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Malayalam director Ranjith resigned as Kerala Chalachitra Academy chief after Bengali actress Sreelekha Mitra accused him of inappropriate behavior in 2009.

India and Australia concluded their tenth round of CECA trade talks, focusing on goods, services, and agriculture. The next meeting is in November.

Chirag Paswan was unanimously re-elected as LJP (Ram Vilas) chief for five years at the party's national executive meeting.

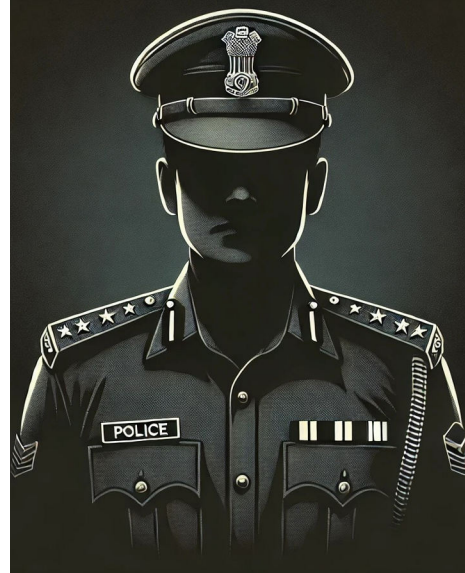
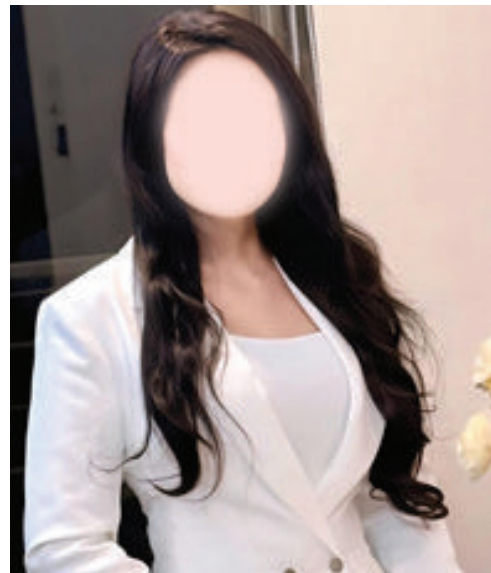
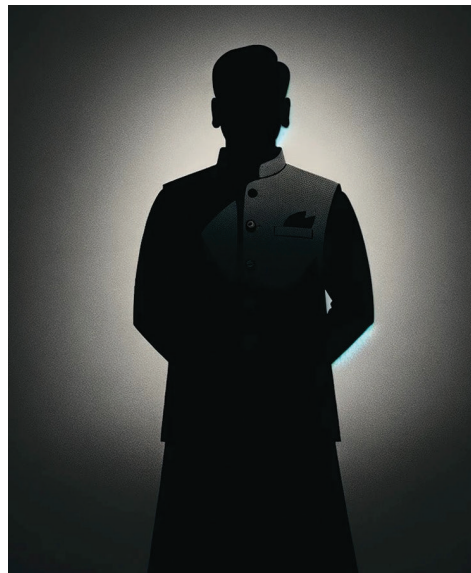
A major accident was averted as Dhanbad-bound Kisan Express split into two near Seohara in UP's Bijnor due to coupling failure.

Five AAP councillors in Delhi joined BJP, citing corruption and lack of development under AAP. Delhi BJP President welcomed them.

MUMBAI FILM ACTRESS FACED TORTURE AND FALSE CASE IN AP

OPERATION LED BY A KEY PERSON OF YCP GOVT AND AN IPS?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Just like in the movies, a film actress allegedly suffered a lot physically and mentally at the hands of a team of people in Andhra Pradesh in January 2024. This incident took place in the center of AP, Vijayawada. The actress, who had acted in a few films and serials, was in love with a person belonging to a big industrialist family. Though the actress's family agreed to the marriage, the industrialist family tried to separate the couple. The couple planned to marry against the wishes of the industrialist family.



abandoning the marriage proposal involving the industrialist family member. Surprisingly, the bail was arranged by people known to the same police team, allegedly.

This information spread throughout Vijayawada, but there is no concrete evidence except for the FIR copy, and the victims are not willing to speak out. No one has dared to expose this brutal atrocity against the poor film actress. If the current Government, particularly the Minister for Home Mrs. Anitha, responds by ordering an inquiry and contacting the victims, then all the culprits may be exposed.

The family of the big company allegedly tried different ways to stop the marriage and eventually reached out to a key person in the AP Government at that time. They allegedly offered a deal that was finalized for Rs. 5 crores. The key person in the government allegedly assigned the task to an IPS official.

actress and her family were staying in a hotel. The team reportedly went to the hotel and had a discussion with the actress's family. They successfully brought the whole family to Vijayawada. It is important to note that there was no complaint or official order to carry out this operation.

VTPS guest house at Ibrahimpatnam, where they were allegedly tortured severely for 18 days. They were threatened to withdraw the marriage proposal and return home during this period. When they did not comply, a cheating case was allegedly framed against all the family members using a fabricated complaint filed by a local person in Vijayawada. Subsequently, all the family members were sent to a sub-jail in Vijayawada. After all







this, the actress's family allegedly agreed to drop the marriage issue and return home. They then obtained bail and left.

As per the records, the family members of the film actress were accused of cheating the local person out of Rs. 5 lakhs and were sent to remand. Later, they obtained bail and left. Allegedly, all of this was orchestrated to pressure them into

The big question is that, how come a family of Mumbai come to Vijayawada to cheat a person for a small amount of Rs.5 lakhs? And why the Police have not verified their back ground and history before confirming the crime? Answers for these questions will reveals the actual deal behind this.

According to the buzz, the IPS official, along with a team consisting of an Inspector, Sub Inspector, and others, went to Mumbai, where the film

After bringing them to Vijayawada, they allegedly kept the family in a

<p>A Film Actress had love with an Industrialist's kin</p> 	<p>Big Industrialist family tried to separate them</p> 	<p>Big Industrialist people approached Key person of AP Govt</p> 	<p>They have agreed mutually for a deal of Rs.5 Cr</p> 	<p>Key Person has assigned the deal to an IPS</p> 	<p>IPS's team brought Film actress and family to Vijayawada</p> <p>Film actress family kept in VTPS guest house, Ibrahimpatnam</p> <p>The team tortured them for 18 days</p> <p>After accepting to leave marriage issue, they have given bail</p>	<p>Later on, they have framed a false case on them, sent to sub jail</p>  <p>During these 18 days, Film actress was tortured physically</p>
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Russian Cosmonaut Sergey Korsakov Meets AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant and cordial interaction, Russian cosmonaut Sergey Korsakov met Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan at his residence in Hyderabad today. The meeting was marked by a warm exchange of greetings, where Pawan Kalyan presented a flower bouquet and honored Korsakov with a traditional shawl.

The visit was part of a courtesy call, during which Sergey Korsakov was accompanied by Dr. Keshan, the founder and CEO of Space Kidz India, COO Yajnasai, and other representatives of the organization. The meeting highlighted the growing interest in space exploration and the strengthening of cultural ties between India and Russia.

Pawan Kalyan, known for his involvement in various social and cultural initiatives, expressed his admiration for Korsakov's achievements in space exploration. The event underscored the importance of international collaboration in advancing space science and fostering mutual respect between nations.



Greetings to all Telugu People around the world: PM Modi



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In his latest 'Mann Ki Baat' address on Akashvani (Radio) today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended warm greetings to Telugu-speaking people around the world in anticipation of Telugu Language Day, which will be celebrated on August 29. He expressed his best wishes to all those who cherish the rich heritage and culture of the Telugu language.

During his address, Modi highlighted India's remarkable achievements in the field of space exploration,

noting that India made history as the first country to land on the South Pole of the Moon with the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission. To commemorate this historic achievement, he announced that Space Day will be celebrated annually, with this year marking the inaugural celebration. The Prime Minister emphasized the growing interest among the youth in space science, driven by India's recent accomplishments.

Modi also spoke about the increasing

involvement of young people in politics, responding positively to his call for more youth to participate in the political process. He noted that the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, which encouraged citizens to hoist the national flag at their homes, shops, and offices, was a resounding success, turning Independence Day into a social festival celebrated with great enthusiasm across the country.

Reflecting on India's freedom struggle, the Prime Minister reminded the nation of the collective efforts made

by various groups, even those without political backgrounds, to achieve independence. He urged the nation to rekindle that same spirit of unity and determination in the pursuit of a developed India.

PM Modi's address emphasized the importance of celebrating India's cultural heritage, scientific advancements, and the active participation of its youth in shaping the nation's future.

Amaravati: Municipal Minister Narayana Reviews Development Progress



TPN, Amaravati: Municipal Minister Ponguru Narayana visited the capital city of Amaravati to inspect ongoing development projects, focusing on the nurseries and parks in Venkatapalem and Sakhamuru. Accompanied by Lakshmi Parthasarathy, Chairperson of the Amaravati Development Corporation, Minister Narayana closely reviewed the progress of various landscaping and environmental enhancement efforts.

During his visit, Minister Narayana personally operated a landscaping machine to level the grass in the central park at Sakhamuru, symbolizing his hands-on approach to the development work. He expressed satisfaction with the pace of jungle clearance, noting that 50 percent of the clearing had been completed as of the previous day.

In his comments, Minister Narayana emphasized the importance of a well-rounded environment in the capital, stating, "Amaravati should have not just buildings and roads, but also a good environment and parks." To this end, the government is setting up four major parks, including a Central Park spanning 300 acres in Sakhamuru.

The Minister outlined an ambitious timeline, aiming to complete these parks within the next six months. Additionally, he announced that previous tenders for capital construction would be canceled, with new tenders being invited to ensure the best outcomes for Amaravati's development.

Minister Narayana also indicated that it would take another three months before significant construction work begins in Amaravati, marking a crucial phase in the development of the capital city. His visit underscores the government's commitment to creating a vibrant and sustainable environment in Amaravati, balancing infrastructure development with ecological considerations.

Tribal Woman Carried on Dolly for 7 km in Alluri District

TPN, Alluri District, Araku Valley: In a tragic incident highlighting the persistent lack of infrastructure in tribal areas, a woman named Ke Rengi Chinnammi, who belongs to the Konda Dora tribe, was carried on a dolly for 7 kilometers due to severe illness. Chinnammi, a resident of Boosupadu Konda Shikhar village in Kothuru Panchayat, Anantagiri Mandal, had been suffering from leg and body swelling for the past three days.

With no road facilities available, her husband, Kerengi Ramesh, along with family members, had to carry her in a makeshift dolly to the S. Kota Area Hospital, a grueling journey that took them up a steep hill.

The village, which is home to 50 families, is situated just 2 kilometers away from a railway station. However, the lack of proper roads makes transportation to medical facilities nearly impossible. Despite the government's orders to eliminate the use of dollies, the situation in this remote area remains unchanged.

Kerengi Ramesh expressed his frustration and grief, stating that even after 70 years of independence, the lives of the tribal people in this region have not improved. While many governments have come and gone, the basic needs of these communities continue to be overlooked.

This incident serves as a stark reminder

of the pressing need for infrastructure development in tribal areas, where the absence of roads can mean the difference between life and death.



Receding Sea in Vizag A Rare Phenomenon Stuns Beachgoers



TPN, Visakapatnam: Vizag's RK Beach witnessed a rare and surprising natural phenomenon on Saturday evening, leaving beachgoers both astonished and intrigued. The sea, which usually crashes its waves onto the shore, receded by about four hundred meters, exposing the rocks that are typically submerged beneath the water.

Visitors to the beach were taken aback by this unexpected sight. The exposed coastline quickly became a point of interest, drawing crowds who eagerly ventured out to the newly revealed rocks. Many took the opportunity to capture the moment, snapping selfies and exploring the previously hidden parts of the beach.

This unusual event, while fascinating to those present, also sparked curiosity and speculation about the causes behind such a significant retreat of the sea. For many, the experience was a rare chance to see the beach in a completely different light, turning a regular day by the sea into an unforgettable experience.

Grand Preparations Underway for Srivari Brahmotsavam 2024

TPN, Tirumala: The annual Srivari Brahmotsavam at Tirumala is set to be celebrated with grandeur from October 4th to 12th, 2024. Extensive preparations are being made by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) to ensure a smooth and spiritually enriching experience for the thousands of devotees expected to attend.

The festivities will commence on October 4th with the traditional flag hoisting ceremony, coinciding with the presentation of silk robes to Lord Venkateswara by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. Devotees can witness the Vahanasevas twice daily, with the

highly anticipated Garudavahanaseva scheduled for October 8th at 6:30 pm.

In anticipation of the large crowds, TTD has canceled several regular services and special darshans. Enhanced security measures, including a common command center and coordination between TTD security, personnel, and district police, are in place, particularly for Garudaseva. Engineering works, electric lamp decorations, and large digital screens will be installed to enhance the festival experience.

Accommodation will be limited, with no rooms allotted to cottage donors during

the festival period. Devotees without accommodations in Tirumala are advised to stay in Tirupati. Sanitation efforts will be bolstered, and continuous barber services will be provided. Annaprashada distribution will be ensured, along with first aid centers, mobile clinics, and ambulances on standby.

Around 4,000 Srivari Sevakulu will assist devotees, and live coverage of the Vahanasevas will be broadcast on the Srivenkateswara Bhakti Channel. The TTD is committed to making this Brahmotsavam a memorable experience for all attendees.



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PM Modi's Special Visit to Andhra Pradesh: Unveiling the Vision for Vikasit AP 2047

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Andhra Pradesh in October, marking a significant moment for the state's future development plans. This visit is expected to coincide with the unveiling of the "Vikasit AP 2047" vision, a comprehensive plan aimed at transforming Andhra Pradesh into a \$2 trillion economy by 2047. The initiative is part of a broader strategy inspired by Prime Minister Modi's "Vikasit Bharat" vision, which focuses on national development and growth.



Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has been working diligently on the Vikasit AP 2047 vision, with the goal of achieving a 15 percent Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth rate. The state government is aligning its strategies with the Prime Minister's national development agenda, preparing to announce these ambitious plans during Modi's visit.

The Prime Minister is expected to formally launch the Vikasit AP 2047 vision on October 2, Gandhi Jayanti, during a special ceremony. The Andhra Pradesh Assembly will also convene a special session to discuss and promote the vision among legislators. These meetings, likely to take place between October 5th and 10th, will focus on raising awareness about the state's long-term goals and strategies among lawmakers.

The state government is not only focused on unveiling the vision but also on ensuring its successful implementation. As part of the initial phase, the "Vikasit Aradhra" program will be rolled out between 2024 and 2029. To ensure

effective execution, district planners have already undergone training, and ministers and parliamentarians are scheduled to receive similar training in the coming days.

In addition to the vision launch, there is speculation that the state government may introduce and approve the full annual budget during the special assembly session. While the deadline for budget approval extends until the end of November, the state might choose to align the budget presentation with the vision awareness program in October, further emphasizing its commitment to the Vikasit AP 2047 goals.

Prime Minister Modi's visit and the launch of the Vikasit AP 2047 vision mark a pivotal moment for Andhra Pradesh as it embarks on an ambitious journey towards sustained economic growth and development, aligning closely with the broader national agenda. The state government is making all necessary arrangements to ensure the success of this initiative and to create a lasting impact on the state's future.

Chandrababu Naidu's Bold Strategy to Reinvent TDP in Telangana

TPN, Telangana: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has launched a comprehensive strategy to restore the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) to its former prominence in Telangana. In a meeting held at NTR Trust Bhavan on Sunday, Naidu articulated his vision for revitalizing the TDP's presence in the state and outlined key actions to strengthen the party's grassroots network.



During the session, Naidu directed TDP leaders to focus on rebuilding the party from the ground up, following the dissolution of all previous TDP committees in Telangana. He emphasized that the new focus should be on expanding party membership at the village, mandal, and district levels. The Chief Minister made it clear that leaders who effectively enroll a significant number of new members would be given priority within the party's hierarchy. This move aims to re-establish a robust organizational structure and invigorate the party's base.

Naidu underscored his commitment to both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, describing them as equally vital to him. Despite the recent exodus of some party leaders, he reassured the attendees that TDP's strength remains intact at the grassroots level. He urged the leaders to honor the trust placed in them by the party's supporters and to work tirelessly to achieve the party's objectives.

As part of a broader reorganization effort, Naidu has already taken decisive steps to overhaul the Telangana TDP. This includes the cancellation of old committees within the state and the establishment of new committees for Parliament and Assembly segments. The restructuring is

designed to rejuvenate the party's operations and ensure that it can effectively address the needs and concerns of voters in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The selection of a new president for the Telangana TDP has been a subject of speculation. Naidu indicated that discussions regarding this appointment will continue at NTR Trust Bhavan. In the meantime, he has committed to visiting Telangana for two days each month to directly engage with party workers and support the party's activities. This regular presence is intended to provide ongoing encouragement and reinforce the party's strategic efforts in the state.

In a related development, Babu Mohan, who recently met with Naidu at NTR Trust Bhavan, is anticipated to join the TDP soon. This potential addition to the party is seen as a positive step towards expanding the TDP's influence and strengthening its political positioning in Telangana.

Talk of Tirupati: Where is Bhumana?



TPN, Tirupati: Power is indeed a mysterious thing, and its effects on political figures are often telling. This appears to be the case with Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, a prominent leader who once held significant sway in the Tirupati segment under the YSR Congress Party (YCP) banner. However, following the YCP's defeat in the recent elections, Bhumana and his son, Abhinay Reddy, seem to have retreated into the background.

During the YCP's time in power, Bhumana Karunakar Reddy was a dominant force in Tirupati, reportedly enjoying the support of Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy. His influence was such that he was able to move files within the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), and his son, Abhinay Reddy, was said to have operated as a "shadow MLA," managing many of the administrative activities in the region.

The Bhumana family's close relationship with the YS family was no secret, and this connection afforded them a degree of leniency and favor from CM Jagan. Bhumana was appointed as the TTD board chairman, and Abhinay Reddy secured the Tirupati MLA ticket in the election. However, the dynamics changed dramatically after the YCP's electoral defeat. Since then, both Bhumana and his son have

seemingly disappeared from the public eye.

Reports suggest that while other senior YCP leaders have been making trips to Tadepalli to meet with Jagan and discuss the party's future, Bhumana has been notably absent. Since the election results were announced, neither he nor Abhinay has been seen actively engaging with the party's leadership or addressing the challenges facing the YCP in Tirupati.

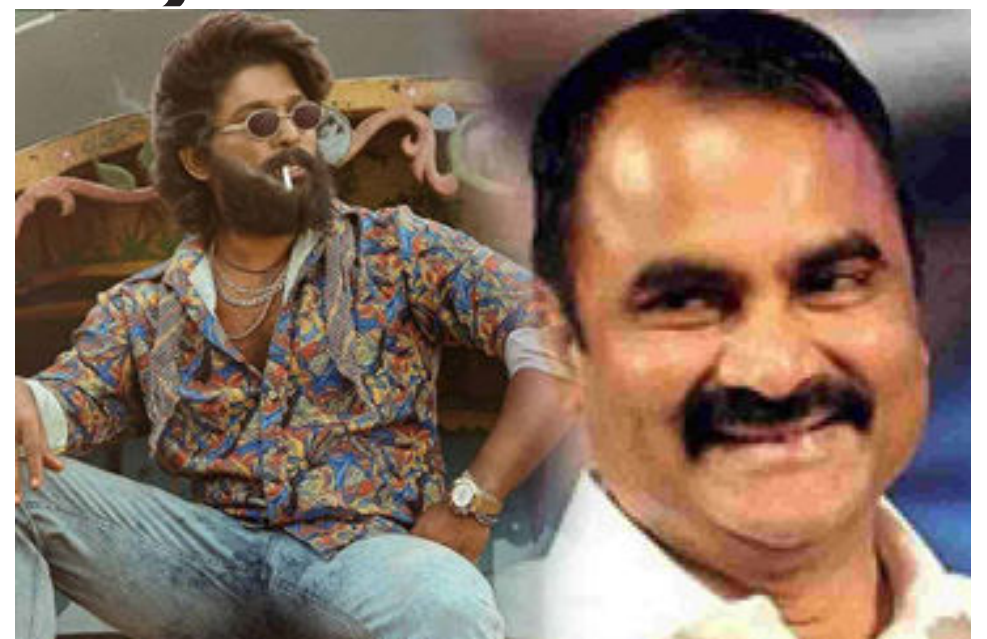
This absence is particularly concerning given the growing rumors that a significant number of YCP corporators in Tirupati may defect to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Such a shift could be highly detrimental to the YCP's future prospects in the region. Despite this looming threat, Bhumana has remained silent, offering no preventive measures or reassurances to the local YCP cadre.

While Bhumana is unlikely to leave the YCP, his current silence is causing unease among his supporters and the party's grassroots members in Tirupati. Observers of local politics note that his withdrawal from the political scene is demoralizing for the YCP's local cadre, who are looking for leadership during these challenging times.

Pawan Kalyan Must Take Back His Words: Allu Arjun's Father-In-Law

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Tensions between Mega fans and Allu Arjun's fans have been simmering for the past few months, and the situation has taken a new twist with recent comments from Allu Arjun's father-in-law, Chandrasekhar Reddy. The discord began when Allu Arjun, popularly known as Bunny, campaigned for YCP's Silpa Ravi in Nandhyal, just as Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party (JSP) was gearing up for a heated election battle. The situation escalated when Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan made a remark about sandalwood smugglers becoming cinema heroes, which was perceived as a dig at Allu Arjun, who portrayed a smuggler in the blockbuster film *Pushpa*.

In a new development, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Allu Arjun's father-in-law, has expressed his displeasure with Pawan Kalyan's comments. "It wasn't right of Pawan Kalyan Garu to make such comments. Allu Arjun just acted as a sandalwood smuggler, he didn't do smuggling in real life. Had Allu Arjun smuggled in real life, Pawan's comments would have gained credence, but that isn't the case. My opinion is that Kalyan Garu



went out of his way to make that untoward comment," Reddy stated.

He further suggested that for the issue to be resolved, Pawan Kalyan should clarify his statement, emphasizing that the "smuggling" comment was not intended to target Allu Arjun. Reddy warned that if Pawan Kalyan does not address the matter, it could have negative implications for him, especially given his role in

government.

These comments come shortly after Allu Arjun made a statement at a recent film event, saying, "I will be there for my people no matter what," which many interpreted as a continuation of the Nandhyal episode. As tensions continue to rise, it seems that the ongoing rift between the fanbases and the involved parties might not be resolved anytime soon.

Former Minister Dokka Manikyavaraprasad's Strong Remarks on YCP Leaders' Misconduct

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former minister Dokka Manikyavaraprasad has made scathing comments regarding recent incidents involving YCP leaders, particularly targeting YCP MLC Ananth Babu. In his remarks, Manikyavaraprasad condemned the widespread rape and harassment of women, which has drawn outrage from all sections of society.

He specifically called out MLC Ananth Babu, accusing him of becoming in-

famous due to his "mischievous antics." Manikyavaraprasad demanded that Ananth Babu be suspended from the party and removed from politics altogether. He also accused Ananth Babu and former MP Thota Trimurti of training YCP workers in methods to harm Dalits and harass women, labeling their actions as a disgrace.

Manikyavaraprasad announced plans to meet with the governor soon to urge action against these in-

dividuals, emphasizing the need for accountability. He urged YCP leaders to abandon their arrogance and expressed deep shame over the alleged training of party members in committing crimes.

His remarks underscore the growing concern and demand for strict action against those within the political sphere who are accused of such serious misconduct.



Key Changes in Arogyasree: Hybrid Health Services to Be Introduced in AP



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government is set to make significant changes to the Arogyasree health scheme, shifting towards a hybrid model that integrates insurance coverage with the existing healthcare system. The initiative, spearheaded by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, aims to enhance healthcare accessibility while managing the financial burden on the state.

Under the proposed hybrid system, health services will be delivered through a combination of insurance coverage and the existing NTR Vaidya Seva Trust. The government plans to cover up to ₹2.50 lakhs in medical expenses per family through insurance, while any costs exceeding this amount, up to ₹25 lakhs, will be covered by the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust. This dual approach is designed to ensure comprehensive healthcare coverage for all families while reducing the overall financial strain on the government.

The state currently has 1.43 crore white ration cardholders who receive treatment through the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust. In addition, there are 8.13 lakh employees, pensioners, and people above the poverty line (APL) who also require healthcare services. Implementing ₹25 lakh insurance coverage for all 1.60 crore families would impose a substantial financial burden. The hybrid model is expected to address this challenge by balancing the insurance coverage with trust-managed funds.

As part of the new system, each

family will receive an insurance card along with their existing NTR Vaidya Seva Trust card. This will ensure that every family has access to ₹25 lakh in health coverage. The government anticipates that it will need to allocate approximately ₹2,500 crores annually for health insurance, a sum that is currently being spent by the trust on network hospitals.

Another critical aspect of the proposed changes addresses the needs of government employees and pensioners, who have faced difficulties due to the non-implementation of the Employees Health Scheme (EHS). Although the government has been paying premiums monthly, many employees and pensioners have had to bear the cost of medical treatment out of pocket. The new proposals include prioritizing these groups during treatment and potentially increasing the premium paid by the government for APL families. Additionally, there is consideration of directly paying some of the premium amounts to insurance companies to streamline the process.

These changes reflect the government's commitment to improving healthcare access and affordability for the people of Andhra Pradesh while ensuring the sustainability of the state's healthcare expenditure. An official seal of approval will be granted once a more in-depth study of the proposals is completed, paving the way for the hybrid health services model to be implemented across the state.

Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express Gets Additional Stop at Eluru

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express (Train No. 20708/20707) has introduced a new stoppage at Eluru Railway Station, beginning on August 25, 2024. The additional stop was officially inaugurated by Shri Putta Mahesh Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Eluru, who flagged off the train at Eluru as the Chief Guest. The event saw participation from several notable figures, including Shri Kolusu Parthasarathy, Hon'ble Minister for Housing & I&PR, and other prominent MLAs.

During the ceremony, MP Putta Mahesh Kumar expressed his gratitude to the Railway Ministry for accommodating the popular demand for an Eluru stoppage, highlighting the train's immense popularity since its launch in March 2024. He emphasized that the new stop would significantly enhance connectivity for Eluru residents, linking them more efficiently to Telangana's capital and Visakhapatnam.

The public welcomed the Vande Bharat Express with great enthusiasm, as a large crowd of 1,000 people gathered to celebrate the occasion. Following the flagging-off, MP Mahesh Kumar and MLA Songa Roshan Kumar traveled on



the train from Eluru to Vijayawada, interacting with passengers and gathering feedback.

The ticket prices are set at ₹1060 from Eluru to Secunderabad and ₹960 to Vi-

sakhapatnam, with travel times of 5 hours 20 minutes and 3 hours 20 minutes, respectively. The event was also attended by senior railway officials and staff, who ensured the smooth execution of the new service addition.

A. Kondur Protected Water Project Accelerates to Address Kidney Disease Crisis

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Efforts to provide safe drinking water to 38 villages in A. Kondur mandal, which have been severely affected by kidney diseases, are progressing rapidly under the direction of the Andhra Pradesh state government. The project, spearheaded by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWS) department, aims to deliver fresh Krishna river water to these communities, offering a long-term solution to their water-related health issues.

The project, with an allocated budget of ₹49.94 crores, is targeted for completion by June 30, 2025. However, authorities are striving to finish the work ahead of schedule. According to

NTR District Collector Dr. G. Srijana, the Krishna waters, which are currently reaching the Mylavaram Comprehensive Protected Water Supply (CPWS) scheme, are being temporarily distributed to the affected villages via tankers. This interim measure ensures that the villagers have access to safe drinking water while the permanent infrastructure is being built.

A key component of the permanent solution involves constructing an overhead reservoir near the Kudapa sump. Once completed, this reservoir will store treated Krishna water, which will then be distributed to the 38 villages through a network of pipelines. Out of the planned 200 km of

pipeline, 30 km has already been laid, with another 70 km slated for completion in the coming months. Additionally, 14 new overhead reservoirs are being constructed to complement the existing ones in the region, further ensuring a steady supply of clean water.

Dr. Srijana emphasized that the project is under continuous supervision and coordination, with regular reviews to ensure that the work is progressing efficiently. The district administration is committed to expediting the project to provide a reliable and permanent source of clean water to the kidney disease-affected villages, ultimately improving the health and well-being of the local population.

Monkeypox Scare in Vijayawada: Child Suspected of Infection Isolated

TPN, Vijayawada: A potential outbreak of monkeypox has caused alarm in Vijayawada, as authorities suspect that a child showing symptoms may be infected with the disease. The child, who recently arrived with their family from Dubai, exhibited rashes on their body, leading doctors to believe that it could be a case of monkeypox.

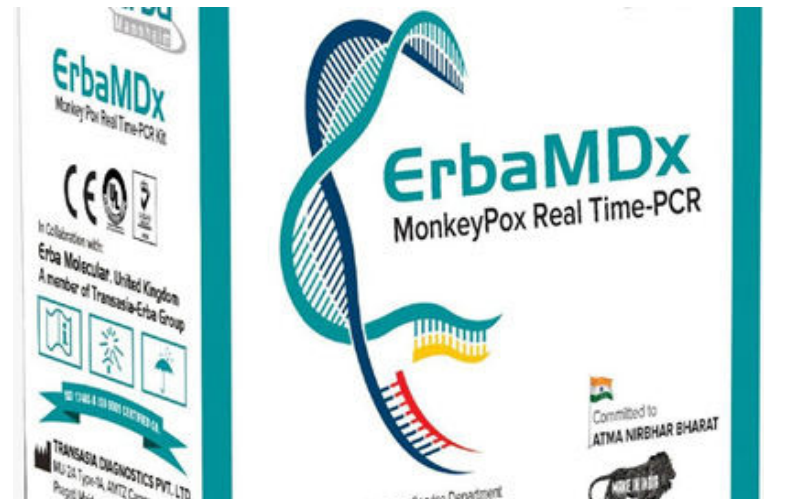


The child is currently receiving treatment at the old government hospital in Vijayawada, and the entire family has been placed in isolation as a precautionary measure. Health officials have collected samples from the child and sent them to a lab in Pune for confirmation.

The situation has sparked concern among residents, and authorities are closely monitoring the case to prevent any potential spread of the disease. Further actions will depend on the results from the Pune lab, which are expected to determine whether the child indeed has monkeypox.

AP Medtech Achieves Milestone with First Indigenous Monkeypox Diagnostic Kit

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Visakha Medtech Zone has marked a significant achievement by developing India's first domestically produced RT-PCR kit for the diagnosis of monkeypox. Known for its contributions to the health sector during the COVID-19 pandemic, Medtech Zone has now introduced the *Monkeypox RT-PCR* kit, developed in collaboration with its partner, Transasia Diagnostics Pvt Ltd.



The kit represents a crucial advancement in the country's diagnostic capabilities, particularly in response to emerging health threats like monkeypox. On Saturday, Medtech announced that the kit has received urgent approval from both the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), highlighting the importance and readiness of this innovation.

Jitendra Sharma, CEO of Medtech, expressed pride in the accomplishment, stating that the development of this kit is a testament to India's growing expertise in the health sector. He also confirmed that the *Monkeypox RT-PCR* kit will be available in the market within the next two weeks, providing a vital tool for timely and accurate diagnosis of monkeypox across the country.



Why Regional Films Dominated the National Film Awards This Year

The dominance of regional films at the 70th National Film Awards marks a significant shift in Indian cinema, reflecting the growing recognition and appreciation of diverse narratives beyond the traditional Bollywood sphere. This year's awards celebrated the best of Indian cinema from 2022, with regional films taking center stage, showcasing their ability to capture audiences' imaginations across the country.

Rishab Shetty's performance in the Kannada film *Kantara* earned him the Best Actor award, while the movie itself was recognized as the Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment. The Best Actress award was shared by Nithya Menen for her role in the Tamil film *Thiruchitrabalam* and Mansi Parekh for the Gujarati film *The Kutch Express*. In a testament to the strength of regional cinema, the Malayalam film *Aattam* won Best Feature Film, while Pavan Raj Malhotra was awarded Best Supporting Actor for his role in the Haryanvi film *Fouja*. Neena Gupta took home the Best Supporting Actress award for her performance in the Hindi film *Uunchai*.

The success of regional films at the National Film Awards underscores the shift in the Indian film industry, where regional cinema is increasingly challenging Bollywood's dominance. Films from different states are now commanding attention and drawing large audiences across the country, regardless of language. This trend is particularly evident with the rise of South Indian films, which have gained pan-India appeal through high-quality dubbing and compelling storytelling. Movies like *Baahubali*, *KGF*, *Pushpa: The Rise*, and *RRR* have transcended linguistic barriers, becoming massive hits nationwide.

The growing influence of regional cinema is also reflected in box office trends. In 2023, the share of box office collections for regional films in India's total box office collections rose from 40.3% in the June 2023 quarter to 56.8% in the June 2024 quarter. In contrast, the share of Hindi films dropped from 41.3% to 35.1% during the same period. This shift highlights how regional films are not only gaining critical acclaim but also proving to be commercially successful, challenging the longstanding Bollywood hegemony.

One of the key factors contributing to the rise of regional

films is the accessibility brought about by OTT platforms, smartphones, and affordable 4G internet. These technological advancements have democratized content consumption, allowing viewers to access films in multiple languages with ease. The quality of dubbing and subtitling has improved, enabling regional films to reach wider audiences beyond their native linguistic regions. South Indian films, in particular, have benefited from this trend, with their dubbed versions finding success in northern India and other parts of the country.

Nithya Menen, who won the Best Actress award, reflects on the evolving landscape of Indian cinema, noting that language is no longer a significant barrier for audiences. "Regional films are a huge part of the country's movie industry. I feel language is definitely important. People connect to languages they are more comfortable with," Menen said. She added that the popularity of South Indian commercial films in northern India is largely due to effective dubbing, which has helped reduce language barriers.

The rise of regional cinema has also led to a cross-pollination of talent across different film industries in India. Actors like Yash, Prabhas, Allu Arjun, Ram Charan, and Junior NTR have become household names beyond their home states, gaining large fan followings across the country. These stars have not only achieved commercial success but have also set new trends, influencing popular culture in regions far from their own. Internationally, regional content is also gaining recognition on platforms like Netflix and Prime Video. The global success of *RRR*, which won an Oscar for Best Original Song with "Naatu Naatu," is a testament to the universal appeal of well-crafted regional films.

As regional films continue to rise in prominence, the Indian film industry is witnessing a shift in the dynamics of demand and supply. With audiences increasingly seeking diverse and authentic narratives, regional films are stepping up to meet this demand, offering fresh perspectives and stories that resonate with viewers across India and beyond. The dominance of regional films at this year's National Film Awards is a clear indication that the future of Indian cinema lies in embracing its rich cultural and linguistic diversity.

What Led SEBI To Ban Anil Ambani From Market And Impose Fine?



Anil Ambani, once regarded as one of India's most flamboyant and influential industrialists, has recently found himself at the center of a significant controversy that has led to severe repercussions from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Known for his high-profile lifestyle and his once-mighty business empire, Ambani's downfall has been the subject of much public and media scrutiny. The latest chapter in this saga comes in the form of a 222-page report from SEBI, which accuses Ambani and his associates of orchestrating a fraudulent scheme to siphon off funds from Reliance Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) during the period of 2018-19.

The SEBI investigation was triggered by multiple complaints that alleged financial irregularities at RHFL, a company under the umbrella of the Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG). The complaints pointed to the diversion of funds under the guise of loans, which were disbursed to various privately held companies with little to no financial standing. According to SEBI's findings, these loans were part of a larger scheme devised by Ambani to move funds out of RHFL, thereby defrauding the company's investors and destabilizing its financial standing.

SEBI's report provides a detailed account of the mismanagement and fraudulent activities that took place under Ambani's leadership. It notes that Ambani and his management team approved loans amounting to thousands of crores of rupees to companies with negligible assets, cash flows, or revenues. These companies, which were often connected to Ambani himself, were in no position to repay the loans. Despite this, the loans were approved and disbursed with alarming speed and without following due diligence, reflecting a clear disregard for corporate governance and financial responsibility.

The regulator's report is particularly scathing in its description of the cavalier approach taken by Ambani and his team. SEBI points out that even after the RHFL Board explicitly instructed the company in February 2019 to halt the disbursement of further General Purpose Working Capital (GPC) loans, the management continued to approve and disburse loans worth thousands of crores of rupees. These actions were taken with impunity and under the direct supervision of Ambani, who, as Group Head, approved the transactions despite knowing that the borrowers were credit-unworthy.

The investigation revealed that many of the loan applications were left incomplete, with authorized signatories merely signing the last page of blank forms. In several instances, loans were disbursed on the same day the application was received, further highlighting the lack of due process. The internal memos that accompanied these loans often documented deviations from standard procedures, such as the waiver of field investigations, the absence of customer ratings, and the failure to create necessary securities or escrow accounts.

As the financial health of RHFL deteriorated due to these dubious loans, the company's share price plummeted, leaving investors in the lurch. In March 2018, RHFL's shares were trading at around ₹59.60, but by March 2020, as the extent of the fraudulent activities became apparent, the share price had collapsed to a mere ₹0.75. Today, more than 9 lakh shareholders find themselves holding shares that are practically worthless, a stark reminder of the devastating impact of the fraudulent scheme orchestrated under Ambani's watch.

In response to these findings, SEBI has taken stringent actions against Anil Ambani and his associates. The regulator has barred Ambani and 24 other entities, including former key officials of RHFL, from participating in the securities market for a period of five years. Additionally, SEBI has imposed a penalty of ₹25 crore on Ambani and has prohibited him from holding any position as a director or Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) in any listed company or any intermediary registered with the regulator during this period.

SEBI's report and subsequent actions are likely to have far-reaching consequences. The findings may prompt other law enforcement agencies to initiate their own investigations into Ambani and others implicated in the scheme. The downfall of RHFL, once a prominent player in the financial sector, serves as a cautionary tale of how the reckless actions of a few individuals can lead to the collapse of an entire enterprise, leaving investors and the broader financial ecosystem to bear the brunt of their misdeeds.

The collapse of Anil Ambani's business empire, once celebrated as a symbol of entrepreneurial success, is now a subject of public discourse, with SEBI's report adding a new chapter to the story of a man who once stood at the pinnacle of India's corporate world. The regulatory actions against Ambani mark a significant moment in Indian corporate history, underscoring the importance of transparency, accountability, and the rule of law in the functioning of markets. As the dust settles on this latest development, the repercussions for Ambani and his associates will likely resonate for years to come.

PM Modi Promises Tough Action on Crimes Against Women Amid Kolkata Outrage

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today assured strict action in cases of crimes against women, addressing the nation amid widespread outrage over the recent rape and murder of a junior doctor in Kolkata. Speaking at the 'Lakshpati Didi Sammelan' in Maharashtra's Jalgaon, PM Modi emphasized the government's commitment to women's safety, calling such crimes "unforgivable."

"The security of women is very important. I will once again tell every state government that crimes against women are unforgivable. No matter who the culprit is, they should not be spared," PM Modi stated. His remarks come as the country grapples with the brutal crime in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, which has sparked nationwide protests and a fierce political battle between the ruling Trinamool Congress in West Bengal and BJP leaders over women's safety.

During the event, PM Modi also highlighted his government's efforts to empower women through the "Lakshpati Didi" initiative, which supports self-help group members in earning an annual household income of ₹1 lakh or more. "We are strengthening laws to ensure stringent punishment for those perpetrating crimes against women," the Prime Minister asserted.



PM Modi took the opportunity to underscore the progress made under his administration, particularly in supporting women entrepreneurs. He noted that while less than ₹25,000 crore in loans were given to women self-help groups before 2014, the figure has surged to ₹9 lakh crore over the past decade.

The Prime Minister also advocated for continued support for Maharashtra's BJP-led Mahayuti government, linking

the state's future prosperity to political stability. "Maharashtra is the shining star of a developed India. The future of the state lies in more investment and job growth," PM Modi concluded, urging the public to back the government for sustained development.

The incident in Kolkata has brought the issue of women's safety back into the spotlight, with PM Modi's statements reflecting a nationwide demand for justice and stricter measures to protect women.

Chirag Paswan Re-Elected as LJP President, Talks Polls and Caste Census



Union Minister Chirag Paswan was re-elected as the president of the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) for a five-year term during the party's national executive meeting held in Ranchi on Sunday. The decision was made unanimously, reaffirming Mr. Paswan's leadership within the party founded by his late father, Ram Vilas Paswan, one of India's most prominent Dalit leaders.

Speaking at the meeting, Mr. Paswan, who

serves as the Minister of Food Processing Industries, revealed that the party discussed strategies for the upcoming assembly elections in Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, and Jharkhand. In Jharkhand, the LJP (Ram Vilas) may either contest the polls in alliance with its national partner BJP or independently, depending on the strength of its state units.

"In the 2014 elections, we had a tie-up with the BJP for Vidhan Sabha polls in Jharkhand

and contested the Shikaripara seat. If there is a respectable seat-sharing arrangement, we may go with an alliance or else we can go alone in the polls," Mr. Paswan stated.

Mr. Paswan also advocated for a nationwide caste census, emphasizing the importance of accurate data for government policies. However, he cautioned against making the census results public, warning that it could create societal divisions.

"We have always emphasized that we want the caste census to be conducted... It will ensure that the government has correct numbers. However, I do not want the figures of the census to come out in public. That may create a rift," he remarked.

The party passed a special resolution thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his initiatives benefiting the SC-ST community. Addressing the issue of the "creamy layer" within the SC community, Mr. Paswan reiterated his opposition, citing ongoing issues of untouchability and discrimination even decades after India's independence. Mr. Paswan's re-election and the party's discussions signal a significant step as they gear up for the upcoming assembly elections, where their alliances and strategies will be closely watched.

Kiren Rijju Criticizes Rahul Gandhi's Remarks on Miss India Pageant, Calls Them "Juvenile"

Union Minister Kiren Rijju has sharply criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent comments regarding the absence of Dalits and Adivasis in the Miss India beauty pageant, describing the remarks as something that could only come from a "bal buddhi" (juvenile mind).

At the Samvidhan Samman Sammelan in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, where he advocated for a caste census, Mr. Gandhi claimed that India's functioning is hampered by the lack of participation from the "90 percent" of its population, including Dalits, Adivasis, and OBCs. He specifically pointed out the Miss India pageant, suggesting that it does not include representatives from these communities.

"I have checked the list of Miss India, which did not have any Dalit, Adivasi, or OBC women... No one will show the cobbler or plumber. Even top anchors in the media are not from the 90 percent," Mr. Gandhi stated.

In response, Mr. Rijju, the Union Minister of Minority Affairs and an MP from Arunachal Pradesh, criticized Mr. Gandhi for his "childish wit" and accused him of attempting to divide the nation. Mr. Rijju highlighted that India has its first tribal President, Droupadi Murmu, an OBC Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and a record number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes members in the Cabinet.

"Now, he wants reservations in Miss India competitions, films, sports! It is not only an issue of 'Bal Buddha,' but people who cheer him are equally responsible too!" Mr. Rijju remarked on social media. He further asserted that the government does not select Miss India contestants, athletes for the Olympics, or actors for films.

Mr. Gandhi had preemptively countered accusations that his push for a caste census might be seen as divisive, stating that the BJP could use such rhetoric against him. Home Minister Amit Shah has indicated that the decadal census will be conducted at an appropriate time, with an announcement to be made when decided.

The exchange underscores the ongoing political tension between the Congress and the BJP over issues of representation and inclusion in various sectors of Indian society.

Prashant Kishor Criticizes Tejashwi Yadav's Development Claims in Bihar



In a sharp exchange of words, Jan Suraaj chief Prashant Kishor has countered Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav's criticism of Bihar's development under the current "double-engine" government. Mr. Yadav, Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar assembly, had accused the BJP of neglecting the public's concerns, claiming Bihar leads in negative indicators such as unemployment, poverty, and crime. He further described Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as a "tired chief minister" and accused the BJP of being "power-hungry."

Prashant Kishor, however, dismissed Mr. Yadav's statements on development as "laughable," pointing out that the RJD had been in power for 15 years and questioning Mr. Yadav's understanding of economic terms like GDP. Kishor remarked, "If Tejashwi Yadav discusses development, it is laughable... He does not know what GDP and GDP growth are, and is talking about the development story of Bihar."

Kishor also highlighted the inconsistency in Mr. Yadav's stance on crime, noting that when Tejashwi Yadav served as Deputy Chief Minister just six months ago, he did not express similar concerns. "If today Nitish Kumar joins Mahagathbandhan, Bihar will again start looking great to him," Kishor added, emphasizing the political opportunism he perceives in Mr. Yadav's remarks.

Prashant Kishor, who was once an advisor to Nitish Kumar but has since parted ways, plans to contest the Bihar assembly elections in 2025 with his new outfit, Jan Suraaj. The former strategist has been vocal in his criticism of both the BJP and RJD, positioning his party as a fresh alternative in Bihar's political landscape.

Bihar's demand for a special economic package continues, with the Union Budget 2024 announcing a ₹58.9-crore growth package for the state.

PM Modi Hails Introduction of Unified Pension Scheme for Central Government Employees

Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the Central Government's introduction of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) on Saturday, highlighting its importance in securing the financial future of government employees. The scheme was approved during a Union Cabinet meeting led by PM Modi.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi expressed pride in the nation's government employees, stating, "We are proud of all the government employees who work hard for the progress of the country. The Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) ensures dignity and financial security for these employees. This step reflects our government's commitment to their welfare and secure future."

The UPS, a significant policy move by the BJP-led central government, guarantees both Assured Pension and Assured Family Pension. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that approximately 23 lakh central government employees would benefit from

the new scheme.

"Today the Union Cabinet has approved the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for government employees, providing for the assured pension... 50 percent assured pension is the first pillar of the scheme... the second pillar will be assured family pension," Minister Vaishnaw stated. He also mentioned that employees would have the option to choose between the National Pension System (NPS) and the new UPS.

The assured pension will be 50 percent of the average basic pay drawn over the last 12 months prior to superannuation for those with a minimum qualifying service of 25 years. For shorter service periods, down to a minimum of 10 years, the pension will be proportionate.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also lauded the UPS, noting that it would provide financial security to central government employees and their families.



"The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister @narendramodi today has approved the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for government employees, which is a significant move that promises an assured pension for central government employees," he said.

The official release further mentioned that there will be inflation indexation on assured pension, assured family pension, and assured minimum pension under the UPS, with Dearness Relief based on the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (AICPI-IW).



Pentagon Reports ISIS-K Network Behind Abbey Gate Attack "Degraded but Not Eliminated"

Three years after the devastating suicide bombing at Afghanistan's Abbey Gate that killed 13 U.S. service members and approximately 170 Afghan civilians, the network behind the attack, identified as ISIS-K, has been significantly weakened but not fully dismantled, according to the Pentagon's civilian commando chief.

Christopher Maier, the Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, stated in a brief interview after a meeting with reporters on Friday that "a lot of allied and partner disruptions" have reduced ISIS-K's capability to conduct similar attacks. However, he acknowledged that the network remains active.

President Joe Biden had vowed on the day of the attack outside Hamid Karzai International Airport that "we will not forgive, we will not forget, we will hunt you down and make you pay." Maier indicated that the U.S. is in the process of fulfilling that promise, noting that significant progress has been made in disrupting the network responsible for the attack. "We have made significant dents in this network that conducted the Abbey Gate attack," Maier said.

The attack, which occurred three years ago next Monday, was a significant blow during the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, an operation widely criticized for its chaotic execution despite the successful evacuation of 124,000 Afghans. The event has been a focal point for Republican criticism of Biden's foreign policy, with former President Donald Trump labeling the withdrawal as "the worst humiliation in the history of our country" during his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in July.

Trump, who negotiated a February 2020 agreement with the Taliban that set a timeline for U.S. troop withdrawals, has blamed Biden—and, by extension, Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee to succeed him—for the way the withdrawal was handled.

During his discussion with reporters, Maier suggested that the Abbey Gate attack was likely the result of a coordinated effort involving multiple individuals supported by ISIS-K's infrastructure. Since the attack, U.S. and allied forces have reportedly disrupted several plots connected to the network. "Some of the recent plots that have been foiled point to direct support from some of these partners," Maier noted, referring to Central Asian countries that have become more vigilant against threats emanating from Afghanistan. However, he did not specify which countries were involved.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee is expected to release its review of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan early next month, which will likely include further details on the Abbey Gate attack and its aftermath.

Andhra Pradesh Woman Goes Missing in Kuala Lumpur After Footpath Collapse

A 45-year-old woman from Andhra Pradesh, India, has gone missing in Malaysia's capital, Kuala Lumpur, after being swept away into a sewage drain when the footpath she was walking on suddenly collapsed. The woman, identified as Vijayalakshmi from Animiganipalle village in Chittoor district, was walking with her husband and son when the ground beneath them gave way. While her family managed to escape the collapse, Vijayalakshmi was tragically swept into the underground sewer.

Rescue operations were launched immediately by civic authorities in Kuala Lumpur and are ongoing. However, as of Saturday evening, there was no sign of Vijayalakshmi. The authorities are continuing their search in the hopes of locating her.

Vijayalakshmi was known for frequently traveling to Malaysia and Singapore for business purposes. The incident has sparked concern both in Malaysia and back home in India.



In response to the tragedy, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials from the Andhra Pradesh Non-Resident Telugu (APNRT) Society to ensure that the search operations are conducted effectively. The Chief Minister, along with Minister

for Human Resource Development (HRD) Nara Lokesh, is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with local authorities in Malaysia. The incident has left Vijayalakshmi's family and community in shock, as they await updates on the ongoing rescue efforts.

Elon Musk Criticizes Zuckerberg Over Instagram Child Exploitation Amid Durov's Arrest

Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has publicly criticized Meta Founder Mark Zuckerberg, asserting that Zuckerberg should be held accountable for what Musk describes as a "massive child exploitation" issue on Instagram, rather than Pavel Durov, the founder of Telegram, who was recently arrested in France.

Musk's comments came in response to Durov's arrest, which involves multiple charges related to his platform Telegram. Durov faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted. Musk, reacting to the news on X, questioned the lack of legal consequences for Zuckerberg, accusing him of prioritizing censorship and providing governments with backdoor access to user data on his platform.

"Instagram has a massive child exploitation problem, but no arrest for Zuck, as he censors free speech and gives governments backdoor access to user data," Musk posted. He further criticized European censorship laws, stating, "It's 2030 in Europe and you're being executed for liking a meme." Musk emphasized the importance of supporting free speech, particularly in countries with heavy censorship.

In February, Zuckerberg apologized to victims of online child sex abuse during a Senate hearing on Capitol Hill. He expressed regret for the suffering of affected families and pledged continued investment in efforts to combat online exploitation. "I'm sorry for everything you have all been through. No one should go through the things that your families have

suffered," Zuckerberg said at the time.

Musk has previously criticized Meta for its approach to advertising. In May, he described Meta as "super greedy" in claiming credit for advertisers' campaigns, contrasting it with his own platform's approach. "We are terrible at claiming credit, and Meta is super greedy at claiming credit," Musk remarked.

The ongoing rivalry between Musk and Zuckerberg is well-documented. The two tech giants were once set for a high-profile "cage fight," dubbed the "fight of the century," but the event was ultimately cancelled. Their contentious relationship continues to be a source of public and media interest, reflecting deeper tensions between their respective companies and philosophies.

Former Bangladesh Minister Gazi Arrested in Ousted Government Crackdown

Bangladesh's former textile and jute minister, Golam Dastagir Gazi, was arrested late Saturday night in Dhaka as the police intensify their crackdown on officials and ministers from the ousted Awami League government led by Sheikh Hasina. The 76-year-old Gazi was detained around 3 am from a residence in the Piargoli area of the capital, as reported by The Daily Star.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police apprehended Gazi and transported him to the Detective Branch (DB) office, as confirmed by The Dhaka Tribune. Gazi was held at the DB office due to extensive damage at the local police station from recent unrest. The area around his location was reportedly besieged by a crowd following news of his presence there.

The exact charges for Gazi's arrest have not been disclosed by authorities. However, a murder case involving 105 individuals, including Gazi and former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, has been filed at Rugganj police station in Narayanganj. Gazi, a former MP from Rugganj-1 constituency in Narayanganj, was elected in January on the Awami League's boat symbol.

In related developments, a Dhaka court has placed Salman F Rahman, private industry affairs adviser to Hasina, former law minister Anisul Huq, former social welfare minister Dipu Moni, and two others under various terms of remand for interrogation in connection with four separate murder cases. Former chief whip ASM Feroz and Major General Ziaul Ahsan, a former army officer, are also on remand in murder cases.



The arrests come in the wake of significant political turmoil. Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled to India on August 5 following massive protests over quota reforms in Bangladesh. Since Hasina's departure, most leaders of the Awami League have gone into hiding, and many party members have been detained by the new interim government led by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus, which assumed power on August 8.

The crackdown on former officials and ministers reflects the new interim government's effort to address allegations of misconduct and to stabilize the political situation following Hasina's controversial resignation.

Netanyahu Warns of Continued Military Action Against Hezbollah Following Strikes in Lebanon

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that the recent military strikes in Lebanon were "not the final word" in Israel's campaign against the Lebanese armed group Hezbollah. In a cabinet meeting on Sunday, Netanyahu stated that the recent actions were part of a broader strategy to weaken Hezbollah and ensure the safety of Israeli citizens.

"We are striking Hezbollah with surprising, crushing blows," Netanyahu declared. "This is another step towards changing the situation in the north and safely returning our residents to their homes. And, I repeat, this is not the final word."

Netanyahu outlined the impact of the Israeli Defense Forces' (IDF) recent operations, stating that thousands of "short-range rockets" intended to target civilians and Israeli forces in the Galilee region had been destroyed. Additionally, he highlighted that the IDF successfully intercepted all drones launched by Hezbollah at a strategic target in central Israel.

While Netanyahu did not specify the exact nature of the strategic target, Israeli media reports suggested that the intended target was the headquarters of the Israeli Mossad spy agency near Tel Aviv. This claim underscores the high stakes and strategic significance of the recent military engagements.

The escalation follows ongoing tensions between Israel and Hezbollah, which have resulted in increased violence and cross-border attacks. The IDF's actions are part of a larger effort to disrupt Hezbollah's capabilities and reduce the threat posed by the group to



Israeli security.

Netanyahu's comments reflect a broader strategy of demonstrating military strength while preparing for potential further actions if necessary. The Israeli government appears determined to continue its operations until it achieves its objectives of neutralizing the immediate threat posed by Hezbollah and restoring stability to the northern regions of Israel.

The situation remains fluid, with ongoing military activities and diplomatic responses shaping the future course of the conflict. As Israel continues its campaign, both regional and international observers are closely monitoring the developments and the potential implications for regional security and stability.



Domestic Markets Poised for Gains Amid Positive Global Monetary Signals



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Domestic stock market indices are showing signs of rising this week. US Fed Chairman Jerome Powell has sent positive signals saying that the time has come for a rate cut. Central banks around the world are likely to follow his lead. This will increase the equity markets. Nifty support is at 24750 and resistance is at 24900. Metal, consumer durables, commodities and PSU bank shares rose last week. Bullishness is seen in IT, Telecom and Healthcare shares this week.

Stock recommendations

Sun Pharma: These shares have been in a long-term uptrend. After a slight consolidation, they hit lifetime highs. Delivery and trading volume are increasing significantly. Investors should take a position in the Rs.1770/1750 level in the Rs.1860/1880 range in this counter which closed at Rs.1775 up by 1.4% on Friday. Stoploss should be set at Rs.1730.



Bharti Airtel: Shares are consolidating after hitting lifetime highs. Shares bounced back at key support level of Rs.1450. Friday closed at Rs.1506 with a gain of 1.4%. Momentum investors can take a position in the Rs.1480/1490 range with a target price of Rs.1550/1620. Stoploss should be set at Rs.1450.



M&M: This counter which has been in a long uptrend is currently undergoing a correction. Shares have reached a key support level. In these shares which closed at Rs.2759 on Friday, investors bought Rs.2740 at the level of Rs. A position should be taken with a target price of 2850/2900. Rs. Stoploss should be placed at 2710.



ICICI Bank: These shares, which have been in an uptrend for a long time, are currently consolidating. The last two sessions ended in gains as major support was found at Rs.1160 level. In this counter which closed at Rs.1203 with a gain of 1.04% on Friday, investors can consider taking a position in the range of Rs.1190 with a target price of Rs.1250/1290. Stoploss should be set at Rs.1170.



JSW Steel: These shares, which have been moving sideways for a few days, have been rallying for two weeks. Gradually moving towards lifetime maximum. Relative strength is also increasing. In this counter, which closed at Rs.941 on Friday, investors at the level of Rs.930/920 will buy Rs. A position should be taken with a target price of 990/1040. Stoploss should be set at Rs.890.



Market Update: Sensex, Nifty Rise; Primary Market Activity Booms

The stock market continued its upward trajectory this week, building on the gains from August 16. The BSE Sensex rose by 649.37 points (0.81%) to close at 81,086.21, while the Nifty increased by 282 points (1.15%) to finish at 24,823.15. The broader market indices also saw gains, with the BSE 100, BSE 200, and BSE 500 rising by 1.26%, 1.31%, and 1.53%, respectively. BSE Midcap and BSE Smallcap indices grew by 1.96% and 3.39%. The markets are approaching all-time highs set earlier this month.

The Indian Rupee appreciated by 7 paise to Rs 83.89. The Dow Jones also had a strong week, gaining 515.32 points (1.27%) to close at 41,175.08, buoyed by a 462-point rise on Friday.

In the primary markets, Saraswati Saree Depot Limited's shares debuted at Rs 200 and closed at Rs 180.10 on Friday, reflecting a 12.56% gain on the BSE and an 11.21% gain on the NSE from its issue price of Rs 160. Interarch Building Products Limited's IPO, which opened on August 19 and closed on August 21, was heavily oversubscribed, receiving 93.81 times overall subscription. Orient Technologies Limited's IPO, open from August 21 to 23, was also oversub-



scribed by 154.87 times.

Upcoming IPOs include Premier Energies Limited, which will open on August 27 and close on August 29. This issue includes a fresh issue of Rs 1,291.4 crore and an offer for sale of 3.42 crore shares, with a price band of Rs 427-450. Premier Energies, an integrated solar cell and module manufacturer, reported strong financials and is expanding its capacity. Investors are advised to consider this opportunity for medium to long-term investment.

Nifty 50 Maintains Uptrend; Key Levels and Support Zones in Focus

The Nifty 50 index maintained a positive trend for seven consecutive days as of August 23, managing to stay above the 24,800 mark. Experts suggest that if the index continues to hold this level, the next key target could be the 24,950-25,000 zone in the upcoming sessions, with potential for some intermittent consolidation. Immediate support for the Nifty 50 is noted in the 24,700-24,600 range. Meanwhile, the Bank Nifty is expected to edge closer to the 51,500 level, with support around the 50,700-50,800 range.

On August 23, the Nifty 50 closed at 24,823, marking a rise of 12 points. In contrast, the Bank Nifty fell by 52 points, ending the day at 50,933. The trading session saw approximately 1,254 shares decline, while 1,116 shares advanced on the NSE.

Osho Krishan, Senior Analyst at Angel One, provided insights into the current market outlook and strategy. According to Krishan, the sustained positive

movement in the Nifty 50 reflects investor confidence and market stability. The index's ability to remain above the 24,800 level suggests a bullish sentiment, with the potential to reach higher targets if the trend continues. However, he also cautions about potential consolidation around the 24,950-25,000 zone, advising investors to monitor these levels closely.

For the Bank Nifty, the anticipated upward movement towards 51,500 indicates strong sectoral performance, though the index might experience some resistance and support fluctuations in the interim. The support levels at 50,700-50,800 will be crucial in determining the near-term direction for the Bank Nifty.

Overall, the market remains positive, with key levels and support zones playing a significant role in shaping the near-term outlook for both the Nifty 50 and Bank Nifty indices.

India's Imports from Vietnam Surge Amidst Trade Dynamics

India's imports from Vietnam have surged, driven mainly by electrical machinery and parts. Between January and July 2024, imports increased by 17% to \$5.8 billion compared to the same period last year. Notably, imports of electrical machinery and parts from Vietnam jumped 43% from January to May 2024, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.



The Economic Survey 2023-24 highlights that this trade rise is partly due to Chinese firms redirecting their supply chains through countries like Vietnam and Mexico. The survey suggests that East Asian economies, including Vietnam, are boosting their exports by attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) from China. This strategy reflects a broader trend of re-routing global supply chains to diversify trade routes and mitigate geopolitical risks.

Amidst this growing trade, the Indian Steel Association (ISA) has raised concerns about the impact of imports on the domestic steel market. The ISA has called for an investigation into the influx of hot-

rolled flat products from Vietnam, arguing that these imports are affecting domestic steel prices. Consequently, on August 16, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry initiated an anti-dumping probe into imports of "hot-rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel, not clad, not plated or coated, of a thickness up to 25 mm and width up to 2100 mm" from Vietnam.

This investigation aims to address concerns over fair trade practices and protect the interests of the Indian steel industry from potentially unfair competition. As global trade dynamics continue to evolve, such measures are crucial for maintaining balance in domestic markets and ensuring that trade policies adapt to changing international economic conditions.

New UPS Balances Fiscal Costs and Employee Expectations



The recently approved Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) by the Cabinet is seen as a strategic move to balance the fiscal costs with the expectations of government employees. Economists believe the new scheme addresses concerns about the financial implications of pension reforms while meeting the aspirations of central government employees.

Economist N.R. Bhanumurthy explained that the UPS provides a more predictable return compared to the New Pension Scheme (NPS), which had left many employees uncertain about their future benefits. The UPS is designed to address these uncertainties while managing the fiscal impact, especially for state governments that have been grappling with the financial burden of reverting to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).

The new scheme aims to strike a balance

between the government's fiscal responsibilities and the social security needs of employees. By offering assured returns, it alleviates some of the apprehensions associated with the NPS and the substantial fiscal costs incurred by states adopting the OPS.

However, Bhanumurthy noted that the overall fiscal impact of the UPS remains uncertain until it is clear whether all state governments will adopt the scheme. The final cost will depend on the level of participation across states and the scheme's implementation details.

In summary, the UPS represents a compromise between managing fiscal costs and addressing employee concerns about pension security. Its effectiveness will ultimately depend on broader adoption and implementation by state governments.





Janmashtami 2024: Celebrating the Birth of Lord Krishna and the Vibrant Dahi Handi Festival

Janmashtami, one of the most cherished and widely celebrated festivals in India, commemorates the birth of Lord Krishna, believed to be the eighth incarnation of Lord Vishnu. This year, Janmashtami falls on August 26, Monday, and is marked by fervent devotion, elaborate rituals, and vibrant festivities across the country, especially in regions like Mathura and Vrindavan, which are closely associated with Lord Krishna's life.

Significance of Janmashtami

The festival of Janmashtami holds profound spiritual significance for Hindus. According to Hindu tradition, Lord Krishna was born on the eighth day (Ashtami) of the Krishna Paksha (waning phase of the moon) in the month of Bhadrapada. His birth is seen as a divine event that brought hope, love, and righteousness to the world. Krishna's life and teachings, as narrated in the Bhagavad Gita and other scriptures, continue to inspire millions.

On Janmashtami, devotees observe fasts, chant prayers, and sing bhajans in praise of Lord Krishna. Temples are beautifully decorated, and the atmosphere is charged with devotion and joy. In places like Mathura, believed to be Krishna's birthplace, and Vrindavan, where he spent his childhood, the celebrations are especially grand, drawing thousands of pilgrims from across the country.

Dahi Handi: A Unique Celebration

While Janmashtami marks the birth of Krishna, the Dahi Handi ritual, which takes place a day later, adds a distinct and lively dimension to the celebrations. This year, the Dahi Handi festivities will be observed on August 27, Tuesday.

Dahi Handi is particularly popular in Maharashtra, where it is also known as Gopalakala.

The event involves the hanging of an earthen pot (handi) at a considerable height, filled with dahi (curd), butter, ghee, sweets, and other treats. Teams of young men, known as Govindas, form human pyramids to reach and break the handi, mimicking the playful and mischievous behavior of young Krishna, who was known for his love of butter, earning him the nickname 'Makhan Chor' (butter thief).

The ritual is not just a fun-filled activity but also a reenactment of the tales from Krishna's childhood. According to legend, Krishna, with his friends, would form human pyramids to reach the pots of butter that his mother, Yashoda, would hang out of their reach. The Dahi Handi event symbolizes this divine playfulness and celebrates community spirit, teamwork, and perseverance.

Timing and Rituals

The Ashtami Tithi, the eighth lunar day, begins at 3:39 am on August 26 and ends at 2:19 am on August 27. Devotees begin the celebrations with midnight prayers, which are believed to be the exact time of Krishna's birth. The rituals continue through the night and into the next day, culminating in the Dahi Handi event.

The Dahi Handi festival has evolved over the years, with many communities organizing competitions with cash prizes, adding an element of excitement and challenge to the tradition. It is not uncommon to see these events draw large crowds, with participants and spectators alike enjoying the festive spirit.

Janmashtami and Dahi Handi together embody the essence of devotion, joy, and community spirit. As devotees across India prepare to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna and partake in the vibrant Dahi Handi festivities, these traditions continue to bring people together, reminding them of the enduring legacy of Lord Krishna's life and teachings.





Apple to Launch iPhone 16 Series and New Devices on September 20

Apple is preparing to unveil its new iPhone 16 series on September 20, according to a Bloomberg report. This event will also feature new models of the Apple Watch and AirPods, all equipped with updated features. The upcoming iPhone 16 lineup is expected to replace the iPhone 15 series, which debuted a year ago.

The iPhone 16 series is rumored to include four models: the iPhone 16, iPhone 16 Plus, iPhone 16 Pro, and iPhone 16 Pro Max. The Pro models are anticipat-

ed to have slightly larger displays, with a 0.2-inch increase from previous versions, and will come with enhanced ultra-wide cameras and larger batteries. Additionally, these models might introduce a dedicated 'capture' button for easier photo-taking.

The new devices are also expected to feature advancements in on-device AI technology and an upgraded version of Siri, which could boost Ap-

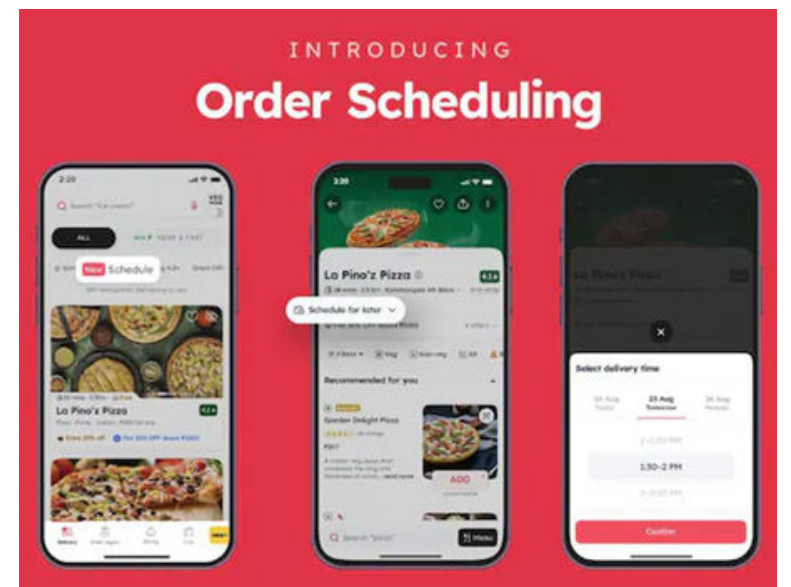
ple's competitive edge in the smartphone market. While the iPhone 15 Pro models are slated to receive support for new Apple Intelligence features later this year, all four iPhone 16 models are likely to support the latest AI enhancements.

In a notable shift, the iPhone

16 Pro and iPhone 16 Pro Max are set to be assembled in India, highlighting Apple's efforts to diversify its manufacturing base. As the launch date approaches, anticipation is growing for these new products, which aim to offer enhanced features and performance to Apple's tech-savvy consumer base.



Zomato Unveils 'Order Scheduling' Feature in Select Cities



Zomato has introduced a new feature called 'Order Scheduling' that allows customers to place food orders up to two days in advance. This development was shared on Saturday, August 24, by Zomato CEO and founder Deepinder Goyal via his official X (formerly Twitter) account. Currently, the feature is available at approximately 13,000 restaurants across Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Lucknow, and Jaipur. However, it is important to note that this service is only applicable to orders exceeding ₹1,000.

Goyal explained the selection of these cities, noting that the chosen restaurants are known for maintaining high stock levels and consistent kitchen preparation times. The intent is to ensure a reliable and timely delivery experience for customers. He also mentioned that Zomato plans to expand this feature to more cities and restaurants in the future, with the goal of making it accessible regardless of the order value.

The introduction of the 'Order Scheduling' feature is expected to provide customers with greater flexibility and convenience when planning their meals. By enabling advance scheduling, Zomato aims to enhance the overall dining experience and accommodate the varying needs of its user base. As the feature becomes more widely available, it could potentially revolutionize how people approach meal planning and food delivery.

Titanic Newspaper Found After 112 Years Sells for £34



A historic newspaper detailing the Titanic disaster's human impact was found in a wardrobe after 112 years. The Daily Mirror edition, dated April 20, 1912—five days post-tragedy—was discovered in Lichfield, Staffordshire. The front page of this issue highlights the despair of families in Southampton awaiting news of their loved ones, as reported by the Independent.

Charles Hanson of Hanson's Auctioneers, who sold the newspaper for £34 on August 20, described it as a "valuable piece of social history." He noted that while the Titanic's story is well-documented in various media, this newspaper serves as a poignant reminder of the personal losses suffered by countless families.

The Titanic, once deemed "practically unsinkable," met a tragic end after striking an iceberg in the North Atlantic, resulting in the deaths of over 1,500 people. The disaster left only around 700 survivors, many of whom were saved from lifeboats that were launched half-empty due to a widespread belief in the ship's invincibility.

Southampton, the home port of many Titanic crew members, experienced significant loss. The Daily Mirror's coverage includes a harrowing description of the scene outside the White Star Line's offices, where lists of survivors were posted. The paper depicted the heartbreak of families as they read the lists, realizing their worst fears.

The auctioned newspaper featured a two-page spread with photographs of victims, including Titanic's captain, Edward Smith. The auction house highlighted the emotional weight of the newspaper, emphasizing its focus on the families affected by the disaster, making it a moving artifact of maritime history.

WhatsApp Expands Features with Chat Themes and Enhanced Privacy Options

WhatsApp is working on exciting new features, including a customizable chat theme picker and enhanced privacy controls. A recent update from feature tracker WABetaInfo reveals that WhatsApp is developing a theme picker for iOS and Android, allowing users to personalize their chat experience. Users will soon be able to select from ten preset themes, which include solid color backgrounds and landscape art. Each theme will also change the color of the chat bubbles to match the background. Screenshots from the beta version show a menu with two rows of themes, offering a variety of aesthetic options.

While the theme picker is currently still in development and not yet available to beta testers, it represents a significant shift in how users can customize their chat environments. The feature will allow individuals to set personal themes for their chats, though these themes will only be visible to the user who applies them, unlike other platforms like Instagram and Messenger, where themes affect all participants in a chat.

Additionally, WhatsApp is working on new privacy features, including a username and PIN system. This will enable users to communicate without sharing their phone numbers, enhancing privacy and reducing unwanted contact. The username feature will allow users to start conversations more discreetly, while the PIN will protect users from unknown senders, adding an extra layer of security.

These updates reflect WhatsApp's commitment to improving user experience through customization and enhanced privacy controls. As these features move closer to release, users can look forward to a more personalized and secure messaging experience.



Woman Feeds Massive Alligator in Viral Pond Video

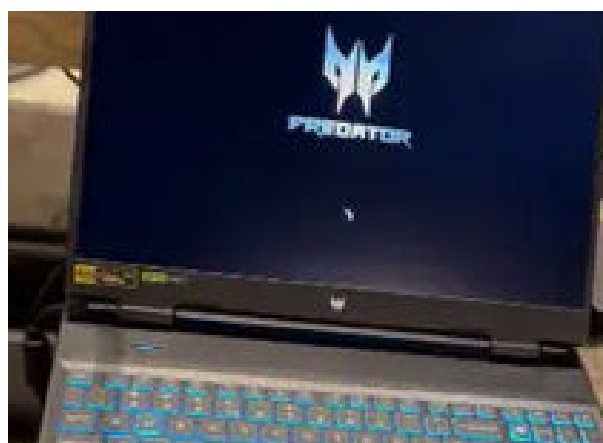


A recent viral video shows a woman standing in a pond feeding a massive alligator, sparking widespread reactions online. The video, shared on Instagram by Gabby, an animal rescuer and owner of Bellowing Acres Alligator Sanctuary, captures her interacting with Bella, a large and aggressive alligator.

Known for her fearless approach to handling alligators, Gabby appears in the video trying to calm Bella before feeding her. As Gabby wades into the water, Bella approaches cautiously. Gabby uses a stick to manage the alligator's movements, ensuring it remains calm during the feeding process.

The daring nature of the video has captivated viewers, generating numerous comments and discussions on social media about the risks and bravery involved in such encounters. Gabby's experience with alligators and her efforts to handle them safely continue to draw attention and intrigue from the online community.

Bengaluru Man Receives Laptop in 13 Minutes In Flipkart



In a remarkable delivery feat, a Bengaluru resident received his laptop in just 13 minutes thanks to Flipkart's new quick commerce service, **Flipkart Minutes**. The service, recently launched in select Bengaluru neighborhoods, aims to compete with established platforms like Blinkit and Swiggy Instamart by offering rapid delivery of goods.

On August 22, Sunny Gupta, who shared his experience on X (formerly Twitter), detailed his extraordinary delivery time for an Acer Predator laptop. Gupta initially reported that

his order was delivered in 7 minutes. However, he later updated that the tracking page had adjusted the delivery time to 12 minutes, resulting in a total delivery time of 13 minutes.

Flipkart Minutes' impressive speed underscores the platform's commitment to revolutionizing quick commerce and setting a new benchmark in the e-commerce industry. The rapid delivery capability highlights the potential for e-commerce platforms to significantly enhance customer satisfaction through swift service.



Mark Wood Ruled Out of Sri Lanka Test Series Due to Injury

England's fast bowler Mark Wood has been ruled out of the remainder of the Test series against Sri Lanka due to a muscle strain. Wood sustained the injury during the first Test at Old Trafford in Manchester. He suffered a right thigh muscle strain on the third day of the match and was unable to bowl on the final day. Scans confirmed the extent of the injury, as announced by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on August 25.

In Wood's absence, Leicestershire's tall fast bowler, Hull, has been called up. Standing at 6ft 7in, Hull was a standout performer for Leicestershire and played a crucial role in their One-Day Cup win in 2023. Recently, he made his debut for the England Lions, where he impressed by taking 5 for 74 in a match against Sri Lanka, leading the Lions to a seven-wicket victory.

England won the opening Test of the series by five wickets, and the second Test is scheduled to begin at Lord's on August 29. The team will be looking to continue their strong performance without Wood's contribution.

Fatima Sana Appointed Pakistan Captain for Women's T20 World Cup



The Pakistan Cricket Board has announced 22-year-old Fatima Sana as the new captain for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup, scheduled to be held in the UAE from October 3-20. Sana takes over the leadership role from Nida Dar, who has been struggling with form recently.

Nida Dar, aged 37, has faced challenges with her performance, with the team under her leadership experiencing defeats in T20I and ODI series against England, as well as a semi-final exit in the Women's Asia Cup last month. Despite her demotion from captaincy, Dar remains in the squad and will provide experience to the team.

The new captain, Fatima Sana, is stepping into the role with a promising career ahead of her. The squad for the World Cup retains at least 10 players from the previous edition of the tournament, ensuring continuity within the team.

This change in leadership reflects the team's strategy to revitalize their performance and approach in the global competition. Fans and analysts will be watching closely to see how Sana's leadership influences Pakistan's campaign in the upcoming tournament.

Bangladesh Secures Historic Test Victory Over Pakistan

The Bangladesh cricket team has achieved a significant milestone by securing its first-ever Test victory against Pakistan. In a country grappling with political turmoil, this historic win has provided a much-needed moment of joy and pride. The Bangla Tigers' triumph came in the opening Test of a two-match series held in Rawalpindi, where they clinched a commanding 10-wicket victory.

Prior to this match, Bangladesh had faced Pakistan in 13 Test encounters, with 12 resulting in losses and one in a draw. This victory marks a major breakthrough for the team and highlights their growing prowess in international cricket. The win is not only a testament to the team's skill and determination but also a significant boost for Bangladeshi cricket amid challenging times.

The series will continue with the second Test, and fans are eagerly anticipating whether Bangladesh can maintain their winning form. This landmark achievement in Test cricket has been celebrated widely, offering a beacon of hope and unity for the nation.



Rohit Sharma Honors Shikhar Dhawan's Retirement

India's Test and ODI captain Rohit Sharma paid tribute to his longtime opening partner, Shikhar Dhawan, following Dhawan's retirement announcement on Saturday. Sharing nostalgic images from their Team India and junior cricket days on social media, Rohit expressed his admiration and gratitude for Dhawan's contributions to the game.

In his post, Rohit reflected on their journey together, writing, "From sharing rooms to sharing lifetime memories on the field. You always made my job easier from the other end. THE ULTIMATE JATT." This heartfelt message highlighted the strong bond and camaraderie that developed between the two cricketers over the years.

Dhawan, known for his explosive batting and key role in India's top order, has been a significant figure in international cricket. His decision to retire marks the end of an era for Indian cricket fans who have witnessed numerous memorable innings and significant contributions from him. Rohit's tribute underscores the deep respect and friendship between the two players, who have not only been teammates but also close friends. Their partnership on the field has been marked by numerous successes and has contributed greatly to India's cricketing achievements.

Lewandowski Secures Barcelona Win Over Athletic Bilbao

Robert Lewandowski overcame a series of missed chances to secure a 2-1 victory for Barcelona against Athletic Bilbao in La Liga on Saturday. Despite hitting the woodwork twice and squandering several opportunities, the 36-year-old striker managed to find the back of the net with a decisive goal in the 75th minute, clinching the win for Barcelona.

Teenage sensation Lamine Yamal initially put Barcelona ahead with a deflected shot. However, Athletic Bilbao equalized before half-time when Oihan Sancet converted a penalty. The match remained level until Lewandowski's pivotal strike, which delivered Barcelona's second consecutive victory under new coach Hansi Flick.

Barcelona's win underscores the team's strong start to the season, with Lewandowski playing a crucial role despite his earlier frustrations. The victory solidifies their position in the league and highlights the effectiveness of Flick's tactics early in his tenure.



Lakshya Sen Heads to Austria for Comprehensive Physical Assessment

India's badminton star Lakshya Sen has traveled to Austria for a thorough physical assessment as he gears up for upcoming BWF tournaments. Sen, who narrowly missed an Olympic medal in Paris, is focused on optimizing his fitness and performance. The 22-year-old from Almora will undergo a detailed evaluation at the Red Bull Athlete Performance Centre in Salzburg.

The assessment aims to enhance Sen's physical condition and overall game. Vimal Kumar, Sen's coach, confirmed to PTI that the athlete has left for Austria to utilize the renowned sports institute's facilities. "Lakshya is heading to Austria for a comprehensive physical assessment and training regimen. He will be there for a week before returning," Kumar said.

This trip underscores Sen's commitment to reaching peak form as he prepares for the competitive badminton circuit. The results of this assessment will be crucial for refining his fitness strategy and ensuring he is in top shape for future challenges.