

Nagarjuna gets emotional as 'Manam' completes 12 years

Veteran Telugu actor Nagarjuna turned emotional while reflecting on the special significance of May 23, a date deeply connected to both his personal and professional journey. The occasion became even more memorable as his cult classic family drama Manam completed 12 years since its release.

Celebrating the milestone, Annapurna Studios shared a heartfelt tribute on social media, describing Manam as more than just a film.

The production house called it "an emotion cherished by audiences," remembering the movie's timeless storytelling and emotional legacy.

The banner also highlighted how May 23 remains a landmark date in Nagarjuna's life. It was on the same day in 1986 that the actor first faced the camera as a lead hero for Vikram.

Years later, May 23 gained even greater emotional weight when Manam released as the final on-

screen appearance of legendary actor Akkineni Nageswara Rao.

Sharing his emotions on social media, Nagarjuna thanked fans for showering him with love and blessings over the years. He described Manam as a deeply personal film because it allowed him the rare privilege of sharing screen space with both his father ANR and his sons, making it a once-in-a-lifetime cinematic memory.

The actor also fondly recalled the release of Vikram, which marked the beginning of his journey in cinema and opened the doors for decades of stardom and audience affection.

He expressed gratitude to fans who have supported him throughout his career and hoped for many more memorable May 23 celebrations in the future.

Fondly referred to as Tollywood's "Celluloid Scientist," Nagarjuna has constantly reinvented himself across generations. From intense performances in Siva to



romantic classics like Geethanjali and entertainers including Manmadhuru, Hello Brother, and

Bangarraju, Nagarjuna continues to remain one of Telugu cinema's most stylish and enduring stars.

'Nanna Kutty' FL showcases intense father-daughter action drama

Versatile actor Vijay Antony is gearing up for another content-driven entertainer with his upcoming film Nanna Kutty, the Telugu version of the Tamil project Appa Kutty. Directed by Mu. Maran, the film is positioned as an emotional action drama centered on the powerful bond between a father and daughter.

The makers recently unveiled the first-look poster, instantly grabbing attention for its raw intensity and emotional depth. The poster features Vijay Antony in a bruised and bloodied avatar, with visible cuts and swelling across his face. Despite the injuries, his determined expression stands out, while a little girl resting on his shoulder subtly highlights the emotional core of the story.

Produced by Meera Vijay Antony and co-produced by Ramanjaneyulu Javvaji under the Sarvanth Ram Creations banner, Nanna Kutty is said to blend family emotions with gripping action and intense drama. The makers believe the film will connect with both mass audiences and family viewers.

The shooting formalities have already been completed, and the team is currently busy with post-production work. The makers are planning a grand theatrical release in August.

Apart from Vijay Antony, the film features a strong supporting cast including Preethi Asrani, Lithanya, Bhagavathi Perumal, Haripriya Isai, Aruvi Madhan, Chitra Lakshmanan, Sreeja Ravi, Vettai Muthukumar, Jansen Diwakar, Muruganatham, and Munnar Ramesh in important roles.



The technical team also adds weight to the project. Rajeesh Raajendran handles cinematography, while Vijay Antony himself composes the music and takes charge as editor. Production design is managed by A Raja. With its emotional storyline, action-packed narrative, and strong performances, Nanna Kutty is shaping up to be one of the notable family entertainers of the upcoming season.

'Ugly Story' team thanks audience for overwhelming response

Actor Nandu expressed happiness over the positive response received for his latest emotional thriller Ugly Story, which hit theatres recently and has been gaining strong word-of-mouth from audiences. The team held a thank you meet following the film's impressive reception, where the actor and makers shared their excitement about the movie's growing success.

Directed by Pranava Swaroop under the banner of Riya Jiya Productions, Ugly Story features cinematography by Sri Sai Kumar Dara, music by Shruvan Bharadwaj, and editing by Srikanth Patnaik. The film is produced by Subhashini and Konda Lakshman, while Shivaji Raja, Ravi Teja

Mahadasyam, and Pragna Nayan played pivotal roles.

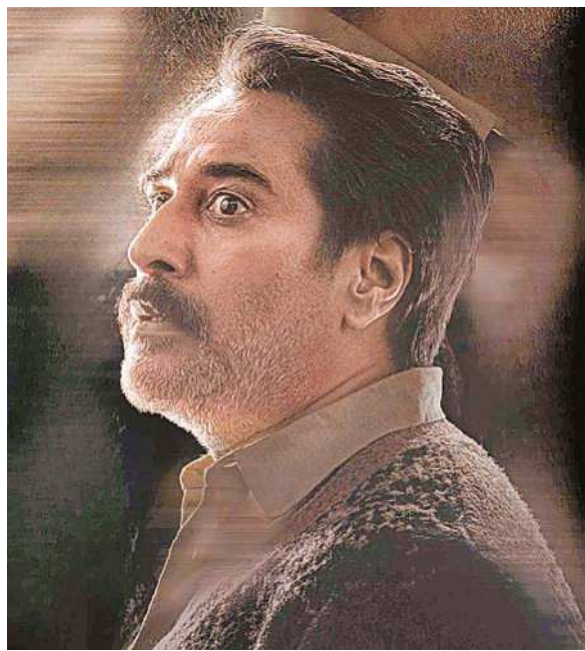
Speaking at the event, Nandu revealed that the film witnessed strong growth from evening shows on its release day itself. He thanked the media and audience for encouraging the movie and said the emotional support he received felt very personal. The actor described the project as one of the most important films in his career and admitted that some emotionally intense scenes were difficult to perform, but necessary for the story.

The actor also stated that his script selection process has evolved and that he now wants to focus more on emotionally strong stories suitable for family audiences. Nandu credited nearly "95 percent" of his

performance success to director Pranava Swaroop for shaping the character effectively.

Director Pranava Swaroop shared that the story was inspired by emotional realities seen in society and explored how people remain trapped in certain emotional phases despite changing circumstances. He added that Nandu was the perfect choice for the role and confirmed that his next film would also be emotion-driven.

Producer Bekkem Venugopal said the film's reception exceeded expectations and described Ugly Story as a major breakthrough that could mark the beginning of Nandu's successful second innings in Telugu cinema.



Pournami Entertainments releases surprise b'day poster for veteran actor Rahman

Veteran actor Rahman, known for his stylish screen presence across Telugu, Tamil, and Malayalam cinema, received a special surprise on his birthday as the makers of Production No.1 unveiled his first-look poster from the upcoming project. Released by Pournami Entertainments on May 23, the poster has already started creating buzz among movie lovers.

The newly released birthday poster introduces Rahman's character in a mysterious and elegant manner, hinting at a powerful role in the film. With his intense expression and commanding appearance, the actor once again showcases the charisma that has made him a favorite among audiences for decades. The makers have intentionally

kept details about the character under wraps, adding more curiosity around the project.

Rahman, who made his Telugu debut with Raga Leela in 1987, went on to impress audiences with notable films like Bharat Bandh, Priyathama, Billa, Simha, and D16. Over the years, he has built a strong fan base with his versatile performances and sophisticated on-screen style. The production house stated that this poster marks only the beginning of an exciting cinematic journey and promised that more updates regarding the film will be revealed soon. Though the makers have not yet disclosed complete details about the cast and storyline, the birthday poster has successfully generated anticipation around the film.

'Pandiraj' reveals how 'Parimala & Co' was wrapped up in just 45 days

Acclaimed filmmaker Pandiraj has opened up about the fast-paced shooting schedule of his upcoming Tamil entertainer Parimala & Co, revealing that the film was completed in just 45 days.

The director made the revelation during the film's pre-release event after veteran actress Urvashi praised the team for finishing the project in record time. She pointed out that while Malayalam films are usually known for short shooting schedules, Pandiraj managed to complete his Tamil film even faster.

Responding to the appreciation, Pandiraj clarified that the film was shot in 45 days, although the total could technically be considered around 60 days if double call-sheet schedules were counted separately.

He credited the achievement entirely to his cast and crew, especially the actors, whom he described as "one-take artistes."

According to the director, working with performers who deliver scenes efficiently naturally helped the production move at a brisk pace without compromising quality.

Parimala & Co, which marks Pandiraj's 12th directorial venture, is said to be a blend of thriller and comedy elements. The film stars Jayaram and Urvashi in lead roles and revolves



around a family and the unique personalities and problems faced by its members.

Industry sources reveal that the story begins in Chennai before shifting to locations such as Coimbatore and Palacode as the narrative progresses.

The film also features Santhosh Sobhan in a pivotal role alongside Sanchana Krishnamoorthy, Sandy, and Ananthika Sanalkumar. Popular

comedian Yogi Babu reportedly plays a lengthy and significant role throughout the film.

Director Mysskin will also be seen portraying a police officer, while comedians Singam Puli and Baks appear in important supporting roles. The film is jointly produced by Lyca Productions, Tamilkumaran Productions, and Pandiraj's Pasanga Productions.

'Sandigdham' will appeal to everyone: Director Parthasaradhi at trailer launch event

Upcoming suspense thriller Sandigdham is gearing up for its theatrical release on May 29, with the makers recently unveiling the film's trailer at a grand launch event.

Produced by Sandhya Tiruveedhula under the Thirdha Creations banner and directed by Parthasaradhi Kommoju, the film has already generated decent buzz

through its posters and teaser.

The movie stars Nihal, Priya Deshpag, Kajal Tiwari, and Arjun CH in lead roles, while Naveenraj Sankarapu, known for Thera Chepa, appears as the antagonist.

The newly released trailer hints at a mystery-driven narrative packed with suspense and emotional twists.

Speaking at the trailer launch event,

director Parthasaradhi Kommoju thanked his wife and producer Sandhya Tiruveedhula for supporting him throughout the making process.

He said the entire cast and crew worked with dedication to bring the project to life and expressed confidence that Sandigdham would connect with audiences.

Lead actor Nihal revealed that the film

revolves around a unique concept and appreciated the producers for overcoming several challenges during production.

Actress Kajal Tiwari, meanwhile, shared that the team made her feel comfortable on set despite her limited Telugu fluency.

Actor Arjun CH thanked the makers for giving him an important character named Sathya, while music director

Gowtham Raviram stated that both the soundtrack and background score would stand out as major highlights of the film.

Naveenraj Sankarapu expressed confidence about the movie's output and mentioned that every actor delivered strong performances.

Supporting actors Anand and Chitti Babu also praised the hard work of the director and producer during the film's



journey. Technically, Sandigdham features cinematography by

Nandan Krishna and editing by Vishwan Raj DS. With suspense, mystery, and emotional

drama at its core, the film is aiming to attract thriller lovers when it hits theatres on May 29.