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Shashi Tharoor approaches the Supreme Court after Delhi High Court denied quashing defamation proceedings against him on August 29.

India's Pixxel secures NASA contract to provide Earth-observation data as part of a USD 476 million SmallSat programme.

The Defence Ministry signed a ₹26,000 crore deal with HAL for 240 AL-31FP engines for Su-30MKI jets, supporting Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

S Jaishankar stated that the current situation in Gaza is India's foremost concern during the first India-GCC Ministerial Meeting in Saudi Arabia.

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# Revanth Reddy Praises PM Modi and Union Ministers for Approving IIHT

The CM stated that the Prime Minister has responded positively to the need for IIHT.

Revanth Reddy mentioned that Konda Laxman Babuji gave up his positions and properties.

Some have resigned for personal gain, through collections and selections.



TPN, Telangana: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Ministers for putting aside political differences and approving the establishment of the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) in Telangana. The IIHT is being set up at Nampally Telugu Academy, and its inauguration was conducted virtually by the Chief Minister, who also unveiled the Abhyahastam logo.



During his speech, Revanth Reddy took the opportunity to remind the public of the contributions made by Konda Laxman Babuji, who sacrificed for the cause of Telangana. He contrasted Babuji's genuine sacrifices with what he described as political maneuvering during by-elections. Reddy claimed that some leaders had falsely presented their resignations as sacrifices while benefiting from selections and collections. He specifically criticized the construction of a farmhouse in Gajwel, questioning the authenticity of the sacrifices made by Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) leaders, including KCR.

Revanth Reddy emphasized that the IIHT was being named in his honor to acknowledge his selfless contributions. He also pointed out that the previous government had failed to address the hardships faced by handloom workers, particularly in Sirisilla. Reddy stated that upon taking office, his government immediately released the pending dues to handloom leaders and allocated Rs. 30 crores for the repayment of handloom sector debts. He added that IIHT is being established to foster innovation and development among skilled handloom artisans.

In recognizing Konda Laxman Babuji's legacy,

## Telangana High Court Shocks MLAs Who Switched Parties

Instructions to the Speaker to release the hearing schedule on the disqualification petitions.

The High Court has given a deadline of four weeks.

Suomoto warned that if the schedule is not released within the given time, they will conduct another inquiry.

TPN, Telangana: In a significant ruling, the Telangana High Court has ordered action against MLAs who switched parties after winning elections. The court directed that steps be taken against those MLAs who contested under one party's banner but later defected to another party. This ruling came as a shock to several MLAs in Telangana who had won on BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) tickets

but later joined the Congress party.

The High Court asked Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar to specify when action would be taken on the disqualification petitions filed against these MLAs. The court has ordered the release of a schedule detailing the proceedings, including when notices will be issued, when

hearings will take place, and when decisions will be made. The Speaker has been given four weeks to issue this schedule, with a warning that if it is not released within this time, the court will take up the case suo moto.

The three MLAs who defected from BRS to Congress include Dana Nagender, Kadiam Srihari, and Tellam Venkatarao. In response to this, BRS leaders had filed disqualification petitions, which were put on hold by the Speaker. BRS MLAs Padi Kaushik Reddy and KP Vivekananda Goud then filed separate petitions in the Telangana High Court seeking immediate action. Following the investigation, the court issued orders to the Speaker's office on Monday, demanding swift action on the petitions.



## Even a chameleon is ashamed of Rahul Gandhi's attitude: KTR



TPN, Telangana: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has welcomed the Telangana High Court's recent verdict on the disqualification petition of MLAs who defected to the Congress party. KTR stated that the ruling is a blow to the Congress party, which he accused of promoting party defections. He expressed confidence that after four weeks, the positions held by Dana Nagender, Kadiam Srihari, and Tellam Venkatarao would be vacated, paving the way for by-elections in the affected constituencies.

KTR criticized the Congress party for what he described as a betrayal of democracy, claiming that the party's approach to defections varies from state to state. He also accused the Congress of undermining democracy while pretending to uphold the constitution. In a sharp dig, he said that even a chameleon would be ashamed of the shifting attitude of Rahul Gandhi on this issue.

KTR made it clear that by-elections would be necessary wherever party defections have occurred, and he expressed confidence that the BRS would win back these positions. He further stated that the Congress party deserved to face judgment both in the courts and in the public arena for encouraging such defections.





# CV Anand Returns as Hyderabad Commissioner of Police

**TPN, Hyderabad:** In a significant development for Hyderabad's law enforcement, CV Anand has been reinstated as the city's Commissioner of Police, marking his return to address the growing challenges in the city. Anand previously held the position from December 25, 2021, to October 12, 2023, and his reappointment is seen as a strategic move to combat rising concerns over drug abuse, traffic management, and law and order.

During his earlier tenure, Anand earned a reputation for his decisive action and stringent measures against drug trafficking, organized crime, and corruption. He was particularly effective in cracking down on drug-related crimes and led the highest number of arrests of government employees in Telangana's history—85 officials caught in corruption cases within eight months. His aggressive

approach to criminal networks and corruption made a noticeable impact, leading to a decline in illegal activities across the city.

Despite his successful term as Hyderabad CP, Anand was transferred in October 2023 to become the Director General of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), where he continued his effective leadership, eventually reaching the rank of DGP. However, increasing challenges in Hyderabad, such as the rise in drug abuse, traffic congestion, and general deterioration in law and order, prompted the government to reinstate him as Commissioner of Police.

Srinivasa Reddy, Anand's predecessor, faced significant criticism for his handling of these issues. Under Reddy's tenure, drug proliferation, traffic problems, and rising crime rates became prominent

concerns. Reports of drug abuse in pubs and in the city's outskirts, as well as disruptions caused by overflowing rivers, highlighted the need for stronger law enforcement.

With CV Anand back at the helm, expectations are high for a renewed focus on Hyderabad's key issues. His return signals a likely crackdown on drug mafias, better traffic management, and a firm stance on criminal activities. His track record suggests that Hyderabad will soon see a more effective approach to law enforcement under his leadership, addressing the city's current challenges with the same vigor that defined his previous term.

Anand's reinstatement as Hyderabad CP is widely seen as a strategic step by the government to restore order and reinforce public safety measures in the city.



## TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Vows to Fulfill Promises

**TPN, Telangana:** TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar has strongly affirmed the Congress government's commitment to delivering on all its campaign promises. During a recent media interaction, Kumar expressed frustration over opposition parties' criticisms, accusing them of making baseless attacks. He particularly targeted former Chief Minister KCR, alleging that his administration had left Telangana burdened with a debt of seven and a half lakh crores. Kumar defended Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, asserting that under his leadership, the state's economic situation has been improving steadily.

Kumar emphasized that the Congress government is focused on implementing its promises, stating that public satisfaction has been high over the past nine months of their governance. He encouraged Congress leaders and activists to keep working diligently, expressing confidence that the party will secure a significant number of seats in the upcoming local body elections. He highlighted the importance of internal coordination within the party to achieve their goals.

On Monday morning, Kumar visited the residence of senior Congress leader Mynampally Hanumantha Rao, who has been actively assisting flood victims in Khammam. During his visit, Kumar flagged off trucks loaded with essential goods for distribution to flood-affected areas. The TPCC Chief announced that relief materials worth 50 lakh rupees were being sent to Khammam, including 1,000 relief packages containing 1 kg bags of rice and 11 other essential items.

## Heavy Rains Disrupt Coal Supplies, Impacting Power Generation



**TPN, Hyderabad:** Persistent heavy rainfall has caused a significant disruption in coal production at the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), leading to a critical shortage of coal supplies for thermal power plants in Telangana and neighboring Andhra Pradesh. The ongoing adverse weather conditions have

severely impacted the company's ability to meet the daily coal production targets essential for power generation.

Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), which is crucial for supplying coal to power plants, needs to produce at least 2.20 lakh tonnes

of coal per day to meet the energy demands of the thermal power plants. However, due to the incessant rains, the company has only been able to produce about 1.10 lakh tonnes daily. This shortfall has led to a significant reduction in coal reserves at several major power generation facilities.

The Singareni Thermal Power Plant (STPP) located in Pegadapalli, Mancherla district, is facing acute coal shortages. Typically, the STPP maintains a reserve of 2.99 lakh tonnes of coal. However, with the current supply issues, the plant's reserves have dwindled to just 1.07 lakh tonnes. This reduction in coal supply threatens the plant's operational efficiency and could impact electricity generation.

Similarly, the Telangana State Power Generation Corporation (TGGENCO)-operated Bhadradi Thermal Power Plant, situated near Manuguru in the Bhadradi-Kothagudem district, has only 37 percent of its usual coal storage. Normally, the plant maintains a reserve of 3.33 lakh tonnes, but it now holds only a fraction of this amount. The 800-MW seventh stage of the Kothagudem Thermal Power Station (KTSP) also faces a shortage, with only 48 percent of its regular 1.64 lakh tonnes of coal reserves available.

## Mizoram Governor Kambhampati Haribabu Falls Seriously Ill

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Mizoram Governor Kambhampati Haribabu has fallen seriously ill during a visit to Hyderabad. The Governor suddenly became unwell while at Shamshabad Airport and was immediately rushed to Star Hospital in Gachibowli for treatment. A green channel was set up to facilitate his swift transport from the airport to the hospital, where he is currently undergoing medical care.

Kambhampati Haribabu, who served as a BJP MP from 2014 to 2019 and was also the president of the Andhra Pradesh BJP during that time, was appointed as the Governor of Mizoram in 2021. Since then, he has been serving in that role.

## Severe Cyclone in Bay of Bengal Causes Heavy Rains

**TPN, Telangana:** Officials from the Meteorological Department have confirmed that the cyclone formed in the Bay of Bengal intensified into a severe cyclone on Monday afternoon. Due to its influence, strong winds are currently blowing. The cyclone is located 50 km away from the coast of Puri in Odisha and is moving slowly at a speed of 10 km per hour. Officials have explained that as a result of the cyclone, coastal areas are expected to experience strong winds, with the cyclone expected to make landfall near Puri on Monday evening.

Officials have cautioned that streams and bends are overflowing due to the heavy rainfall, with potential flooding likely as a result of the windstorm. People have

been advised to avoid crossing streams and to relocate from low-lying areas to safer regions. Motorists have been warned not to travel on ghat roads, as there is a risk of landslides, and vehicle movement has been restricted on several ghat routes.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has revealed that heavy rains are also expected in several districts of Telangana due to the cyclone's impact. Districts such as Kumrambhim, Asifabad, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Manchiryal, Mahabubabad, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Mulugu, and Khammam are likely to experience heavy to very heavy rains. An orange alert has been issued for these districts, with officials advising people to remain cautious and urging authorities to stay on high alert.



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## CM Revanth Reddy Pays Tribute to Kaloji Narayana Rao



**TPN, Telangana:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Padma Vibhushan and people's poet, Swargiya Kaloji Narayana Rao, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid heartfelt tributes. At his residence in Jubilee Hills, the Chief Minister offered floral tributes to a portrait of Kaloji, honoring the renowned poet and freedom fighter.

During the tribute, CM Revanth Reddy remembered the significant contributions Kaloji made to the Telugu language, literature, and the cultural heritage of Telangana. He highlighted Kaloji's relentless service to the people through his writings, which were deeply connected to the struggles and

aspirations of the common man. The Chief Minister spoke about how Kaloji's works reflected the true spirit of Telangana and his unwavering commitment to the welfare of society.

Kaloji's literary contributions and activism continue to inspire generations, and CM Revanth Reddy acknowledged the profound impact his poetry has had on the state's language and literary traditions. The Chief Minister reiterated the importance of remembering and celebrating such towering figures who dedicated their lives to the betterment of society through their words and actions.

## BRS MLA Mallareddy Praises Chandrababu for His Efforts Amid Floods

**TPN, Telangana:** BRS MLA and former minister Mallareddy commended Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for his tireless efforts in assisting flood victims during the recent heavy rains. Speaking about the situation in Vijayawada, which has been severely affected by floods, Mallareddy lauded the 74-year-old leader for his dedication to public service. He mentioned that Chandrababu traveled 30 kilometers through floodwaters, a feat that has earned him recognition for saving lives during the disaster, utilizing his vast experience to mitigate the crisis.

Mallareddy made these remarks during his visit to Tirumala Srivenkateswara Swamy today. After completing his darshan, he addressed the media, praising Chandrababu's leadership. Notably, Mallareddy and his team of BRS leaders and activists reached Tirumala by walking up the Alipiri Walkway, showcasing their devotion.

In light of rumors regarding his potential party switch, Mallareddy clarified that he has no intention of joining any other party. He assured that if such a decision were made, he would personally inform the public. Mallareddy expressed confidence in KCR and KTR, stating that he believes they will continue to steer Telangana's development.

## Union Minister's Letter to CM Regarding Charlapalli Railway Terminal

**TPN, Telangana:** Union Minister Kishan Reddy has written to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, urging the state government to cooperate fully with road expansion works leading to Secunderabad Railway Station and the Charlapalli Railway Terminal. In his letter, Kishan Reddy emphasized the Central Government's commitment to infrastructure development in Telangana over the past decade, particularly in the area of railway expansion.

Reddy highlighted the rapid progress being made on new railway lines, doubling, tripling, quadrupling, and line electrification across more than 40 stations in the state. He noted that the construction of a new railway terminal at Charlapalli, costing ₹415 crores, is nearing completion. The Charlapalli terminal will play a key role in managing increasing passenger and freight train traffic in Hyderabad, helping to ease the burden on Secunderabad, Nampally, and Kachiguda stations.

The Union Minister also mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi



is expected to inaugurate the Charlapalli Railway Terminal upon its completion. However, to ensure the terminal's accessibility, Reddy requested the state's cooperation in widening key roads. Specifically, he called for the expansion of the 100-foot road from FCI Godam for passenger traffic, as well as the creation of 80-foot roads towards Bharat Nagar, Mahalakshmi Nagar, and in front of industrial sheds.

Kishan Reddy appealed to CM Revanth Reddy to take the initiative in expediting these road expansion projects. He stressed that the timely completion of the road works would

significantly reduce traffic congestion and ensure seamless access to the railway terminal. The Union Minister expressed hope that the state's cooperation would complement the Center's efforts to develop Telangana's railway infrastructure and facilitate smoother transit for residents.

Reddy concluded the letter by requesting the Chief Minister's direct involvement in ensuring the swift completion of these crucial infrastructure projects, which will benefit both the state's development and its citizens.

## Those MLAs are sure to be disqualified... By-elections will come: Jagadish Reddy

**TPN, Telangana:** BRS MLA and former minister Jagadish Reddy confidently stated that the MLAs who defected to Congress after winning from the BRS in the last assembly elections are certain to face disqualification. His remarks came in response to the Telangana High Court's recent ruling, which directed the Speaker's office to take action on the disqualification petitions within four weeks. The court also warned that if action is not taken promptly, it will investigate the matter suo moto.

Jagadish Reddy welcomed the court's decision, saying it strengthens trust in democracy. He emphasized that the people are prepared to hold the Congress accountable, not just in the court of law, but also in the "peo-



ple's court." He predicted that the defected MLAs would be disqualified, leading to by-elections in Telangana, where he believes the ruling party will face a clear judgment from the people.

Confident of the BRS's continued success, Jagadish Reddy said that the party's flag will fly high in any upcoming elections in the state. He criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of damaging the brand image of Hyderabad with his actions, particularly in the handling of the "Hydra" issue. Reddy accused the CM of fearmongering and alleged that the government was engaging in unconstitutional politics, using "bulldozers" rather than legal frameworks, and treating the poor unfairly.

## By-elections in Telangana - A Turning Point?

**TPN, Telangana:** Significant political developments are unfolding in Telangana following the Telangana High Court's recent directions regarding the disqualification of MLAs who defected from the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) to the Congress. The court has instructed the assembly secretary to take action on the disqualification petitions within four weeks. The pending petitions involve three BRS MLAs, and there is growing speculation that by-elections may be imminent in those

constituencies due to the court's orders.

Tension is mounting among the defected MLAs as the High Court's ruling looms large. BRS leaders, including former minister Harish Rao, have welcomed the verdict, viewing it as a blow to the Congress party's alleged undemocratic tactics. Harish Rao stated that the disqualification of the defected MLAs is now inevitable due to the High Court's judgment. He emphasized that the

decision is a victory for democracy and upholds constitutional values.

Harish Rao expressed confidence that the BRS would secure victory in the by-elections triggered by these disqualifications. Former Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao echoed this sentiment, stating that by-elections in three constituencies are a certainty. He pointed out that if no action is taken within four weeks, the High Court will intervene "suo moto" to enforce the disqualification.

## Bandi Sanjay's Key Comments on Demolitions and HYDRA

**TPN, Telangana:** Union Minister of State for Home, Bandi Sanjay, expressed strong criticism of the Congress government's handling of the 'Hydra' demolitions and accused the ruling party of using the issue to divert public attention from unfulfilled election promises. He accused the Congress of losing public trust due to its failure to implement promises made during the election and claimed that even ordinary citizens are being troubled by the actions of the government.

During a BJP membership registration program in Karimnagar, Bandi Sanjay criticized both the Congress and the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi), stating that the public has grown to dislike the Congress for failing to keep its word. He accused Congress of using the Hydra demolitions to distract from its shortcomings, specifically targeting the poor by demolishing their homes and shops while ignoring



illegal constructions by the rich.

### Questions Over 'Hydra' Actions

Bandi Sanjay raised concerns about the legality of the 'Hydra' demolitions, asking why the government granted permits for illegal buildings in buffer zones and Full Tank Level (FTL) areas only to demolish them later. He demanded answers from the government on why it allowed such constructions in the first place and why it is now punishing the poor.

### No Entry for BRS in Telangana

Bandi Sanjay also took aim at the

BRS, calling it an outdated party and claiming that the people of Telangana have put a "no entry" sign for the party. He questioned why KCR (Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao) failed to respond to the plight of flood victims, despite the state's struggles with heavy rains and floods. Sanjay criticized KCR for performing sacrifices while his daughter faced legal troubles but remaining silent when the people of the state needed help.

He highlighted that while Prime Minister Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had spoken with the CM about the flood situation and the Union Agriculture Minister had conducted an aerial survey, KCR has not visited flood-affected areas. Sanjay demanded to know why KCR has remained absent during the crisis, suggesting that this inaction is why the people have rejected BRS.

## BRS party has no moral right to speak about defections: Kadiam Srihari

**TPN, Telangana:** The Telangana High Court delivered a significant verdict today on the disqualification petitions concerning MLAs who defected from their parties. The court directed the Assembly Speaker's Office to decide within four weeks on the disqualification petitions against MLAs Dana Nagender, Tellam Venkatarao, and Kadiam Srihari, who had switched parties from the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi). The court warned that if no decision is made within the stipulated time, it will take up the matter suo moto and proceed with an investigation. The case hearing has been adjourned for four weeks.

In response to the High Court's ruling, MLA Kadiam Srihari stated that he learned of the verdict through media reports and has yet to review the full judgment. He expressed confidence in the judiciary, adding that if necessary, an appeal would be filed with the Division Bench of the High Court. Srihari mentioned that any further decisions would be made in consultation with party leaders and legal experts.

Srihari also reflected on the broader is-



sue of party defections, stating that the root cause of defections in Telangana lies with the BRS party itself. He pointed out that different courts have issued varying judgments on party defections and suggested that a more comprehensive discussion is needed on the matter.

Addressing the celebrations among BRS leaders following the High Court ruling, Srihari criticized the BRS for its own history of large-scale defections between 2014 and 2023. He accused the BRS of being the primary instigator of political defections in Telangana and claimed that the party has been responsible for corrupting the state's political landscape. Srihari asserted that the BRS party has no moral right to speak about defections, given its own record.



## Prajavani Session Rescheduled to September 11



**TPN Hyderabad :** The Prajavani session, initially planned for Tuesday, September 10, has been postponed to Wednesday, September 11. The rescheduling is due to important meetings that need to be attended by key officials. Prajavani, which is held bi-weekly at the Mahatma Jyothiba Phule Prajabhavan in Begumpet, is a forum dedicated to addressing public grievances and providing a platform for citizens to voice their concerns.

The program, previously known as Praja Darbar (people's court), was renamed to Prajavani, meaning "people's voice," to better reflect its focus on citizen engagement and feedback. This change was implemented by the state government as part of their commitment to improving governance and responsiveness to public issues. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy inaugurated the rebranded Prajavani on December 8, a day after he assumed office.

The shift to Wednesday affects the regular

schedule of the session but is intended to ensure that the chief minister and other relevant officials are able to participate fully and address the concerns of the public. The state government has urged all petitioners and attendees to note the change in date and adjust their plans accordingly.

This rescheduling underscores the government's dedication to maintaining a structured approach to public engagement, even amidst a busy schedule. By holding these sessions, the government aims to foster a transparent dialogue between the administration and the people, ensuring that grievances are heard and resolved effectively.

For those planning to attend, the session will be held at the same location, Mahatma Jyothiba Phule Prajabhavan, on the new date. The government has reassured the public that this adjustment will not affect the quality or accessibility of the Prajavani program.

## Hyderabad's Ganesh Chaturthi Idol Takes on a Biker Theme

**TPN Hyderabad :** This Ganesh Chaturthi, Hyderabad is witnessing a unique portrayal of Lord Ganesh as a 'biker,' reflecting both creativity and a serious message about road safety. Installed by the Bajrang Youth Association in Bansilal Nagar, Rajendranagar's Budwel area, this idol is depicted as a motorcycle enthusiast, complete with riding gear and a helmet.



Mamidi Kishore Kumar, a member of the association and a motorcycle enthusiast and YouTuber, explained that the inspiration behind this innovative idol was to promote road safety. "We aimed to spread awareness about safe riding practices, so we opted for a custom-made idol of Lord Ganesh dressed as a biker," Kumar said.

The association collaborated with Rynox, a maker of riding gear, to supply the suit for the idol. The artisan who crafted the idol meticulously designed it to reflect a biker's appearance, ensuring it was both eye-

catching and symbolic. The idol features Lord Ganesh in full riding gear, with a helmet in one hand and extending blessings to devotees with the other.

To further reinforce the message of road safety, the pandal includes posters with safety tips. One prominent poster behind the idol reads, "Not everyone is lucky enough to have a head like mine, so make sure to wear a helmet!" Additional posters depict Lord Ganesh riding a motorcycle on a journey to Mount Kailash, tying the theme together.

As two-wheeler accidents continue to be a concern, this creative depiction of Lord Ganesh not only celebrates the festival but also delivers an essential message about helmet use and road safety. The Bajrang Youth Association's effort stands out as a meaningful blend of tradition and contemporary relevance.

**TPN Hyderabad:** The restoration of two significant Hyderabad monuments, Baadshahi Ashurkhana and Shaikpet Sarai, has faced delays due to unresolved issues between the state government and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC). Announced by the Telangana government in May of the previous year, the restoration projects have stalled despite the completion of work on Saidanima's Tomb.

Sources indicate that the delay is partly due to the change in government last year. Since the Congress came into power, changes in department heads have disrupted the progress. The announcement for the restoration work was originally made by the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government. Ex-principal secretary Arvind Kumar had initiated the projects and conducted site visits. The AKTC had also surveyed the Baadshahi Ashurkhana, which is known for its Persian mosaic tiles and historical significance as the second oldest monument in Hyderabad, constructed shortly after the Charminar in 1591.

Funding issues are also reported to be a factor in the delay. The Telangana government is yet to resolve these financial hurdles, which have stalled the commencement of restoration work. Meanwhile, the AKTC is engaged in other restoration projects, including the Paigah tombs and the recently completed Qutb Shahi tombs, which it has been working on since 2013.

The Baadshahi Ashurkhana holds historical importance as a protected site with significant architectural features, including walls adorned with multicolored tiles. Despite the damaged ancillary structures, the main hall remains intact. The delay in restoring these heritage sites has raised concerns about the preservation of Hyderabad's rich historical legacy.

## CV Anand Takes Charge as Hyderabad Police Commissioner

**TPN Hyderabad :** Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) Officer CV Anand assumed the role of Hyderabad Commissioner of Police on September 9, 2024. In his new position, Anand committed to ensuring the peaceful conduct of upcoming Vinayak Chaviti and Milad-un-Nabi processions.

Anand succeeds Kothakota Sreenivasa Reddy, who has been appointed as Director General of Vigilance and Enforcement and Ex-Officio Principal Secretary of the General Administration Department. Anand previously served as Commissioner of Cyberabad police from 2013 to 2016, where he played a key role in modernizing urban policing with technological advancements, such as the installation of CCTV systems and the development of centralized traffic management.

Following a stint in central services, Anand returned to Telangana in 2021, taking up the role of Hyderabad's Police Commissioner. His tenure from December 2021 to October 2023 saw significant contributions in maintaining law and order, managing communal harmony, and implementing traffic management initiatives, including Operation ROPE, aimed at removing obstructive parking and encroachments.

Anand also focused on combating narcotics and cybercrime, leading to the establishment of a dedicated Narcotics Control Bureau in the state. Despite his effective leadership, Anand was transferred out in a major reshuffle by the Election Commission of India in the lead-up to



the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections.

With his return as Hyderabad Commissioner of Police, Anand is set to continue his efforts in enhancing city security and maintaining public order, drawing on his extensive experience in urban policing and technology-driven solutions.

## Cyberabad Police Bust UPI Fraud Gang, Seize Rs 2.22 Crore



**TPN Hyderabad :** On September 8, the Cyberabad police arrested 13 members of a gang involved in UPI fraud totaling Rs 4 crore. The operation, conducted by Shamshabad Central Crime Station (CCS) in collaboration with KPHB, Madhapur, and Narsingi police, led to the seizure of Rs 1.72 lakh in cash and electronic goods worth Rs 50 lakh.

The gang, consisting of individuals from Rajasthan, was identified as Som Raj, Sunil, LacRam, Sharwan, Somraj, Shivalal, Ramesh, Pappu Ram, Shravan, Rakesh, Ramesh, and Ashok Kumar. The group operated with a sophisticated scheme involving coordination between members in Hyderabad and Rajasthan.

The criminals would visit Bajaj Electronics showrooms in Hyderabad, purchasing high-value electronic items. They used the showrooms'

QR codes to facilitate payments through UPI, with associates in Rajasthan completing the transactions. After receiving the goods, the gang members would sell the electronics and split the proceeds. Subsequently, the associate who made the payment would file a chargeback complaint with the bank, reversing the transaction and reclaiming the money.

The gang is now facing charges under sections 318(4), 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), and Section 66(D) of the IT Act. The police have filed cases with the Madhuranagar, Narsingi, Madhapur KPHB, and Jedcherla police stations. The operation highlights the ongoing efforts of law enforcement to combat sophisticated financial crimes and protect consumers from fraud.

## Restoration Delays Hit Key Hyderabad Monuments







## Trump On Top - Despite Everything

Giani Singh (name changed), 45, drives a yellow taxi in New York. David Brooks, 63, a New Yorker at heart, is among the most cerebral columnists of *The New York Times*. While they may have little in common if they were to meet, they would likely agree on the most debated question in the U.S. today: who will win the Presidential election in November.

Gianni wants Trump to win. Originally from Ludhiana, India, he arrived in the U.S. as a teenager, worked hard, and eventually gained U.S. citizenship three years ago. Today, he owns six taxis, drives one for six hours a day, and has a home in Queens. Gianni voted for Trump in 2020 and plans to do so again. He believes Trump helped keep prices down. "With 8% interest rates, I don't know how people survive," he said. He supports Trump's tough stance on immigration, despite being an immigrant himself. "These immigrants commit a lot of crimes," he said. "We see it daily in New York." He also believes Trump will be good for India.

David Brooks, a Republican, doesn't want Trump to win but acknowledges the factors that favor him. In a recent column, he outlined the "five turbines of Trumpism."

First, Americans value dynamism over compassion. The fastest-growing states—Texas, Florida, and Montana—are governed by Republicans, while slower-growing states are led by Democrats. The red states offer lower housing costs, taxes, and more business vitality, while the blue states are marked by higher costs, taxes, and inequality. This economic dynamic favors Republicans.

Second, there's been a shift in political allegiance. The Democrats have become the party of the college-educated elite, while Republicans appeal to the working class. This "diploma divide" has widened resentment, with the working class feeling looked down upon by Democratic elites.

Third, Brooks argues that many Americans are frustrated by growing social and moral disorder. Broken relationships, infidelity, out-of-wedlock births, addiction, family conflict, and crime are destabilizing factors. Republicans, by focusing on immigration, crime, faith, family, and patriotism, offer a sense of moral order that resonates with many voters.

Fourth, there's widespread dissatisfaction in the country. Polls show that only 25% of Americans are satisfied with the country's direction, and 60%

believe the U.S. is in decline. More than half of Americans feel disconnected from the political and economic elite, and they are skeptical of promises for a better future.

Finally, Harris has not captured the centrist vote as Obama and Clinton once did. Instead of choosing a moderate running mate to appeal to key swing states, she chose a candidate from Minnesota, a state she was already poised to win, which has raised concerns about her overconfidence.

Election forecaster Nate Silver believes that Trump may have an advantage due to the Republican electoral college strategy, which gives disproportionate weight to smaller swing states. In 2016, Trump won the electoral vote despite losing the popular vote by 3 million. A similar scenario is possible in this election, with Silver predicting that Harris would need to win the popular vote by more than 3% to secure enough electoral college votes.

Despite Trump's controversial policies on tariffs and immigration, he maintains support. His economic strategies, such as tariffs on Chinese imports, may hurt lower-income Americans, but his tough stance resonates with many voters. Harris, on the other hand, has capitalized on issues like abortion, where Trump has faced backlash for supporting Supreme Court decisions that overturned constitutional abortion rights.

Though Trump's scandals and controversial actions, including his mishandling of government affairs and misuse of campaign funds, continue to surface, they do little to shake his loyal base.

Historian Allan Lichtman, who has accurately predicted several U.S. elections, suggests Harris has a slight edge based on broader economic and global issues, but the election remains tight. With less than two months until election day, the upcoming debate between Trump and Harris may be pivotal. Their first face-to-face encounter is expected to be combative, with Harris likely to challenge Trump on his policies and character.

White men, who make up 40% of the electorate, largely favor Trump, but a strong performance by Harris in the debates could shift critical votes in key swing states like Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. This race, like 2016, is too close to call, with both candidates poised for a tough battle in the final weeks leading up to the election.

## CBI Faces Major Roadblocks in Kolkata Rape-Murder Probe

The CBI is facing significant challenges in its investigation into the rape and murder of a 31-year-old doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, largely due to a lack of evidence from the crime scene. The incident, which occurred over a month ago, has led to nationwide outrage, with massive rallies across Bengal demanding justice. The state government, led by Mamata Banerjee, has been accused of mishandling the case and attempting to cover it up.

Following a petition by the victim's parents, the Calcutta High Court transferred the sensitive case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Nearly four weeks after taking over the case, the CBI has made limited progress, with the only arrest being that of Sanjay Roy, a civic volunteer who frequented the hospital and was taken into custody by Kolkata Police shortly after the incident. Roy remains the only accused in the rape-murder case.

While the CBI has arrested Dr. Sandip Ghosh, former principal of the hospital, and three others in a separate investigation into financial irregularities at the hospital, the main probe into the rape-murder case remains stymied.

### Crime Scene Contamination

One of the primary challenges for the CBI has been the compromised crime scene. The agency discovered that Dr. Ghosh had ordered the demolition of a restroom and toilet near the seminar room, where the victim's body was found, just a day after the incident. This demolition is believed to have destroyed critical evidence.

A viral video also showed the seminar room crowded with people soon after the body was found, raising questions about whether the crime scene had been properly secured. The CBI suspects that key evidence was lost due to the uncontrolled access to the site.

Despite these concerns, Kolkata Police has maintained that the crime scene was preserved. A spokesperson clarified that the viral video showed people outside a cordoned-off area, not inside the crime scene itself. Earlier, the police had also dismissed rumors of tampering, warning against the spread of misinformation.

### Limited Evidence and Suspicions of Gangrape

The victim's parents have voiced their suspicions that their daughter was gang-raped and have alleged that evidence was tampered with. According to the victim's mother, the scene of the crime appeared staged when they arrived, which raised doubts about the true nature of the incident.

The CBI has expressed frustration over the lack of evidence, which has made it difficult to connect the dots. "Circumstantial evidence, questioning of people, and DNA tests have not indicated the involvement of multiple persons in the assault," a CBI official said. DNA tests have pointed to Sanjay Roy as the perpetrator, with DNA evidence from the victim matching that of Roy.

However, Roy's lawyer claims that he has been framed to protect the real culprits.

### Corruption Unveiled in the Hospital

In parallel to the rape-murder investigation, the CBI has uncovered large-scale corruption at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. Dr. Ghosh and three others have been arrested for their involvement in financial irregularities, including the siphoning of funds and the illegal appointment of 84 individuals during Ghosh's tenure as principal between 2022 and 2023.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has also launched a probe into the financial misconduct and discovered that Dr. Ghosh and his wife own a luxurious bungalow and additional properties in South 24 Parganas district. The CBI believes that more individuals were involved in the corruption scheme, although in some cases, they have been unable to trace the financial irregularities.

### Road Ahead

As the CBI continues to face obstacles in both the rape-murder case and the corruption investigation, public frustration is growing. With mounting pressure on the state government and questions over the integrity of the investigation, the path to justice remains unclear. The CBI's next steps will be critical in determining whether they can uncover the truth and hold the perpetrators accountable.

## Accused Planned Rameshwaram Cafe Blast After Ayodhya Event: NIA

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has revealed that the accused involved in the Bengaluru Rameshwaram Cafe blast had initially planned an attack on the BJP office in the city during the Ram Mandir event in Ayodhya. After the failure of their first attempt, the attackers carried out the blast at the popular Rameshwaram Cafe, injuring nine people.

The NIA has charge-sheeted four accused in the case: Mussavir Hussain Shazib, Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taaha, Maaz Muneer Ahmed, and Muzammil Shareef, all of whom are currently in judicial custody. The investigation revealed that Taaha and Shazib were funded by their handler through cryptocurrencies, which were

used to carry out various acts of violence in Bengaluru, including a failed IED attack on the State BJP office in Malleshwaram.

The two key accused, both from Shivamogga District in Karnataka, were identified as ISIS radicals who had conspired to travel to ISIS territories in Syria and were involved in radicalizing others to the ISIS ideology. They had fraudulently acquired Indian SIM cards, bank accounts, and identity documents from both India and Bangladesh using the Dark Web.

Forty-two days after the explosion at Rameshwaram Cafe, the NIA arrested the four accused from a hideout in West Bengal.



## Supreme Court Questions Missing Challan in Kolkata Doctor's Rape and Murder Case

The Supreme Court raised critical concerns over a missing document necessary for the post-mortem in the Kolkata doctor's rape and murder case, currently under investigation by the CBI. Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud questioned the absence of a key challan form, which is required to accompany the body for autopsy. Without this form, the autopsy should not have been conducted, the court noted.

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the West Bengal government, was unable to immediately provide the document and requested more time. CJI Chandrachud emphasized the importance of the challan, noting that it contains crucial details about the clothing and articles sent with the body. "We want to see that," he said, pointing out that the post-mortem team would not have accepted the body without the form.

Justice JB Pardiwala, part of the three-judge bench, highlighted the absence of the form in the post-mortem report, stating, "If this document is missing, something is amiss."

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was asked to obtain the challan from the Bengal government, with an advocate noting it had been submitted



in the Calcutta High Court. However, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta raised concerns about the possibility of the document being created later, which Sibal denied.

The Supreme Court has directed the Bengal government to submit the challan form by the next hearing, scheduled for Tuesday. The CBI has also

been asked to file a fresh report.

The Solicitor General flagged questions about the forensic report and sample collection in the case, highlighting injuries found on the victim's semi-nude body. The delay of 14 hours in filing the FIR was also scrutinized, with the Chief Justice calling it "very clear." The investigation continues.

## Rahul Gandhi Criticizes BJP and RSS in Dallas, BJP Hits Back



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi took sharp jabs at the BJP and its ideological parent RSS during his public addresses in Dallas, USA. Speaking to students at the University of Texas and members of the Indian diaspora, Gandhi criticized the BJP's approach to governance and its impact on India's social fabric.

Gandhi stated that the RSS views India as a singular idea, while the Congress values a multiplicity of ideas. He celebrated the recent Lok Sabha election results, claiming that they diminished the "fear of BJP," highlighting the public's refusal to accept attacks on India's Constitution.

During his student interaction, Gandhi also discussed issues like low female labor participation, blaming the "ridiculous" attitude of Indian men towards women and accusing the BJP/RSS of restricting women's roles. He further criticized unemployment in India, contrasting the country's situation with China's dominance in global production.

The BJP responded sharply, with party spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari accusing Gandhi of siding with China and dividing Indian society. Bhandari added that Gandhi's statements reflect a strategy to undermine India, and that the public continues to reject Congress in favor of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This exchange comes as Gandhi's remarks in the US spark further political debate in India.

## Potential Disaster Averted as Conspiracy to Derail Kalindi Express Uncovered



A potential disaster was narrowly averted on Monday when authorities uncovered a conspiracy to derail the Prayagraj-Bhiwani Kalindi Express in Uttar Pradesh. The incident occurred early Sunday morning when the train collided with an LPG gas cylinder placed on the tracks near Kanpur's Muderri village.

The collision happened around 8:20 am as the Kalindi Express was en route to Bhiwani, Haryana. The loco pilot, upon spotting the cylinder on the tracks while passing through Shivrajpur, quickly applied the emergency brakes. Despite the train hitting the cylinder, the pilot's prompt action ensured that the cylinder was thrown clear of the tracks, preventing a catastrophic accident. The train came to a stop shortly after the impact, and no passengers were harmed.

The train remained stationary for approximately 20 minutes as the loco pilot alerted the Railway Protection Force (RPF). Following this, the train made a scheduled stop at Bilhaur station for a preliminary investigation before resuming its journey.

During the investigation, the RPF and Uttar Pradesh Police recovered not only the damaged LPG cylinder but also a bottle filled with petrol, matchboxes, and other suspicious items, including a makeshift petrol bomb. These findings suggest a deliberate attempt to cause a major disaster.

Kanpur Commissioner of Police Harish Chandra confirmed that a forensic investigation is underway. He also noted that railways and law enforcement agencies have increased security measures on critical railway routes. The RPF, in collaboration with the UP Police Dog Squad, is conducting a comprehensive search for additional evidence. Additional security forces have been deployed along the Anwarganj-Kasganj railway route to ensure safety.

## Centre Urges States to Stay Alert for Mpox Cases, Ensure Isolation Facilities



The central government on Monday issued an advisory to all states and union territories, urging them to screen and test suspected mpox cases within the community and to set up isolation facilities for both suspected and confirmed patients. The advisory comes as a precautionary measure, despite no new cases being reported in India during the current outbreak. Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra, in a letter to states and union territories, emphasized the importance of remaining vigilant while avoiding undue panic. "No new case of mpox has been reported in India in the current outbreak, and none of the samples in suspected cases have tested positive," Chandra stated, stressing the need to stay prepared.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is closely monitoring the evolving situation, and Chandra highlighted the importance of reviewing public health preparedness at the state level. He advised states and union territories to identify isolation facilities within hospitals and ensure the availability of necessary logistics and trained personnel at these locations. Additionally, Chandra called for the re-orientation of all key stakeholders, particularly surveillance units under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) at state and district levels. The aim is to familiarize health officials with the definitions of suspect, probable, and confirmed cases, as well as protocols for contact tracing and other essential surveillance activities.

The advisory highlights the Centre's proactive approach in preventing the spread of mpox and ensuring that health systems across the country remain well-equipped to manage any potential cases.

## ANI Sues Netflix Over Unauthorized Use of Content in Kandahar Hijack Series



News agency ANI has filed a lawsuit against Netflix Inc. and the producers of the series "IC-814: The Kandahar Hijack", accusing them of using ANI's content without permission. The series, a fictionalized retelling of the 1999 hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814, has sparked controversy since its release last month.

ANI's lawyer, Sidhant Kumar, told Reuters that the series used copyright-protected archival footage from ANI without acquiring the necessary licenses and also misused the ANI trademark. "They have used copyright archival footage of ANI without license, and they have also used the ANI trademark," Kumar said. He added that the news agency is asking Netflix to remove four episodes where the content was allegedly used without permission.

The series has drawn sharp criticism from social media users and members of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), who condemned the portrayal of the hijackers. Critics argue that the show falsely presents the hijackers as Hindus with Hindu names, while in reality, they were Muslims.



## Students Protest in Imphal Against School Closures Amidst Escalating Violence

A large number of school students took to the streets in front of the Manipur Raj Bhavan today, protesting the government's decision to shut down educational institutions due to escalating violence in the state. The demonstration came in response to recent drone and missile attacks in the Imphal valley, which resulted in three fatalities.

Dressed in their school uniforms, the students demanded a meeting with the governor to voice their frustration. They expressed discontent with the central forces deployed to manage the ongoing ethnic violence, which has persisted for over a year and a half. The students criticized both the central and state governments for their failure to restore peace, holding them accountable for the continued crisis.

The Department of Education announced the closure of all schools across the state for September 9 and 10. The violence, which erupted on May 3 last year between Kuki tribes and Meitis, has left the state in turmoil. Today, police used tear gas and batons to disperse the protesting students as the situation remained tense.

In addition to protesting the school closures, the students are calling for the removal of the state's security adviser and the transfer of the Unified Command to the state government. Earlier this week, thousands of residents from five districts of Imphal Valley participated in a human chain rally to protest recent drone and gun attacks.



# Quad Summit Scheduled for September 21 in Wilmington; PM Modi to Join Global Leaders



The highly anticipated Quad summit is set to take place on September 21 in Wilmington, Delaware, the hometown of US President Joe Biden. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will join US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida for the summit, where they are expected to address pressing global challenges, including the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

While there has been no official announcement regarding the date and venue, the Quad summit was originally slated to be hosted by India this year. However, due to scheduling constraints, the leaders agreed to hold the summit at a more convenient location. India is now expected to host the Quad summit next year.

The summit will focus on enhancing cooperation among member nations in the Indo-Pacific region and tackling key global issues. The previous Quad foreign ministers' meeting in Tokyo in July emphasized the group's commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific, addressing regional stability, and countering coercion. Prime Minister Modi, who will be in the US for the UN Summit of the Future on September 22 and 23, is also scheduled to address an Indian community event and engage in discussions with various world leaders on the sidelines of the UN summit.

The Summit of the Future aims to build a new international consensus on addressing global challenges and ensuring a better future, as highlighted by the UN, emphasizing the need for effective global cooperation in today's rapidly evolving political and economic landscape.



## Andrew Tate Faces New Allegations of Rape and Strangulation Amid Ongoing Legal Issues

Andrew Tate, currently under house arrest in Romania on charges of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, is now facing additional serious allegations from two British women. The new claims, reported by the BBC, accuse Tate of rape and strangulation in separate incidents that occurred in the UK prior to the ongoing case in Romania.

The women, identified by pseudonyms "Anna" and "Sienna," have provided harrowing accounts of their encounters with Tate. "Anna," who dated Tate in 2013, describes a disturbing incident in which Tate allegedly threatened her before sexually assaulting and strangling her. She reports that Tate later sent her unsettling messages boasting about the violence he inflicted, including statements such as, "The more you didn't like it, the more I enjoyed it."

"Sienna," who met Tate in 2014, alleges she was strangled to the point of unconsciousness during sex, and was subsequently raped even after regaining consciousness. She reported waking up with a bloodshot eye, consistent with strangulation injuries. A friend of Sienna corroborated her account, recalling the visible injury and the conversation about the incident.

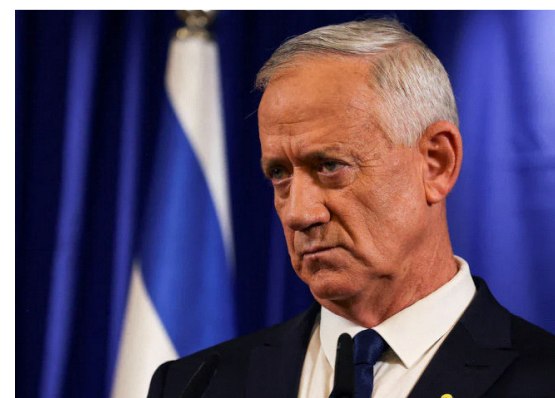
## Vice President Kamala Harris and Donald Trump Set for First Debate: Key Details Announced

In a highly anticipated event, US Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump will face off in their first debate on Tuesday. The debate, which will air live at 9:00 pm local time (0100 GMT Wednesday), will be hosted by ABC at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The debate will be moderated by ABC anchors David Muir and Linsey Davis and will last for 90 minutes, including two commercial breaks. Notably, there will be no audience present in the room.

The debate rules, finalized this week, stipulate that each candidate's microphone will be live only during their speaking time and muted while the other candidate speaks. The moderators will be the sole questioners, with no topics or questions shared with the candidates in advance.

Candidates will not deliver opening statements but will have two minutes to answer each question, with an additional two minutes for rebuttals. A further minute will be allotted for any follow-up or clarification. At the conclusion, each candidate will provide a two-minute closing statement, with Trump speaking last due to a virtual coin toss.

Candidates will be restricted to using only a pen, a pad of paper, and a bottle of water at their podiums.



## Former Israeli War Cabinet Member Urges Shift in Focus to Hezbollah Amid Ongoing Gaza Conflict

In light of the escalating conflict in Gaza, former Israeli war cabinet member Benny Gantz has called for a strategic shift toward addressing the threat posed by Hezbollah along Israel's northern border. Speaking at a Middle East forum in Washington, Gantz criticized Israel's current focus and emphasized the need to confront Hezbollah, which has been engaging in near-daily cross-border exchanges with Israeli forces.

Hezbollah's actions are reportedly in support of Hamas, which is involved in the ongoing war in Gaza. Gantz, who served as Israel's army chief and is a centrist politician, warned that Israel is lagging in its response to Hezbollah. "We have enough forces to deal with Gaza and we should concentrate on what is going on in the north," Gantz stated, referring to the northern border with Lebanon.

Gantz expressed concern that Israel's focus on Gaza, following the October 7 Hamas attack that triggered the current war, has led to insufficient attention to the northern front. He criticized the decision to evacuate much of northern Israel and stressed that addressing Hezbollah and its Iranian backers is crucial. "The time of the north has come and actually I think we are late on this," he added.

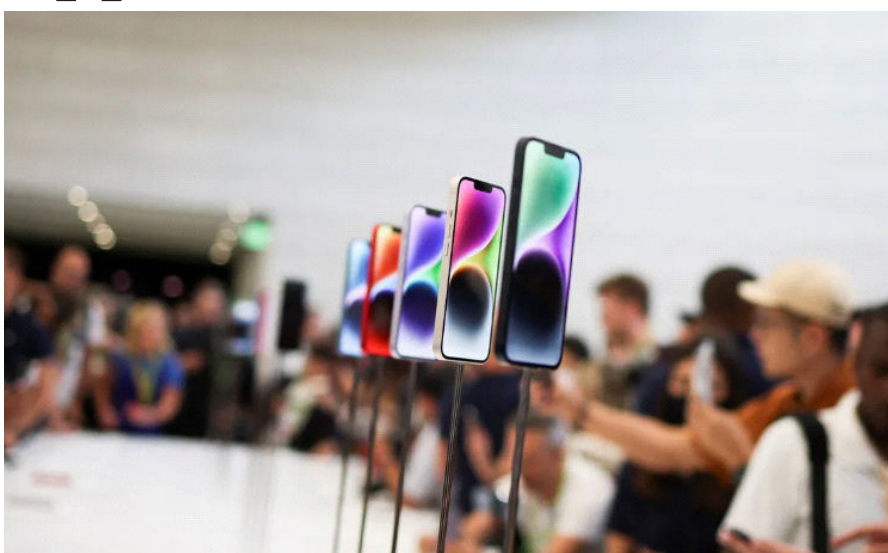
## India and UAE Sign Major Agreements in Landmark Visit by Crown Prince

In a significant development in India-UAE relations, Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi have signed several pivotal agreements today, underscoring the deepening ties between the two nations. This marks the first official engagement between India and the next generation of UAE royalty, highlighting the importance India places on its partnership with the UAE.

The agreements cover a range of sectors, including nuclear energy, oil, and food park development. A key accord was signed on Barakah Nuclear Power Plant Operations and Maintenance between Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC) and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCL). Additionally, long-term LNG supply agreements were established between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited, and an MoU was signed between ADNOC and India Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPR). A product concession agreement for Abu Dhabi Onshore Block 1 was also concluded between Urja Bharat and ADNOC. Furthermore, the Government of Gujarat and Abu Dhabi Developmental Holding Company PJSC (ADQ) signed an MoU focused on developing food parks in India.



# Apple to Unveil iPhone 16 Focused on AI Integration at Today's Event



Apple is set to reveal its new iPhone 16 lineup today at a high-profile event held at its Apple Park headquarters in Cupertino, California. The event, scheduled for 10 a.m. PDT (1700 GMT), will mark the company's latest foray into artificial intelligence, following its introduction of Apple Intelligence—its generative AI platform capable of creating text, images, and other content.

This announcement comes on the heels of Apple's developer conference in June, where the tech giant showcased an enhanced version of Siri integrated with ChatGPT, the popular chatbot from Microsoft-backed OpenAI. The iPhone 16 will highlight how AI features have been em-

bedded into its flagship device, shifting the focus from traditional hardware upgrades.

The timing of Apple's event is notable as it coincides with increasing competition from Huawei, which has scheduled its own product announcement shortly after Apple's. The Chinese market, known for its high demand for AI features, poses a significant challenge for Apple. Recent restrictions, including OpenAI's blocking of ChatGPT in China, could affect the integration of AI technologies like Apple Intelligence in the region.

Ben Bajarin, CEO and principal analyst at Creative Strategies, noted that the Chinese market's appetite for AI features

surpasses that of the U.S., making immediate access difficult for Apple. Despite these challenges, the iPhone 16 lineup aims to rejuvenate Apple's position in a slowing smartphone market, with the company betting that AI-driven features will incentivize upgrades.

The iPhone 16 will be the first to incorporate these AI advancements, though similar features will also be available on the previous-generation iPhone 15 Pro and Pro Max. In addition to the new smartphones, updates to the Apple Watch and AirPods are anticipated.

Investors and industry experts are closely watching how Apple frames its AI capabilities.





## Market Rebounds After Three-Day Slump: ITC, HUL, and Banks Lead the Recovery, but Sectoral Weakness Persists

The stock markets recovered from a three-day losing streak with support from ICICI, HDFC, and Kotak banks, along with ITC and Hindustan Unilever. Despite indices being range-bound in the morning, investor buying pushed them to close at daily highs. The Nifty jumped 84 points, while the Sensex gained 375 points. However, 14 out of 20 BSE sectoral indices ended in the red, with market breadth favoring sellers as 2,371 stocks declined and 1,667 rose. The rupee remained flat at 83.95 against the dollar.



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The BSE Sensex opened at 80,973 and hit a low of 80,895 before rebounding to close at 81,559, up by 375 points. The NSE Nifty rose 84 points, closing at 24,936. Bank Nifty surged 540 points, settling at 51,117. Among Nifty50, 26 companies advanced, including Hindustan Unilever, ICICI Bank, and ITC, while ONGC, Tata Steel, and Hindalco declined. Sectors like banking, finance, FMCG, and private banks saw gains, while oil and gas, realty, healthcare, and IT indices fell.

JSW Infra approved a Rs 125 crore investment in the Bhoke railway project. Bajaj Housing Finance's IPO was fully subscribed on its first day. Nifty FMCG hit a lifetime high, and Aether Energy filed for a Rs 3,100 crore IPO. Divis Lab shares reached their highest level since 2021, while Lupine shares dipped due to uncertainty over a new drug. Mazagaon Dock's shares surged after an ONGC order worth Rs 1,486 crore.

### STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS :

#### ITC Limited



ITC Limited

ITC has been a strong performer, with its diversified business model spanning FMCG, hotels, paperboards, and agri-business. Recently, the stock hit new highs as the FMCG sector continues to benefit from increased consumer spending and rural growth. Its defensive nature has attracted investors, especially in volatile markets. ITC's FMCG division, particularly in packaged foods and personal care, has driven its growth. Additionally, its hotel and cigarette businesses remain stable contributors to profitability.

#### ICICI Bank



ICICI Bank

ICICI Bank has demonstrated robust growth, supported by strong loan growth, improving asset quality, and digital transformation. The bank has outperformed many of its peers in the private sector banking space, driven by its retail lending growth. The banking sector has been one of the stronger performers in recent sessions, with ICICI Bank benefiting from strong financial results and increasing investor interest in financials.

#### Godrej Consumer Products (Godrej CP)

Godrej CP has been benefiting from strong demand in the FMCG sector, particularly in household products and personal care.



Godrej Consumer Products Ltd.

However, the stock has seen some volatility due to competitive pressures and input cost inflation. Godrej CP is focusing on expanding its portfolio, especially in international markets like Africa. The FMCG sector's growth outlook remains strong, driven by rising consumption.

#### Dabur India



Dabur

Dabur has been a consistent performer in the FMCG space, benefiting from its strong presence in health and wellness products. The company's Ayurvedic and natural product portfolio continues to drive demand. Dabur has been focusing on expanding its product portfolio and distribution in rural areas, which has supported its growth despite inflationary pressures.

#### Varun Beverages Limited (VBL)



Varun Beverages

VBL, a leading bottling company for PepsiCo in India, has shown strong growth, driven by rising beverage consumption. The company has benefited from the recovery in out-of-home consumption and expansion into newer markets. VBL continues to expand its product portfolio and distribution network, with growth in both carbonated and non-carbonated drinks.

## Adani Green Energy Fully Redeems \$750 Million Notes

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) announced on September 9 that it has successfully redeemed its USD 750 million Holdco Notes, which were issued in September 2021 at a 4.375 percent interest rate and due to mature on September 8, 2024. The redemption underscores AGEL's robust financial management and commitment to its ambitious growth plans.



On the same day, AGEL's share price was trading at ₹979.35, down 0.62 percent on the BSE, with the company holding a market capitalization of ₹1,17,647.62 crore.

The Holdco Notes were part of AGEL's strategy to fund its rapid expansion, during which its energy capacity surged from 3.5 GW to 11.2 GW, reflecting a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 48 percent. In January 2024, AGEL established a fully funded redemption reserve account to ensure it could meet its obligations without refinancing.

AGEL's capital management approach emphasizes long-term value creation, aiming to operate as a

self-sustaining growth engine with investment-grade financial metrics. The company's growth is supported by strong cash flows from operational assets and a construction facility framework, targeting a capacity of 50 GW by FY30.

Additionally, in December 2023, AGEL's promoters committed ₹9,350 crore (USD 835 million equivalent) through a preferential warrant to bolster capital expenditure. The company extends its gratitude to investors, lenders, and partners, including Adani Infra (India) Ltd and Adani Infra Management Services Ltd, for their ongoing support. With these measures, AGEL remains on track to achieve its 50 GW renewable energy capacity goal by 2030, aligning with India's decarbonization objectives.

## Bank of Baroda Raises ₹5,000 Crore Through 10-Year Bonds

Bank of Baroda (BoB) announced on September 9, 2024, that it has successfully raised ₹5,000 crore through the issuance of long-term 10-year infrastructure bonds. The bonds, offering a coupon rate of 7.26 percent per annum, were allotted the same day.



The bond issue attracted substantial interest from investors, with a total demand reaching ₹14,215 crore from 105 bids. This robust demand allowed the bank to price the bonds competitively at 7.26 percent per annum.

approximately seven times the base issue size and around 2.8 times the total issue size.

The issuance consisted of a base amount of ₹2,000 crore, with an option to retain oversubscription up to ₹3,000 crore. The strong response led to the total subscription being

BoB's press release highlighted the overwhelming interest and competitive pricing of the bonds, reflecting a solid investor confidence and strong market demand for long-term infrastructure investments.

## India's Equity Markets Decline Ends Streak of Gains

India's equity markets experienced a significant decline last week, breaking a three-week streak of gains. The Nifty index fell by 1.52% and the Sensex by 1.43% from September 2 to September 6.

The drop in benchmark indices was influenced by weaker global economic indicators. "One major factor contributing to this decline is the recent weak job data from the USA, which has heightened concerns about a possible global economic slowdown," analysts noted. Furthermore, India's weight in the MSCI Emerging Markets index has surpassed that of China, reaching a record high. This could lead to a strategic reduction in weight allocation due to India's relatively high valuations.

The market outlook for the coming week will be influenced by both global and domestic factors. Globally, attention is focused on the upcoming US Federal Reserve meeting in mid-September, with many anticipating a potential cut in interest rates.

Domestically, key developments include the release of August's inflation figures by the Indian government on September 12. Investors will also monitor the Rupee's performance against the dollar, fluctuations in crude oil prices, and the investment patterns of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and domestic institu-



tional investors (DIIs).

Pravesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst at Swastika Investmart Ltd, highlighted that "last week, signs of weakness appeared in the Nifty index. The main index closed just above 24,850, a crucial support level. If it falls below this, it could drop to 24,000. The support range for Nifty is between 24,600 and 24,450, while resistance is seen between 25,000 and 25,200."

Palka Arora Chopra, Director at Master Capital Services Ltd, added that "Nifty Bank closed below 50,800 last week. Currently, 50,500 is an important support level; if breached, the index might test 49,800. Key resistance levels for Nifty Bank are 51,200 and 51,800."

## DirecTV vs. Disney: Dispute Escalates with FCC Complaint

The ongoing dispute between DirecTV and Disney over a new carriage agreement has intensified, with DirecTV filing a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Saturday. The complaint accuses Disney of negotiating in bad faith.

Since September 1, DirecTV customers have been unable to access Disney channels, including ESPN and ABC-owned stations in nine major markets. This blackout impacted viewers during significant events like college football games and the U.S. Open tennis finals.

DirecTV, the third-largest pay TV provider in the U.S. with 11.3 million subscribers, argues that Disney's demands are anticompetitive. The complaint highlights Disney's insistence on DirecTV waiving any legal claims related to anticompetitive practices and agreeing to a "clean slate" provision that would prevent legal action against Disney's demands. DirecTV seeks to offer consumers more flexible and affordable programming bundles rather than large packages that include unwanted channels.

Disney channels affected include ABC, ESPN,

Freeform, FX, and National Geographic, with ABC-owned stations in key cities such as Los Angeles, New York, and Chicago also blacked out. Disney is expected to broadcast major events like the "Monday Night Football" opener and a presidential debate this week.

DirecTV CEO Ray Carpenter emphasized the need for long-term solutions that benefit their customers, rejecting Disney's current bundling requirements. In response, Disney claims that mutual release of claims is standard practice and urges DirecTV to prioritize customer interests by finalizing the deal. Disney also stresses its commitment to resolving the issue and restoring access to its content swiftly.







# India Becomes the World's Second Largest 5G Mobile Market, Surges Past US: Report



## Apple Leads Global 5G Handset Shipments

Apple emerged as the global leader in 5G handset shipments, accounting for over 25 percent of the market share during the first half of 2024. This success is largely attributed to the strong sales of its iPhone 15 and iPhone 14 series, which have been popular in both premium and budget segments across various markets.

"Apple led the 5G handset shipments globally, driven by the strong demand for its latest iPhone models," the report stated, citing news agency IANS. Apple has maintained its dominance in the global 5G market by continuously innovating and launching models with advanced features that cater to a wide range of consumers.

## India's Rise in the 5G Market

India's rise to become the second-largest 5G mobile market is significant, especially given the country's rapid adoption of 5G technology in a short span of time. The growth was driven by several key smartphone manufacturers, including Xiaomi, Vivo, and Samsung, who focused on providing affordable 5G handsets to Indian consumers. This has made 5G technology more accessible to a larger portion of the population, further accelerating its adoption.

Senior analyst Prachir Singh from Counterpoint Research commented on India's rise in the 5G market: "India became the second-biggest 5G handset market during the first half, overtaking the US. The strong shipments from Xiaomi, Vivo, Samsung, and other brands in the budget segment were the main reason for this trend."

India's smartphone market has also benefitted from increased investments in 5G infrastructure, as telecom operators continue to expand their 5G networks across the country. With the availability of budget-friendly 5G smartphones, many Indian consumers are upgrading their devices, contributing to the overall growth in the market.



India has overtaken the United States to become the world's second-largest 5G handset market, trailing only behind China. This milestone comes as global 5G handset shipments grew by 20 percent year-on-year in the first half of 2024, according to a report from Counterpoint Research.

The report highlights India's remarkable rise

in the global 5G market, driven by increasing consumer demand for budget-friendly 5G handsets and a surge in shipments from major smartphone manufacturers. While China continues to dominate the global 5G handset market, India's rise to the second position marks a significant shift in the global mobile landscape.



## Samsung and Other Brands' Performance

Samsung followed Apple in second place, capturing more than 21 percent of the global 5G handset market, driven by its Galaxy A series and S24 series models. The report noted that both Apple and Samsung dominated the top 10 list of 5G handset models, with Apple securing the top four spots and Samsung taking five places in the list.

The report also highlighted that 5G handset shipments in emerging markets, including India, have seen substantial growth. As 5G handsets become more affordable, consumers in lower price segments are increasingly viewing them as an attractive upgrade option.

## Asia-Pacific Leads in 5G Adoption

Asia-Pacific continues to be a key region for 5G adoption, accounting for 63 percent of overall global 5G handset shipments in the first half of 2024. The region also commanded a 58 percent share of global 5G shipments. Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (MEA) also witnessed double-digit growth in 5G handset sales.

## The Future of 5G



As the global adoption of 5G technology continues to accelerate, more consumers are expected to make the transition to 5G handsets. Counterpoint Research Director Tarun Pathak highlighted the growing democratisation of 5G handsets as a major factor in the technology's continued expansion. Pathak noted that with 5G networks expanding and the availability of affordable 5G smartphones increasing, more people in emerging markets will switch to 5G.

In conclusion, India's emergence as the second-largest 5G handset market marks a major milestone in the global 5G revolution. With companies like Apple, Samsung, Xiaomi, and Vivo driving this growth, India is set to play a critical role in the continued expansion of 5G technology across the world. The coming years will likely see further growth in 5G adoption as more consumers in emerging markets gain access to affordable 5G devices and networks.







## WhatsApp to Enable Third-Party Chats for Greater Interoperability

WhatsApp will soon support third-party chats, allowing users to send and receive messages across different messaging apps. This new feature, announced by parent company Meta, comes as part of the European Union's Digital Markets Act (DMA) implemented in 2022. Initially, Meta requested an extension to address concerns about maintaining end-to-end encryption with external apps. However, Meta now reports that these challenges have been resolved.

The feature will be integrated into WhatsApp and Messenger, Meta's messaging platform linked to Facebook. According to Meta, this rollout aims to preserve user privacy and security while expanding communication options.

Meta plans to introduce notifications within WhatsApp to alert users about third-party chats. Users will receive reminders whenever a new messaging app is available for integration. Additionally, an onboarding process will guide users through enabling and managing third-party chats, allowing them to select which external apps they



want to receive messages from and how these messages are organized.

Users can choose to keep third-party messages separate from their main inbox or integrate them into a unified interface. For those preferring separation, messages will be delivered to a distinct folder.

The update will also support key WhatsApp features like message reactions, direct replies, typing indicators, and read receipts. Future updates in 2027 are expected to include options for creating groups and making voice and video calls.

This move towards greater interoperability aligns with Meta's efforts to enhance user connectivity while adhering to regulatory requirements.

## Swiggy's Best Breakfast Combo Post Sparks Debate Online

Swiggy has ignited a lively debate among food enthusiasts with its latest social media post declaring jalebi and fafda as "the best breakfast combo." The post, shared on X (formerly Twitter), featured an appetizing image of crispy jalebis paired with crunchy fafdas. The caption boldly asserted, "This is the best breakfast combo. You can't change my mind (chef's kiss emoji)."



For those unfamiliar, fafdas are a popular Gujarati snack made from gram flour, carom seeds, and black pepper, often enjoyed with spicy green chilies. The combination of the sweet, juicy jalebis with the savory, fried fafdas has sparked diverse reactions from the online community.

Foodies and netizens have taken to X to share their thoughts on the pairing. While some agree with Swiggy's endorsement of

jalebi and fafda as a top breakfast choice, others are skeptical, arguing that other regional breakfasts could rival or surpass this combo. The discussion highlights the regional diversity and personal preferences in breakfast foods across India.

The debate underscores the passion and variety in Indian cuisine, as well as the influence of social media in shaping food trends and preferences.

## Mrwhosetheboss Sets Record with World's Largest Functional iPhone

Indian-origin YouTuber Arun Rupesh Maini, better known as Mrwhosetheboss, has achieved a remarkable feat by creating the world's largest iPhone. The colossal version of the iPhone 15 Pro Max stands at an impressive 6.74 feet in height and has set a new world record. This extraordinary creation was made possible with the assistance of Matthew Perks, also known as DIYPerks.



The massive iPhone is not just a visual marvel but also fully functional. Constructed using an 88-inch OLED TV, the giant phone can send texts, emails, run all apps, and even capture photos. It includes operational features such as lighting and a charging socket capable of accommodating the world's largest USB-C cable.

In a statement to Guinness World Records (GWR),

Maini expressed his excitement about the achievement, saying, "Growing up, I would disappear into the library for hours to read the latest Guinness World Records books, so to achieve an award myself feels absolutely surreal." He added, "It feels like a full-circle moment. I'm so proud of both our team and Matt for pulling off what's never been done before."

This remarkable project highlights Maini's ingenuity and dedication, marking a significant milestone in the world of YouTube and record-setting.

## Doritos Dye May Enable Skin Transparency: Study Reveals

Researchers from Stanford University have discovered that a food dye used in Doritos could potentially make human skin transparent. The study, recently published in the journal *Science\**, involved applying a mixture of water and tartrazine—a yellow dye used in the popular snack—on the skin of live mice. This application resulted in the skin becoming see-through.



The experiment aimed to explore non-invasive methods for viewing tissues and organs within the body. The findings suggest that the dye could provide a novel approach to medical imaging, eliminating the need for more invasive procedures.

Zihao Ou, the lead author of the study and cur-

rently a professor at the University of Texas in Dallas, explained, "For those who understand the fundamental physics behind this, it makes sense; but if you aren't familiar with it, it looks like a magic trick." This insight was shared through the University's website.

The research could pave the way for advanced imaging techniques, offering a clearer view of internal body structures and improving diagnostic capabilities.

## Elon Musk Dismisses Report of Revenue-Sharing Deal Between Tesla and xAI

Elon Musk has refuted claims that his artificial intelligence startup, xAI, is negotiating a revenue-sharing deal with Tesla. The Wall Street Journal reported that Tesla might license xAI's AI models to enhance its driver-assistance and self-driving technologies, potentially sharing future revenue with the startup.



Musk denied the report, stating on his social media platform, X, that the information was inaccurate. He clarified that while Tesla has benefited from discussions with xAI engineers, there is no current plan to license xAI technology.

According to the Journal, discussions included xAI's potential role in developing features such as a voice assistant for Tesla vehicles and software for the humanoid robot Optimus. The report suggested that any revenue-sharing arrangement would depend on Tesla's reliance on xAI's technology versus its own solutions, with xAI executives reportedly discussing a

50/50 split from Tesla's full self-driving (FSD) revenue.

Musk had previously launched xAI to rival Microsoft-backed OpenAI, with the intention of advancing full self-driving technology and building a new Tesla data center. He mentioned the possibility of integrating xAI's chatbot, Grok, with Tesla's software but has not confirmed any formal agreements or revenue-sharing deals.

## Apple Set to Unveil iPhone 16 Series



Apple is poised to launch a new range of devices, including the highly anticipated iPhone 16 series, during today's event at its Cupertino Park headquarters in California. The event, scheduled for 10 am PT (10:30 pm IST), will be streamed live on Apple's website, Apple TV app, and YouTube channel.

The iPhone 16 series is expected to consist of four models: the iPhone 16, iPhone 16 Plus, iPhone 16 Pro, and iPhone 16 Pro Max. All new models will run on iOS 18 and feature advanced hardware designed to support enhanced AI capabilities, driven by Apple's latest A18 and A18 Pro chips. The A18 chip, based on Arm's V9 architecture, will support various AI tools collectively referred to as 'Apple Intelligence.'

In addition to the iPhone 16 series, Apple is also set

to unveil the Apple Watch Series 10 and the Apple Watch Ultra 3. There are rumors of a more affordable third-generation Apple Watch SE joining the lineup. An updated version of the AirPods, the AirPods 4, may also be announced.

The new iPhone 16 models will sport a refined finish, including colored titanium that contrasts with the brushed aluminum of the iPhone 15 Pro series. Pricing in India is expected to start at ₹79,900 for the iPhone 16, ₹89,900 for the iPhone 16 Plus, ₹1,29,900 for the iPhone 16 Pro, and ₹1,39,900 for the iPhone 16 Pro Max.

Apple's latest offerings are anticipated to push the boundaries of technology and design, setting new standards in the industry.





# India Crush Japan 5-1 in Asian Champions Trophy Match



Sukhjeet Singh scored twice as defending champions India secured a decisive 5-1 victory over Japan in their league match at the men's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament on Monday. Sukhjeet's goals came in the second and 60th minutes, while Abhishek (3rd), Sanjay (17th), and Uttam Singh (54th) also contributed to the scoreline. Japan's lone goal was netted by Matsumoto Kazumasa in the 41st minute.

India, who are four-time champions, had previously won their opening round-robin match against China with a 3-0 scoreline. In today's match, India had two penalty corners compared to Japan's five, showcasing their efficient use of scoring opportunities.

The Indian team, led by Harmanpreet Singh, will next face Malaysia, the runners-up from the last edition, on Wednesday. Tuesday will be a rest day for the teams.

After the round-robin stage featuring six teams, the top four will advance to the semifinals, scheduled for September 16. The final will be held on September 17.



## Javelin thrower Navdeep Singh clinched a gold medal in the F41 classification

Javelin thrower Navdeep Singh clinched gold in the F41 classification at the Paris Paralympics on Saturday, marking India's 7th gold of the Games and 16th in Paralympic history. Singh's victory is especially significant given his personal struggles with dwarfism and the taunts he endured growing up in Haryana's Panipat district. At just four feet four inches tall, he was frequently mocked with the term "Bauna" (dwarf), but his triumph on the global stage has silenced his critics and inspired many.

In a heartfelt message shared by the Paralympic Committee of India, Navdeep expressed pride in his achievement and emphasized the importance of respect for people with disabilities. "We deserve the same respect; I have also brought glory to the country," he said, holding up his gold medal. Navdeep's journey to this historic win was fraught with challenges. Initially competing in wrestling and sprinting, he found his passion in javelin throw after being inspired by national icon Neeraj Chopra.

## Nissanka's Century Secures Sri Lanka's Victory Over England at The Oval

Pathum Nissanka's superb unbeaten century guided Sri Lanka to a thrilling eight-wicket victory over England in the third Test at The Oval on Monday. Set a target of 219 runs, Sri Lanka achieved the required total for the loss of just two wickets before lunch on the fourth day. Nissanka, who remained not out at 127, anchored the chase with remarkable composure, supported by Angelo Mathews, who contributed an unbeaten 32. The pair's unbroken partnership of 111 was pivotal in securing the win. This victory marked a significant turnaround for Sri Lanka, ending a frustrating run of seven consecutive Test defeats against England and delivering their first Test win on English soil since 2014.



Despite this setback, England claimed the series 2-1, having secured victories in the first two matches. England's wins came with a five-wicket triumph at Old Trafford and a 190-run success at Lord's. In the third Test, England's first innings saw them score 325 runs with notable contributions from Ollie Pope (154) and Ben Duckett (86). Sri Lanka responded with 263 runs in their first innings, with Dhananjaya de Silva (69), Nissanka (64), and Kusal Mendis (64) leading the charge.

## Jannik Sinner holds up the championship trophy after defeating Taylor Fritz

Jannik Sinner overcame a rocky start and recent doping allegations to secure his second Grand Slam title at the U.S. Open, defeating Taylor Fritz 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 in the men's final on Sunday. The victory came less than three weeks after Sinner's positive tests for a trace amount of an anabolic steroid were revealed, casting a shadow over his participation.

Despite dropping the first set he played at Flushing Meadows, Sinner managed to focus on his game, showing resilience and determination throughout the tournament.

"It was, and it's still, a little bit in my mind," Sinner admitted. "It's not that it's gone, but when I'm on court, I try to focus on the game, handle the situation the best possible way. It was not easy, but I tried to stay focused, and I guess I did a great job mentally, staying present every point."



The win, which took 2 hours and 15 minutes, marks Sinner's second Grand Slam victory, adding to his Australian Open title from January.



## Neeraj Chopra Praises India's Historic Paralympics Achievement

Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra congratulated the Indian contingent for their remarkable performance at the Paris Paralympics. The Indian team wrapped up the Games with a historic total of 29 medals—seven gold, nine silver, and 13 bronze—surpassing their previous best of 19 medals at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics.

On his official X account, Neeraj expressed pride in the team's achievements: "What a performance by #TeamIndia at the 2024 Paralympics. Congratulations to every participant and the entire support staff for giving their best and returning home with 29 medals! India is proud of you."

This record haul not only marked India's most successful Paralympics campaign

but also helped the country cross the 50-medal milestone in Paralympic history. The Indian delegation, consisting of 84 para-athletes, competed in 12 disciplines from August 28 to Sunday, compared to nine at Tokyo 2020. The Paris Games also saw India participate in new sports, including paracycling, para rowing, and blind judo.

Noteworthy achievements included para-shooter Avani Lekhara becoming the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic gold medals. She defended her title in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 with a world record score of 249.7 points. Additionally, India achieved a one-two finish in the men's club throw F51 event, with Dharambir and Parnav Soorma winning gold and silver, respectively, and Dharambir setting an Asian record.

# East Delhi Riders Triumph in Inaugural Delhi Premier League



East Delhi Riders secured a dramatic three-run victory over South Delhi Superstarz to win the inaugural Delhi Premier League T20 in New Delhi. On Sunday night, a superb knock from Mayank Rawat, who scored 78 not out off 39 balls with seven fours and six sixes, propelled East Delhi to a competitive total of 183 for 5.

The victory was clinched thanks to pivotal bowling performances by Simarjeet Singh and Raunak Waghela, each taking three wickets. South Delhi Superstarz's chase began shakily, losing key players early. Priyansh Arya and Ayush Badoni were dismissed quickly, followed by Kunwar Bidhuri, who was caught and bowled by Rawat.

Sumit Mathur's 18 off 15 and a valuable 22-run partnership with Tejaswi Dahiya came to an end when Mathur was dismissed. Dahiya continued to fight back with a half-century, and Vision Panchal added a quick 25 off 9 balls, including three sixes. Despite their efforts, South Delhi Superstarz struggled to keep up with the required run rate.

In a nail-biting finish, South Delhi needed 26 runs from the final 12 balls. Dahiya hit a six off Simarjeet in the penultimate over but was dismissed shortly after. Digvesh Rathi's late blitz, including a six and two fours, was not enough as South Delhi fell short at 180 for 9 in 20 overs.





## KA Generates Excitement with Star-Studded Release Strategy



Young and talented hero Kiran Abbavaram is set to make waves with his upcoming period thriller, "KA." The film has already created significant buzz thanks to its impressive teaser and first song. With shooting wrapped up and post-production advancing smoothly, "KA" is poised for a grand release.

The movie's potential is evident as it garners attention in trade circles, despite only having a teaser and a song released. Producer Vamsi Nandipati has successfully secured the Telugu theatrical rights for a substantial sum. This has sparked high interest in the film's rights for other languages.

In a major development, Dulquer Salmaan's Wayfarer Films will be releasing the Malayalam version of "KA" globally. This partnership promises to enhance the film's reach in the Malayalam-speaking market. The team is also preparing to announce the release date soon.

With a strong content base and an extensive multi-language release strategy, "KA" is set for a significant impact. The film will be launched grandly in Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Telugu. To support the release, the team is planning a wide-ranging promotional campaign, with more details to follow.

The film features Nayan Sarika and Tanvi Ram in the lead female roles. It is presented by Mrs. Chinta Varalakshmi and produced by Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy under Srichakraas Entertainments. Directed by Sujith and Sandeep, "KA" is set in a village backdrop and promises an action-packed thriller experience.



## Kaantha: Rana Daggubati and Dulquer Salmaan Join Forces

Rana Daggubati and Dulquer Salmaan are teaming up for a highly anticipated multi-lingual film titled "Kaantha." The project, a collaboration between Rana's Spirit Media and Dulquer's Wayfarer Films, will feature Dulquer in a groundbreaking role under the direction of Selvamani Selvaraj.

The film was officially launched today in Hyderabad, with Venkatesh performing the inaugural clap. The launch event was attended by various notable guests, marking a significant beginning for the movie. The regular shoot for "Kaantha" has also commenced.

Set against the backdrop of 1950s Madras, "Kaantha" explores the intricate dynamics of human relationships and societal changes during this pivotal historical period. The narrative promises to offer a deep and nuanced look at this transformative era.

Bhagyashri Borse is cast as the female lead, with Samuthirakani playing a crucial role in the film. Cinematography for "Kaantha" is handled by Dani Sanchez Lopez, and the music is composed by Jhanu. The film is slated for a release across all South Indian languages, aiming to reach a wide audience with its compelling story and rich historical context.

## Fans Concerned Over Runtime and Song Placement in Jr NTR's Devara

One of the most highly anticipated films in Indian cinema this year, Jr NTR's "Devara," is set to premiere its first part on September 27. Directed by Koratala Siva, the film stars Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead and Saif Ali Khan as the antagonist. The movie is being produced in two parts, and excitement is building for its release.

Recent reports suggest that "Devara" will have a substantial runtime, potentially exceeding three hours. This extended length has sparked concern among fans, who worry about the film's pacing and have urged the makers to consider shortening it. Long runtimes can be challenging for movies, and Tarak's supporters are hoping to avoid any negative impact on the film's reception.

Adding to the buzz, there are rumors that the third song from the movie, "Daavudi," which was

recently released, will feature during the end credits. Fans have expressed displeasure over this decision, believing that placing a high-energy mass song after a potentially intense and violent climax might not be well-received, especially with the film leading into its second part.

Historically, movies with extended runtimes, such as "Arjun Reddy," "Animal," "RRR," and "Pushpa: Part 1: The Rise," have performed well at the box office despite their length. This suggests that while "Devara" faces concerns, it could still achieve success if it manages its lengthy runtime effectively.

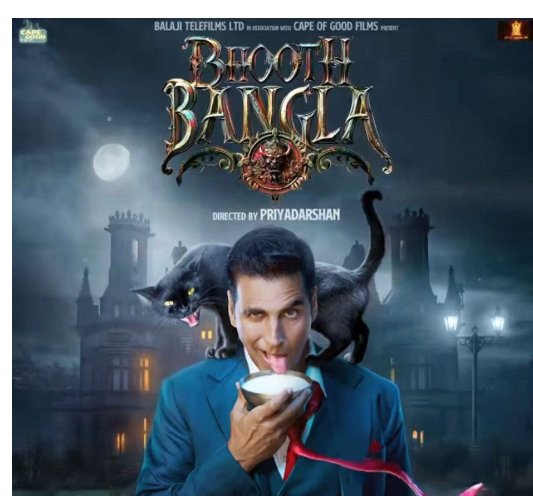
The makers of "Devara" now face the decision of whether to heed fan concerns or stick with their original plans. The outcome will determine how well the film is received upon its release.



## Sarangapani Jathakam Wraps Up Production

Director Mohanakrishna Indraganti's latest project, "Sarangapani Jathakam," marks his third collaboration with producer Sivalenka Krishna Prasad. The film, a family entertainer featuring Priyadarshi in a comedic yet nuanced role, has successfully completed its production phase. Producer Krishna Prasad has shared that the shooting took place across various locations, including Hyderabad, Ramoji Film City, and Vizag, over several schedules. He expressed his satisfaction with creating

a full-on comedy under his banner, Sridevi Movies. "I have always wanted to collaborate on a comedy with Jandhyala garu as the director. Finally, I am working with Indraganti on this project," said Krishna Prasad, who is known for producing acclaimed films such as 'Aditya 369,' 'Nani's Gentleman,' 'Sammohanam,' and 'Yashodha.' "Sarangapani Jathakam" promises to offer more than just laughs, addressing the complex theme of fatalism versus free will in a light-hearted manner.



## Akshay Kumar and Priyadarshan Reunite for Bhooth Bangla on Superstar's Birthday

The announcement of Kartik Aaryan headlining "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2" instead of Akshay Kumar left many fans and netizens divided. While some were eager to see Kartik take on the role of Rooh Baba, others were skeptical about whether he could replicate the magic of Akshay's performance in Priyadarshan's iconic 2007 horror comedy. Akshay Kumar's absence from the franchise was further confirmed when he announced he would not appear in a cameo for "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3."

However, on his 57th birthday, Akshay Kumar delighted his fans with an unexpected surprise. The superstar revealed that he is reuniting with director Priyadarshan for a new horror comedy after 14 years. The new film, titled "Bhooth Bangla," promises to bring back the much-loved collaboration between the actor and director.

Akshay shared the exciting news on social media, along with the film's first look. The motion poster features Akshay sipping milk from a bowl while a black cat sits on his shoulder, set against the eerie silhouette of a spooky mansion in the background. In his post, Akshay expressed his gratitude for the birthday wishes and shared his enthusiasm about working with Priyadarshan once again. He wrote, "Thank you for your love on my birthday, year after year! Celebrating this year with the first look of 'Bhooth Bangla!' I'm beyond excited to join forces with Priyadarshan again after 14 years."

## Rohit Shetty Adds Dramatic Climax Scenes to Singham Again



Filmmaker Rohit Shetty is enhancing the climax of his highly anticipated film "Singham Again" with additional scenes that include a dramatic play setup and characters dressed as demons. According to a recent Mid-day report, Shetty is focusing on ensuring the film's climax meets fan expectations.

The report reveals that Rohit Shetty is currently shooting these grand scenes at the Golden Tobacco factory in Vile Parle. The additional sequences feature a play-like stage setup with numerous characters dressed as rakshasas, adding a folk-based twist to the film's final moments. The centerpiece of this climax will be an elaborate performance set on a large stage.

As post-production on the Diwali release progresses, Ajay Devgn, who stars as Bajirao Singham, is expected to join the shoot in the coming days.