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YS Jagan addressed a meeting with party members after losing the election, stating that YSRCP has the strength to stall government bills in the Legislative Council and exercise veto power in the Rajya Sabha. The party has 30 MLCs in the Legislative Council and 11 members in the Rajya Sabha. Both YS Jagan and Vijay Sai Reddy appeared overconfident in their strength, assuming that all members would remain loyal to YSRCP indefinitely. Despite having 4 MPs in

the Lok Sabha and 11 MPs in the Rajya Sabha, recent developments have shaken this confidence. Now, Mopidevi Venkataramana and Beeda Mastan Rao have resigned and announced their decision to join TDP. Alla Ayodhya Ramireddy, Pilli Subhash Chandra Bose, Meda Venkata Reddy, R. Krishnaiah, and Golla Baburao are expected to follow suit. They seem to be aligning with other parties. Political sources suggest that only YV

Subbareddy, Vijayasai Reddy, Niranjana Reddy, and Parimal Natwani will remain with YSRCP in the Rajya Sabha. If this scenario unfolds, YSRCP's influence in the House will become nominal. As a result, the NDA may no longer need to rely on YSRCP for the passage of important bills. Meanwhile, Chandrababu's government is intensifying its crackdown on corruption during Jagan's administration. Cases are being filed against senior officials and

IPS officers involved in cross-border exploitation and illegal activities in liquor, mining, and sand dealings. CM Chandrababu has ordered a comprehensive inquiry into a case involving a Mumbai actress, which is being actively pursued. At a time when the party is in despair, the Jagan couple's trip to London is drawing significant attention in political circles.

## India set to commission third N-powered ballistic missile submarine in 6 months



Amid the ongoing border standoff with China, India is planning to commission its third nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) in six months to further bolster its sea-based leg of the nuclear weapons triad, the Times Of India reported on Friday. The report comes a day after the formal induction of the second such boat into the Strategic Forces Command as INS Arighaat at Visakhapatnam on Thursday. The third SSBN is currently undergoing trials ahead of her commissioning as INS Aridhaman early next year, the report said. The third SSBN is slightly bigger than the first two, INS Arihant & INS Arighaat, and capable of carrying more long range nuclear-tipped missiles. Citing sources in the know, the TOI report says that INS Arighaat is also capable of carrying some K-4 missiles, which have a strike range of over 3,000-km, unlike her forerunner INS Arihant that is armed only with the 750-km range K-15 missiles. Crucial for credible strategic deterrence amid the continuing confrontation with China, SSBNs are capable of staying submerged for months and thus act as the most secure, survivable and stealthy platforms for second-strike capabilities. These submarines also act as a deterrent for adversaries planning a surprise first strike. The second Arihant-Class submarine 'INS Arighaat' was commissioned into the Indian Navy on August 29, 2024 at Visakhapatnam in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. In his address, Singh exuded confidence that 'Arighaat' will further strengthen India's nuclear triad, enhance nuclear deterrence, help in establishing strategic balance and peace in the region, and play a decisive role in the security of the country. The minister also recalled former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's "political will" that put India on a par with nuclear weapon states by conducting the Pokhran-II tests in 1998. "Today, India is surging ahead to become a developed country. It is essential for us to develop rapidly in every field, including defence, especially in today's geopolitical scenario. Along with economic prosperity, we need a strong military. Our government is working on mission mode to ensure that our soldiers possess top-quality weapons and platforms made on Indian soil" he said. INS Aridhaman and the fourth under-construction SSBN will be even more potent. With a 7,000-tonne displacement and 125 metres long, they will be able to carry larger number of K-4 missiles. The four submarines, built under the classified advanced technology vessel project launched in 1990s at a cost of over Rs 90,000 crore, are still less than half the size of SSBNs of the US, China and Russia.

## Cognizant's Chennai Headquarters Up For Sale; Here's Why



IT major Cognizant has put its Chennai headquarters up for sale. The sale of the prime property, which

has been serving as Cognizant's India headquarters for over two decades, will fetch the company at least Rs 750 crore, Times of India reported. The property, which is located at Okkiyam Thoraipakkam, comprises a 15-acre land parcel and four lakh sq ft office space on Chennai's IT corridor. Real estate consultant JLL has been mandated by Cognizant to sell the property. It is in early discussions with local developers Baashyaam Group and Casagrand for the sale. Cognizant plans to vacate the campus by De-

cember 2024, according to the TOI report. The company will shift to its new India headquarters at MEPZ near Tambaram on the GST Road. The shifting is part of Cognizant's ongoing process of consolidating its operations in three of its own buildings at MEPZ, Sholinganallur, and Siruseri. Cognizant's current Thoraipakkam campus is the one from where co-founders Lakshmi Narayanan and Chandrasekaran operated as well. Cognizant's remote ringing of the Nasdaq opening bell was also held on this campus.

## In Message To Pakistan, Jaishankar Says Actions Have Consequences

In an apparent reference to cross-border terrorism, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday gave out a strong message to Pakistan and said "actions have consequences", and that the "era of uninterrupted dialogue" with the neighbouring country had ended. Speaking at a book launch event in New Delhi, Jaishankar stressed that the relationship between India and Pakistan will be shaped by how events unfold.

### 'Article 370 is done'

"The era of uninterrupted dialogue with Pakistan is over," Jaishankar said. He referenced the abrogation of Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, saying, "So far as J&K is concerned, Article 370 is done." On whether India is content with continuing ties with Pakistan in their current state, he said, "Maybe yes or maybe no. What I do want to say is that we are not passive. Whether events take a positive or a negative turn, either way,

we will react."

### India's Neighbourhood

During the event, Jaishankar also responded to criticisms of the country's regional influence, noting that neighbouring countries often seek India's involvement only when it suits their political needs. zAttending a separate event, another NDA minister from the Narendra Modi cabinet slammed Pakistan and questioned the feasibility of engaging in dialogue. Speaking to reporters, Union Minister G Kishan Reddy responded to calls from the National Conference (NC) and Congress for talks with Pakistan, stating that India had previously attempted dialogue under leaders such as former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and current PM Modi. Reddy argued that despite these efforts, Pakistan has shown no genuine interest in fostering friendship with India. He accused Pakistan of perpetuating terrorism and targeting Indian soldiers,



saying, "How can we speak to them when they are intent on increasing terrorism and destroying India?" Islamabad and New Delhi have a long history of strained relations, primarily due to the Kashmir issue as well as the cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan. India has been maintaining that it desires normal neighbourly ties with Pakistan while insisting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment that is free of terror and hostility for such an engagement.

## Engineering college 'student' secretly records women in washrooms, accused of selling over 300 obscene videos

On Thursday (29th August), protests broke out at the campus of SR Gudlavalleru Engineering College in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh after a hidden camera was discovered inside the washroom of the girl's hostel. In visuals that have surfaced on social media, the female students at the hostel were heard chanting 'We want justice' and demanding strict action against the culprit. According to reports, the accused was identified as Vijay Kumar, a final-year student of the SR Gudlavalleru Engineering College. The police have seized his laptop and recovered over 300 obscene videos. Kumar has now been arrested. It is suspected that the accused sold the videos to other students. Following an upheaval over



the crime, Andhra Pradesh CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu ordered an inquiry into the case. In a statement, TDP leader Nara Lokesh stated, "I asked the authorities for details about the protest of female students at Gudlavalleru Engineering College of Krishna District. I have ordered an inquiry into the allegations of hidden

cameras." "Strict action will be taken against the culprits and those responsible if it is found that they have committed a mistake in the investigation. Managers should take early steps without ragging and harassment in colleges," he emphasised. It remains unknown whether students other than Vijay Kumar were involved in setting up the camera, recording the female students of the college and distributing the obscene videos. The disturbing case is reminiscent of the infamous 'Udupi bathroom case' of 2023 when three students, namely, Shabanaz, Alfiya and Alimath UI Safa secretly recorded their Hindu classmate using washroom and then deleted the video to destroy evidence.

