



Weather Forecast

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KCR Should Respond to Kaushik Reddy's Comments About "Those Who Came to Live"

+ "Born in Telangana, will outsiders challenge me?" asks Kaushik Reddy.

+ We need the votes of those who come to live here, but shouldn't we give them tickets?

+ CM Said they have given the post of PAC to the opposition.

+ Why was Akbaruddin Owaisi given the PAC post while Congress was in opposition?

TPN, Telangana: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy questioned the remarks made by BRS MLA Kaushik Reddy, who stated, "We need the votes of those who come to live here, but should we not give them tickets?" Revanth Reddy demanded that KCR respond to these comments. Kaushik Reddy, addressing Arikepudi Gandhi, had also remarked, "I was born on the soil of Telangana, and if someone comes from elsewhere and sits on our land to challenge us, should we just sit and watch?"

Revanth Reddy emphasized that he had given the post of PAC (Public Accounts Committee) to the opposition. He questioned why the speaker announced the number of BRS members on the

last day of the assembly session, yet the party did not object. He also highlighted that Akbaruddin Owaisi has held the position of PAC chairman since 2019 and demanded to know how Owaisi was given this role while Congress was in opposition.

Condolences on the Death of Sitaram Yechury

CM Revanth Reddy expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Sitaram Yechury, noting that his struggles will always serve as an inspiration. He described Yechury's death as an irreparable loss to the country's political landscape and recalled his active involvement in politics for four decades.



Communist Legend Sitaram Yechury Passes Away at 72



TPN, New Delhi: Veteran left-wing leader and CPM National General Secretary Sitaram Yechury (72) passed away today. He had been suffering from respiratory issues for some time and breathed his last while undergoing treatment at AIIMS in Delhi.

Sitaram Yechury was admitted to AIIMS on August 19 due to a respiratory infection. His condition had worsened over the past few days, and AIIMS doctors were treating him with the aid of a ventilator.

Born on August 12, 1952, in Chennai, Sitaram Yechury's parents, Kalpakam and Sarveshwara Somayazulu, hailed from Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. Yechury grew up in Chennai and Hyderabad before pursuing his BA in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

Yechury was an active participant in the 1969 Telangana movement, representing it on the Delhi platform. He joined the Student Federation of India (SFI) in 1974 and became a member of the CPI (Marxist) party the following year. He was a student at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) during the Emergency in 1975 and was arrested for his activism at that time.

Regarding his personal life, Sitaram Yechury was first married to Indrani Mazumdar, the daughter of eminent educationist, left-wing activist, and feminist Veena Mazumdar. Later, he married renowned journalist Seema Chisti. Yechury has three children; his daughter is a professor at the University of Edinburgh, one son is a journalist, and the details of the other son are not widely known. Additionally, Mohan Kanda, the former Chief Secretary of united Andhra Pradesh, is Yechury's uncle.



TPN, Telangana: "What does it mean for a broker to come and hoist the BRS flag at the home of a senior legislator? How many days has it been since he joined the BRS party? If someone who has worked as a broker from Hyderabad to Delhi challenges me, am I incapable as a senior MLA?" said MLA Arikepudi Gandhi in response to Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy.

If a Broker Challenges Me...

Yesterday, BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy challenged MLA Arikepudi Gandhi, who defected from the party and was given the post of PAC chairman, stating that he would go to Gandhi's house and wear the party scarf. In response, a heavy police presence was deployed at Arikepudi's residence. Precautionary measures were also taken at Kaushik Reddy's house, with police placing him under house arrest. In response to Kaushik Reddy's challenge, Arikepudi reacted strongly, stating that

if Reddy didn't come to his house at 10 a.m., he would visit Reddy's house at 12 p.m. He reminded everyone that he had won as an MLA from the BRS party and acknowledged the ongoing war of words between him and Kaushik Reddy.

When asked by the media if he had joined the Congress party, Arikepudi Gandhi clarified that the Speaker had clearly stated the current composition of the Assembly, with 65 Congress, 38 BRS, 8 BJP, 7 Guru Majlis, and 1 Communist MLA. He em-

phasized that it is natural for opposition parties to meet the Chief Minister regarding the development of constituencies.

Arikepudi reiterated that he has no differences with KCR and that KCR had always given him priority and respect. However, he pointed out the presence of certain "brokers" in the party and urged people to observe their behavior. He added that he will abide by the Speaker's decision on the issue of disqualification and will respect the court's judgment.

Is this democracy? Is this public governance? Is this Indiramma's Rajyam?

TPN, Telangana: BRS Siddipet MLA and former minister Harish Rao expressed his fury over the attack on his party's MLA, Padi Kaushik Reddy, which he claimed was instigated by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He strongly condemned the attack, tweeting his sentiments on the platform X. He questioned, "Is this democracy? Is this public governance? Is this Indiramma's kingdom?"



Harish Rao expressed outrage at the Congress party's actions, accusing them of orchestrating the attack after absorbing BRS MLAs into their party. He condemned the Congress party's "seditious, unruly, and undemocratic attitude." Harish Rao also demanded an apology from CM Revanth Reddy, holding him responsible for the attack on MLA Kaushik Reddy.

Kaushik Reddy was attacked with stones, eggs, and tomatoes at Gandhi Mandi Marbalam, which Harish Rao described

as a "heinous act." He emphasized that the attack appeared to be premeditated, criticizing the government and police for failing to prevent it, despite prior warnings during a press meet that the attackers would target Kaushik Reddy's house with their followers.

Harish Rao called for the government to take responsibility for the attack, which took place in broad daylight. He demanded the immediate arrest of Gandhi and his followers, and urged the authorities to provide full security to MLA Kaushik Reddy.

Assassination Attempt on Me, No Question of Giving Up: Kaushik Reddy

TPN, Telangana: Huzurabad BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy warned that every action has a reaction, and there is no question of backing down. He made sensational claims, stating that there was an assassination attempt on him today. Tension escalated when Arikepudi Gandhi and his followers gathered in front of Kaushik Reddy's house. Gandhi was later arrested by the police. Afterward, Kaushik Reddy addressed the media.

Kaushik Reddy called on KCR fans and BRS workers to protest at Arikepudi Gandhi's house tomorrow at 11 am. He declared that he is not someone who fears attacks and flees from danger.

He accused Congress goons of attempting to kill him, stating that the windows of his house were smashed and eggs and tomatoes were brought as part of a premeditated plan. He said, "If they try to kill us, we will respond accordingly." He questioned the



rationale behind attacking with goons, adding, "If they are ready to be welcomed with aartis, why are they attacking us with stones?"

Reddy further criticized the government's inability to protect even an MLA, questioning how it can safeguard common citizens. "Revanth Reddy, is this what democracy means?" he asked.

He issued a warning, stating that BRS will return to power in five

years and then they will see the fate of those who have switched parties. He confidently asserted that KCR will once again become CM, and by then, they will take Bharat as well. He added that the opposition leaders will be shown the reality in four years when the tables turn.

Referring to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Kaushik Reddy questioned how nominations were secretly given to Gandhi, recalling that when BRS was in power, the PAC was handed to the opposition.

He also criticized Arikepudi Gandhi, reminding him of his own statements. Kaushik Reddy drew parallels to Mainampally Hanmantha Rao, who insulted KTR during a meeting in Alwal and lost by 50,000 votes. He predicted the same fate for Gandhi in his constituency, promising that BRS, under KCR's leadership, will prove their strength in the by-elections.



Relief for Telangana Government from High Court



TPN, Telangana: The Telangana government has received relief from the High Court concerning its electricity procurement process. The court has issued a stay order on the suspension of Telangana DISCOMS' participation in electricity bids. This action follows a complaint by the Power Grid Corporation, which reported an outstanding payment of Rs. 261 crores for electricity purchases in Chhattisgarh.

Since this morning, power exchanges had barred Telangana DISCOMS from participating in new electricity procurement bids. This restriction was imposed by the National Load Dispatch Center based on the Power Grid Corporation's complaint, raising concerns about the state's ability to procure power effectively.

In response, the Telangana government filed a lunch motion petition with the High Court, seeking immediate intervention. This legal step was essential as the suspension of bidding rights was disrupting the state's power procurement process and potentially affecting electricity supply.

The High Court's stay order temporarily reverses the restriction, allowing Telangana DISCOMS to resume participation in the bidding process. This development offers immediate relief to the state government, helping to ensure that there are no further interruptions in acquiring necessary power.

Telangana Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy Meets AP CM Chandrababu

TPN, Vijayawada: Telangana Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy met Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu today in a cordial meeting. Uttam Kumar Reddy arrived in the AP capital, Amaravati, and was warmly welcomed by Chandrababu Naidu. The two leaders discussed various issues during the meeting.

Uttam Kumar Reddy commented on the meeting, stating that he, along with his wife, Kodada MLA Padmavathi, had a friendly and polite discussion with Chandrababu. He revealed that he congratulated Chandrababu Naidu on his recent victory in the AP assembly elections and for becoming the Chief Minister for the fourth time.



Telangana to Launch Rs 100 Crore MSME Policy for Aerospace and Defence Sectors

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana government will launch a dedicated MSME policy on September 18, 2024, featuring a Rs 100 crore fund aimed at improving technology and manufacturing capabilities for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), particularly in the aerospace and defence sectors.

Jayesh Ranjan, the Special Chief Secretary for IT and Industries, stated that the policy was designed with insights from the state's well-established defence and aerospace industries, which face specific challenges. He expects that around 60-70% of the policy's beneficiaries will come from this sector.

At a defence and space conclave hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Telangana, it was revealed that Telangana would likely become the first state to offer financial support for technology upgrades to MSMEs.

Ranjan also highlighted that alongside financial assistance, the state government is prioritizing skill and talent development for these industries.

BJP Will Win Greater Hyderabad Polls and Secure Mayor Seat

TPN, Hyderabad: Former BJP Telangana president and Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar expressed strong confidence that the BJP will win the upcoming Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections, including the Mayor's seat. He indicated that this anticipated victory would propel the party's momentum heading into the next Assembly elections.

Kumar stated that public sentiment has shifted against the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), and dissatisfaction with the Congress government is growing. He also mentioned the possibility of an alliance between the Congress, BRS, and AIMIM for the elections but remained optimistic about the BJP's prospects.

During a membership drive launch in Rangareddy district, Kumar criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for previously threatening action against former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), alleging that Reddy has since backed down due to KCR's connections with Congress leaders in Delhi. Kumar argued that if the BJP were in power, it would have taken punitive measures against KCR and questioned KCR's silence on issues faced by citizens during recent heavy rains in Khammam and Mahabubnagar districts.

Panchayat Secretary Arrested for Accepting Bribe in Nizamabad

TPN, Hyderabad: Esapalli Naveen Kumar, a Panchayat secretary in Nandipet mandal, Nizamabad district, was arrested by the Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday, September 12. He was caught red-handed accepting a bribe of Rs 8,000 from a complainant.

Naveen Kumar allegedly demanded the bribe to upload a citizen's new house number online, prompting the complaint to the ACB.

ACB officials conducted a chemical test that confirmed the presence of the bribe money. Naveen Kumar has since been produced before the Special Purpose Entity (SPE) and ACB court in Hyderabad.



Complaint to National Human Rights Council on Hydra Demolitions

- + They are demolishing without showing an alternative
- + Lime pond victims complain at NHRC
- + Feeling that it was demolished without prior notice

TPN, Telangana: The victims of recent demolitions by Hydra in Madapur have lodged a complaint with the National Human Rights Council (NHRC) in Delhi. They argue that demolishing their homes without providing alternative housing violates their constitutional right to life.

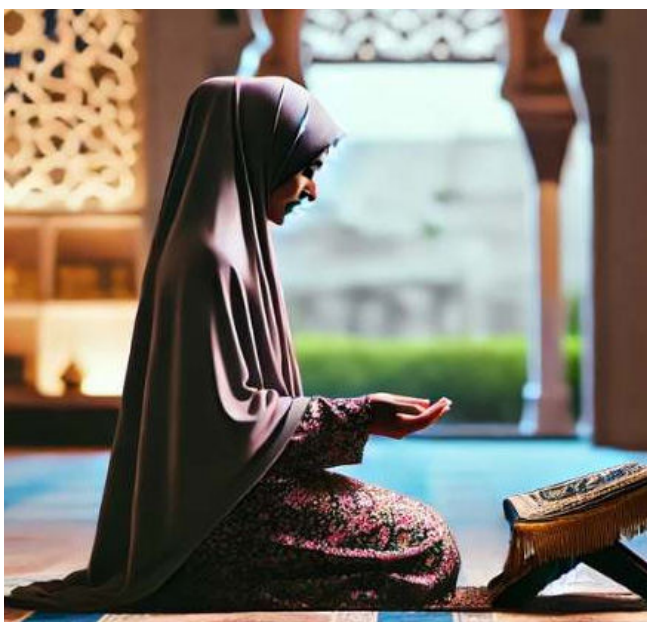
In Hyderabad, residents of Sunnam Cheru and Madapur Sarojinainaidu Nagar, who have been living in huts for 15 years, have expressed their grievances. Many of these individuals are from various parts of Telangana, who had moved to the city seeking better livelihoods.

On September 8, Hydra officials, accompanied by police, carried out the demolitions without giving prior notice. The victims claim they were not given sufficient time to remove their belongings, including essentials and children's books. Additionally, some residents have

been charged with obstructing official duties.

The NHRC complaint demands compensation for those affected by the demolitions, arrangements for their rehabilitation, and the withdrawal of the police cases against the victims.

Telangana HC Upholds Women's Right to Offer Prayers at Mosque



TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has affirmed the right of Muslim women to offer prayers at a mosque. The decision came after the Anjuman E Alavi Shia Imamia Ithna Ashari Akbari filed a petition challenging the exclusion of women from their mosque.

The ruling was delivered by a two-judge panel consisting of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J. Sreenivas Rao. The court addressed a writ appeal filed by the Mutawalli Committee of Ibadat Khana E Hussaini.

The court not only upheld the right of Muslim women to pray at the mosque but also directed the relevant authorities to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate their access.

The case began when the Anjuman E Alavi Shia Imamia Ithna Ashari Akbari approached the court, contesting the decision of the Mutawalli Committee to prevent women from the Akbari sect from entering the mosque for prayers. A single-judge bench initially ruled in favor of allowing women access, but this decision was subsequently challenged through a writ appeal.

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TENSIONS RISE AS POLICE ARREST BRS LEADERS

TPN, Telangana: In a dramatic turn of events, tensions escalated when MLA Arikepudi Gandhi reportedly attacked fellow MLA Kaushik Reddy. This incident follows a series of complaints lodged by former ministers Harish Rao, Vemula Prashant Reddy, and Sabita Indra Reddy against Congress supporters, sparking a political standoff. Several MLAs, MLCs, and leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) were involved, further intensifying the situation.

In response, former minister Harish Rao called upon 10,000 Telangana supporters to gather at the Cyberabad Commissionerate by nightfall, leading to a significant gathering of party workers. Amidst the chaos, the police arrested several BRS leaders, forcibly placing them in vehicles.

During the confrontation, Harish Rao sustained a severe hand injury. The po-



lice have been transporting the detained BRS leaders to various undisclosed locations in two separate vehicles, while Harish Rao's vehicle was reportedly diverted towards Srisailem Road.

The situation remains tense, with political leaders and their supporters calling for action and seeking justice.

How Many Lives Should Be Sacrificed for the CM's Betrayal?

- **Uncertainty looms as farmers lose their lives due to the lack of loan waivers and farmer assistance.**
- **Farmer loan waiver and Rythu Bharosa are said to be empty promises.**
- **What should be done with a CM who broke his promise of a Rs. 2 lakh loan waiver? asks KTR.**



TPN, Telangana: BRS Working President KTR questioned how many more farmers must sacrifice their lives due to what he called the betrayal of CM Revanth Reddy. He expressed concern over the ongoing issue of unfulfilled loan waivers and the lack of investment assurance for farmers. KTR alleged that while farmers are taking their own lives, the Congress government remains inactive. He took to X (formerly Twitter) to voice his criticism, accusing the Congress government of failing the farming community, while contrasting it with KCR's approach of empowering farmers.

KTR pointed out the recent tragedy of farmer Surender Reddy, who committed suicide outside the agriculture office in Medchal after repeatedly seeking loan relief from banks and government offices. Surender Reddy reportedly took his own life after his and his mother's loans were not waived, which KTR described as a direct result of the Congress government's unfulfilled promises.

Another farmer, Rythu Sagar Reddy, was reported to have taken his life by consuming pesticides in Jagityal, with neither his nor his wife's loans being waived. KTR revealed that Sagar Reddy had loans of several lakhs in his name and Rs. 60,000 in his wife's name, none of which were forgiven, leading him to despair.

KTR asked, "How many more farmers need to sacrifice their lives for the Chief Minister's betrayal?" He questioned the CM's broken promise of a Rs. 2 lakh loan waiver for all farmers and expressed frustration that the December deadline for implementation had still not been met after September.

He demanded that the government apologize to farmers for failing to deliver even a fraction of the promised Rs. 49,500 crores in loan waivers. KTR asked, "How many more farmer suicides will it take for this government to wake up?"

He urged CM Revanth Reddy to pay attention to the state's crisis instead of focusing on Delhi tours, and he appealed to farmers to remain strong and not resort to suicide.

TPCC Chief Makes Bold Comments on By-Elections in Telangana



TPN, Telangana: TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud has addressed the speculation about upcoming by-elections in Telangana. He firmly stated that there is no current prospect for by-elections in the state. Goud confidently asserted that if any by-elections do occur, they will favor the Congress party.

On Thursday, Mahesh Kumar Goud met with AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi. Following the meeting, Goud informed the media that he had sought blessings from Kharge, a seasoned leader with 60 years of political experience. Kharge advised focusing on strengthening the Congress party by including all communities.

Goud expressed confidence that Congress, supported by both workers and senior leaders, would win more seats in the next election and form the government once again. He emphasized their commitment to working towards making Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister.

Regarding cabinet expansion, Goud mentioned that discussions with the Chief Minister and AICC leaders are ongoing, and decisions will be made in due course. He noted that existing committees will remain functional until new ones are formed and that he will consult with the leadership on the new working group after taking charge. He concluded by affirming that the Congress party is working in coordination, reflecting the trust and power granted by the people.

Telangana Govt Forms Six-Member Committee on SC Classification

TPN, Telangana: In response to the recent Supreme Court verdict on the classification of Scheduled Castes (SC), the Telangana government has formed a six-member committee to examine the issue in detail. The committee, chaired by Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, includes co-chairman Minister Damodara Rajanarsimha and members Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Ponnam Prabhakar, Seethakka, and Member of Parliament Mallu Ravi.

The committee's mandate is to thoroughly study the Supreme Court's ruling on SC classification and submit a comprehensive report to the state government. The findings are expected to address all aspects of the issue, providing recommendations on how the state should proceed in light of the verdict.

KTR Questions Amit Shah's Push for Increased Hindi Acceptance

KT Rama Rao, the BRS working president, has challenged Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent push for greater acceptance of Hindi. On Thursday, Rama Rao took to X to question the rationale behind prioritizing Hindi over other regional languages. "Why exactly do we need increased Hindi acceptance, Amit Shah Ji? Why not promote Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Bengali, Marathi, Oriya, Gujarati, and others?" he asked.

Rama Rao emphasized the importance of celebrating and preserving India's linguistic diversity. He argued that India's strength lies in its wide range of languages and warned that promoting one language at the expense of others could lead to language chauvinism, which he believes would be detrimental to the country.

He reminded that Hindi is just one of India's 22 official languages and should not be promoted at the expense of others. Rama Rao's remarks highlight the need for a balanced approach to language promotion, respecting and encouraging the use of all regional languages in India.

Congress Women Protest at Telangana Bhavan Against Kaushik Reddy

TPN, Hyderabad: At Telangana Bhavan, Congress party women staged a significant protest, with a heavy police presence in place. The demonstration was aimed at condemning MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy.

The situation at Telangana Bhavan was tense as the Congress women expressed their grievances. They demanded that Kaushik Reddy immediately issue a public apology. Congress women leaders criticized Reddy, stating that he had used inappropriate language towards women and should be held accountable for his actions.

The protest included the display of flex banners denouncing Kaushik Reddy, and Congress women burned his photographs as part of their demonstration. They called for prompt action against Reddy and emphasized that he should apologize publicly, comparing his situation to that of KTR (K.T. Rama Rao), implying that no one is exempt from accountability.

Telangana BJP president will be appointed after the membership drive

TPN, Hyderabad: Amid speculations about a change in the Telangana BJP leadership, Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender has clarified that a new state president will be appointed once the party's membership drive is completed and local committees are formed.

Rajender, considered a frontrunner for the position currently held by Union minister G Kishan Reddy, said the decision will be made by the BJP's central leadership in New Delhi.

Rajender joined the BJP in 2021 after resigning from the TRS (now BRS) when he was removed from the Cabinet following allegations of land encroachment. He also quit as MLA from Huzurabad and won the by-election the same year.

If appointed state chief, Rajender will replace Kishan Reddy, who has been in the role since July last year. Reddy was given the additional responsibility after Bandi Sanjay was removed due to internal dissidence. The BJP increased its seats in the Telangana Assembly from one to eight under Reddy's leadership, and its vote share rose to 35% in the Lok Sabha elections.

Rajender, known for his organisational skills and a leader from the Backward Classes, is seen as a strong candidate to lead the party into the next Assembly elections.

Rahul Gandhi Should Leave the Country: Bandi Sanjay

TPN, Telangana: Union Minister of State Bandi Sanjay has demanded that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi leave the country, accusing Congress of being an "Italian party." Bandi Sanjay made these remarks while participating in a membership registration program in Ramgopalpet, Hyderabad today.

He claimed that BRS and Congress MLAs have started a new drama to divert attention from Rahul Gandhi's controversial comments. Sanjay alleged that Rahul Gandhi's statements are being supported by seditious and anti-social forces, questioning the motive behind this support. He even raised the question of whether Rahul Gandhi has any connections with terrorist organizations.

Bandi Sanjay further criticized the Congress government in Telangana, accus-



ing it of failing to fulfill its promises. He claimed that Congress is using distractions, such as the "Hydra" narrative, to shift focus from the unfulfilled "six guarantees." Additionally, he criticized

the Hydra initiative for its treatment of the poor and called for action against officials and government bodies that permitted questionable constructions.

TSRTC MD VC Sajjanar Raises Alarm Over Cybercrimes Involving Fake Kidnapping Threats



TPN Hyderabad : VC Sajjanar, Managing Director of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) and a senior IPS officer, has expressed serious concerns about a surge in cybercrimes involving fake kidnapping threats. In a recent post on his 'X' account, Sajjanar highlighted a disturbing trend where cybercriminals use WhatsApp calls to impersonate police officers and deceive parents by falsely claiming their daughters have been kidnapped.

Sajjanar detailed a recent case in Raidurgam, Hyderabad, where criminals called a student's parents from an international number. The caller, pretending to be a police officer, falsely stated that their daughter had been abducted while on her way to college. To enhance the threat's credibility, the scammers played a recording of a girl crying during the call.

The criminals demanded ransom through online payment, threatening to harm the girl if their demands were not met. Sajjanar has urged parents to remain vigilant and cautious in response to these deceptive and threatening tactics.

Job Mela to be Held Near Charminar on September 14



TPN Hyderabad : A Job Mela, titled Old City Job Mela 2024, will be organized at Gulzar Function Hall in Charminar on September 14, from 7 AM to 1 PM.

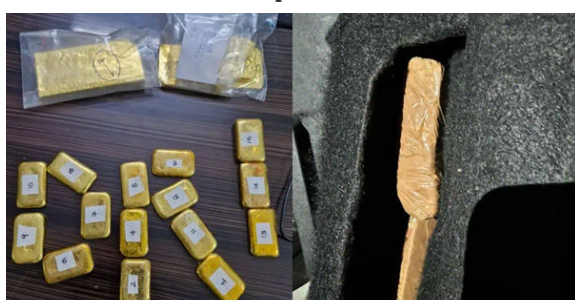
The event, organized by Mannan Khan and supported by Jani Miya & Co, invites job seekers who have completed their 10th grade, any degree, or those who are freshers or experienced candidates. Work-from-home job options will also be available.

Over 70 companies are expected to participate in the job fair, with on-the-spot offer letters provided to selected candidates.

Job seekers are requested to bring 10 copies of their CV. There is no entry fee to attend the mela. Interested candidates can walk in for interviews directly. For more details, please contact 8374315052.

DRI Seizes 4 kg of Gold in Hyderabad Smuggling Bust, Two Arrested

TPN Hyderabad : DRI (Directorate of Revenue Intelligence) officials recently seized approximately 4 kg of gold, valued around ₹3 crores, in a significant smuggling bust. The gold was being transported from Kolkata to Hyderabad by a gang. The officials discovered the gold hidden in a secret compartment located on the left side of the driver's seat in the vehicle. Two individuals involved in this illegal operation were arrested during the raid. The DRI is continuing its investigation into the smuggling network to uncover further details and additional participants. This operation highlights the ongoing efforts of the DRI to combat illegal smuggling activities and disrupt criminal networks involved in such operations.



Liquor Outlets to Be Closed on Ganesh Chaturthi in Hyderabad and Secunderabad

TPN Hyderabad : In preparation for the final Ganesh idol immersions, the Hyderabad city police have issued a notice instructing all liquor outlets, bars, clubs, and restaurants to cease the sale and service of alcohol from September 17, 6 a.m., to September 18, 6 p.m. The notice warns that selling or serving liquor during this period will result in legal action.

Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand stated, "To ensure public peace and tranquility, all wine shops, toddy shops, and bars, including those attached to restaurants, within Hyderabad and Secunderabad will remain closed during the final immersion of Ganesh idols."

Recently, BJP Goshamahahal MLA T. Raja Singh requested the city police commissioner to address issues related to the consumption of alcohol and harassment during Ganesh immersion processions. Singh reported incidents of individuals consuming liquor openly on trucks and throwing water packets at the public, particularly targeting women. He expressed concern that such behavior undermines the sanctity of the festival and disrupts its spiritual significance.



Pahelwan Ganesh Pandal Celebrates 45 Years in Begum Bazar



TPN Hyderabad : The iconic Pahelwan Ganesh pandal in Begum Bazar, established by three-time Andhra Kesari Pahelwan (wrestler) Santosh Yadav, completed 45 years on Wednesday. The pandal, standing at 26 feet, features Pahelwan Ganesh holding Goddess Lakshmi and Saraswati, attracting devotees from all over the city.

Santosh Yadav started the Pahelwan Ganesh concept to inspire youth to take up traditional wrestling and lead a disciplined life. The pandal has become a significant part of the city's Ganesh festivities, and the upcoming immersion procession is expected to attract a large number of young participants.

Santosh Yadav, the organizer of Jai Sri Krishna Yadav Mandal, shared that the Pahelwan Ganesh idol symbolizes strength and is meant to inspire fitness and a positive lifestyle among the youth. He emphasized the importance of traditional wrestling and honoring Balaram, Sri Krishna's brother, who taught this sport in Mahabharat.

Artisans Vicky and Vinnu Kalakar from Dhoolpet crafted the idol over a month. Devotees like Dithi and Oorja Mishra highlighted the importance of the pandal in promoting physical and mental fitness, encouraging youth, especially girls, to participate in the immersion and embrace a healthy lifestyle.

Avish Yadav, a mandal member, noted that youth from across the city join the event, making it a symbol of fitness and discipline.

Bengaluru Police Files Chargesheet Against Telugu Actress Hema

TPN Hyderabad : The Bengaluru police have filed a chargesheet against actress Hema, who tested positive for drugs following a raid by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) at a farmhouse near Electronics City on May 15. Hema, along with 88 others, has been named in the chargesheet.

The forensic science laboratory confirmed the presence of MDMA in Hema's system. The party, held at GR Farms in Singena Agrahara, was organized by Vasu L, who is also named in the chargesheet. It was a birthday celebration and the anniversary of his event management company.

Following the raid, Hema denied attending the party. In a video, she claimed she was in Hyderabad at the time and expressed frustration, stating, "All your news is wrong. I have been brought here just now. They have collected samples of my hair, nails, urine, and blood. It is not known whether the report will be positive or negative. Whatever is being shown against me is wrong. This is the work you do."

Despite her claims, the police confirmed her presence at the farmhouse. Hema, along with 78



others, has been charged under Section 27(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. She was arrested but is currently out on conditional bail.

The police also seized MDMA pills, crystals, 6 grams of hydro cannabis, 5 grams of cocaine, a Rs 500 note laced with cocaine, 6 kilograms of hydro ganja, 5 mobile phones, 2 luxury cars, and DJ equipment.

Zomato Faces Pressure for Compensation After Delivery Boy's Fatal Accident

TPN Hyderabad : A Zomato delivery boy, identified as Naresh, tragically lost his life in a road accident in Hyderabad on the night of August 31. Despite the incident occurring 10 days ago, the company has yet to provide any compensation to Naresh's family.

The Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union has called on Zomato to urgently pay compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Shaik Salauddin, the union's founder president, expressed frustration over the lack of response from Zomato and growing outrage on social media. He has warned that if the demand is not addressed promptly, gig workers might resort to a strike.

In response to the situation, Additional Commissioner of Labour Gangadhar has requested the submission of proper documentation to process a Rs 5 lakh compensation for Naresh's family. This compensation is being facilitated by the government.

This incident highlights ongoing concerns about the safety and compensation of gig workers. Previously, a Swiggy delivery boy died after a fall while trying to evade a customer's pet dog, and the government had provided Rs 2 lakh as compensation following union intervention.

The outcome of Zomato's response to this latest case will be closely watched, as it reflects on the company's commitment to the welfare of its delivery personnel.

Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam to be Celebrated in Hyderabad on September 17

The Telangana state government is preparing to hold the 'Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam' on September 17, an event previously known as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day' and 'National Integration Day.' Telangana Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari, during a review meeting held on September 12, discussed the arrangements for the event, which commemorates the historical annexation of the Hyderabad state to India in 1948 through Operation Polo.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will hoist the national flag at Public Gardens, Nampally, and pay tribute to the martyrs at the Telangana Martyr's Memorial (Amaraveerula Stupam) at Gun Park, Hyderabad, on the day. Santhi Kumari directed various government departments to coordinate efforts for the smooth organization of the event.

In addition to flag hoisting and tributes, several key government buildings, including Raj Bhavan, the Secretariat, the Assembly, and the High Court, will be illuminated to mark the occasion. Municipal authorities have been tasked with ensuring the cleanliness and decoration of the venues, while the energy and water departments were directed to maintain uninterrupted power and water supplies. The police have been assigned traffic duties and security arrangements, while the fire and safety department will station response vehicles at various locations.

The Evolution of September 17

Historically, the day marks the end of the Nizam's rule in Hyderabad and its



integration into India through a military offensive known as Operation Polo, also referred to as Police Action. The event has been a topic of political discourse, especially after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) began observing it as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day,' emphasizing the military operation as a decisive victory for the Indian state.

However, Telangana's previous government under the Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS) referred to it as 'National Integration Day,' highlighting the integration of Hyderabad into the

Indian Union. The day has gained further political importance in recent years, with the BJP pushing for its recognition in Telangana's political narrative.

Historical Context of Operation Polo

Operation Polo, carried out by the Indian Army between September 13 and 17, 1948, resulted in the annexation of the princely state of Hyderabad, which included Telangana and parts of present-day Maharashtra and Karnataka. The operation followed the breakdown of negotiations between

the Indian government and the Nizam of Hyderabad, Osman Ali Khan, after India's independence in 1947.

While the operation successfully brought Hyderabad into the Indian Union, the aftermath remains a painful chapter for many, particularly for the region's Muslim community. Thousands of Muslims were killed in communal violence following the annexation, as documented by the Sunderlal Committee, which was established by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to investigate the atrocities.

Political Significance in Telangana

After Telangana's formation as a separate state in 2014, the anniversary of Hyderabad's integration became a politically charged issue. The BJP has long pushed for the day to be celebrated as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day,' while the BRS, sensitive to the historical nuances and the pain associated with the post-annexation violence, chose to frame it as 'National Integration Day.'

This year, the event will be held under the banner of 'Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam,' as part of the state government's efforts to focus on unity and governance. The day serves as a reminder of Telangana's complex history, one shaped by the forces of feudalism, rebellion, and integration into modern India.

While the event is a day of celebration for many, it also sparks reflection on the region's political history, including the role of the Communist Party of India (CPI) during the Telangana Armed Rebellion. The CPI had led a peasant uprising against feudal landlords, and the Indian Army remained in Telangana until 1951 to quell the communist resistance. The armed struggle ultimately ended after the CPI agreed to contest the first general elections in 1951.

With the BJP-run central government marking the day as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day' last year and the CPI(M) also acknowledging the historical events, the legacy of September 17 continues to be a subject of political debate in Telangana.

Telangana State to Conduct Mega Caste Census; Exercise Begins

In a significant move, the Telangana government has initiated preparations for a mega caste census across the state. The newly formed four-member Backward Classes (BC) Commission, led by G. Niranjan, wasted no time and commenced the groundwork for the extensive census soon after taking charge. The commission has planned a rapid tour across Telangana to expedite the process, aiming to complete it as swiftly as possible.

This development comes after the widely discussed ****Samagra Kutumba Survey (SKS)****, conducted in 2014 under the leadership of former Chief Minister and Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS) leader K. Chandrasekhar Rao, was declared obsolete. Sources reveal that the SKS report, which cost the government Rs 33.94 crore to execute, became irrelevant as it was not implemented within the mandated three months. The survey, conducted on a single day—August 19, 2014—had garnered immense public attention, as citizens were instructed to stay home to participate and secure their eligibility for various government benefits.

Many people, including some residing abroad, rushed back to their native places to ensure they did not miss the survey, one of the most high-profile exercises in the state's history. Approximately 4 lakh government employees, including police personnel, were deployed to collect household data. While the SKS report concluded that Backward Classes (BCs) constituted 51% of the state's population, it was never made public due to legal challenges. However, KCR's government used the survey's findings to formulate policies and allocate welfare schemes to BCs, SCs, STs, and other marginalized communities. The report also played a significant role in the political strategies of the BRS.

Fresh Census to Replace SKS

With the SKS report rendered ineffective, the Telangana government is pushing forward with a new, comprehensive caste census. The survey aims to assess the socio-economic status, educational needs, and employment opportunities of various communities, including Backward Classes (BCs), Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and other weaker sections. This initiative is expected to have far-reaching



implications for resource distribution, welfare schemes, and political decisions in the state.

The newly announced census follows Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's consistent advocacy for caste censuses across India, particularly in Congress-ruled states. Telangana Congress chief A. Revanth Reddy took this opportunity to support the initiative and promised that the caste census would be carried out in Telangana.

Recently, the Telangana State Assembly unanimously passed a resolution calling for a comprehensive household caste survey to ensure equitable opportunities for marginalized communities. The resolution was moved by Backward Classes Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar and adopted after thorough debate. "This is an unforgettable day for the weaker sections," Prabhakar remarked, adding that while caste censuses traditionally fall under the jurisdiction of the central government, Telangana is taking the lead to address the specific needs of its population.

The census also aligns with the Telangana cabinet's earlier decision, made on February 4, to conduct a state-wide caste enumeration survey. This comprehensive exercise aims to ensure justice and fairness in the allocation of government resources and opportunities for SCs, STs, BCs, and other vulnerable communities.

High Court Mandate for BC Census

Adding legal weight to the caste census initiative, the Telangana High Court has directed the state government to conduct a BC caste census within three months and present the findings in court. This directive follows a writ petition filed by Backward Classes Welfare Association President Satyanarayana, who has been advocating for accurate data to address the needs of BC communities in Telangana.

Lessons from Bihar and Andhra Pradesh

Telangana is not the first state to embark on a caste census. Bihar was the pioneer in in-

dependent India, successfully completing a caste-based survey that found Other Backward Classes (OBCs) comprised 63.13% of the state's population, followed by Scheduled Castes at 19.65%, Scheduled Tribes at 1.68%, and upper castes at 15.52%. Bihar's caste census has had a profound impact, leading to increased reservations for OBCs in government jobs and education. However, the survey also faced legal challenges, with cases filed in the Supreme Court.

Following Bihar's lead, the Andhra Pradesh government began a similar exercise on January 19, aiming to create a detailed database of individuals across various castes. This initiative is intended to better allocate resources, adjust reservation quotas for SCs, STs, BCs, and minorities, and provide critical data for future political and welfare decisions.

Political and Social Implications

The Telangana caste census is expected to have significant political and social implications. It will provide a clearer picture of the population distribution among various castes and communities, allowing the government to design more targeted and effective welfare programs. The survey will also play a pivotal role in shaping the state's political landscape by providing data that can influence electoral strategies and policy decisions.

The demand for caste-based surveys reflects growing calls for social justice, as communities seek equitable representation in employment, education, and political spheres. As Telangana moves forward with this comprehensive census, it is set to become the third state in India, after Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, to hold such an extensive headcount, potentially setting a precedent for other states in the country.

Conclusion

The Telangana government's decision to conduct a mega caste census is a critical step toward addressing the needs of marginalized communities. With the support of political leaders and a directive from the High Court, the state is poised to implement a detailed survey that will impact welfare schemes, resource allocation, and political dynamics for years to come.

Air Taxis a Reality Soon? PM Modi Highlights India's Aviation Growth at Asia Pacific Conference

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday emphasized the immense growth potential of India's aviation sector, stating that air travel has become more inclusive and affordable, especially with the success of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme. Speaking at the second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation, attended by 300 representatives from 29 countries, the prime minister outlined the future of air travel and the steps being taken to make India a global aviation hub.

PM Modi highlighted that the civil aviation sector plays a key role in driving economic growth and creating jobs. He urged efforts to keep the skies open for all, ensuring that air travel remains accessible and affordable. He noted that the growing middle class is a significant force behind the sector's growth, as regional connectivity has brought air travel within reach for millions from smaller cities.

The prime minister underscored the success of the UDAN scheme, which has allowed 14 million people to fly, many for the first time. This has made air travel more inclusive, enabling the lower-middle class to experience flying. PM Modi further stated that the aim is to make air travel "safe, affordable, and accessible to all."

Addressing the gathering, he suggested



the creation of an international Buddhist circuit through air connectivity, a move that could benefit countries across Asia. He also called for a "network of opportunities" in the Asia Pacific region, which would drive economic growth, encourage innovation, and enhance peace and prosperity.

PM Modi noted the importance of innovation and sustainable growth in aviation and highlighted India's

achievements, such as women leading the aviation workforce, with 15% of Indian pilots being women, compared to the global average of 5%. He also pointed to the rising demand for advanced air mobility, saying, "The day is not far when travel by air taxi will be a reality."

The prime minister concluded by proclaiming the Delhi Declaration, aiming to shape the future of aviation in the region.

Prashant Kishor Demands Clarity from Rahul Gandhi on Reservation Issue

Prashant Kishor, leader of the Jan Suraj campaign, has sharply criticized Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, over what Kishor described as Gandhi's inconsistent statements on reservation policies. Kishor urged Gandhi to provide clear and consistent views on the reservation issue and broader social justice policies.

In a statement on Thursday, Kishor accused Gandhi of creating confusion with his shifting stance. "I suggest that Rahul Gandhi should clear up the confusion on the reservation issue," Kishor said. "His changing statements create uncertainty about his party's position on reservation and social justice."

The controversy stems from Gandhi's recent remarks during a talk at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he suggested that reservations might be "reconsidered" only when equal opportunities are guaranteed to everyone in India—a situation he believes is not currently the case. Kishor pointed out that Gandhi had previously advocated for increasing the 50 percent reservation



cap and emphasized the need for a caste census during the Lok Sabha election campaigns. "Now, he has gone to the US and withdrawn his own statement," Kishor remarked.

Kishor also criticized Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for his alliance with the

BJP, particularly on contentious issues such as the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC). Kishor accused Kumar of prioritizing political survival over the interests of the Muslim community, which largely opposes these laws. "I was expelled from JD-U for opposing the CAA and NRC. Nitish Kumar is more interested in maintaining his alliance with the BJP than taking a principled stand," Kishor claimed.

Furthermore, Kishor took issue with Muslim leaders within the JD-U for supporting a party backing laws like the CAA and NRC, which have caused significant discomfort within the Muslim community. "Nitish Kumar's alliance with the BJP, which passed the CAA and NRC, and the JD-U's symbolic gestures, do not address the real issues affecting the community," Kishor added.

The remarks underscore ongoing political tensions and highlight Kishor's concerns about the clarity and consistency of political leaders' positions on key issues affecting marginalized communities.

Mayawati Blames Akhilesh Yadav for 2019 Alliance Break-Up in New Booklet

In a new booklet circulated among Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) workers, party chief Mayawati has accused Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Akhilesh Yadav of sabotaging their 2019 electoral alliance. The booklet, which is part of BSP's effort to reconnect with its cadre following a series of electoral losses, claims that Yadav stopped taking Mayawati's calls after their alliance's poor performance in the general elections.

The 2019 Lok Sabha elections saw the BJP and its allies securing 64 out of 80 seats in Uttar Pradesh, while the BSP-SP alliance managed only 15 seats. In contrast, the Congress won just one seat. Mayawati's booklet alleges that Yadav's refusal to communicate led to the dissolution of the alliance, stating, "The SP-BSP pact was meant to prevent BJP's dominance. However, Yadav's disinterest after the disappointing results forced a decision to end the ties while maintaining dignity."

In response, Akhilesh Yadav criticized the booklet's claims. At a press conference in Lucknow, Yadav asserted that the breakdown of the alliance was unexpected and that he had tried to reach out to Mayawati to understand the situation. "During the breakdown, I was addressing a rally in Azamgarh with both SP and BSP members present. No one



knew the alliance was collapsing. I called Mayawati seeking an explanation," Yadav said, adding that such claims are often made to divert public attention.

The booklet was first distributed at the BSP's national executive meeting on August 27, where Mayawati was re-elected

as party chief for a sixth consecutive term. It also revisits the 1995 "guest house" incident, where Mayawati was attacked, and criticizes the then-SP leadership.

BSP's state chief Vishwanath Pal stated that the booklet aims to clarify the party's stance and policies to its supporters.

Nitin Gadkari Urges Devendra Fadnavis to Address Irrigation Backlog in Washim District



Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has raised concerns about the severe irrigation backlog in Maharashtra's Washim district, which has exacerbated the challenges faced by local farmers. In a letter dated September 9, Gadkari urged Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also oversees the Water Resources portfolio, to prioritize resolving the irrigation issues in Washim.

Gadkari highlighted the dire situation in his letter, stating that inadequate irrigation has made farming increasingly difficult in Washim, leading to a distressing number of farmer suicides. He emphasized that the state government needs to act urgently by preparing a technical report and approving the release of at least 200 million cubic meters of water from the Upper Painganga dam to alleviate the water scarcity in the district.

This letter marks Gadkari's second communication to Fadnavis on this issue, following his previous letter dated November 11, 2023. Washim, listed as an aspirational district, suffers from insufficient water availability due to its location on the watershed of the Tapi and Godavari basins. The district's reliance on rainfall for agriculture has been severely impacted by changing climate patterns, worsening the situation for farmers.

Gadkari pointed out that the Painganga River, adjacent to Washim, has abundant water downstream of the Upper Painganga dam. He suggested that since the government has already approved the pumping of 680 million cubic meters of water into the Upper Painganga dam from downstream sources, at least 200 million cubic meters of this water should be allocated to Washim. This measure, he said, could help address some of the district's pressing irrigation issues.

To facilitate this, Gadkari called for a comprehensive plan to construct reservoirs, embankments, and canals. Meanwhile, water rights activist Sachin Kulkarni proposed converting a Kolhapur-type embankment into an irrigation project and constructing mini-projects and ponds across all six talukas of Washim to meet the irrigation backlog and improve water availability.

Gadkari's appeal underscores the urgent need for effective water management strategies to support the agricultural sector and improve the livelihoods of farmers in Washim.

Mamata Banerjee Offers to Resign Amid Stand-Off with Doctors, Urges Return to Duty

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, amid an ongoing stand-off with protesting doctors, made an emotional offer to resign during a press conference on Thursday. Frustrated by the lack of progress in resolving the crisis, Banerjee expressed her willingness to step down from the post in "the interest of the people" if that would help ease the situation.

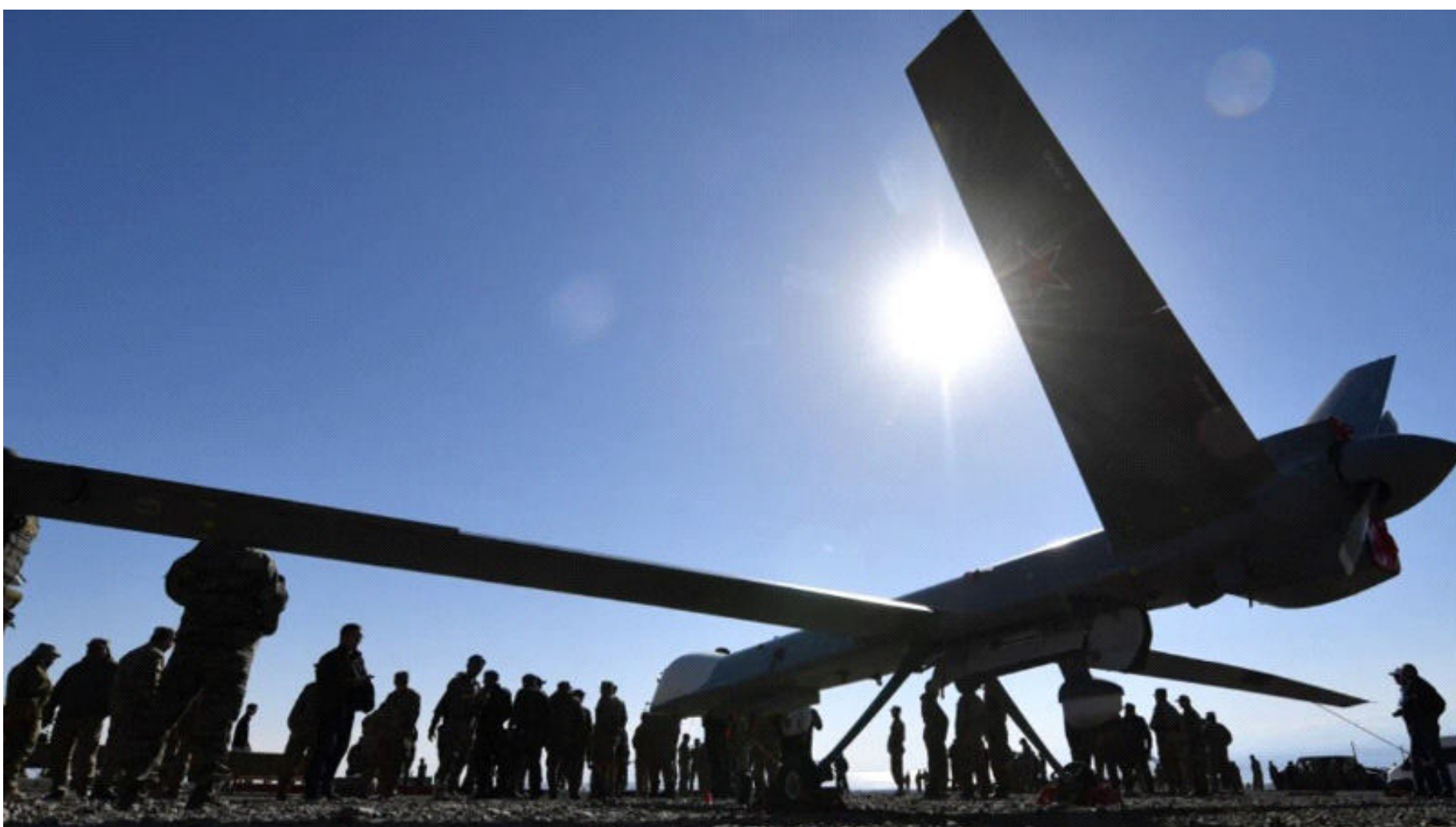
"I do not want the post of Chief Minister. I want justice for Tilotama, and I want common people to receive medical treatment," she said, referencing the ongoing protests triggered by the rape and murder of a junior doctor at RG Kar Medical College on August 9. The incident has sparked widespread anger among the medical community, leading to a month-long impasse with the state government.

Despite assurances from the government that no action would be taken against the protesting doctors, tensions remain high. Banerjee emphasized that the government is ready for dialogue and has already accepted most of the doctors' demands, including expanding the delegation from 15 to 33 members. However, the refusal to allow live transmission of the meeting proceedings, due to an ongoing Supreme Court case, became a sticking point. The doctors, who had arrived at the secretariat for a meeting, refused to enter without this condition being met.

The Chief Minister accused external political forces of influencing the doctors, suggesting that some individuals were giving instructions to avoid negotiations. "I know many in the delegation were interested in talks, but two or three people were giving instructions from outside. We could see that because it was recorded by the press," she claimed.

Banerjee apologized to the people of Bengal for the delay in resolving the crisis, urging doctors to return to work as patients across the state are suffering. She noted that at least 27 people have died due to disrupted healthcare services, a claim denied by the protesting doctors.

The confrontation between the state government and doctors began after the rape-murder of the young doctor and allegations of financial irregularities at the hospital. The doctors have demanded the resignation of Kolkata police chief Vineet Goyal and two senior health department officials. While the case is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Supreme Court has directed the state government to handle negotiations with the protesting doctors.



45 Indians Discharged from Russian Army; Efforts Continue to Rescue 50 More

In a major development, the Ministry of External Affairs confirmed today that 45 Indian nationals, who had been illegally inducted into the Russian army and forced to fight in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, have been rescued and discharged. The ministry is now focused on the urgent task of rescuing an additional 50 Indian nationals still trapped on the battlefields. The situation came to light after a series of revelations about a human trafficking network operating from New Delhi to Tamil Nadu. This network deceived individuals with promises

of lucrative jobs or admissions to questionable private universities in Russia. Upon arrival, victims had their passports confiscated, were trained in combat roles, and deployed to the front lines.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the issue with Russian President Vladimir Putin during his recent visit to Moscow. Putin assured Modi that Russia would discharge all Indians misled into joining the Russian army and make efforts to return them home. The Indian government has taken significant

steps to address the situation, including arresting individuals involved in the trafficking network. A viral video earlier this year highlighted the plight of Indian nationals from Punjab and Haryana, who claimed they were tricked into fighting in Ukraine.

Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar has emphasized that the government will take stringent legal action against those responsible for the exploitation. So far, ten Indians have been safely brought back, and efforts are ongoing to secure the release of the remaining individuals.



Pro-Khalistani Elements Attend Rahul Gandhi's US Event Amid Controversy

In a recent gathering in Virginia, U.S., pro-Khalistani elements were reportedly present at an event hosted by Indian Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. According to sources cited by News18, representatives from Baba Makhana Shah Gurdwara in Richmond Hill, known for its involvement in anti-India protests, attended the event. This gurdwara had previously organized protests supporting the repeal of three controversial farm laws and demonstrated against the Indian government's arrest of separatist Amritpal Singh.

During the event, Rahul Gandhi spoke on issues concerning the Sikh community in India. He questioned whether Sikhs would be allowed to wear their traditional turbans and kadas, and access gurdwaras, framing these issues as part of a broader struggle for religious freedom. His remarks have drawn criticism from the BJP, which accused Gandhi of attempting to create a "dangerous narrative" by addressing sensitive issues abroad.

Notably, Khalistani leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun supported Gandhi's statements, describing them as "bold and pioneering." Pannun praised Gandhi's comments on the perceived threats to Sikhs in India and aligned them with the Sikh For Justice's stance advocating for a referendum on Punjab's independence to establish a Sikh homeland, Khalistan.

Ajit Doval Meets Vladimir Putin, Reportedly Carrying Ukraine Peace Proposal

National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval met Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the BRICS National Security Advisers' meeting in Russia, reportedly carrying a peace plan from Prime Minister Narendra Modi aimed at resolving the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. The meeting comes weeks after PM Modi's landmark visit to Ukraine, where he urged both Russia and Ukraine to engage in direct peace talks to end the war, with India offering to play an active mediating role.

The Russian Embassy in India shared a picture of the handshake between Doval and Putin on social media platform X, signaling the significance of the interaction. According to sources, Doval's visit was intended to discuss the conflict and explore pathways for peace. The Russian leader expressed his hopes that PM Modi would attend the annual BRICS summit in Kazan next month and also proposed a bilateral meeting with Modi on October 22 to review ongoing joint efforts and future prospects.

"We are waiting for our good friend Modi and best regards to him," Putin reportedly said during the meeting, reflecting the strong ties between the two nations. The Russian Embassy also noted that the leaders would review the implementation of key agreements from Modi's previous visit to Moscow.

Earlier, Doval held comprehensive talks with his Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu in St Petersburg, where mutual interests and the discussions between Modi and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky from their August 23 meeting were part of the conversation.



Harris and Trump Intensify Campaigns in Crucial Swing States After Heated Debate

Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump are redoubling their efforts in critical battleground states following a fiery first presidential debate that drew 67 million viewers. With less than two months remaining until the election, both candidates are concentrating on swing states that will be pivotal in deciding the November vote. Harris, 59, is leveraging her strong debate performance to bolster her campaign. On Thursday, she will visit North Carolina, where she aims to rally support among Black and young voters. Harris has recently erased a six-point deficit to Trump in the state, and her campaign is focused on energizing these key demographics with rallies in Charlotte and Greensboro.



In contrast, Trump, 78, will focus on economic issues in Tucson, Arizona, a state that was closely contested in the 2020 election. His campaign has faced internal scrutiny over his debate performance, with some allies criticizing his handling of the event. Despite this, Trump remains determined to address economic concerns and appeal to voters in swing states like Arizona and Nevada. Both candidates are also making appearances in Pennsylvania, a crucial swing state. Harris will campaign in Johnstown and Wilkes-Barre

on Friday and attend an awards dinner with Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff on Saturday. Trump is set to address the cost of living in Las Vegas and will hold a press conference in Los Angeles.

The debate in Philadelphia was a notable moment for Harris, who has sought to gain momentum following her replacement of the ageing Biden as the Democratic candidate. Despite Harris's recent gains in the polls, the race remains extremely tight, with both candidates vying for every possible vote in the remaining weeks.

Harris's running mate, Tim Walz, will travel to Michigan and Wisconsin as part of the campaign's "New Way Forward" swing state tour, further underscoring the high-stakes nature of the upcoming election.

75% of LAC Disengagement Complete, S Jaishankar Reports Progress Amidst Ongoing Tensions

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar announced significant progress in the disengagement process along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, stating that approximately 75% of the disengagement issues have been resolved. Jaishankar, currently in Geneva for bilateral meetings, highlighted that while substantial progress has been made, further negotiations are necessary to fully resolve remaining issues.

Jaishankar's remarks came ahead of his scheduled meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Switzerland. The minister addressed concerns about the ongoing militarization of the frontier and the broader impact of the 2020 Galwan Valley clashes, which he said had severely affected India-China relations. "One cannot have violence at the border and then say the rest of the relationship is insulated from it," Jaishankar emphasized.

The disengagement process, which began in February 2021, has seen partial withdrawals in areas like Galwan, Hot Springs, and Gogra, with full disengagement from Pangong Lake's north and south banks achieved. However, challenges remain, particularly in the Depsang Plains, where Chinese troops remain entrenched.

Jaishankar criticized China's unilateral changes to the status quo along the LAC, noting that the influx of troops in 2020 violated multiple agreements. The situation was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, making the crisis even more difficult to manage. Despite these challenges, India and China have continued negotiations, with a focus on achieving peace and



stability along the border.

Economic relations between the two nations have also been strained, with India tightening scrutiny on Chinese investments and halting major projects. However, discussions are underway to potentially ease restrictions on Chinese investment and resume direct flights, which had been suspended since the standoff began.

Jaishankar's comments reflect ongoing efforts to address both the military and economic aspects of the India-China relationship, aiming to restore stability and normalcy in bilateral ties.



Markets Surge to Record Highs as Positive Global Cues Drive Rally; Investors Gain ₹7 Lakh Crore



Domestic stock market indices reached new record highs on Thursday, driven by expectations of interest rate cuts from the US Federal Reserve and RBI, lower crude oil prices, positive global cues, and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) purchases. The BSE Sensex surged 1,439 points to close at 82,962, while the NSE Nifty jumped 470 points to end at 25,388. Bank Nifty also saw a rise of 762 points, closing at 51,772.



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Investor wealth increased by Rs.7 lakh crore as 2,346 stocks gained while 1,609 declined on the BSE. Notably, 49 of the 50 Nifty companies posted gains, with Hindalco, Bharti Airtel, NTPC, Shriram Finance, and Grasim leading the charge. Nestlé India was the sole loser.

All sector indices, including Banking, Auto, FMCG, IT, and Metals, recorded gains. The India Volatility Index (VIX) fell by 3% to 13.3%, signaling reduced market fear. Nifty's support is set at 24,200, while resistance stands at 25,400, with experts recommending short-term buys in Hindalco, Jindal Steel, M&M, Grasim, and Adani Power.

In corporate news, HPL Electric secured orders worth Rs.144 crore, Kalpataru Projects received a Rs.2,744 crore order, and Bharti Airtel signed a deal for Italy's Blue Raman submarine cable system.

JBM Auto shares surged after the government's approval of a Rs.10,900 crore EV scheme, and Sriram Finance hit a record high after raising Rs.1,000 crore through NCDs.

TODAYS RECOMMENDATION STOCKS :

1. Hindalco Industries

Hindalco, a leading player in the metals sector, has benefited from rising global aluminum prices and strong demand across its downstream products. The company is poised to benefit from the ongoing global focus on infrastructure development and renewable energy. Hindalco's robust financial performance and expansion into value-added products provide long-term growth potential. The stock has been gaining momentum due to improved demand and favorable global market conditions.



2. Jindal Steel and Power (Jindal Steel)

Jindal Steel has been one of the top performers in the steel sector, driven by strong domestic demand for steel in infrastructure and construction. The company has also focused on reducing debt, which is a positive indicator for future profitability.



ity. The government's focus on infrastructure development and increasing exports of steel products have been key growth drivers for Jindal Steel.

3. Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M)

M&M continues to be a strong player in the automotive sector, particularly in the utility vehicle and tractor segments. The company's performance has been bolstered by strong demand for its SUVs and tractors, as well as its increasing focus on electric vehicles (EVs). M&M's growing EV portfolio and positive outlook for rural demand, particularly in the agricultural sector, position the company well for future growth. The recent increase in production and sales figures further supports a bullish outlook.



4. Grasim Industries

Grasim, part of the Aditya Birla Group, is diversified across cement, textiles, and chemicals. The company has been focusing on its new paints business and is expected to benefit from the growing demand in construction and infrastructure sectors. The paints business, along with steady growth in its other segments, makes Grasim a promising stock for long-term investors. The company's expansion into new segments could provide significant upside.



5. Adani Power

Adani Power has been volatile but continues to benefit from the rising demand for power and the government's focus on renewable energy. The stock has seen significant investor interest, driven by its expansion into renewable energy and increasing capacity. Adani Power's plans to expand its renewable energy portfolio and its strategic initiatives in power generation make it an attractive stock, though it remains volatile due to regulatory and market factors.



Paytm Shares Rise as CEO Announces Plans to Reapply for Payment Aggregator License



Shares of One97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, experienced a 2% increase during early trading hours following an announcement by CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma about the company's intention to reapply for a payment aggregator (PA) license with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Sharma confirmed, "We will apply for a payment aggregator license to RBI in due course."

Recently, Paytm secured approval from the Ministry of Finance for a downstream investment into its payment services business. This approval allows Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL) to resubmit its PA license application. In the interim, PPSL will continue to offer online payment aggregation services to its existing partners.

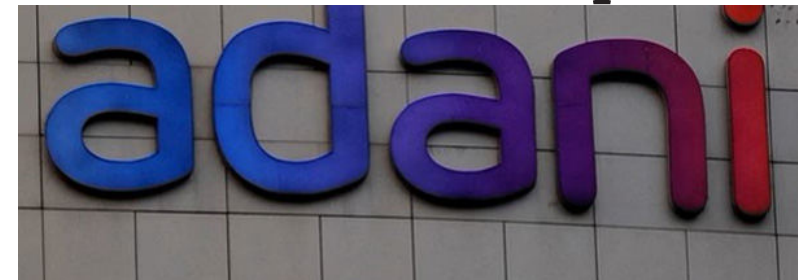
Paytm's previous PA license application was rejected by the RBI in November 2022 due

to non-compliance with Press Note 3, which requires government approval for investments from countries sharing land borders with India.

At Paytm's Annual General Meeting (AGM), Sharma emphasized the company's focus on achieving Profit After Tax (PAT) profitability. He noted India's leadership in digital payments and expressed Paytm's commitment to advancing in AI technology. Sharma highlighted the company's shift in focus from EBITDA to PAT to better reflect financial health and profitability.

Despite these strategic moves, Paytm reported a significant increase in its net loss for the first quarter of FY25, expanding to ₹839 crore from ₹357 crore in the same period last year. The loss was attributed to restrictions imposed by the RBI on its payments bank business.

Bangladesh to Review Indian Power Deals Amid \$800 Million Dispute



As Indian businesses in Bangladesh, including Adani Group, push for the clearance of overdue payments, the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus is preparing to review these contracts. Adani Group has requested that the Bangladesh government expedite the payment of \$800 million owed by the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) for power supply.

A senior Bangladeshi government official indicated that the scrutiny will focus on the nature of the contracts and adherence to local regulations. "There will be scrutiny of Indian businesses like the Adani business... what kinds of contracts have been signed, what are the terms and conditions, one cannot have a foreign company not follow the law of the land," the official was quoted as saying.

According to a report by Indian Express, the interim administration plans to scrutinize the agreements with Indian companies like Adani Group to ensure they comply with local laws. The review aims to clarify contract terms and verify the pricing of power supplies.

In addition to Adani Power, other Indian firms involved in power supply to Bangladesh include PTC India, NVVL Ltd, and Semcorp Energy India. The review reflects Bangladesh's efforts to ensure that international business operations align with its regulatory framework and contractual obligations.

Industrial Output Grows to 4.8% in July



India's industrial output rose to 4.8 percent in July, slightly up from 4.7 percent in June, as manufacturing activity picked up and investments gained momentum following the elections. The data, released on September 12, aligned with the median forecast of 4.8 percent in a Moneycontrol poll, which had projected growth between 3.3 and 5.8 percent.

Despite a challenging high base effect,

the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) showed a marginal increase in July 2024 compared to the previous month. The manufacturing sector, the largest component of the IIP, improved significantly to 4.6 percent year-on-year growth from a seven-month low of 3.2 percent in June, according to Paras Jasrai, Senior Analyst at India Ratings and Research.

However, growth in the other two major

sectors, electricity and mining, decelerated. Both sectors experienced a slowdown compared to the previous month, contributing to the overall industrial output growth.

The rise in manufacturing activity signals a rebound in investment and economic activity post-elections, suggesting a positive outlook for industrial production.

SEBI Mulls Tighter Rules for Micro-Cap IPOs Amid Market Concerns

India's securities regulator, SEBI, is contemplating stricter oversight for micro-cap companies going public, aiming to enhance scrutiny and protect investors. Proposed measures include more stringent monitoring of fund usage, enhanced due diligence requirements for merchant bankers, and a longer track record of profitability for companies seeking to list.

These potential changes follow recent fraud incidents in the micro-cap sector. SEBI is also considering stricter examination of financial statements, according to a source familiar with the discussions. However, SEBI is not expected to assume direct control of the listing approval pro-

cess from the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), despite some investor calls for increased regulator oversight.

The micro-cap IPO market in India has surged since the pandemic, fueled by strong investor interest in small businesses with high growth potential. This trend includes a recent \$1.4 million IPO by a small motorcycle dealership that was oversubscribed over 400 times, raising concerns about the quality of such offerings.

The surge in interest and instances of stock-price manipulation have prompted

regulatory action. In August, SEBI halted the IPO of Archit Nuwood Industries Ltd., a plywood maker, due to concerns over its financial statements. Earlier in July, the NSE imposed a 90% cap on listing gains. SEBI has also advised caution to investors regarding SME investments.

A discussion paper detailing proposed stricter listing rules is expected by the end of the year. "SEBI aims to balance investor protection with market growth," said Narinder Wadhwa, managing director at SKI Capital Services Ltd., suggesting additional criteria like extending the lock-in period for anchor investors could be considered.





SITARAM YECHURY: THE PRAGMATIC LEADER WHO SHAPED COALITION POLITICS IN INDIA

Sitaram Yechury, the fifth general secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), who passed away on Thursday at 72, was known for his pragmatic leadership and ability to navigate the complex world of coalition politics. He stood out among his political peers for his eclectic nature, being not only an astute politician but also a conversationalist with interests ranging from old Hindi film songs to books and mythology. A polyglot fluent in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Bangla, and Malayalam, Yechury left an indelible mark on Indian politics, particularly during the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) era.

Rise to Prominence

Born on August 12, 1952, into a Telugu-speaking family in Chennai, Yechury's political journey began during his student days. A top-ranking student in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) exams, Yechury pursued his undergraduate studies in economics at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, followed by a postgraduate degree at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). It was during his time at JNU that he became deeply involved in politics, joining the Students' Federation of India (SFI) in 1974. By 1975, he had become a member of the CPI(M), and his political rise was swift. Despite being arrested during the Emergency in 1975, Yechury continued to organize resistance and eventually became the SFI's national president in 1978.

In 1985, Yechury was elected to the Central Committee of the CPI(M), and by 1992, he had ascended to the Politburo, the party's highest decision-making body. His political career took a significant leap when he succeeded Prakash Karat as the general secretary of the CPI(M) in 2015, a position he held until his death.

A Pragmatic Leader in the UPA Era

Yechury was not just a leader within his party; he was also a pivotal figure in national coalition politics. His leadership style was notably different from that of his predecessor, Prakash Karat, who was seen as a hardliner. Yechury's mentor, the late Harkishan Singh Surjeet, had been instrumental in the coalition governments of the 1980s and 1990s. Yechury followed in his mentor's footsteps, becoming a key figure in the UPA era from 2004 to 2014. He played a vital role in drafting the common minimum program for the United Front government and was a trusted ally of Congress leader Sonia Gandhi.

During UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi's decision to turn down the Prime Ministership in 2004, it was Yechury whom she first contacted after meeting

then-President APJ Abdul Kalam. His alliance-building skills helped stabilize the UPA government, even though the CPI(M) withdrew support in 2008 over the Indo-US nuclear deal, a decision that Yechury was heavily involved in negotiating.

Despite this setback, Yechury maintained cordial relations with UPA leaders, including P. Chidambaram, with whom he worked closely. His presence in the Rajya Sabha, where he served for 12 years, earned him a reputation as a skilled parliamentarian and a powerful voice for the working class and farmers.

The Challenges of Leading CPI(M)

Yechury took over the reins of the CPI(M) at a time when the Left was facing a significant decline. In the 2004 general elections, the party had 43 MPs, but by 2014, that number had dwindled to just nine. Despite this, Yechury remained a steady leader, focusing on rebuilding the party's grassroots strength. His speeches in Parliament, where he often used references from Hindu mythology to critique the BJP, were widely regarded for their sharpness and depth.

In an interview with PTI in 2015, Yechury admitted that the CPI(M) should have focused more on issues like price rise in the 2009 general elections, rather than solely opposing the nuclear deal. He believed that this miscalculation had cost the party popular support. Despite the setbacks, Yechury continued to champion Left ideals and played a prominent role in the formation of the INDIA bloc, a united opposition front formed ahead of the 2024 general elections.

Personal Life and Legacy

Yechury's personal life was marked by tragedy when his elder son, Ashish, passed away due to Covid-19 in 2021. He is survived by his wife, Seema Chishti, and two children, Akhila and Danish. Known for his love of old Hindi film songs, his intellectual depth, and his amiability, Yechury leaves behind a legacy as one of the most respected leaders of the Left in India.

Even in his final years, Yechury continued to advocate for the working class and remained a vocal critic of the Narendra Modi government. His vision of a more inclusive and egalitarian India, rooted in Marxist principles but tempered by pragmatism, made him a unique figure in Indian politics.

His death marks the end of an era, but his influence on the CPI(M) and the broader political landscape will be remembered for years to come.



Meta Faces Criticism in Australia Over AI Training Practices

Meta is under scrutiny in Australia for its use of public posts on Facebook and Instagram to train its AI models. During a session with an Australian parliamentary committee, Melinda Claybaugh, Meta's privacy policy director, revealed that the company scrapes photos and posts made public by users over the age of 18 without obtaining their explicit consent.

Claybaugh clarified that while users can prevent future scraping by setting their posts to private, this measure does little to address the issue if the content has already been collected. This disclosure has raised concerns among regulators and users alike about the ethical implications and privacy considerations of Meta's data practices.

The revelation has intensified scrutiny



over how tech giants like Meta handle user data and obtain consent for data usage, particularly in the context of training AI models. As discussions continue, the focus remains on how these practices align with privacy expectations and regulatory standards.

Video of Elderly Woman Shaming Instagram Influencer Sparks Social Media Debate



A video shared by Instagram influencer Tanny Bhattacharjee, showing an elderly woman publicly criticizing her for wearing shorts in Bengaluru, has triggered a heated debate on social media. The footage captures the elderly woman shouting at Bhattacharjee in her native language, sparking discussions about societal norms and individual freedom.

The video, posted by Bhattacharjee—a yoga instructor with over 120,000 followers—features a caption reading, "Woman against Woman," and questions the appropriateness of her attire with the phrase, "Shorts not allowed in Bengaluru?" The caption also criticizes societal pressures on

women regarding their clothing choices.

In the video, Bhattacharjee, visibly puzzled by the reaction, addresses her followers, saying, "What do you think is the problem? I don't know what's happening." Her post has ignited polarized responses online. Some social media users condemn the elderly woman's behavior as an overreach into personal freedom, while others support her stance, reflecting diverse opinions on cultural and societal expectations.

The incident highlights ongoing debates about women's rights, freedom of expression, and societal norms, especially in the context of traditional versus modern values.

Man's Viral Post Celebrates Quitting Smoking After 24 Years

A man's inspiring achievement of quitting smoking after 24 years has gone viral on X, formerly known as Twitter. Rohit Kulkarni, a retail and channel sales professional, shared his journey in a heartfelt post that has resonated with many.

Kulkarni detailed his smoking history, revealing he had been consuming 10 cigarettes a day for over two decades. "I don't want to do the math on how many cigarettes that adds up to; it's frightening," he admitted. However, on Janmashtami this year, he made a life-changing decision to quit smoking. As of his post, it had been 17 days since he last touched a cigarette, and he expressed immense satisfaction with his progress.

His post has received a wave of congratulatory messages and support from the online community. Users have praised Kulkarni for his determination and resilience, with many sharing their own stories of overcoming similar challenges.

The positive response highlights how personal achievements and health victories can connect with and inspire others, reinforcing the power of community support in making significant lifestyle changes.



EU Court Rules Against Apple and Google in Landmark Cases

Apple and Google are facing intensified legal scrutiny following major rulings by the European Union's highest court. On Tuesday, the Court of Justice of the European Union issued significant decisions in two landmark cases against the tech giants, marking a crucial victory for the EU's regulatory efforts.

These rulings represent a critical step in the EU's ongoing campaign to impose stricter regulations on the world's largest technology companies. Both Apple and Google have been frequent targets of EU scrutiny, and the recent judgments underscore the bloc's commitment to holding major tech firms accountable.

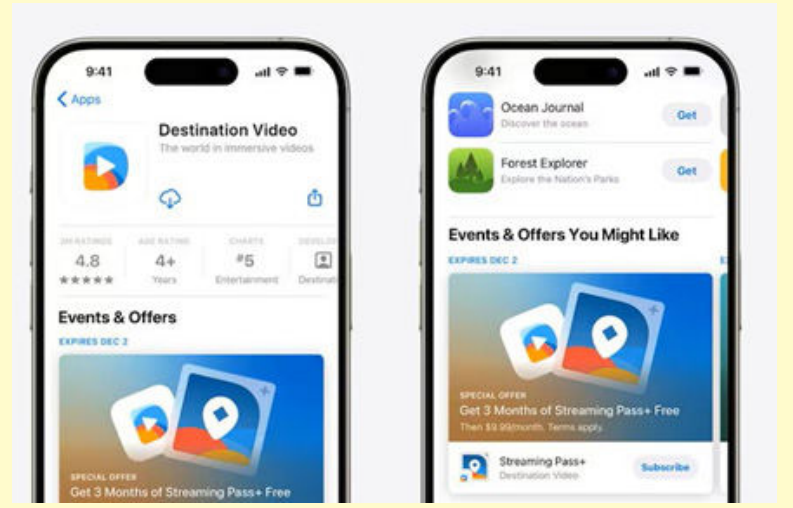
The Court's decisions are seen as pivotal moments in Europe's regulatory landscape, challenging the companies'



practices and potentially setting new precedents for the tech industry. Both Apple and Google have fought these cases with appeals, but the rulings reflect Europe's determination to enforce its regulations more rigorously.

The outcomes of these cases are expected to have broader implications for how technology companies operate within the EU, further influencing global tech regulatory standards.

Apple Introduces 'Win-Back Offers' for Subscription Apps



Apple has announced a new feature for the App Store that enables developers to entice former users to re-subscribe to their apps. The new 'win-back offers' will allow developers to provide discounts to users who have previously canceled their subscriptions, aiming to encourage them to re-engage with the service. This feature is exclusively available for auto-renewing subscriptions.

The 'win-back offers' can be set up by developers through App Store Connect. Apple provides options for developers to define eligibility criteria, set discount amounts, and select regional availability for these promotions. Once configured, users who have canceled their subscriptions might receive a special offer, such as a reduced price for a six-month subscription followed by a regular annual fee.

For example, a developer might offer a six-month subscription for \$9.99, followed by an annual renewal at \$39.99. These promotional offers can be presented to former users through various methods, including in-app prompts, App Store product pages, and subscription settings. Developers can also send direct links to these offers via email or messages.

The new feature aims to help developers regain users who have left their service by offering them a cost-effective way to return. The offers will appear as a special promotion for users who previously unsubscribed, potentially increasing the chances of re-engagement.

This move underscores Apple's ongoing efforts to provide developers with tools to maximize subscription revenue and customer retention.

South African Farmers Grow World's Heaviest Plum at 464 Gram



Two South African farmers, Dean and Deon Barnard, have set a new world record by growing the heaviest plum ever recorded. Their plum, weighing an impressive 464.15 grams (16.3 ounces), surpasses the previous record by nearly 110 grams (3.8 ounces). The record-breaking plum, harvested at 480 grams, lost some weight over time due to moisture loss.

Previously, the heaviest plum record was held by a Kiyo variety grown in Japan in 2021. The Barnards' plum is of the Autumn Treat variety, known for its crisp and sweet flavor. The Barnards, who run a seven-hectare plum orchard, did not specifically cultivate the plum to break a record. Instead, the record-setting plum came from a standard commercial tree with around 150 plums.

Dean Barnard shared with Guinness World Records (GWR) that no special preparations were made for this achievement. "It hasn't been bred to set records. I didn't do anything special," he said. The Barnards also reported finding other large plums weighing between 400-450 grams in this year's harvest.

The fruit took about seven months to grow, with flowering beginning in September. Dean attributes the success to the unique microclimates of their area and the expertise of a top plum specialist. "I'm so proud and excited. It's a big privilege to have the record," he added.

In recent news, an onion weighing more than a bowling ball also made headlines. For more updates on food news and records, follow us on social media.



India Triumphs Over Korea 3-1 in Hero Asian Champions Trophy

Defending champions India continued their dominant performance at the Hero Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament with a 3-1 victory over Korea on Thursday, securing their fourth consecutive win. The Paris Olympics bronze medallists have been in formidable form, having previously defeated China 3-0, Japan 5-0, and last year's runner-up Malaysia with an impressive 8-1 scoreline.

In their match against Korea, India's Arajeet Singh Hundal opened the scoring in the 8th minute, followed by two goals from captain Harmanpreet Singh in the 9th and 43rd minutes. Korea's sole response came from Jihun Yang, who converted a penalty corner in the 30th minute.

India's commanding performance underscores their strong campaign in the tournament, and they will look to maintain their unbeaten streak as they face Pakistan in their final group match on Saturday.



BCCI Sent Bold Dhruv Jurel For Australia Test Series

India announced its squad for the first Test against Bangladesh on Sunday, with the match set to commence on September 19 in Chennai. This announcement brought some notable surprises, including the return of wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, who is back in Test cricket after a severe road accident in December 2022. Additionally, young pacer Yash Dayal has received his maiden Test call-up for this series.

In discussing potential team compositions, former cricketer Dasgupta shared his thoughts on the lineup. He suggested that Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rohit Sharma could open the batting, followed by Shubman Gill at No. 3 and Virat Kohli at No. 4. KL Rahul could take the No. 5 spot, with Rishabh Pant at No. 6. Dasgupta also mentioned the pos-



sibility of including another batter to strengthen the lineup.

For the lower middle-order, he proposed that Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran

Ashwin should occupy the 8 and 9 positions. The final two slots could be filled by seamers, with the option of part-time bowlers providing additional overs if needed.

Dasgupta also considered the potential inclusion of Sarfaraz Khan in the middle order and praised Dhruv Jurel's impressive batting performance. He speculated that Jurel's technique and composure could make him a strong contender for the Australian series. Dasgupta suggested that it wouldn't be surprising if Rishabh Pant, Dhruv Jurel, and KL Rahul all featured in the playing XI.

As the team prepares for the Bangladesh series, these insights and speculations add an intriguing dimension to the upcoming Test matches.

Carlos Alcaraz Leads Spain to Davis Cup Victory Despite US Open Setback



Carlos Alcaraz made a strong comeback in the Davis Cup Finals Group Stage, helping Spain secure a winning start against an injury-stricken Czechia team. The world No. 3 had a shaky start, committing 21 unforced errors in the opening set, but bounced back to deliver a crucial performance.

In singles, Roberto Bautista Agut put Spain ahead with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Jiri Lehecka. Alcaraz was set to clinch the match, but Czechia's Tomas Machac, who had won the first-set tiebreak, was forced to retire in the third set due to injury. Despite Alcaraz's struggles early on, including a dramatic baseline rally, he was unable to fully capitalize on Machac's physical woes until the Czech player was unable to continue.

Alcaraz, who was playing his first Davis Cup match since 2022, showed resilience by winning the next four games to force a decider, only for Machac to retire in the opening game of the third set with a score of 6-7(3), 6-1.

After securing Spain's victory, Alcaraz teamed up with Marcel Granollers in the doubles match, where they faced Jakub Mensik and Adam Pavlásek. In a closely contested match, Alcaraz and Granollers won 6-7(2), 6-3, 7-6(2), securing a 3-0 overall result for Spain.

These matches marked Alcaraz's return to form following a surprising second-round exit at the US Open. Reflecting on his performance, Alcaraz expressed his determination to learn from past mistakes and contribute positively to the Spanish team. "I'm here with a lot of energy, excited, and motivated to keep going and be the best No. 1 possible for Team Spain," he said.

Neeraj Chopra and Avinash Sable Set for Diamond League Finale



The Diamond League season finale kicks off on Friday, featuring top global athletes, with high expectations for javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and steeplechaser Avinash Sable. The event, which spans two days for the first time, will showcase 32 disciplines and include a record number of Olympic medalists competing for top honors at King Baudouin Stadium.

Pole vault world record holder Armand Duplantis, American sprinter Sha'Carri Richardson, and hurdling star Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone are among the standout competitors. For Avinash Sable, this will be his first appearance in the Diamond League finale following a disappointing Olympic performance where he finished 11th. Sable, who holds the national record for the 3000m steeplechase, is looking to make a strong comeback after finishing 14th in the overall Diamond League standings.

Neeraj Chopra, who secured a silver medal at the Paris Olympics following his historic gold

in Tokyo, will aim to conclude his season on a high note. Chopra qualified for the finale by finishing fourth in the overall standings, accumulating 14 points from two second-place finishes in Doha and Lausanne. Despite struggling with fitness issues and a persistent groin injury, Chopra has been a dominant force in the javelin throw and is eager to perform well.

In the Diamond League, the season finale winner receives a 'Diamond Trophy', USD 30,000 in prize money, and a wildcard for the World Athletics Championships. The runner-up will earn USD 12,000. Chopra, who skipped the Zurich meet last week, had a standout 2022 and 2023 seasons but faced challenges this year. His main competitors include Grenada's Anderson Peters and Germany's Julian Weber.

Sable's inclusion in the top 12 was aided by withdrawals from higher-ranked athletes, offering him a chance to shine in this prestigious event.

Afghanistan ODI Squad Announced: Ibrahim Zadran Out, New Faces Included

Ibrahim Zadran has been ruled out of Afghanistan's ODI squad for their upcoming three-match series against South Africa in Sharjah due to a left ankle sprain. The announcement was made by the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) on Thursday. Additionally, Mujeeb ur Rahman remains unavailable as he continues to recover from a right phalanx sprain.

To address these absences, the selectors have turned to domestic talent, including top-order batter Abdul Malik and recalling Darwish Rasooli, who has previously represented Afghanistan in seven T20I matches. ACB chief selector Ahmad Shah Sulimankhil confirmed, "Mujeeb ur Rahman is still recovering and Ibrahim Zadran will miss the series due to an ankle injury sustained during the New Zealand Test. We have included Abdul Malik and Darwish Rasooli based on their recent performances, and Allah Mohammad Ghazanfar will fill Mujeeb's spot."

Rashid Khan, who missed Afghanistan's last ODI series against Ireland, returns to the squad

for this historic series. It will mark the first bilateral ODI series between Afghanistan and South Africa. The rest of the squad remains unchanged from the team that won 2-0 against Ireland in March.

ACB CEO Naseeb Khan expressed enthusiasm about the series, stating, "Hosting South Africa for the first time in our cricketing history is a significant milestone for Afghanistan Cricket. We are thrilled about this opportunity to play against a top-quality side and aim to make our team competitive in bilateral cricket as we have in ICC events."

The squad for the series includes: Hashmatullah Shahidi (captain), Rahmat Shah (vice-captain), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Ikram Alikhil (wk), Abdul Malik, Riaz Hassan, Darwish Rasooli, Azmatullah Omarzai, Mohammad Nabi, Gulbadin Naib, Rashid Khan, Nangyal Kharoti, Allah Mohammad Ghazanfar, Fazal Haq Farooqi, Bilal Sami, Naveed Zadran, and Farid Ahmad Malik.





Swayambhu Unveils Samyuktha's First Look



In an exciting update for fans, the upcoming Pan India film "Swayambhu" has just released the first look of Samyuktha, celebrating her birthday with a special reveal. Known for her lucky charm status in Tollywood, Samyuktha is set to make a striking impression as a warrior in this high-budget film.

The poster showcases her in a fierce, combat-ready pose, highlighting her transformation into a brave combatant. This role marks a significant departure from her previous on-screen avatars, indicating a dramatic makeover tailored for the film's intense action sequences.

"Swayambhu," directed by Bharat Krishnamachari, features Nikhil as the lead hero, stepping into the shoes of a warrior himself. The film's grandeur and scale are underscored by its considerable budget, making it Nikhil's most ambitious project to date.

Produced by Bhuvan and Sreekar, and presented by Tagore Madhu, "Swayambhu" promises to be a visual spectacle, blending epic storytelling with high-octane action. Fans eagerly anticipate more updates as the film progresses towards its release.

Jawan to Release in Japan on November 29

Shah Rukh Khan's blockbuster film "Jawan" is set to make its debut in Japan on November 29, 2024. The announcement came from the superstar himself via social media, where he excitedly shared the news, saying, "Ek kahani justice ki...vengeance ki...villain aur hero ki... Ek kahani Jawan ki... Aa rahi hai Japan ke theatres mein pehli baar! Toh ab reh gaya bas ek sawaal- Ready-ah?" He added, "The fire and action you all loved is making a massy massy arrival in Japan."

"Jawan" features an impressive cast including Shah Rukh Khan, Vijay Sethupathi, Nayanthara, Deep-

ika Padukone, and several others. The film, produced by Red Chillies Entertainment and directed by Atlee, has already achieved significant success, grossing over Rs 1,100 crore worldwide. It was initially released in Tamil and Telugu, receiving widespread acclaim for its high-octane action and gripping storyline.

In the film, Shah Rukh Khan plays dual roles as Vikram Rathore and his son Azad. Vijay Sethupathi portrays the antagonist, while Nayanthara plays a pivotal role in supporting Azad's battle against corruption. The film has been praised for its dynamic action se-



quences and engaging narrative.

Film critic Saibal Chatterjee described "Jawan" as a "strikingly

meta vehicle" that resonates deeply with its audience, drawing comparisons to Atlee's earlier work, "Mersal."

Director Prem Kumar Announces Sequel to Cult Classic 96



The beloved film "96," featuring Vijay Sethupathi and Trisha in standout roles, has achieved cult classic status, captivating audiences with its heartfelt storytelling. Director Prem Kumar, inspired by the overwhelming positive response to the original film, has confirmed plans for a sequel.

Prem Kumar shared that he has nearly finished the script for the sequel and is eager to present it to Vijay Sethupathi and Trisha. If both actors agree, the project will commence once their schedules align. Fans of the original film are eagerly anticipating whether the

sequel will capture the same magic and emotional depth.

"96" was well-received for its unique concept and execution, and the news of a sequel has stirred excitement among its loyal fanbase. Prem Kumar also directed a Telugu remake of "96," starring Sharwanand and Samantha, which added to his reputation as a skilled storyteller.

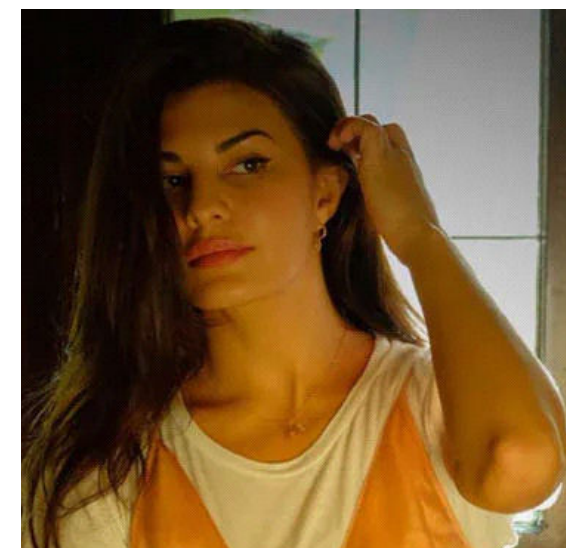
Additionally, Prem Kumar's upcoming film "Meiyazhagan," featuring Karthi, is set to release on September 27, further fueling anticipation around his creative projects.



Bhushan Kumar Confirms "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3" Release on Diwali

At the trailer launch of "Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video," featuring Rajkumar Rao and Triptii Dimri, T-Series head Bhushan Kumar announced that his highly anticipated film "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3," starring Kartik Aaryan, Triptii Dimri, Vidya Balan, and Madhuri Dixit, will be released in cinemas on November 1, coinciding with Diwali.

Kumar addressed concerns about the film's release date potentially clashing with Rohit Shetty's "Singham Again," which boasts an ensemble cast including Ajay Devgn, Akshay Kumar, Kareena Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh, Tiger Shroff, and Arjun Kapoor. Although he chose not to delve deeply into the potential conflict, Kumar confirmed that "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3" is set to hit theaters on the planned Diwali date. The decision underscores Kumar's confidence in the film's prospects and its appeal to audiences despite the competitive release period.



Housefull 5 Unveils Star-Studded Cast and Release Date

Sajid Nadiadwala and Akshay Kumar are gearing up for "Housefull 5," the latest installment in the popular comedy franchise. The film boasts an impressive ensemble cast that includes Akshay Kumar, Riteish Deshmukh, Abhishek Bachchan, Sanjay Dutt, Fardeen Khan, Nana Patekar, Chunky Pandey, Jackie Shroff, and Dino Morea, among others.

According to a report by Pinkvilla, the film will also feature a stellar lineup of five leading actresses: Jacqueline Fernandez, Nargis Fakhri, Sonam Bajwa, Chitrangada Singh, and Soundarya Sharma. A source revealed, "It's a cruise full of characters, and every character is a part of the film for a reason. Sajid Nadiadwala has ensured the casting is spot-on, making this the biggest ensemble set-up ever achieved by a producer. The team is thrilled to start this exciting journey."

Filming for "Housefull 5" will begin in London, with the crew later returning to Mumbai for additional shooting later in the year. The film is scheduled for release on June 6, 2025. The source added, "The crew will shoot some sequences in London before moving to a cruise setting, where the chaos and comedy of the film will unfold. In addition to the main cast, there will be numerous supporting roles to enhance the film's humor and pandemonium."

Directed by Tarun Mansukhani, "Housefull 5" is shaping up to be the grandest installment of the franchise, promising to deliver a blend of star power and comedy that fans have come to expect.

Sudheer Babu's 'Maa Nanna Superhero' Teaser Unveiled

The teaser for Sudheer Babu's highly anticipated film "Maa Nanna Superhero" has generated significant buzz following its release, presented by Natural Star Nani. The film's initial look has already made a strong impact, and the teaser continues to intrigue audiences with its unique storyline.

"Maa Nanna Superhero" revolves around a heartwarming and complex narrative where Sudheer Babu's character regards both Sayaji Shinde and Sai Chand as his father figures. Sayaji Shinde portrays a fiery and intense

role, while Sai Chand's character is calm and composed. This duality in father figures raises intriguing questions about the true identity of Sudheer Babu's character's real father and the reasons behind his equal affection for both men.

Sudheer Babu brings a serene charm to his role as an innocent youth, while Sayaji Shinde and Sai Chand deliver compelling performances in their contrasting roles. Raju Sundaram also makes a notable brief appearance in the film.

Directed by Abhilash Reddy Kankara, "Maa Nanna Superhero" promises a unique narrative and impressive writing. The film is produced jointly by V Celluloids and CAM Entertainment, with Sameer Kalyani handling cinematography and Jay Krish composing the music. The teaser sets the stage for what appears to be a touching and thought-provoking film, set to release during the Dussehra festival on October 11th. The blend of curiosity and confusion stirred by the teaser hints at an engaging story that is sure to captivate audiences upon its release.

