

Veterans steal the show at 61st Idea Filmfare Awards



MELODY QUEENS: Playback singer K S Chithra receives the Idea Filmfare Award for the Telugu song 'Seethamma Vakiltlo Sirimalle Chettu' from singer Vani Jayaram in Chennai on Saturday

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Chennai: With the Idea Filmfare Awards (South) entering the 61st year, it was only apt that veterans steal the show. Whether it was show-stopper chief guest Rekha or producer-director-actor Kamal Haasan, Oscar winner AR Rahman or 59-year-old Satyraj - this year it was the turn for seasoned artistes to grab the spotlight.

When the nominees for Best Music Director (Tamil) were announced, the audience began screaming and whistling for AR Rahman even before the other names were read out, until presenter Khushboo asked the audience to announce the winner. More whistles ensued as the auditorium screamed "AR Rahman", who went on to the stage to pick up his 29th Filmfare Award. Rahman thanked Mani Ratnam for making a beautiful movie

('Kadal') and the rest of his crew for their support, ending his speech with the words that went viral when he won the Oscar for best song in 2009. "Ela Pugazhum Iraivanukke (all glory to God)," said Rahman, as the audience went ecstatic.

In Tamil, 'Thanga Meenagal' was adjudged the best film. 'Paradesi' won Adharva the award for best actor (male) and Bala the best director. Nayantara took home the award for best actor (female) for 'Rajarani'.

Padma Shri Award winner and six-time National Award winner singer Chithra took home her sixth Filmfare award for Best Playback Singer (female) for the Telugu song 'Seethamma Vakiltlo Sirimalle Chettu'. Kailash Kher, in the meanwhile, bagged the award for Best Playback Singer (male) for the song Pandagala Digivachavu from the Telugu movie 'Mirchi'.

...and the winners are...

- **Best Film** Attarintiki Daredi
- **Best Director** Trivikram Srinivas for Attarintiki Daredi
- **Best Actor, Male** Mahesh Babu for Seethamma Vakiltlo Sirimalle Chettu
- **Best Actor, Female** Nithya Menen for Gunde Jaari Gallanthayyinde
- **Best Supporting Actor, Male** Sunil for the movie Tadakh
- **Best Supporting Actor, Female** Lakshmi Manchu for the movie Gundello Godari
- **Best Music Director** Devi Sri Prasad for Attarintiki Daredi
- **Best Singer, Male** Kailash Kher for Pandagala Digivachavu song from the movie Mirchi
- **Best Singer, Female** Chithra for Seethamma Vakiltlo Sirimalle Chettu (Seethamma Vakiltlo Sirimalle Chettu)
- **Best Lyrics** Srimani for Aaradugula Bullet in the movie Attarintiki Daredi

In Kannada, 'Mynaa' was declared the best film, while Pawan Kumar won Best Director for 'Lucia'. Prem Kumar bagged Best Actor Male for his performance in 'Charminar' and Amulya won Best Actor Female for 'Shravani Subramanya'.

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Effect of TJAC bandh partial in city

Protests In Several Areas; Nearly 200 Detained

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Hyderabad: The bandh call given by the Telangana Joint Action Committee (TJAC) to protest the merger of seven mandals in Khammam with Andhra Pradesh affected public transport in the city for most part of Saturday. APSRTC commuters were the worst hit as intra-city and inter-district buses kept off roads. The Mahatma Gandhi and Jubilee Bus Stations wore a deserted look.

However, the common man was not affected too hard as it was a second Saturday and most buses returned to the roads by evening. Also, auto unions only extended support to the bandh without participating in it. Most of the shops and business establishments too were open all through the day.

The day saw protests in several parts of the city and nearly 200 people were arrested. CPI and other Left parties organised protests at MGBS, but were whisked



BANDH OR NOT? Shoppers outside a mall in Punjagutta wait around in confusion as most stores partially downed their shutters as part of the bandh called by TJAC to protest merger of seven Khammam mandals with AP, on Saturday

away by the cops. TJAC chairman M Kodandaram, along with student and labour union members, staged a protest at RTC Crossroads, paralyzing traffic for some time. The agitators raised slogans in support of Telangana and against the Polavaram project and resultant merger of mandals with AP.

In the evening, Telangana Jagruthi members tried to gate-crash into the BJP party office near Exhibition Grounds, but party workers and policemen thwarted their actions. The agitators were later shifted to various police stations.

Bandh total, peaceful in T dists

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Mahbubnagar/Warangal/Nizamabad: The bandh called against the merger of seven mandals in Khammam district with the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh was total but peaceful in all 10 districts of Telangana state. Shops and offices remained closed for the day and even petrol bunks and cinema halls did not function till evening. APSRTC withdrew its services in the districts as a precautionary measure.

With the TRS, BJP, Congress and Telangana TDP also supporting the bandh called by the Telangana JAC, normal life came to a grinding halt. There was mild ten-

sion in Khammam district when a few bandh organisers pelted stones at vehicles carrying devotees to Saibaba temples on the occasion of Guru Pournima. A large number of tribals joined the

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bandh in Chintoor, Kunavaram, VR Puram and other mandals that have been merged with AP.

Agitators locked RTC depots in Mahbubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Shadnagar and Kollapur in Mahbubnagar district,

forcing the authorities to stop bus services. Heavy police bandobust was made outside all bus stations and depots. In Wanaparty, protesters burnt the effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and AP chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu. TRS Kollapur legislator Jupalli Krishna Rao described the merger as "betrayal" of the people of Telangana and demanded that the Centre withdraw it.

At Kondapaka village in Medak district, TRS workers burnt the effigy of the NDA government. In Nalgonda, the day saw motorcycle rallies while shops remained closed. However, the bandh evoked mixed response in Nizamabad and Adilabad districts.

T'wood suffers losses in first bandh in T

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Hyderabad: Tollywood, which suffered the brunt of bandhs during the struggle for a separate Telangana state, was hit by yet another bandh on Saturday - the first time since Telangana was formed on June 2.

As it is Tollywood has been going through a dry spell this season. With theatres in the city and districts shut on Saturday following the TJAC bandh, the industry suffered more losses. The movie 'Ice cream', directed by Ram Gopal Varma, was not released on Saturday as scheduled.

With Sunday being a holiday, the film industry hopes the audience will flock to theatres again. "However, it's difficult to make up for the day's loss as we cannot get that revenue back," an exhibitor said.

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It's school time for women prisoners in state

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Hyderabad: For inmates of the women's prison at Chanchalguda, it's time to go to school. Irrespective of their age, these women have been admitted to standards I, II, III or above. In fact, Friday, the first day of classes, they had a surprise awaiting them. Ace

badminton player Jwala Gupta taught them an important truth: "You can achieve anything."

According to jail superintendent Basheera Begum, classes will be conducted from 7-11 am and again from 1 pm to 4 pm after a lunch break. The classes, which have been started as part of a literacy scheme

announced by Telangana prisons DG V K Singh is aimed at imparting education to all prisoners. "The open school syllabus will be followed for all classes and inmates will also appear for all examinations, including SSC," Basheera Begum said.

Educated inmates will teach their illiterate col-

leagues in the prison. Until recently, the inmates used to congregate in a hall for their lessons. However, now, it is just like going to school as the jail barracks will turn into separate classrooms for each class. For instance, if an inmate has studied up to class IV, she will be put in class V. The idea is to ensure that they con-

tinue education.

Meanwhile, the 'Vidyadhaan Yojana' took off in the central prison at Chanchalguda for male prisoners. Anand Das, deputy director of adult education and district education officer, provided study materials including text books, writing pads and pencils to inmates.

Govt demotes 41 DSPs as inspectors

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Hyderabad: With the Supreme Court pulling up both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana governments for promoting ineligible officers as deputy superintendents of police and, that too out of turn, the Telangana police on Saturday demoted 41 DSPs as inspectors. It has also promoted 28 inspectors to the rank of DSPs.

In an official release issued here, the Telangana DGP's office said that in compliance with the apex court order, 28 inspectors were promoted and 41 DSPs were reverted to their earlier post of inspectors.

The issue had been pending for the last several years and recently the Supreme Court directed the government to implement its order immediately.

DSPs demoted: K Buchaiah, M Venkateshwarlu, N Malla Reddy, J Anyonya, V Venkateshwarlu, Noor Mohammed Khan, I Venkateshwarlu, K Ramchander Rao, N Mahender, C Prabhakar, SM Surendranath, T Penchalaiah, K Chitti Babu, GV Shamsunder Reddy, Kura Surender, M Venkateshwarlu, A Balakoti, J Rama Rao, K Krishna, G Sravan Kumar, P Bhaskar Rao, PV Muralidhar, T Padmanabha Reddy, M Nathaniel, TS Ravi Kumar, D Vasantha Rao, S Gangadhar, G Manohar, P Sanjeeva Rao, M Ravi Kumar, S Godru, K Seetharamulu, V Bala Yadav, P Subbaraidu, K Nehru, L Anand Bhaskar, AV Srinivas, K Srinivas, T Ramdasu, Harishchand Naik.

Inspectors promoted: AV Ranga Reddy, C Gandhi Narayana, D Anand Kumar, P Srinivas Reddy, P Satyanarayana, C Madhu Mohan, V Ravi Kumar, T Manohar Reddy, SMK Ismail, K Ravinder Reddy, P Sudhakar, MSrinivasulu, N Narasimha Reddy, G Srinivas Kumar, A Ramulu, B Anjaiah, P Krishna Murthy, B Bhaskar, N Tirupathanna, N Bhujanga Rao, K Shiva Kumar, D Pratap, S Sudhakar, E Sathyanna, T Govardhan, M Narender Reddy, Shaik Lal Ahmed, BV Murali Mohan.

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