states. The bypolls place in West Bengal (4 seats), Himachal Pradesh (3 seats), Uttarakhand (2 seats), and one seat each in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, and Punjab. These vacancies arose due to the demise or resignation of incumbent members.

State-wise voter turnout

In Himachal Pradesh, where bypolls were needed following resignations of Independent members who joined BJP, it was a direct contest between Congress and BJP. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur made her electoral debut from Dehra in Kangra district. This constituency was created after delimitation in 2010, and Congress has never won here. The Chief Minister campaigned vigorously in Dehra compared to other seats to secure a win for Kamlesh Thakur against BJP's Hoshiyar Singh. Election officials

reported that Himachal saw over 71% voter turnout till 7 p.m., with largely peaceful polling. Nalagarh recorded the highest polling at 78%, followed by Hamirpur at 67.7% and Dehra at 65.42%. In Bihar's Rupauli Assembly segment in Purnea district, RJD candidate Bima Bharti, the only woman among 11 candidates, registered a 52.75% turnout till 6 p.m. Bharti had resigned from this seat to contest Lok Sabha elections and faced JD-U's Kaladhar Mandal. Several violent incidents occurred during the day, injuring four people, including an SHO. Allegations surfaced that district police forcibly stopped people from voting, leading to clashes and stone-pelting. The police denied these claims. In Gorier village, independent candidate Shankar Singh's wife accused police of baton-charging voters and staged a dharna before voting resumed peacefully.

West Bengal sees mixed turnout

West Bengal held bypolls for Raiganj, Ranaghat-Dakshin, Bagda, and Maniktala seats amid violence and alleged malpractices. By 5 p.m., voter turnout stood at 62.71%. The Chief Electoral Officer's office stated that final polling percentages would be available on Thursday after tabulating reports from various booths. The highest polling percent-



age was recorded in Raiganj at 67.12%, while Maniktala saw the lowest at 51.39%. In Punjab's Jalandhar West (SC) constituency, over 51% polling was recorded till 5 p.m., where Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann campaigned extensively for AAP candidate Mohinder Bhagat.

Madhya Pradesh records high turnout

Madhya Pradesh witnessed a high voter turnout of 78.38% in Amarwara Assembly seat in Chhindwara district - previously a stronghold of senior Congress leader Kamal Nath. The bypoll was necessitated by Congress MLA Kamlesh Shah resigning and joining BJP, which fielded him as their candidate. Uttarakhand saw varied turnouts with Badrinath recording a low of 47.68%, while Manglaur had a high of 67.28%. In Tamil Nadu's Vikravandi Assembly seat, where DMK faced NDA constituent PMK without AIADMK contesting, a turnout of 77.73% was recorded till 5 p.m. The election results for all these seats will be announced on July 13.

CBI's chargesheet reveals what went wrong against scientist Nambi Narayanan

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in its chargesheet, said the 1994 ISRO espionage case, in which former space scientist Nambi Narayanan was falsely implicated, was allegedly created by a then special branch officer of Kerala police to justify his illegal detention of a Maldivian woman in India after she spurned his advances. The central probe agency filed a chargesheet in the last week of June but became public on Wednesday against five former police officers for allegedly implicating Narayanan and five others, including two Maldivian women, in the espionage case. The CBI told a court in Thiruvananthapuram that the then special branch officer S Vijayan, who retired as an SP, took away the travel documents and air tickets of Maldivian national Mariyam Rasheeda, preventing her from leaving the country, as she spurned his advances. The agency further said that Vijayan then found out that she was in contact with an ISRO scientist - D Shasikumaran - and based on that a surveillance was mounted on Rasheeda and her Maldivian friend Fauzia Hasan. The police had also informed the Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau (SIB) about the women, but the IB officers who examined the foreign nationals could not find anything suspicious, the CBI said. Thereafter, Rasheeda was arrested under the Foreigners Act for overstaying in the country without a valid visa with the knowledge of the then Commissioner of Police, Thiruvananthapuram and then SIB Deputy Director, the CBI said. When Rasheeda's custody under the Foreigners Act was about to expire, on the basis of a false report submitted by Vijayan, she and Hasan were implicated in a case under the Official Secrets Act and their custody was handed over to an SIT formed to probe the espionage issue, the CBI said in its charge sheet. Subsequently, the SIT arrested



four ISRO scientists including Narayanan, the CBI added. In the charge sheet, the CBI has said that its probe revealed that the espionage case was an "abuse of law right from the initial stage" when Maldivian national Mariyam Rasheeda was detained illegally and framed for overstaying in the country for allegedly spurning the advances of Vijayan. "To sustain the initial wrongs, another case of serious nature was launched with false interrogation reports against the victims (including Narayanan and others)," the agency has said in its final report recommending the prosecution of former DGPs RB Sreekumar and Siby Mathews, former SPs S Vijayan and KK Joshua and ex-intelligence officer PS Jayaprakash. The agency has charged them under various provisions of the IPC including sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 342 (wrongful confinement), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 330 (voluntarily causing hurt to extract a confession), 167 (public servant framing an incorrect document), 193 (giving false evidence), 354 (outrage modesty of a woman). The agency, however, did not recommend prosecution of the other 13 accused, including then Kerala police and IB officers, in the case as no evidence was available against them. Reacting to the development, Narayanan on Wednesday said that as an individual he was not concerned whether the charge-sheeted

former police and IB officers were punished or not as his role in the matter was over. "They have already been punished. They are already suffering. I have no desire that they should go to jail. I do not even expect an apology from them. I would have been happy if they just said that they had made a mistake," Narayanan told reporters. The scientist said that his innocence was revealed in 1996 and since then he fought a legal battle for 20 years to find out who was behind the conspiracy to frame him. "I have proved my innocence. My work is over," he said. On April 15, 2021, the apex court had ordered that the report of a high-level committee on the role of erring police officials in the 1994 espionage case involving ISRO scientist Narayanan be given to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The Kerala police had registered two cases in October 1994 after Maldivian national Mariyam Rasheeda was arrested in Thiruvananthapuram for allegedly obtaining secret drawings of ISRO rocket engines to sell to Pakistan. Narayanan, the then director of the cryogenic project at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), was arrested along with the then ISRO deputy director D Sasikumaran and Fousiya Hasan, a Maldivian friend of Rasheeda. The CBI probe had found the allegations to be false. Terming the police action against the former ISRO scientist "psychopathological treatment," the apex court had, in September 2018, stated that his "liberty and dignity," basic to his human rights, were jeopardised as he was taken into custody and, despite all the glory of the past, was eventually compelled to face "cynical abhorrence." The apex court had also awarded a compensation of Rs 50 lakh to Narayanan as compensation for wrongful imprisonment, malicious prosecution and humiliation suffered by him.

Trainee IAS officer Pujja Khedkar, transferred for making VIP demands, reportedly faked mental disability to gain concessions in the Civil Services process

Probationary IAS officer Pujja Khedkar has made headlines after being transferred from Pune due to alleged misuse of power. The controversy has brought to light details about her civil services exam attempts, showing that she claimed to be visually impaired and mentally ill in her affidavit to the Union Public Service Commission. In an affidavit to the Union Public Service Commission, Khedkar asserted that she was visually and mentally impaired to gain concessions in the selection process. She refused to undergo a required medical examination six times to verify her disabilities. It remains uncertain how or why she was appointed if she repeatedly declined to take the examination. Ms Khedkar, originally

from Ahmednagar, is an IAS officer from the 2023 batch. According to unverified reports, her initial test was scheduled at Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences in April 2022, which she missed, claiming she had tested positive for COVID-19. She also missed two scheduled appointments in the following month, including those in July and August. In September, she only partially attended a sixth appointment, failing to undergo an MRI test to assess her vision loss. The Commission later contested her selection, and in February 2023, a tribunal ruled against her. However, she still managed to have her civil service appointment confirmed. Additionally, there are concerns regarding Ms Khedkar's



claim of OBC (Other Backward Classes) status. Her falsified statements and the resulting concessions enabled Ms Khedkar to pass the highly competitive Civil Services Exam despite achieving a relatively low all-India rank of 841. Ms Khedkar was transferred from Pune to Washim after her actions, including using a siren on her private Audi sedan, were exposed. Pune Collector Suhas Divase had written to the Chief

Secretary of the Maharashtra government requesting her reassignment. "The 2023 batch IAS officer will serve the remainder of her probation as Supernumerary Assistant Collector in Washim district," stated the order. In addition to using a siren, VIP number plates, and a "Government of Maharashtra" sticker, Ms Khedkar had been found using Pune Additional Collector Ajay More's office in his absence. She reportedly removed his nameplate and furniture and even demanded letterheads. These privileges are not available to junior officers on probation for 24 months. Reports suggest her father, a retired administrative officer, had advocated for her demands to be met.

Former IPS officer's signature forged; attempt made to sell his land in Sangareddy

Pulivendula Resignation: Jagan Has The Guts?

From the last couple of weeks, there have been rumors that Jagan Mohan Reddy will resign as Pulivendula MLA and make YS Avinash Reddy resign to the Kadapa Parliament. The plan is to contest for Kadapa Parliament so that he can do politics in Delhi and also lobby with the Central Government to get immunity from arrests. Minister Gottipati Solves Three-Year Issue In 3 Hours. All this looks simple on paper but can potentially kill Jagan's Political Career. If Jagan does this, we will have by-elections for Pulivendula and Kadapa Parliament. Chandrababu's Punch To Media Pulivendula will become vulnerable as the Ruling Party will have a natural advantage in by-

elections. Also, it is not Jagan who will be the candidate there. You can remember what happened to Kadapa MLC when Late Vivekananda Reddy contested when TDP was in power in 2014-19.

Now, A Film Titled 'Red Book'

It should be also noted that Jagan's majority came down in recent elections. And then, Jagan will have to face YS Sharmila in the by-election. TDP came very close in Kadapa Parliament even though it is a three-way contest. If TDP supports Sharmila indirectly, there can be a big upset as well. This is a gamble not even worth taking for Jagan. Already people are spelling doom for YSR Congress. If Kadapa or Pulivendula or both are



lost, it will be a catastrophe. All these hassles are not worth it for Jagan who already has enough problems in hand. He will try to appease the Center using Vijayasai Reddy like he did in the last 6-7 years. This time it is not easy for Modi and Shah to play double game as the NDA is dependent on the numbers of the TDP.

What is NOK, why did the parents of martyr Captain Anshuman demand a change in it?

Captain Anshuman Singh's wife Smriti and mother Manju had received the martyr's Amanat Kirti Chakra from the President just 3 days ago. Captain Anshuman, who made the supreme sacrifice for the country in Siachen, has been awarded this honor posthumously. Now his parents have demanded a change in the criteria of NOK in the army.

Captain Anshuman's wife and mother.

Captain Anshuman Singh made the supreme sacrifice for the country. He was posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra. Three days ago, the President handed over this trust to Captain Anshuman's wife Smriti and mother Manju. This was a moment that brought tears to everyone's eyes. Here the heroic tale of the martyred Captain was narrated. When the story of his bravery echoed in the country, the pain of his parents was also heard. NOK is one such pain of the martyr's parents. The parents of Captain Anshuman, who was martyred in Siachen on 19 July last year, demanded a change in the criteria of NOK in the Army. Father Ravi Pratap Singh said that he also mentioned this in his meeting with Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi has assured that he will talk to Defense Minister Rajnath Singh on this issue.

What is NOK?

The full form of NOK is Next TO Kin. It means the nearest relative. It is registered first in any job or service. In simple language, it is just like a nominee in a bank. It can also be called a legal heir. That is, if something happens to a person who is in service, then the ex-gratia amount or all the amount due to him will be



given to NOK only. When a cadet or officer joins the army, his parents or guardians' names are recorded in the NOK. When that cadet or officer gets married, under the orders of Marriage and Unit Part II, the name of the person's spouse is recorded as the person's next of kin instead of the parents.

Why is it necessary to register NOK

If any emergency situation arises during training or service in the army, then it is the responsibility of the concerned unit to inform NOK. If something untoward happens during treatment, then NOK is informed about it first. The honor and amount due to the martyr is also paid to the closest relative i.e. the spouse.

What did the martyr's parents say?

Captain Anshuman's father Ravi Pratap Singh said that the criteria set for NOK is not correct. I have also informed the Defense Minister about this. He said that Anshuman's wife does not live with us now, she has not told the reason why she does not live with us. The marriage was five months old, there is no child, the parents only have a photo with a garland hanging on it. That is why we want that the definition of NOK be fixed. It should be decided that if the wife of the martyr stays in the family, who

has how much dependency. I have demanded the same from Rahul Gandhi as well. He has assured that I will talk to Rajnath Singh. Martyr Captain's mother Manju said that whatever happened to me is fine, but this should not happen to anyone in the future.

He was martyred in Siachen, got married 5 months ago

Martyr Anshuman's family lives in Deoria. At the time of his martyrdom on 19 July 2023, he was posted on the Siachen Glacier. Here, in an accident, he was badly burnt while saving his comrades from the fire. This fire had broken out in the army bunker. Anshuman was far away from the bunker in which the fire had broken out, but when he saw that his comrades were trapped in the fire, he went into that bunker without caring for his life and took out his three comrades. Due to being badly burnt, Anshuman Singh was airlifted to Chandigarh for treatment but he could not be saved. Five months ago, Anshuman got married to Smriti Singh, an engineer by profession. She works in a multinational company in Noida.

Captain Anshuman was in the Army's Medical Corps

Captain Anshuman Singh was a part of the military's medical corps. Martyr Captain Anshuman's wife said that they met in engineering college. Later he was selected in Pune's Armored Force Medical College. After doing MBBS, he became a part of the army's medical corps. He was trained in Agra's military hospital. After this, he was posted in Jammu and then in Siachen. After 8 years of long distance relationship, Captain Anshuman got married in February last year.



యమ హీరోయిన్ కి లోన్ చేజ్ ఆమె సొంతం.. ఎందుకంటే..?

రెండు దశాబ్దాలుగా సాత్ సినిమాల్లో కథానాయికగా తిరుగులేని క్రేజ్ తెచ్చుకుంది చెన్నై చిన్నది త్రిష కృష్ణన్. తెలుగు, తమిళ భాషల్లో ఒకే రేంజ్ ఫాన్ కోసనిగాంచిన త్రిష ఇప్పటికీ అదే రేంజ్ లో దూసుకెళ్తుంది.

బేబిమ్మ తక్షణ కర్తవ్యం ఏంటి..?

తొలి సినిమాతోనే సూపర్ క్రేజ్ తెచ్చుకుని ఆ తర్వాత ప్రేక్షకులను అలరించడంలో విఫలమైన హీరోయిన్ గా కృతి శెట్టి తన బ్యాండ్ లక్ కోసనిగానుంది. ఉప్పెనతో తెలుగు తెర మీద కొత్త అందంగా అందరినీ అమ్మడు ఆ సినిమాలో బేబిమ్మ పాత్ర ఆమె కోసమే అన్నట్లుగా చేసింది.

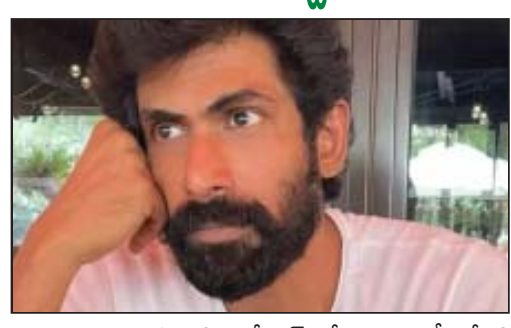


పాక్ కు వెళ్లేది లేదు.. ఛాంపియన్స్ ట్రోఫీ మ్యాచ్ వేదికలను మార్చాలంటున్న బీసీసీఐ!



ఛాంపియన్స్ ట్రోఫీకి పాకిస్తాన్ ఆతిథ్యం ఇవ్వనుంది. వచ్చే ఏడాది ఫిబ్రవరి-మార్చిలో ఈ టోర్నీ జరగనుంది. ఇప్పటికే పాక్ క్రికెట్ బోర్డు ముసాయిదా షెడ్యూల్ ను ఐసీసీఐ సమర్పించింది. అయితే, ఈ షెడ్యూల్ కు బీసీసీఐ ఆమోదం తెలపలేదని తెలుస్తోంది. తాజాగా మరో విషయం బయట కౌల్చింది.

సైలెంట్ గా మొదలెట్టిన రానా



రానా దగ్గుబాటి టాలీవుడ్ లో మిగిలిన హీరోలకి భిన్నంగా కెరియర్ ఫ్రాన్స్ చేసుకుంటూ వెళ్తున్నాడు. సెలెక్టివ్ గా తనకి సరిపోయే కథలను మాత్రమే ఎంపిక చేసుకుంటున్నాడు. ఓ వైపు నిర్మాతగా లో బడ్జెట్ సినిమాలు చేస్తూ మరో వైపు హీరోగా ప్రయోగాత్మక కథలకి పెద్దపీట వేస్తున్నాడు.

వాటితోనే సరిపెడుతున్న సుందరాంగి..!



మోడల్ గా తన బ్యూటీ నెస్ తో సిల్వర్ స్క్రీన్ ఎంట్రి ఇచ్చింది శ్రీనిధి శెట్టి. తొలి సినిమా K.G.F లాంటి బ్లాక్ బస్టర్ హిట్ సినిమాలో నటించింది. ఆ సినిమా రెండు భాగాలతో పాస్ ఇండియా క్రేజ్ తెచ్చుకున్న శ్రీనిధి శెట్టి ఆ సినిమా తర్వాత చియన్ విక్రమ్ తో కోలూ సినిమాలో నటించింది.

అతడిని తీసుకొస్తే.. బెస్టులోనూ మనమే అజేయులు.. సునీల్ గావస్కర్



ప్రస్తుతం ఐసీసీఐ క్రయానికి భారత జట్టు వస్తే, టీ20ల్లో టాప్ ర్యాంకర్. బెస్టుల్లో రెండో స్థానంలో కొనసాగుతోంది. గతేడాది వస్తే ప్రపంచకప్ ఫైనల్ కు చేరిన టీమ్ ఇండియా.. ఇటీవల ముగిసిన టీ20 వరల్డ్ కప్ ను సొంతం చేసుకున్న సంగతి తెలిసింది. పొట్టి కవ్ లో హార్దిక్ పాండ్య ఆల్ రౌండ్ ప్రదర్శనతో రాణించాడు.

50 ప్లస్ లో 30 బ్యాటిలా టబు మురిపం!

సీనియర్ నటి టబు సెకెండ్ ఇన్నింగ్స్ ని సైతం జెట్ స్పీడ్ తో పరుగులు పెట్టిస్తోన్న సంగతి తెలిసిందే. 'అలవైకుం రవురము'తో టాలీవుడ్ లో కంట్రాక్టు అయిన తర్వాత బాలీవుడ్ కెరీర్ మరింత దీర్ఘమైంది సంగతి సాగిపోతుంది. తెలుగులో కంట్రాక్టు కాలేదు గానీ బాలీవుడ్ లో మాత్రం మోతెక్కిస్తుంది. వరుస గా హిందీ సినిమాలతో క్షణం తీరిక లేకుండా గడుపుతోంది.



తెరకెక్కిస్తున్నాడు. ఇందులో టబు సిస్టర్ ప్రాన్సెస్ గా ఎంతో కీలకమైన పాత్ర పోషిస్తుంది. దీంతో ఇండియా వైడ్ టబు పేరు మరోసారి మోతెక్కుండా మొదలైంది. ఇక సోషల్ మీడియాలో నవ నాయిలకు ఏమాత్రం తీసిపోకుండా ఎప్పటికప్పుడు హీటింగ్స్ చేస్తూ వైసెం తెలిసింది. 50 ఏళ్లు దాటినా ఆదే అందంతో హీటెక్కిస్తుంది.

కొత్త కోచ్ అధ్యక్షులారా..?

కొత్త కోచ్ గా తమ గంభీర వస్తున్న నేపథ్యంలో హార్దిక్ ను బెస్టులు అడేలా ప్రోత్సహిస్తాడని క్రికెట్ వర్గాలు అభిప్రాయపడుతున్నాయి. గంభీర నియామకంపై తొలుత హార్దిక్ సమాచారం వచ్చిందని.. రోహిత్-విరాట్ ద్వయంతో ఆ చర్చ జరగలేదనే సమాచారం బయటకొచ్చింది. ఇప్పటికే శ్రీలంకతో టీ20 సిరీస్ కు హార్దిక్ కెప్టెన్ గా బీసీసీఐ నియమించిన సంగతి తెలిసింది.