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# Responsible MLAs Fighting on Roads: Bhatti Vikramarka

**TPN, Telangana:** Telangana Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka delivered a strong counter to BRS leader KTR's comments, expressing dismay over the conduct of certain MLAs. He remarked that it was painful to see responsible MLAs involved in public altercations. During a joint visit to Karimnagar district on Saturday, he responded to the incident involving MLAs Padi Kaushik Reddy and Arekapudi Gandhi.

Bhatti Vikramarka warned the BRS party, stating that if their MLAs disrupt law and order by engaging in fights on the roads, the government would take necessary action. He lamented the lack of respect shown towards the opposition in a democratic system, accusing the BRS of undermining democracy. He further criticized the BRS for denying the opposition its rightful status, stating that the CLP had even been stripped of its opposition status.

Bhatti expressed his frustration over being denied the post of PAC Chairman, which he believed was due to him, and emphasized the importance of the

opposition's voice being heard in the Assembly. He called for Chief Minister KCR to attend the Assembly, asserting that he respects the role of opposition leaders. He reiterated that maintaining law and order is the top priority of his government.

The Deputy CM's comments came in response to KTR's allegations that Arekapudi Gandhi was brought into Congress and then given the post of PAC Chairman. Bhatti Vikramarka's response was aimed at countering these claims.

On another note, he also criticized the BJP, accusing them of engaging in political theatrics for their survival. Despite the political tension, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Minister Sridhar Babu, MLAs, and senior officials, participated in several development programs in Peddapalli district. Bhatti Vikramarka laid the foundation stone for the construction of a 132 KV substation in Peddapalli, with the substation being set up in Kachapur, Julapalli mandal, of Peddapalli district.



## Revanth Reddy Should Decide Whether to Suspend or Remove Those Officials

- ✦ Allegations of 75 houses being demolished in Adarsh Nagar
- ✦ "Did you become the Chief Minister to deprive the poor?" KTR questioned
- ✦ Expressed anger over Revanth Reddy's actions affecting Palamuru children



**TPN, Telangana:** BRS Working President KTR demanded that CM Revanth Reddy take action against the officials who disrespected the position granted by the previous Congress government. A few days ago, authorities demolished 75 houses belonging to the poor and disabled in Adarsh Nagar, located in the district headquarters of Mahabubnagar. Speaking on the incident in Mahabubnagar, KTR questioned, "Did he become CM to take away the livelihoods of poor people?"

He criticized the demolition of the houses, which occurred a fortnight ago without any prior notice, stating that the houses belonged to the poor and disabled. He expressed his outrage that bulldozers were sent to raze the homes of disabled individuals without any consideration. KTR vented his anger at Revanth Reddy, accusing him of harming the very children of Palamuru who had blessed him to become CM.

KTR also emphasized that, under KCR's administration, houses built by the poor on government land are regularized under GO 58 and 59, with significant grants provided to assist them. However, he pointed out that the Revanth Reddy government has demolished the homes of the poor. He challenged Revanth Reddy, stating that if he truly had compassion for the poor, he should immediately build double-bedroom houses for the 75 affected families.

## Telangana Govt to Establish Gulf Workers' Welfare Board

**TPN, Telangana:** The Telangana government, under the leadership of Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, has announced plans to establish a Gulf Workers' Welfare Board, aiming to address the critical issues faced by workers from the state employed in Gulf countries. During a meeting with MLAs from regions with a high concentration of Gulf workers, Prabhakar proposed creating an advisory committee to focus on their welfare, calling for the inclusion of MLAs, MLCs, and local leaders in the committee.

To further support Gulf workers, a special \*Prajavani\* counter will be set up from September 20 as part of the ongoing initiative to provide assistance to those currently working abroad. This counter



will offer dedicated support and advice to workers, ensuring their concerns are addressed.

Prabhakar also announced plans to ensure 100% admission for the children of Gulf workers in Telangana's \*gurukula\* schools and colleges, helping provide quality

education to these families. Additionally, he promised that families of workers who have passed away in the Gulf will receive Rs. 5 lakh in financial assistance from the Congress government, and that this proposal will be brought to the government's attention.

The NRI Cell has recommended an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 1 lakh to the families of deceased Gulf workers, viewing the gesture as a humanitarian necessity. Government Whip Adi Srinivas highlighted the delays in repatriating the bodies of deceased workers, which often take over a week. He called for reducing this timeframe to 48 hours and suggested that Telangana study Kerala's Gulf policy, which he praised as a model for improving repatriation procedures.

## Arekapudi Gandhi, others booked for attempted murder



**TPN, Hyderabad:** Serilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi, along with corporator Venkatesh Goud, Srikanth, and others, was booked by the Cyberabad police on Friday, September 13, for allegedly attempting to murder BRS legislator Padi Kaushik Reddy.

A group led by Congress MLA Gandhi trespassed into Kaushik Reddy's house, damaging furniture

and other property on Thursday.

Following a complaint by Kaushik Reddy, the police invoked sections related to criminal trespass, rioting, unlawful assembly, damaging property, and attempted murder against Gandhi and his associates.

On the same day, BRS MLA Kaushik Reddy was placed under house arrest to prevent him from leaving his home. Police personnel were deployed outside his residence in Kondapur to ensure he did not leave. Additionally, security has been tightened at Gandhi's residence after he announced that if Kaushik Reddy did not visit him, he would go to Reddy's house.

Gandhi, who was elected to the Assembly on a BRS ticket but joined the Congress party in July, was appointed chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Monday, a position typically reserved for opposition members.

## 'HYDRA to Have Special Powers Soon,' Says AV Ranganath

**TPN, Hyderabad:** AV Ranganath, commissioner of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRA), revealed that an ordinance could be passed in October to grant HYDRA special powers, similar to those of the Greyhounds and Taskforce units.

During a media conference on Saturday, September 14, Ranganath clarified that HYDRA was established through Government Order (GO) 99 by executive resolution, and it is incorrect to claim that the agency lacks legal standing. He explained that several legal entities, such as the Planning Commission (formed in March 1950), the Cabinet Secretariat, the Law Commission, the Anti-Corruption Bureau, and Vigilance and Enforcement, were also created through executive resolutions.







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Ranganath mentioned that powers from various acts, such as the Water, Land and Trees (WALTA) Act, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, and the Irrigation Act, will be delegated to HYDRA. Preparations for this are currently underway. Once the policy document is finalized, it will be submitted for cabinet approval. An ordinance will then be passed in the legislative assembly within six weeks of the cabinet resolution.

This update follows a petition filed in the Telangana High Court, challenging HYDRA's legal authority to demolish structures. Hearing the petition of D. Lakshmi, the High Court bench, led by Justice Lakshman, has summoned the Advocate General to explain the legal basis for HYDRA's constitution. This announcement comes as a petition was filed in the Telangana High Court questioning HYDRA's legal authority in demolishing structures.

## Counseling for MBBS, BDS admissions within a week



**TPN, Hyderabad:** Telangana Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha has announced that counseling for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) admissions will begin within a week.

The minister assured that the MBBS counseling process will be completed within the timeline set by the Medical Counseling

Committee (MCC), ensuring classes start as scheduled.

He emphasized that the government is committed to securing seats exclusively for students from the Telangana region and reiterated that there will be no compromise on this promise.

Addressing concerns about the counseling dates, the minister

urged students to ignore rumors and prepare for the registration of web options, as counseling is about to begin.

Narasimha reassured students that all procedures would be transparent and conducted according to established guidelines, advising them to stay updated through official channels.

## Heavy Security with 25,000 Policemen for Ganesh Immersion

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Hyderabad City Police Commissioner CV Anand has announced extensive security arrangements for the upcoming Ganesh immersion ceremony, set to take place on September 16 and 17. To ensure the safety of the public and prevent any untoward incidents, a force of 25,000 personnel is being deployed across the city.

The Commissioner emphasized that every year, the police take stringent security measures during the immersion

process, and this year will be no different. The security force will include 15,000 personnel from Hyderabad, with an additional 10,000 officers being brought in from other areas to assist.

The large-scale immersion of idols over the two days requires around-the-clock vigilance, with officers on duty for approximately 40 hours. CP Anand has urged both the public and authorities to cooperate fully with the police to ensure a smooth and peaceful immersion process.



# Replace Dharani with Bhumatha, Committee Tells Telangana Govt

**TPN, Hyderabad:** A special committee appointed by the Telangana government to evaluate the Dharani portal's operations and identify its shortcomings has proposed replacing it with a new Record of Rights (ROR) portal called Bhumatha.

The committee recommended that the management of the new Bhumatha portal be entrusted to a government agency, unlike the Dharani portal, which was managed by a private firm under the previous BRS government. The committee has recommended that

the government enact a new Record of Rights Act to replace the existing Telangana Rights in Land and Pattadar Passbooks Act, 2020, introduced by the previous BRS government.

This recommendation is part of the committee's report submitted to the state government, outlining 32 measures to improve land administration in Telangana, covering short-term, medium-term, and long-term timeframes.

Specifically, the committee suggested that the Bhumatha portal be

managed by one of the following government entities: the Centre for Good Governance (CGG), the National Informatics Centre (NIC), or Telangana Online (TG Online). Additionally, a technical team of experts in law, land tenure, revenue, and software should be formed to oversee the portal's implementation.

The committee, led by senior Congress leader M. Kodanda Reddy, includes members such as retired bureaucrat Raymond Peter, land laws specialist M. Sunil Kumar, and retired special

grade collector B. Madhusudan Reddy. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Navin Mittal, serves as the committee's member-convenor.



## Prajavani postponed to September 20 due to Ganesh immersion

**TPN, Hyderabad:** The Telangana government has postponed the Prajavani program to September 20, as the Ganesh idol immersion is scheduled for September 17.

On Friday, September 13, a total of 576 grievance applications were submitted through the Prajavani program. This weekly initiative, organized by the state government, allows citizens to voice their concerns and submit grievances directly to the authorities. An official release stated that the applications received on Friday covered a wide range of issues across multiple government departments.

The social welfare department received the highest number of complaints, with 214 applications, followed by the revenue department with 78, and the energy department with 56. Both the minority welfare department and the panchayat raj and rural development department received 44 applications each. The remaining departments collectively accounted for 140 applications.

## Ganesh Idol Adorned with Rs 1.10 Crore in Kothagudem



**TPN, Kothagudem:** In a unique display of devotion, the Kapu Sangham Ganesh Utsav Committee in Kothagudem district adorned a Ganesh idol with currency notes worth Rs 1.10 crore, leaving devotees in awe.

The Ganesh mandapam, set up at Ambedkar Centre in Paloncha, was decorated with brand new currency notes in denominations of Rs 500, Rs 200, and Rs 100. The floral designs made from the cash were carefully placed all over the mandapam, with the idol itself adorned with a massive garland of currency. The funds for this extravagant display were contributed by the committee members.

Committee head N.P. Naidu informed the media that the decoration was carried out on Friday, considered an auspicious day for Lakshmi Pooja, and was removed the following day. The committee has been celebrating Ganesh Navaratri at this location for 28 years, and last year, they used Rs 1 crore in currency for decoration. This year, they added Rs 10 lakh more to the display.

A large number of devotees visited the mandapam to witness the spectacle and took selfies. K. Satyanarayana, a devotee from Dammamet Centre, expressed his delight at seeing the Ganesh idol beautifully decorated with currency notes.

# Narayanpet youth returns from war-torn Russia



**TPN, Narayanpet:** Emotional scenes unfolded at Zahur Pasha Syed's small house as family members embraced Mohd Sufiyan, their son, who returned home safely after being stranded in war-torn Russia for nearly nine months.

Zahur Pasha Syed and his wife, Nasin Zahur Syed, were in disbelief when Sufiyan arrived home on Friday night. The family had been holding onto hope for his safe return after months of uncertainty.

It had been over two months since Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the issue of Indian youth stranded in Russia with Russian President Vladimir Putin. "My parents had

almost lost hope, but thanks to the Indian government, my brother returned safely," said Sufiyan's brother, Salman Zahur Syed.

Sufiyan, along with five others, was notified after his contract was canceled on September 6. They were instructed to prepare to leave for India. Following the completion of formalities, they boarded a flight from Moscow to New Delhi on Thursday. After landing in New Delhi at 3:30 a.m., Sufiyan caught a flight to Hyderabad, arriving home that night.

"Even after being told to pack and leave, Sufiyan didn't call us. He only phoned when he reached Moscow airport," Salman said, expressing the

uncertainty they had endured.

Twenty-three-year-old Sufiyan was among several Indian youth duped by agents and deployed in the Russia-Ukraine war zone. Previously employed as a helper in the packing section at Dubai airport, he had been contacted online by an agent named Faizal Khan, who promised him a security guard job in Russia.

After visiting his parents in Narayanpet, Sufiyan left for Chennai on December 17, eventually flying from Dubai to Russia. During his stay in the war zone, Sufiyan was forced to perform hard labor, including fetching water, cleaning bunkers, and collecting firewood.

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## Harish Rao committed many frauds: Minister Komatireddy

- Alleged fraud in the name of Sreeja Milk Production Centre
- The minister claims that Harish Rao's frauds are being exposed one by one
- Appeal to Collectors and Konda Surekha to cooperate in the development of Mother Dairy

Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy alleged that Harish Rao committed several frauds under the guise of the Sreeja Milk Production Centre. He claimed that the Sreeja Milk Production Centre is a front for Harish Rao.

Mother Dairy elections for milk producers of the Nalgonda and Rangareddy districts were recently held, in which Gudipati Madhusudan Reddy was elected as the Chairman of Mother Dairy. The winning directors were presented with certificates by the Minister, alongside the Election Officer.

On this occasion, Komatireddy stated that Harish Rao's frauds are being uncovered one by one. He added that Congress won all six seats in the Mother Dairy elections. The



Collectors of the respective districts were instructed to ensure that Mother Dairy milk is supplied in all government schools, hostels, and hospitals in the Nalgonda and Rangareddy districts.

Komatireddy also requested Minister Konda Surekha to ensure that the laddus made for the Yadagirigutta Lakshminarasimhaswamy temple are prepared using Mother Dairy ghee. He extended a similar

appeal to Vemulawada Devasthanam to use Mother Dairy ghee for making laddus. He emphasized that by supporting Mother Dairy in this way, the debt of Rs. 60 crore can be cleared swiftly.

The Minister criticized the BRS government for exploiting the milk production sector and asserted that the Congress government is committed to the development of Mother Dairy.

## Laxman Questions Praja Palana Day Celebrations

Hyderabad: Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha member K. Laxman has criticized the State government's decision to celebrate September 17, the day the erstwhile Hyderabad State was integrated into the Indian Union in 1948, as Telangana Praja Palana Day. Laxman alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, under pressure from AIMIM leadership, is avoiding participation in the Telangana Liberation Day celebrations officially organized by the Centre at Parade Grounds.

Addressing the media after inspecting the arrangements for the Telangana Liberation Day celebrations at Parade Grounds on Friday, Laxman claimed that the State government, in an attempt to appease the Majlis party, is staying away from the official Telangana Liberation Day events.



The senior BJP leader sharply criticized the Chief Minister, accusing Revanth Reddy of organizing Telangana Praja Palana Day to mislead the public about the significance of Telangana Liberation Day.

"There is no justification for celebrating Telangana Praja Palana Day on September 17. This move is merely a ploy to please the Majlis party. The Congress is following the same approach as the BRS," Laxman said.

## JAGGAREDDY WARNS KCR AND KTR OVER INSULTS TO REVANTH REDDY

Senior Congress leader Jaggareddy issued a sharp warning, stating that if Telangana Chief Minister KCR and his son KTR insult Congress leader Revanth Reddy, Congress workers would retaliate by "cutting their tongues." Jaggareddy's response comes in the wake of harsh comments made by KTR against Revanth. He accused the BRS of trying to disrupt the peace in Hyderabad and interfere with the Vinayaka Nimajjanam celebrations.

Jaggareddy criticized the BRS for creating unnecessary tensions and questioned whether the police should focus on the Vinayaka immersion or on managing internal disputes within the BRS. Referring to the conflict between BRS leaders Arekapudi Gand-



hi and Kaushik Reddy, he dismissed it as an internal issue for the party to resolve.

Addressing Harish Rao, Jaggareddy questioned why regionalism was being stirred up 10 years after the formation of Telangana. He further

claimed that KCR's ancestors hailed from Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, and criticized the BRS leaders for "walking on the streets" after losing power.

Jaggareddy also took aim at the BRS for encouraging party defections, accusing KCR of destroying political values by enticing Congress leaders to switch parties after 2014. He pointed out that between 2014 and 2018, several Congress MPs, MLAs, and MLCs joined the BRS and were rewarded with ministerial positions, a practice that he claims KCR normalized, which was unheard of in united Andhra Pradesh.

## Revanth Reddy Took Revenge on Hyderabad for Not Winning a Single Seat: KTR

TPN, Telangana: BRS Working President KTR criticized Congress for not winning a single seat in Hyderabad, accusing Revanth Reddy of taking revenge on the people of the city as a result. KTR labeled Revanth Reddy as an ineffective leader and chief minister. During his visit to MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy's residence in Kondapur, KTR stated that Hyderabad and Telangana enjoyed peace for ten years under the BRS regime, which is why the people of Hyderabad supported the BRS party.

He further alleged that Revanth Reddy's actions were driven by resentment, introducing unnecessary conflicts in Hyderabad. According to KTR, demolitions are being carried out under the guise of "Hydra" as an act of vengeance against the city for not voting for the Congress, which failed to win even a single seat. KTR reiterated KCR's statement that all Hyderabad residents are part of the BRS, emphasizing that there is no place for regionalism or divisions in the city.

Kaushik Reddy was encouraged to clarify any misconceptions and explained that the only demand was to take action against MLAs who defected to other parties. KTR called for the implementation of the High Court's judgment on party defections, challenging those who switched parties to resign and contest by-elections. He questioned how Arikepudi Gandhi, who publicly announced his defection, could be given the post of PAC chairman.

KTR expressed concern about the safety of Kaushik Reddy's family and accused Revanth Reddy of failing to control law and order in Hyderabad, allowing goons to be given police protection to attack Kaushik Reddy. He reminded Revanth Reddy that political positions are not permanent and vowed to continue holding the Congress accountable for its promises, despite any attempts at diversion. KTR also criticized the chief minister for allegedly inciting regional differences.

## Pocharam Srinivas Reddy Takes Charge as Agriculture Department Advisor

TPN, Telangana: Bansuwada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, now serving as an advisor to the Department of Agriculture for the Government of Telangana, emphasized the vital role of farmers in the prosperity of the nation and state. He made these remarks during a ceremony at the Nampally Public Gardens Park Office, where he officially assumed his new responsibilities. The event was attended by Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Government Adviser Kesha Rao, City Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, and other dignitaries.

Speaking at the event, Pocharam stated that the farmer is the backbone of both the country and the state. He urged the government and officials to work diligently to resolve the issues faced by farmers, stressing that the nation's prosperity is directly tied to the well-being of those who provide food for the country.

Pocharam also acknowledged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's efforts to prioritize loan waivers, farmer assurance schemes, and the completion of key agricultural projects, all aimed at improving the welfare of farmers. He expressed confidence in contributing to these initiatives through his experience as a former Minister of Agriculture, ensuring continued support and advice for the sector during challenging economic conditions.

## Unannounced Power Cuts... Chief Minister, Please Take Notice!

TPN, Telangana: Unannounced power cuts continue to plague all districts of Telangana. Despite BRS leaders warning that there would be more power cuts if the Congress government came to power, these cuts have become a regular occurrence under the current administration.

\*\*What is the real cause of these power cuts? Why are they happening despite the government's promises of uninterrupted power supply? These are the questions on everyone's mind. Recently, power cuts have become a regular feature, particularly in the morning hours, in all districts of Telangana. Even in Greater Hyderabad, many areas are facing routine power outages, leaving people frustrated.

In addition to Hyderabad, power cuts have become common in other districts as well, especially with even a slight rainfall causing significant disruptions. These frequent outages are creating hardships for the middle class and common people. Amid these issues, doubts are being raised about the five-year rule of the Congress. Less than a year into governance, people are already questioning the recurring power cuts.

The government's statements appear disconnected from the ground reality. While officials repeatedly claim there are no power cuts, the actual situation paints a different picture. This leads to more questions: Is the power department failing to ensure an uninterrupted supply despite having enough electricity? Are these frequent outages a result of mismanagement? Is the government unable to properly monitor the situation? These concerns have become a hot topic of discussion.

In Greater Hyderabad especially, frustrated residents are taking to social media to target the government over the electricity issues. They are criticizing the negligence of electricity department officials, expressing anger over the regular power cuts, and warning that this situation is unsustainable. Complaints from Hyderabad's 10 operational circles are flooding social media, as people vent their frustration over the frequent disruptions.

The ongoing unannounced power cuts in all the districts of Telangana have led to growing dissatisfaction. People are urging the Revanth Reddy government to focus on solving the power cuts and ensuring an uninterrupted electricity supply. If these issues are not addressed, people are beginning to believe that the Congress Party is proving BRS leaders' warnings about power cuts to be true.



## Amrapali's Response to Arrangements for Ganesh Immersion in GHMC

- Maha Namazjanam on the 16th and 17th of this month
- Hyderabad undergoing significant preparations
- GHMC Commissioner Amrapali provides the details

**TPN, Hyderabad:** The Ganesh Maha Namazjanam is set to take place in Hyderabad in the coming days. GHMC Commissioner Amrapali responded by explaining the extensive arrangements made for Ganesh immersion across Greater Hyderabad.

### Key arrangements include

- Setting up immersion centers at 73 ponds, including 5 large ponds under the GHMC jurisdiction.
- Establishment of 27 baby ponds, 24 portable ponds, and 22 escalator ponds

out of the 73 ponds.

- Specific arrangements for immersion at Jeedimetla Fox Sagar, Bahadur Pura Miralam Pond, Sarur Nagar Big Pond, and Kapra Ura Pond.
- Deployment of 140 static cranes, 295 mobile cranes, and 36 transport cranes.
- Installation of 125 JCBs, 102 mini tippers, 308 mobile toilets, and 52,270 temporary streetlights.
- Services provided by 160 Ganesh Action Teams to ensure a smooth immersion process.
- Establishment of Annapurna food

centers at multiple locations for devotees.

- Provision of drinking water and other essential infrastructure at all immersion centers.
- Officers will be available 24 hours a day to supervise the process.

Amrapali stated that all arrangements have been completed. Earlier today, State DGP Jitender and Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand inspected the immersion arrangements. The details were shared on this occasion.

## Woman Commits Suicide by Jumping from Five-Storey Apartment

**TPN, Hyderabad:** A tragic incident occurred in the Chikkadapally police station area of the city, where a woman committed suicide by jumping from the top of a five-storey apartment. Despite the efforts of locals urging her not to jump, the woman leaped to her death. Some of the incident was captured on video. The police have registered a case and are currently investigating the matter.

According to local residents, the woman, who lived in Harinagar under

the Chikkadapally police station jurisdiction, climbed to the fifth floor of the Giri Shikhar apartment. She sat on the wall, which alerted the locals, who shouted and pleaded with her not to jump. However, before they could intervene, she suddenly jumped from the fifth floor.

The locals immediately rushed to the scene and alerted the ambulance and police, but it was reported that she had already passed away. The police arrived at the spot and began

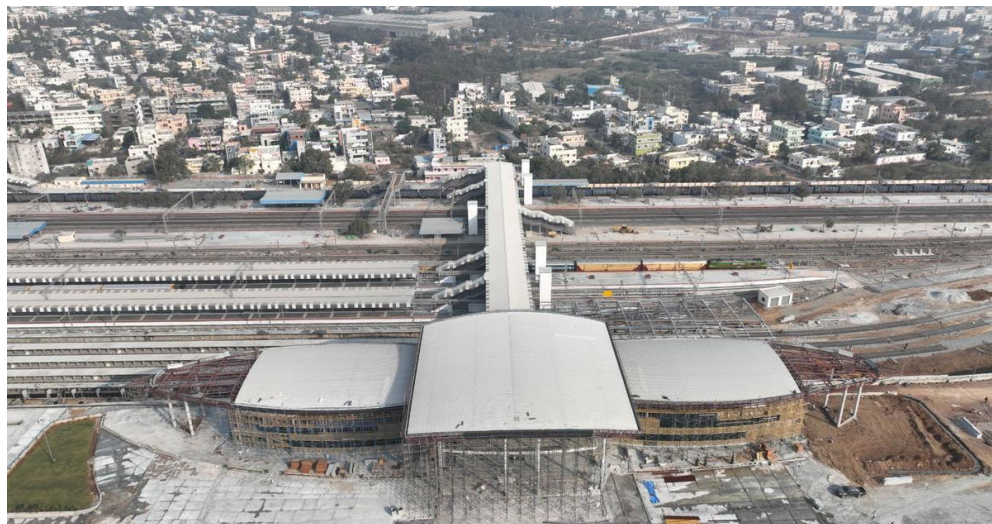
investigating the reasons behind the suicide. The body was later shifted to Gandhi Hospital for a post-mortem examination.

While the exact reasons for her suicide remain unknown, it was reported that the woman had been speaking on the phone before she jumped. The police investigation will reveal more about who she spoke to and what the conversation entailed.

## Charlapalli to Become Another Major Railway Station in Hyderabad

**TPNN, Charlapalli:** Secunderabad, Kachiguda, and Nampally railway stations currently serve the residents of Hyderabad, providing access to various parts of the country. Every year, around 2 to 3 crore passengers travel from Secunderabad railway station, making it the highest revenue-generating station in South Central Railway. With increasing pressure on Nampally and Kachiguda stations, Charlapalli station is being developed as a new terminal to serve as an alternative.

Charlapalli station will feature nine platforms and is being modernized at a cost of Rs. 415 crores. Officials are planning to operate 50 trains from the station. Recently, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy issued important directives regarding the development of Charlapalli Railway Station. He instructed officials to widen the roads leading to the station and acquire land from the forest and industries departments to provide a parking facility. He also called for the relocation of industries in the vicinity



to make way for these developments.

Four days ago, Union Minister Kishan Reddy wrote a letter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, requesting cooperation in the expansion of roads at Charlapalli station. Responding to this, the Chief Minister issued the necessary orders.

One of the major challenges hindering the full operationalization of Charlapalli railway station, which is nearly 95 percent complete, is the

narrow roads leading to it and the lack of parking space. Kishan Reddy addressed this issue in his letter to the Chief Minister. Widening the roads would require acquiring private property, but local residents are reluctant to give up their land. It remains to be seen how the railway department and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will resolve this issue to ensure the successful completion and functioning of Charlapalli station.

## Those Trying to Create Trouble in Hyderabad Should Be Dealt Accordingly

- Stated that Hyderabad stands as a symbol of unity
- Warned that troublemakers will disrupt peace
- Ponnam Prabhakar emphasized dealing with those spreading misconceptions with a firm hand

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Minister Ponnam Prabhakar stated that anyone attempting to create disturbances in Hyderabad should be dealt with strictly. Speaking during a meeting held at the Hyderabad Collectorate, he emphasized that Hyderabad stands as a symbol of unity, and warned that if anyone causes trouble in such a place, there will be no peace.

He stressed that those who provoke and spread misconceptions through social media must be suppressed with a firm hand. He further mentioned that the government has made robust arrangements to ensure that the Ganesh Namazjana celebrations on the 17th of this month can take place peacefully, without political interference.



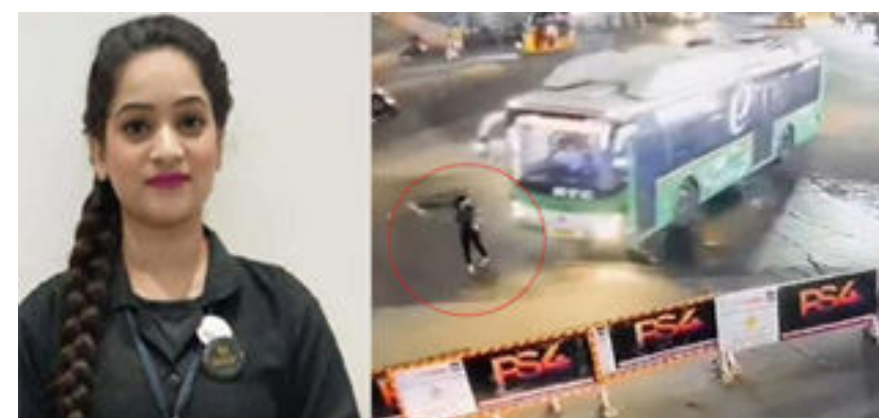
## Tragedy in Hyderabad: RTC Bus Runs Over Young Woman

**TPN, Hyderabad:** A tragic incident occurred in Hyderabad, where a young woman lost her life after being run over by an RTC bus. The accident took place on Saturday night at Kottaguda Square, under the jurisdiction of Madhapur Police Station. The incident was captured on nearby CCTV cameras.

It is evident that the young woman lost her life due to the negligence of the bus driver. As the area is a busy intersection, pedestrians were crossing the road one by one. Like the others, the young woman was crossing the road, but she did not notice the RTC bus approaching from behind.

Before she could raise her hand to alert the driver, the bus tragically ran over her. As a result, the woman was crushed under the bus's wheels and lost her life. The accident occurred due to the driver's carelessness, as he recklessly drove the bus over her.

Upon receiving information about the incident, the police arrived at the scene and moved the young woman's body to Osmania Hospital for a post-mortem. The police have registered a case and are currently investigating the incident.



## Hyderabad: Sinkhole Causes Panic Among Commuters in Miyapur

**TPN, Hyderabad:** A large sinkhole at Madinaguda Main Road in Miyapur caused panic and major disruptions for commuters on Friday, September 13. The sudden road collapse occurred at 3 PM, resulting in a sinkhole about 3 meters wide and 3 meters deep. Authorities acted swiftly by setting up barricades to halt traffic and prevent accidents.

The affected road is a crucial route for vehicles traveling towards Managar, Prashantnagar, JPNR, and Bollaram, with several schools in the vicinity. A potential tragedy was avoided as local residents

noticed the sinkhole just before school dismissal, likely preventing harm to schoolchildren and school vans passing through the area.

Officials believe that a burst Nala pipeline running alongside the road may have caused the sinkhole, as water leakage likely weakened the ground beneath. Repairs are expected to begin immediately to restore the busy route to normalcy.

Commuters have been urged to avoid the area until the road is fully repaired.





# Journalist Assaulted by Congress Workers in US

After Questioning Sam Pitroda on Bangladesh Hindu Attacks



**"It Was a Nightmare, Even Sam Was Shaken," Says the Journalist**

In a shocking incident during Rahul Gandhi's recent visit to the United States, a journalist from India Today was assaulted by Congress workers in Dallas, Texas. Rohit Sharma, who had traveled to cover Gandhi's visit, found himself at the center of chaos after raising a question about the ongoing attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh following the fall of Sheikh Hasina's government.

Sharma had approached Sam Pitroda, Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress (IOC), for an exclusive interview ahead of Gandhi's arrival at the DFW International Airport. The interview seemed to be proceeding smoothly until Sharma posed a sensitive question, asking whether Rahul Gandhi would address the violence against Hindus in Bangladesh during his meetings with US lawmakers.

Before Pitroda could fully respond, a group of 20-30 Congress supporters, who were present at the interview, erupted in protest, calling the question "controversial." The situation quickly spiraled out of control as the Congress workers began harassing Sharma. They grabbed his phone, assaulted him, and forcefully deleted the entire video of the interview.

While Pitroda initially attempted to answer by saying, "It's up to Rahul and the lawmakers to decide what's relevant. I can't speak on their behalf," the situation intensified with the crowd shouting, "Band Karo, Band Karo (Stop it, Stop it)," effectively allowing Pitroda to exit the scene as the chaos unfolded.

"Sam was visibly shaken by the situation and tried to calm everyone down, but things quickly escalat-

ed. One of the men tried to snatch my microphone, but I resisted. Ultimately, they managed to get hold of my phone and stopped the recording," Sharma explained, recounting the incident.

Following this, about 15 Congress workers remained in the room, pressuring Sharma to erase the final question from the recording. Sharma repeatedly argued that his question was valid and ethical, but they continued to insist. The situation worsened as they unlocked Sharma's phone without his permission and went through it to ensure the video was completely erased. Despite Sharma's efforts to protect the footage, they even checked his iCloud, though his phone being in airplane mode prevented any backup.

The entire ordeal lasted for about 30 minutes, with the Congress workers discussing whether they should keep Sharma's phone for four days to ensure the footage would not resurface. However, Sharma stood firm and demanded his phone back, though he refrained from calling the police. "Once I got out, I texted Sam Pitroda about what happened. He offered to re-record the interview the next day, but that never materialized," Sharma said.

Though the incident ended with Sharma recovering his phone, the question was later asked to Rahul Gandhi by another India Today journalist during a Press Club event. The silence of Gandhi and his party on the ongoing violence against Hindus in Bangladesh has been criticized, with the BJP raising concerns about their stance.

This incident highlights a troubling trend of journalists being targeted for doing their jobs. Assaulting and intimidating members of the press is not only unacceptable but poses serious ethical concerns for a party that prides itself on democratic values.



## India's New 'Mountain Tank' Zorawar A Game-Changer for High-Altitude Warfare....

In a significant leap towards enhancing its combat capabilities, the Indian Army is set to induct a new air-transportable, 25-tonne light tank, \*Zorawar\*, designed specifically for high-altitude warfare along the sensitive frontier with China. Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with Larsen and Toubro, Zorawar is expected to bolster India's military strength in mountainous terrain, marking a major shift in its defence strategy.

The development of \*Zorawar\* comes as a response to the challenges India has faced in recent years, particularly during the standoff with China in Eastern Ladakh. The difficult terrain and high-altitude conditions of the Himalayan border areas have highlighted the limitations of traditional heavy battle tanks, prompting the need for a lighter, more agile platform capable of efficient operation in such environments.

The lessons learned from the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, especially regarding mobility and quick deployment in various terrains, also informed the development of this new tank. India's frontier with China, marked by high-altitude regions and challenging weather conditions, required a combat platform that could be easily airlifted and deployed in these regions, giving the Army greater flexibility in defending its borders.

On September 13, 2024, the DRDO successfully completed preliminary trials of \*Zorawar\*. These trials, conducted in desert terrain, saw the tank perform exceptionally well, meeting all intended objectives. The success of the trials marks a "significant milestone" in India's quest for self-reliance in defence technologies, according to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Developed by DRDO's Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE), the tank is part of India's broader efforts to enhance indigenous defence manufacturing. With plans to deploy around 350 \*Zorawar\* tanks, mostly in mountainous regions, the platform is set to be a key asset in the Indian Army's high-altitude combat strategy.

### Zorawar: Specifications and Capabilities

Named after General Zorawar Singh Kahluria, a historic figure known for his courage and military exploits in Ladakh, the tank lives up to its name. Built in a record time of about three years, \*Zorawar\* is expected to be ready for induction into the Indian Army within the next three years.

At just 25 tonnes, \*Zorawar\* is significantly lighter than India's current main battle tank, the \*Arjun\*, which weighs 58.5 tonnes. This lightweight design makes \*Zorawar\* highly mobile and air-transportable, allowing it to be deployed quickly to border areas via helicopters. This capability is particularly crucial for India's northern frontier, where the ability to move troops and equipment swiftly is often a decisive factor in maintaining control over sensitive regions.

Despite its light weight, \*Zorawar\* is a formidable machine. It is equipped with the Cockerill 3105 turret, featuring a 105-millimetre calibre gun, capable of firing anti-tank guided missiles. Additionally, machine guns can be mounted on the tank, enhancing its versatility in combat. One of the standout features of \*Zorawar\* is its ability to fire at high angles of elevation, enabling it to serve a dual role as limited artillery in mountainous regions where firing angles are critical.

## A Critical Asset for High-Altitude Warfare

One of the key strengths of \*Zorawar\* is its suitability for high-altitude operations. The tank has been specifically designed to perform in the difficult conditions of India's northern borders, where weather can be harsh and the terrain unforgiving. The ability to be airlifted and deployed in high-altitude areas gives the Indian Army a strategic advantage, allowing it to maintain a strong presence in regions where heavy tanks would struggle to operate.

In addition to its operational capabilities, \*Zorawar\* represents a significant achievement in India's defence manufacturing. The tank's development is part of a broader push by India to reduce its reliance on foreign defence imports and bolster its indigenous production capabilities. The success of \*Zorawar\* will not only strengthen India's military capabilities but also enhance its standing as a defence manufacturing hub.

### Future Prospects

As \*Zorawar\* moves closer to full deployment, it is expected to play a pivotal role in India's border defence strategy, particularly along the frontier with China. The tank's versatility, combined with its ability to be deployed rapidly in high-altitude regions, will provide the Indian Army with a critical asset in maintaining security and deterring aggression.

With its lightweight design, advanced weaponry, and modular construction, \*Zorawar\* is a game-changer in India's military arsenal, ensuring that the Army is better equipped to face the unique challenges of high-altitude warfare. As India continues to modernize its military and push for greater self-reliance in defence technologies, \*Zorawar\* stands as a testament to the country's growing capabilities in this vital sector.

## Experts Warn Of Scammers Using 'Deepfakes' Of Famous Doctors On Social Media

Experts are raising alarms about the growing use of AI-generated "deepfake" videos featuring famous doctors to promote dangerous and unverified health cures on social media. These videos, shared widely on platforms like Facebook and Instagram, exploit the trusted reputations of well-known doctors to advertise fake treatments for serious conditions, such as diabetes, while discrediting proven medications.

One notable example involves the use of British TV presenter Michael Mosley's likeness in deepfakes, even though he passed away earlier this year. These videos falsely claim that metformin, a widely prescribed diabetes medication, could be deadly, urging viewers to instead try untested "natural" remedies. Experts are concerned that such misinformation, spread under the guise of trusted figures, could seriously endanger people's lives.

British doctor John Cormack, who collaborates with the British Medical Journal (BMJ) on the issue, highlighted the risk: "A lot of these media doctors have spent a great deal of time creating an image of trustworthiness, so they are believed even when they make incredible claims." This manipulation of public trust makes it easier for scammers to fool people, especially older audiences, into believing and acting on the dangerous advice in these videos.

Artificial intelligence expert Henry Ajder noted that doctor deepfakes have surged in popularity this year, as advancements in AI make it easier to convincingly replicate the appear-



ance and voice of well-known personalities. These deepfakes often target individuals who are familiar with the doctors from daytime television, creating a false sense of credibility.

Some victims of these scams have begun to fight back. French doctor Michel Cymes, a frequent TV personality, took legal action against Facebook's parent company Meta after discovering his image was used in scam videos promoting false health cures. British doctor Hilary Jones, also a regular on UK television, hired an investigator to track down deepfakes that misused his likeness to sell products like fake blood pressure cures and weed gummies. Despite efforts to remove these videos, Jones lamented that they reappear almost immediately under different names. The use of deepfakes isn't limited to trust-

worthy figures. Controversial health personalities, such as French researcher Didier Raoult and Australian naturopath Barbara O'Neill, have also been targeted. In some cases, videos falsely advertise products linked to these figures, while others spread bizarre claims like O'Neill's death from a miracle oil sold online. O'Neill's husband expressed frustration, noting that scammers are exploiting her name to sell products she never endorsed.

Experts like Frederic Jurie, an AI specialist, explained that recent advances in generative AI have made it easier to produce highly convincing deepfakes. This technology allows algorithms to model and recreate images with stunning accuracy, making it difficult to distinguish real from fake. However, detecting deepfakes remains an ongoing challenge.



## PM Modi's Mega Election Rally in J&K's Doda Today Amid Tight Security

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to address a massive election rally today in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, marking the first visit by a sitting prime minister to the region in 42 years. The last such visit occurred in 1982.

To ensure the peaceful and smooth conduct of the rally, multi-tier security has been deployed across the twin districts of Doda and Kishtwar, with special focus around the event venue at Doda's stadium.

Union Coal and Mines Minister and BJP election in-charge for Jammu & Kashmir, G Kishan Reddy, emphasized the significance of the visit, saying, "Prime Minister Modi's presence in Doda will mark a historic moment and is expected to invigorate the party's campaign ahead of the Assembly elections."

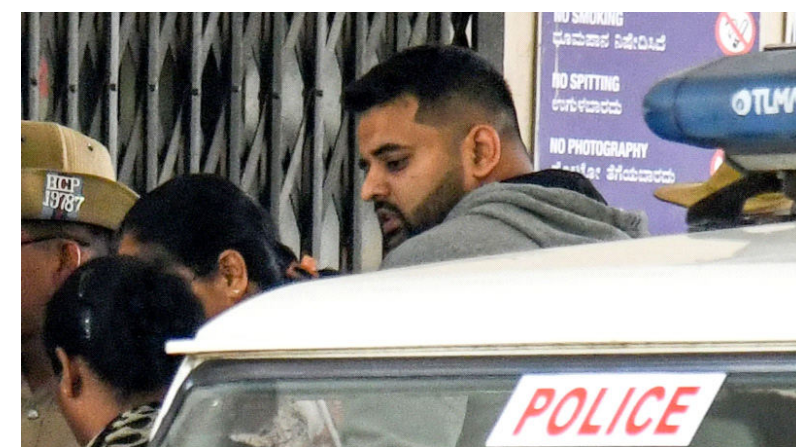
Voting for eight Assembly seats in the Chenab Valley districts of Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban is scheduled for September 18. BJP leaders believe Modi's rally will energize party supporters and strengthen the prospects of its candidates across the Union Territory.

The BJP is contesting all 43 Assembly seats in the Jammu division, where the party previously held 25 seats. This election is particularly significant as it is the first Assembly election since the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A.

Voting will take place in three phases on September 18, 25, and October 1, with results to be declared on October 8. Home



Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh have also addressed rallies in the region to bolster the BJP's campaign.



## Chargesheet Filed Against Ex-MP Prajwal Revanna in Second Sexual Assault Case

Bengaluru police have filed a chargesheet in a special court against former MP Prajwal Revanna in connection with a second case of rape and sexual assault. Revanna, who is currently in judicial custody at Parappana Agrahara Jail, is being investigated by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) for four separate cases, officials said on Friday.

The second case against Revanna was registered by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on May 1, after a 44-year-old former member of the Hassan Zilla Panchayat accused him of repeatedly raping her.

According to police, the SIT conducted a comprehensive investigation, interrogating over 120 witnesses, including victims and key witnesses. A detailed 1,691-page chargesheet was submitted to the special court, containing collected evidence and expert opinions.

Revanna was arrested by the SIT on May 31 upon his arrival at Bengaluru Airport from Germany, in connection with a case registered at Holenarasipura Town Police Station. He was remanded to custody the following day.

The former Hassan Lok Sabha MP had failed to retain his parliamentary seat in the recent elections. The cases of sexual abuse came to light after pen drives containing explicit videos allegedly involving Revanna were reportedly circulated in Hassan ahead of the Lok Sabha polls on April 26.

Following the allegations, the JD(S) party suspended Prajwal Revanna. The ongoing investigations are being closely monitored, and further developments are awaited in this high-profile case.



## India's Solar-Powered Pseudo-Satellite: A Game-Changer for Defence and Surveillance

India is set to enhance its defence and surveillance capabilities with a solar-powered plane that can fly for up to 90 days continuously. Developed by the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru, the High-Altitude Platform (HAP) is an autonomous, unmanned aircraft that operates at altitudes of 17-20 km. Capable of both day and night operations, HAP is also referred to as a High-Altitude Pseudo-Satellite (HAPS) when equipped with a payload.

The final version of this solar-powered aircraft will have a wingspan comparable to that of an Airbus 320 but will weigh only as much as a regular motorcycle. A smaller prototype with a 12-metre wingspan has already completed a successful 10-hour test flight, demonstrating key performance metrics like flight endurance of over 8.5 hours and an altitude of nearly 3 km above sea level. According to Dr. L Venkatakrishnan, head of the HAPS Program at NAL, the aircraft offers a cheaper, more versatile alternative to satellites for continuous surveillance. "It is a potent solar-powered eye in the sky," he said, adding that the final version is expected to carry a payload of up to 15 kg.

The aircraft can play crucial roles in intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR), and battlefield communications, especially during force mobilization. NAL aims for 90-day operational endurance, offering India a unique asset for monitoring its borders.

India's HAPS program adds to global efforts in developing similar technologies, with the Airbus Zephyr currently holding the record for the longest continuous flight at 64 days.

## PM Modi Welcomes New Calf 'Deepjyoti' at His Lok Kalyan Marg Residence

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a new addition to his residence at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg—a calf named 'Deepjyoti.' In a post on X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi shared the news that a cow, or "Gau Mata," at his residence recently gave birth to a calf.

PM Modi expressed his joy in a heartfelt post, referencing ancient scriptures. "It is said in our scriptures - 'Gaavh Sarvasukh Pradaah' (Cows bring all happiness). A new member has auspiciously arrived at the Prime Minister's residence premises. The beloved cow has given birth to a new calf, on whose forehead there is a mark of light. Hence, I have named it 'Deepjyoti'," he wrote in Hindi.

The Prime Minister shared a video montage showing his interactions with Deepjyoti, in which he is seen carrying the calf, sitting with it at his home temple, and taking it for a stroll in the garden. The visuals highlight a tender and serene moment of Modi bonding with the calf in his residence.

In addition to the video, PM Modi posted several photographs of the calf, calling it "truly adorable" and welcoming it as the newest member of his household.

The prime minister's post on social media received a warm response, with many praising the affection shown to the new calf and emphasizing the cultural reverence for cows in India.



## 'I'm Requesting, Please Come And Talk': Mamata Banerjee To Doctors

The standoff between protesting doctors and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee continued as discussions were stalled over the demand to live-stream their meeting. The doctors insisted on live-streaming the talks, while Ms. Banerjee refused, citing the ongoing Supreme Court case involving RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

"I am requesting, please come and talk as you requested. I will sign the minutes of the meeting, but live-streaming can only happen with Supreme Court permission," Banerjee said.

Earlier, Ms. Banerjee made a surprise visit to the protest site to address the doctors staging a sit-in outside Swasthya Bhavan, the state health department's headquarters. The doctors began their protest after a trainee doctor was raped and murdered at RG Kar Medical College last month. The protests have intensified, with demands for action against senior officials and improved security for healthcare workers.

During her address, Banerjee urged the doctors to return to work, assuring them that their demands would be considered. She promised justice for the victim, "Tilottama" (a pseudonym for the rape victim), and urged the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to expedite the case.

Despite her conciliatory tone, the doctors continued to insist on a "transparent" meeting, demanding live-streaming of discussions. "We welcome Mamata Banerjee's visit, but we want a transparent meeting over our five demands," said a protesting doctor. The doctors have been demanding the resignation of several senior officials, including the Kolkata Police Commissioner and the Health Secretary, citing a "threat culture" in government healthcare institutions. The situation remains tense, with the protest ongoing.

## Congress Criticizes Noida District Magistrate Over Social Media Post on Rahul Gandhi



The Congress party on criticized Noida District Magistrate Manish Verma after an inappropriate comment directed at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was posted from the official X (formerly Twitter) handle of the Gautam Budh Nagar District Magistrate. The party demanded immediate action against the officer for the "unacceptable comment." In response, a statement was issued from the same handle, claiming that the comment was posted by "anti-social elements" who had misused the district magistrate's ID card. "Taking this seriously, legal action is being taken, and an FIR has been filed. The cyber cell is investigating the matter," the statement added. A copy of the FIR was also shared on the handle.

Earlier, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh condemned the post, describing it as "inappropriate and unacceptable." He argued that such

incidents reflect the increasing politicization of India's bureaucracy in recent years. Ramesh said, "Immediate action must be taken against this officer who has brazenly violated all rules and norms." Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete shared a screenshot of the deleted comment, which read in Hindi, "You should think about yourself and your Pappu," a reference to Rahul Gandhi. Shrinete criticized the district magistrate's language and thoughts, stating that such comments demonstrate the administrative staff's bias. Congress leader Pawan Kherra also expressed his disapproval, questioning whether IAS officers were now being directed to make political comments under BJP rule. The post from the district magistrate's handle has since been deleted, but the controversy continues as the Congress demands accountability.



# US Accuses RT of Covert Influence Activities, Imposes New Sanctions

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## Trump and Kamala Harris Campaign in Battleground States Amid Intensified Migrant Controversy

In a heated presidential campaign season, both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris are focusing their efforts on key battleground states as a racially charged controversy over Haitian migrants escalates. Trump, 78, is scheduled to rally in Nevada later today, where he will address economic issues such as inflation, a key concern for voters. Trump, who has ramped up his rhetoric on illegal immigration, has made controversial claims about Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio. He promised "large deportations" from the city, which he alleged is being adversely affected by Haitian immigrants. The claims have been accompanied by inflammatory statements about Haitians allegedly harming local wildlife and committing violent crimes.

Authorities in Springfield have been forced to evacuate schools for a second day due to threats linked to the heightened tensions. The FBI is investigating threatening calls directed at the local Haitian community center.

In contrast, Kamala Harris, who recently delivered a strong performance in a debate against Trump, is campaigning in Pennsylvania, a crucial swing state. Harris, 59, has focused on portraying herself as a unifying leader who can move beyond the divisiveness of the Trump era.

The debate on Tuesday saw Harris receiving praise, including from some Republicans, for her performance. Meanwhile, Trump is doubling down on his hardline stance on immigration, attempting to pivot away from economic issues where his campaign has struggled.

President Joe Biden, who has endorsed Harris after stepping back from his own campaign, condemned Trump's inflammatory rhetoric, stating that there is "no place in America" for such divisive statements.

The campaign season is marked by a near dead heat in opinion polls with just seven weeks until election day. Trump's campaign is also under scrutiny for its association with far-right figures, including Laura Loomer, whose controversial views have drawn criticism even from some of Trump's supporters.

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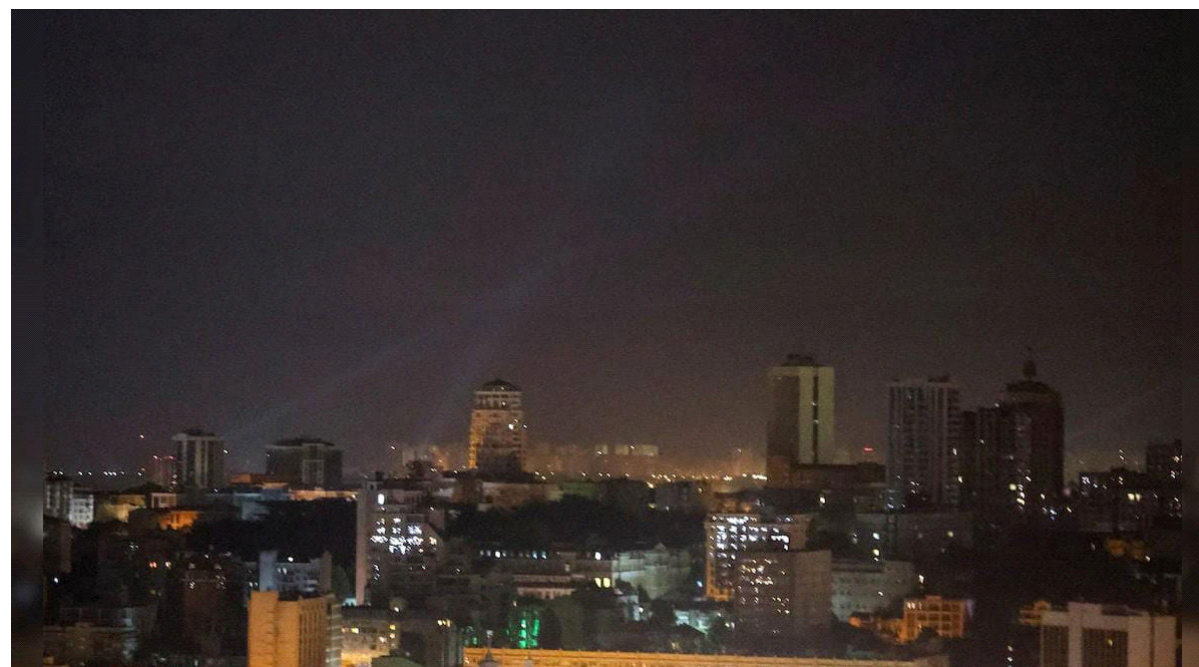
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Russia has intensified its aerial assault on Ukraine, launching a significant drone attack overnight on Kyiv and other cities. Ukrainian air defenses successfully intercepted 72 out of 76 Shahed drones over 12 regions in central, southern, and eastern Ukraine, according to the Ukrainian Air Force.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is scheduled to visit the United States later this month, reiterated his call for enhanced air defense systems and long-range capabilities. "We need more capabilities to strengthen the air shield, air defense, and long-range capabilities to continue protecting life and our people," Zelenskyy stated on Telegram.

While there were no immediate reports of casualties, the strikes caused damage across various parts of Ukraine. In Kyiv, drone fragments fell on a municipal building in the Obolon district, though no fires were reported. The governor of the Kyiv region noted damage to private homes and commercial properties, as well as shattered windows in high-rise residential buildings.

The southern Odesa region also experienced significant damage, including several fires ignited by debris that impacted commercial and residential buildings. Air alerts were issued for three to five hours throughout the night, with



Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko confirming that air defense units were actively engaged.

The conflict, now spanning nearly 31 months, has seen Russia's forces launch thousands of drones and missiles, causing extensive civilian casualties, infrastructure damage, and disruptions to power supplies. Moscow maintains

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## RBI Imposes Penalties on Hewlett Packard and Two Other NBFCs for KYC Non-Compliance



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied monetary penalties on three non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) for regulatory lapses and non-compliance with various RBI directives. The penalties, issued between September 3 and September 11, 2024, were imposed on Hewlett Packard Financial Services (India) Private Limited, SMFG India Credit Company Limited, and Muthoot Vehicle & Asset Finance Limited.

On September 3, 2024, Hewlett Packard Financial Services (India) Private Limited was fined ₹10.4 lakh for failing to comply with Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines and other applicable regulations for systemically important non-deposit-taking NBFCs. The penalty followed an inspection by the RBI based on the company's financial position as of March 31, 2022.

On September 4, 2024, SMFG India Credit Company Limited (formerly Fullerton India Credit Company Limited) was penalized ₹23.1 lakh for vi-

olations related to RBI's Information Technology (IT) and cybersecurity guidelines. A control gap assessment in April 2023 revealed the company's failure to monitor outsourced vendors properly, conduct security audits, and retain critical audit logs.

Finally, on September 11, 2024, Muthoot Vehicle & Asset Finance Limited was fined ₹7.9 lakh for non-compliance with the RBI's liquidity risk management framework. The company failed to disclose its Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) on its website, did not submit customer data to credit information companies, and did not provide loan sanction letters in the vernacular language to vehicle loan borrowers.

In all cases, the RBI clarified that these penalties were based on compliance deficiencies and were not reflective of the validity of transactions or agreements undertaken by the companies. Further actions may be taken if required.

## Boeing Strike Threatens to Worsen Global Jetliner Shortage



Boeing's first strike in 16 years is raising concerns that it could worsen the already severe global jetliner shortage, further impacting airfares and forcing airlines to extend the use of older aircraft. The strike began at midnight on Friday, as Boeing's West Coast workers walked out after rejecting a contract deal. Production of Boeing's best-selling 737 MAX has been halted as a result.

Boeing's Chief Financial Officer, Brian West, warned that a prolonged strike could hurt the company's output and disrupt its recovery. With Boeing being a key player in global aviation, industry executives fear this could exacerbate existing supply issues caused by parts shortages, recruitment challenges, and maintenance delays.

"A strike could have an impact on production levels, which could exacerbate some of the supply shortages," said Ross O'Connor, CFO of Irish leasing company Avolon.

The jetliner shortage has already been pushing airfares higher, and experts warn that the imbalance between demand and supply could persist for some time. Rob Morris, global head of consultancy at Cirium Ascend, suggested that it might not be additional supply that corrects the situation, but rather a softening of demand due to higher airfares.

While Boeing halts production, European competitor Airbus is also struggling to meet its delivery targets for the year. The combined difficulties of both major manufacturers are leaving airlines with little choice but to keep older jets flying longer, increasing the average fleet age and complicating efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

The airline industry remains committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050, but experts warn that using older aircraft longer will delay progress towards that goal.

## EU Unlikely to Order Breakup of Google's Adtech Business for Now

European Union (EU) antitrust officials are expected to refrain from ordering a breakup of Google's adtech business, despite earlier threats, due to the complexity of such a move. The EU's competition regulators are preparing a decision to address Google's anti-competitive practices within its adtech operations, which could include a hefty fine but not the drastic measure of breaking up the company, according to sources familiar with the matter.

Last year, Margrethe Vestager, the EU's antitrust chief, hinted at the possibility of splitting up Google's highly profitable adtech division, marking what would have been the most severe penalty ever imposed on the tech giant. The breakup could have forced Google to divest key parts of its advertising business, including its sell-side tools, DSP, and ad exchange, AdX, due to conflicts of interest with its ad buying tools, such as Google Ads and DV360.

However, the breakup is unlikely to



be part of the EU's forthcoming ruling, primarily because of the complexities involved in implementing such a drastic measure. Regulators are reportedly considering keeping the option open for a later stage if Google's anti-competitive behavior persists.

The European Commission's decision is expected in the coming months, though it may not be finalized before Vestager's departure from office in November. Google has already faced

significant financial penalties, having been fined €8.25 billion (\$9.14 billion) by EU regulators over the past decade for various antitrust violations.

Google's adtech business, which generated \$237.85 billion in revenue in 2023, remains under intense scrutiny worldwide, including a separate antitrust case in the U.S. brought by the Department of Justice, accusing the company of attempting to monopolize key ad markets.

## Indian Stock Markets Surge to New High Amid Global Rate Cut Optimism

The Indian stock markets reached new all-time highs this week, buoyed by global rate-cut optimism and a positive outlook for domestic corporate earnings. The European Central Bank (ECB) lowered its deposit rate by 25 basis points to 3.50% to stimulate sluggish growth, adding momentum to global markets. Industry experts have noted that the anticipation of favorable monetary policies worldwide has provided a significant boost to investor sentiment.

The US Federal Reserve is set to announce its interest rate decision on September 18 following a two-day Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting. The outcome of this meeting is expected to be a key driver of market direction globally, with a particular focus on how it might impact domestic indices.

Indian markets showed resilience this week, recovering from the negative impact of SEBI's deadline for Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) disclosure norms and lingering fears



of a US recession. Despite volatility, both Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) and FIIs maintained positive flows, driven by a strong monsoon season and expectations of higher demand during the upcoming festive period.

On Thursday, the Sensex and Nifty indices reached new intraday highs of 83,116 and 25,433, respectively, with major sectors such as auto, IT, PSU, and pharma leading the gains. Ana-

lysts also highlighted the importance of foreign portfolio investor (FPI) flows, crude oil price movements, and upcoming policy decisions by the RBI and the US Federal Reserve in shaping future market trends.

Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities, noted that the Nifty index continues to sustain above its 21-day exponential moving average, indicating a strong market trend moving forward.

## CCI Accuses Samsung, Xiaomi of Colluding with Amazon and Flipkart

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has accused major smartphone brands, including Samsung and Xiaomi, of colluding with e-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart to launch products exclusively on their platforms, violating Indian antitrust laws. According to regulatory reports seen by Reuters, this alleged practice of exclusivity has hurt competition and led to the prioritization of certain listings and steep discounts, undermining other companies.

The CCI's investigation, which spanned over 1,027 pages for Amazon and 1,696 pages for Flipkart, found that the Indian units of smartphone companies like Samsung, Xiaomi, Motorola, Realme, and OnePlus were involved in exclusive phone launches on these platforms, which constituted a breach of competition law. The report also implicated other brands like Vivo and Lenovo in similar practices on Flipkart.



The findings suggest that these companies worked closely with Amazon and Flipkart to give preferential treatment to certain products, which harmed the interests of small retailers and distorted the competitive landscape. G.V. Siva Prasad, additional director general of the CCI, emphasized that such exclusivity goes against free and fair competition and ultimately disadvantages consumers.

The investigation also revealed that both Amazon and Flipkart downplayed these allegations during the

probe, though officials found that the practice of exclusive launches was widespread.

As major players in India's smartphone market—Samsung and Xiaomi together hold nearly 36% of the market—these findings could result in significant legal and compliance challenges for the companies. India's e-retail market is expected to reach \$160 billion by 2028, making these developments a serious concern for Amazon and Flipkart, who are facing increased scrutiny from regulators and small retailers alike.





# MISSION MAUSAM: A VITAL LEAP IN WEATHER FORECASTING AND MANAGEMENT FOR INDIA'S FUTURE

As climate change accelerates, weather patterns around the globe are becoming increasingly unpredictable. India, with its vast geographical diversity and significant population, is particularly vulnerable to these shifts. From devastating floods to prolonged droughts, extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, leading to widespread economic damage, agricultural losses, and human suffering. In this context, India's ambitious new initiative, \*Mission Mausam\*, represents a timely and crucial step towards enhancing the country's weather forecasting and management capabilities.

The mission, spearheaded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, aims to significantly improve India's ability to predict and manage weather events, leveraging cutting-edge technology such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and machine learning. Over the next five years, Mission Mausam will expand observational networks, develop new technologies, and improve weather models to provide more accurate and localized forecasts. It promises to be a game-changer for India's disaster management and long-term climate resilience.

## Why Mission Mausam is Needed

At the heart of Mission Mausam is the need to address the inherent challenges in tropical weather forecasting. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has long struggled to predict small-scale weather events with high precision due to limitations in the country's current observation and modeling infrastructure. According to the Ministry of Earth Sciences, the horizontal resolution of India's Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) models is currently at 12 kilometers. This makes it difficult to forecast localized weather phenomena, such as isolated thunderstorms or cloudbursts, with accuracy.

Moreover, observational data in India is sparse both spatially and temporally. This data gap hampers the ability to predict high-impact weather events, especially in regions with complex topography like the Himalayas or the coastal areas. As the atmosphere becomes more chaotic due to rising global temperatures, extreme weather events like flash floods, cloudbursts, and localized droughts are becoming harder to predict using existing tools.

## Expanding Observation Networks and Technological Capabilities

One of the key pillars of Mission Mausam is the expansion of India's observation network. This will involve increasing the number of Doppler radars by 150%, installing 10 new wind profilers, and setting up a similar number of radiometers. These tools are essential for monitoring atmospheric conditions and providing real-time data on weather patterns.



A critical component of the mission is the establishment of a "cloud chamber" at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) in Pune. This facility will allow scientists to artificially develop clouds in a controlled environment, enabling them to study the physical processes occurring within clouds in unprecedented detail. Understanding cloud dynamics is key to improving weather models and developing technolo-

gies like cloud seeding, which can be used to artificially induce or suppress rain.

By enhancing the horizontal resolution of its weather models from 12 kilometers to 6 kilometers, Mission Mausam aims to generate highly localized forecasts down to the panchayat level. This will allow for more precise predictions of weather events in small communities, which are often the most vulnerable to extreme weather.

## Weather Management: A Critical Frontier

One of the most exciting aspects of Mission Mausam is its focus on weather management technologies. The mission aims to develop tools that can artificially enhance or suppress weather events like rain and hailstorms. For instance, in drought-prone areas, cloud seeding could be used to induce rain, while in flood-prone regions, it could help suppress rainfall.



Cloud seeding has been used in several countries, including the United States, China, and the UAE, to manage weather events. The process involves dispersing substances like silver iodide or dry ice into clouds to encourage the formation of rain or snow. However, its effectiveness and environmental impact remain subjects of ongoing research. In India, cloud seeding has been attempted in states like Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, but it has not yet achieved widespread success.

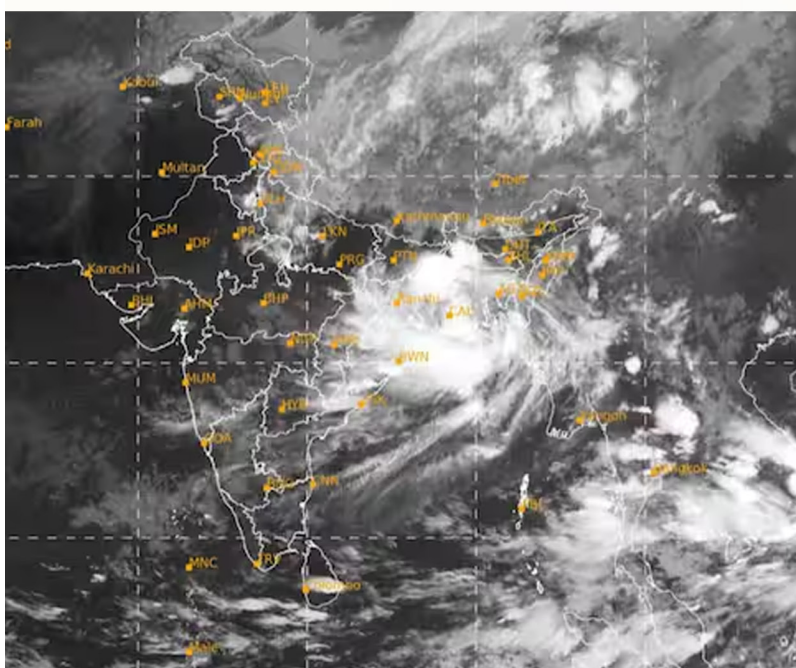
Mission Mausam aims to advance cloud seeding technologies and other weather management techniques over the next five years, potentially allowing India to mitigate the effects of extreme weather events in a more proactive and controlled manner.

## Building Climate Resilience

As the climate crisis intensifies, India must build greater resilience to the growing threats posed by extreme weather. Mission Mausam represents a bold and necessary step in that direction.

By improving short to medium-range weather forecasts by 5-10%, enhancing air quality predictions, and enabling panchayat-level forecasts, the mission will significantly strengthen India's ability to prepare for and respond to weather-related disasters.

Mission Mausam is a vital initiative that addresses India's pressing need for improved weather forecasting and management in the face of climate change. As extreme weather events become more frequent and severe, having the tools and technologies to accurately predict and manage these events will be crucial for safeguarding lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure. By leveraging cutting-edge technology and expanding observation networks, Mission Mausam promises to usher in a new era of climate resilience for India.







## Man's Encounter with '124-Year-Old' Crocodile Leaves Internet Stunned



A video of TV personality Robert Alleva's encounter with a 124-year-old Nile crocodile has taken the internet by storm. Alleva, co-host of \*Kings of Pain\*, shared the breathtaking footage on Instagram, showing his daring interaction with the crocodile, named Henry, at the Crocworld Conservation Centre in South Africa. Henry, believed to be the oldest known crocodile in the world, has lived since 1900 and is soon to celebrate his 124th birthday.

In the video, Alleva can be seen carefully placing his feet on one of Henry's legs, causing the massive reptile to scream. However, the crocodile remained calm as Alleva then placed his hand on its scaly body. "I haven't felt scared in a long time. This is amazing," Alleva remarked during the encounter.

Alleva's post, captioned with a mix of awe

and excitement, revealed that meeting Henry had been a long-time wish. "Be careful what you wish for!! I was as intimidated as I was fascinated," he wrote, praising the Crocworld team for the opportunity.

The video has amassed over 4 million views and sparked intense debate. While many viewers applauded Alleva's bravery, others expressed concern about the potential dangers. One user commented, "That thing is a living dinosaur and it's huge," while another cautioned, "Playing with monsters means wanting to go down in history in a tragic way."

Despite the divided opinions, the encounter has captured the attention of wildlife enthusiasts worldwide, with many calling it a privilege to witness such a rare and ancient creature.

## American Content Creator Shares How Moving to India Transformed Her Life

Kristen Fischer, an American content creator at SkyFish Development, has captured the internet's attention with her reflections on how relocating to India has profoundly changed her life. Fischer, who has lived in Delhi for two years, shared her transformative journey on social media, detailing the various ways her lifestyle has adapted since moving to the vibrant and diverse country.

"My life has changed in many ways since coming to India. It definitely took an adjustment time coming here, but now I love my life in India and wouldn't have it any other way," Fischer explained.

### Key Changes in Kristen Fischer's Life:

**1. Adopting a Vegetarian Diet:** Fischer embraced a plant-based diet, aligning with India's widespread vegetarian culture. She cited both ethical and health reasons for the shift.

**2. Wearing Traditional Indian Clothing:** She now regularly dons lightweight cotton kurtas, which are well-suited to Delhi's warm climate.

**3. Using Public Transport:** Fischer has become accustomed to Delhi's metro system, praising its efficiency compared to public transport in the U.S.

**4. Daily Chai Consumption:** A fan of Indian tea, Fischer has made chai a staple in her daily routine, enjoying it as a refreshing break.

**5. Sending Her Kids to Private School:** Fischer highlighted that private schools in India are more affordable and provide a high standard of education for her children.

**6. Eating with Her Hands:** Initially hesitant, she now enjoys eating Indian food with her hands, feeling it enhances the overall experience.



**7. Using Hindi Regularly:** Learning Hindi has become a necessity, and Fischer now uses the language in her daily interactions.

**8. Performing Household Chores Manually:** She has adapted to doing chores without the gadgets commonly used in the U.S.

**9. Using a Bidet:** Fischer now prefers using a bidet for its cleanliness and convenience, remarking, "I am never going back."

Fischer's video, which has garnered over 1.7 million views, has sparked appreciation from viewers, who praised her for embracing the contrasts between life in India and the U.S. Many found her insights both enlightening and relatable, applauding her willingness to adapt to a new culture.

## Gen Z's Favorite Social Media Platforms: Insights

Social media has become an integral part of modern life, providing platforms for everything from personal connections to news consumption, content creation, and even career development. For Gen Z—defined as those born between the late 1990s and early 2010s—social media plays a particularly crucial role in shaping communication and entertainment habits.

According to 2023 data from the Pew Research Center, YouTube stands as the most popular social media platform among Gen Z, with a significant 93% of U.S. adults aged 18-29 using it. Instagram follows closely, with 78% of this demographic engaging on the platform. Facebook, Snapchat, and TikTok also rank highly, each favored by over 60% of Gen Z users. The platforms that attract fewer, but still significant, percentages include Pinterest, Reddit, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, WhatsApp, and BeReal.

Among U.S. adults aged 18-29, social media usage is led by YouTube, with 93% of this demographic engaging on the platform. Instagram follows with 78%, while Facebook is used by 67%. Snapchat and TikTok are also popular, with 65% and 62% of users, respectively. Pinterest sees engagement from 45%, and Reddit is used by 44%. X (formerly Twitter)



ter) has 42% of this age group, while both LinkedIn and WhatsApp each have 32% usage. BeReal is less popular, with 12% of adults in this age group using the platform.

Social media also plays a significant role in how Gen Z and other Americans consume news. Half of U.S. adults report getting news from platforms like TikTok, X, Facebook, and Instagram. However, the way users encounter news varies across these platforms. On Facebook and Instagram, news is often shared by friends and family, while TikTok users are more likely to get news from influencers or unfamiliar sources. X, by contrast, tends to feature more news from media outlets and journalists.

## Why Planes Always Board From the Left Side: The Historical Reason

Ever wondered why passengers always board planes from the left-hand side? This practice, while not widely considered by travelers, has deep historical roots dating back to the days when humans traveled by boat. TikTok creator Dougie Sharpe recently shared an insightful explanation of the tradition, revealing that it stems from the way ships were designed and operated.

In a viral video, Sharpe explained, "The reason we always load and unload planes from the left-hand side is a hold-over from when humanity moved on boats." During ancient times, ships loaded and unloaded cargo and passengers from the left-hand side, which became known as the "port side." This standardization simplified logistics, allowing ships to dock consistently at ports around the world with the correct equipment on the proper side.

As aviation technology evolved, this maritime tradition carried over into modern air travel. En-



gineers designing airports and airplanes adopted the same boarding approach, maintaining the left side for passenger entry. "When humanity transitioned from boats to aeroplanes, engineers just held the concept over," Sharpe explained.

Aviation experts have also confirmed this historical connection. Michael Oakley, managing editor of \*The Aviation Historian\*, noted that many aviation practices, including the boarding process, have origins in maritime traditions. He pointed out that just as ships have a "port side" for boarding, airplanes follow the same principle.

This historical tidbit has resonated with many, sparking online discussions. One commenter noted, "These are my favourite types of practices that have lasted thousands of years." The term "starboard," referring to the right side of ships and planes, also has a maritime origin, further linking aviation to its nautical past.

## Dubai Princess Sheikha Latifa's Touching Tribute to Father Goes Viral

Dubai Princess Sheikha Latifa MDR Al Maktoum recently shared a heartfelt tribute to her father, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Prime Minister of the UAE, on Instagram. The emotional post, captioned "There is no one like you, Father," was originally written in Arabic and accompanied by a video highlighting special moments between the father and daughter. The post quickly went viral, garnering over 57,000 views and drawing widespread praise from the online community.

The video reflects the close bond between Sheikha Latifa and Sheikh Mohammed, who also serves as the ruler of Dubai and the vice president of the UAE. Sheikha Latifa is one of Sheikh Mohammed's 26 children, and the tribute emphasized her deep affection and admiration for her father.

### Online Reactions to the Post

The Instagram post has sparked a wave of positive responses, with many users applauding the emotional message and reflecting on the strong father-daughter bond. One user commented, "Beautiful see-



ing the golden hearts and compassion all of you give selflessly to make life better for all. Your Father and Fazza are two extraordinary men Latifa, you are also such an inspiration, beautiful soul."

Another user wrote, "A proud daughter of a legendary leader," while others praised Sheikh Mohammed's leadership and his role as a father. One commenter added, "The greatest world leader and amazing father, not only to his children but also to many of us in this beautiful land."

The touching tribute has resonated with people worldwide, celebrating both the personal and public legacy of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

## Devoted Dog Follows Owner to Hospital, Refuses to Be Separated

In a heartwarming display of loyalty, a dog refused to be separated from its owner as they were transported to the hospital in an ambulance. The touching moment, captured in a viral video, shows the determined dog chasing the ambulance carrying its owner, prompting the compassionate ambulance crew to allow the devoted pet inside.



The video, which has garnered over 8 million views, was filmed by a passing motorcyclist and highlights the incredible bond between the dog and its owner. The footage captures the dog running tirelessly after the ambulance, unwilling to let its owner out of sight. The ambulance crew, moved by the dog's determination, eventually let the loyal companion join its owner for the rest of the journey.

The video has touched hearts across social media, with many praising the crew's kindness and the dog's unwavering loyalty. One user shared a similar experience, commenting, "Had a call this week where we spent more time catching and returning the dog than getting the patient in the ambulance. The patient wouldn't leave till their dog was safe."

Another user recalled a heartbreaking memory of a German Shepherd running after an ambulance carrying their deceased sister, while others expressed admiration for the compassion displayed in the moment.

This viral story serves as a reminder of the deep bond between humans and dogs, showing how acts of kindness can bring comfort in even the most stressful situations.





## Harmanpreet Singh's Brace Hands India 2-1 Win Over Pakistan

India's men's hockey team secured a 2-1 victory over arch-rivals Pakistan in a thrilling final group stage match of the Asian Champions Trophy 2024, held in Moqi, China. With this win, India remains unbeaten as they advance to the semi-finals of the tournament.

Pakistan took an early lead in the eighth minute, thanks to a well-placed goal by Ahmad Nadeem. However, India's captain Harmanpreet Singh quickly turned the tide, leading his team from the front with two crucial penalty corner goals in the first half, sealing India's comeback.

Despite Pakistan's strong start, India dominated the remainder of the game, controlling possession and keeping the pressure on their rivals. Harmanpreet's sharp finishing from set-pieces ensured that India maintained their winning momentum heading into the knockout stage.

This victory has reinforced India's position as one of the favorites in the



tournament, with Pakistan, Korea, and India having already secured their spots in the semi-finals. The final semi-finalist will be decided between Malaysia and China, who are

still in contention.

India now looks forward to continuing their strong form as they aim for the Asian Champions Trophy title.

## Morne Morkel's Goal as India's Bowling Coach



Morne Morkel, India's new bowling coach, is focused on maintaining and refining a well-established system, ensuring players feel at ease despite high expectations. Morkel, who recently replaced Paras Mhambrey, joined the team in Chennai ahead of the home Test series against

Bangladesh.

"Coming here, this is a set-up that operates by itself," Morkel told BCCI.tv. "My goal is to protect and enhance it in small ways." He emphasized that the senior players would take charge while the coaching staff provides necessary

support and advice.

Morkel's appointment was recommended by head coach Gautam Gambhir, with whom he worked during the IPL for Lucknow Super Giants. Connecting with players on a personal level is important to Morkel, who believes in building strong relationships to help players thrive under pressure. "I've played against and connected with some of the guys during the IPL," he said, adding that getting to know the team's strengths and weaknesses is key.

Morkel was impressed by the professionalism of the players during his first interactions. "I was blown away by how they went about things... It's a good sign, and hopefully, we can build on that," he remarked.

Talking about his appointment, Morkel shared, "It was a special moment... The first person I called was my dad." The South African legend feels ready for the challenge and is eager to impart his experience to help India succeed.

## Duleep Trophy: Tilak Varma Put India A in Command

Tilak Varma and Pratham both scored smooth hundreds, propelling India A to a commanding position against India D after the third day of their Duleep Trophy match on Saturday.

Varma, keen to keep himself in the spotlight for future India selections, scored an unbeaten 111 off 193 balls (9x4), while Pratham impressed with 122 off 189 balls (12x4, 1x6). India A declared their second innings at 380 for three, securing a substantial overall lead of 487. In response, India D managed to score 62 for the loss of Atharva Taide, chasing a target of 488. Ricky Bhui (44) and Yash Dubey (15) were at the crease at stumps.

Pratham, who started the day at 59, continued his fluent play, reaching his century in 149 balls before falling to left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar close to the end of the morning session. Pratham and Varma added 104 runs for the second wicket.

Varma, once touted by Rohit Sharma as India's next all-format player, held his ground, remaining unbeaten on 60 at lunch after bringing up his fifty in 96 balls. India A went to lunch at 260 for two, having started the day at 115 for one.

After the break, India A lost Riyan Parag for 20, but Varma found a solid partner in Shashwat Rawat, who contributed an unbeaten 64 off 88 balls (7x4). The fourth-wicket duo added 116 runs, further strengthening India A's grip on the match.



## Mumbai City FC Stages Dramatic Comeback to Draw 2-2 with Mohun Bagan

Mumbai City FC mounted a thrilling second-half comeback to secure a 2-2 draw against Mohun Bagan in the opening match of the Indian Super League (ISL) in Kolkata on Friday. Mohun Bagan squandered a two-goal lead, with defensive frailties costing them dearly for the second time in two weeks, reminiscent of their Durand Cup final defeat.

The match began with a stroke of misfortune for Mumbai City as their long-serving foreign player Tiri scored an own goal in the ninth minute, giving his former team Mohun Bagan an early lead. Mohun Bagan extended their advantage in the 28th minute when debutant Alberto Rodriguez netted a fierce strike, putting the Mariners comfortably ahead. However, the second half saw Mumbai City FC fight back, with Tiri making amends for his earlier own goal by scoring for his current team in the 70th minute.



## Afghanistan, New Zealand Cricketers Keep Busy Amid Test Venue Fiasco

The one-off Test match between Afghanistan and New Zealand, scheduled at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Stadium in Greater Noida, ended without a single ball being bowled. Persistent rain for three out of the five days and a poorly managed outfield prevented any play from taking place. Despite having clear skies on some days, the stadium's facilities could not prepare the field in time, leading to heavy criticism. The match was officially abandoned on Friday, with the umpires having no choice due to the conditions.

With no on-field action possible, both teams found ways to stay active. Afghanistan's coach Jonathan Trott revealed that his players focused on gym sessions to prepare for their upcoming one-day series against South Africa in the UAE. Trott explained that he wanted the team to stay sharp and ready for their next challenge in Dubai.

New Zealand cricketers, meanwhile, turned to hallway cricket in their hotel to keep themselves engaged. Head coach Gary Stead mentioned that players also focused on gym sessions to maintain fitness ahead of their upcoming Test matches in Asia, including three in India and two in Sri Lanka. Stead expressed disappointment, as the abandoned match hindered their preparations for their next Test.

Both teams stayed focused on future goals despite the frustrating venue situation.



## Lionel Messi Set to Return After Two-Month Layoff

Lionel Messi is poised to make his return for Inter Miami on Saturday, following a two-month absence due to an ankle injury. Inter Miami coach Gerardo Martino confirmed on Friday that Messi has recovered and is available for the upcoming match against the Philadelphia Union.

"Yes, he is fine," Martino said. "He trained on Thursday and is in the plans for the game. After training, we will figure out the strategy for him, but he is available."

Messi, who injured his right ankle during the Copa America final on July 14, where he led Argentina to victory over Colombia, has missed eight Major League Soccer (MLS) games for Inter Miami as well as Argentina's World Cup qualifiers this month.

Inter Miami, currently leading the Eastern Conference and overall MLS standings, will be boosted by the return of their star player. "To get back the best player in the world to our team, which was already on a good run, we are all very happy with this situation," Martino added.

Messi's return is highly anticipated as he looks to contribute to Miami's push for more success in the MLS.





## New Trends in Movie Promotions: NTR Take the Lead

Movie promotions are evolving, with filmmakers exploring fresh approaches to capture audience attention. Traditionally, Telugu movie promotions involved interviews hosted by popular anchors like Suma, journalists, or social media influencers. However, a new trend is emerging where people from within the film industry are hosting these interviews.

Recently, prominent directors such as Sandeep Reddy Vanga and Anil Ravipudi conducted interviews with the cast and crew of \*RRR\*, and Harish Shankar hosted an interview with the team behind \*Acharya\*. This same promotional strategy is being applied for Jr NTR's highly anticipated film \*Devara\*. With the release just around the corner, Jr NTR, director Koratala Siva, and co-stars Saif Ali Khan and Janhvi Kapoor have been engaging in a series of interviews and shows to promote the film.

In a unique twist, trending young heroes Siddhu Jonnalagadda and Vishwak Sen, both self-con-

fessed fans of Jr NTR, recently interviewed Tarak and Koratala Siva as part of the promotions. Screenshots of this exciting interview have surfaced on social media, sparking anticipation for the full conversation. This interview is significant because Jr NTR had earlier supported Siddhu and Vishwak by attending their movie events, and now, they have reciprocated by promoting \*Devara\*.

In addition to these interviews, \*Devara\*'s team was also interviewed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga. Jr NTR and Alia Bhatt took part in a cross-promotion for \*Devara\* and Alia's upcoming film \*Jigra\* in a special interview with Karan Johar. The team also appeared on \*The Kapil Sharma Show\*, further amplifying the promotional efforts.

With the entire \*Devara\* team leaving no stone unturned, the film's promotional campaign is generating massive hype nationwide, creating significant anticipation ahead of its release.



### Pragya Jaiswal's Bold Leopard Look Sets the Internet Ablaze

Pragya Jaiswal is making waves with her latest sizzling photoshoot, where she stuns in a daring leopard print ensemble. Known for her striking beauty and impeccable sense of style, the actress has turned up the heat, captivating her fans with her bold fashion choices.

In the photoshoot, Jaiswal confidently flaunts her toned figure, wearing a leopard print bra, paired with oversized pants and a matching shirt. Her loose, flowing hair and sensual poses accentuate her fierce look, while the midriff-baring outfit adds an extra layer of boldness and confidence to her ensemble.

She captioned the photoshoot, "Cat's out of the bag," perfectly encapsulating the alluring and fearless energy she exudes in the images.

Pragya Jaiswal, who was last seen in the film \*Khel Khel Mein\*, has generated significant buzz with this photoshoot, leaving fans eager to see what her next project will be. Her daring look has broken the internet, further establishing her as a fashion icon in the industry.

## What's Next for Puri Jagannadh? Is There Any Hope Left?

Puri Jagannadh, once celebrated as a maverick director in Telugu cinema, continues to spark anticipation among his fans, despite delivering several back-to-back flops. Unlike other directors who fall out of favor after repeated failures, Puri's fanbase remains hopeful, eagerly awaiting his comeback. This unique attachment to Puri's films sets him apart from others, like Srinu Vaitla, who have experienced similar career dips without generating the same level of anticipation.

Before every release, be it Vijay Deverakonda's \*Liger\* or Ram's upcoming \*Double iSmart\*, there's a renewed sense of optimism that Puri will finally bounce back. Yet, time and again, his films have not only

failed but have often turned into larger disappointments than expected. With this repetitive cycle of high hopes followed by crushing defeats, many are beginning to question whether there's still hope for Puri or if it's time to move on.

Looking at the trajectory of his recent films, the pattern of failure seems hard to ignore. The creative spark that once defined his films feels lost, and each new release only amplifies the skepticism surrounding his career. Yet, Puri remains a beloved figure, and fans hold on to the dream of him delivering another iconic hit.

For Puri to make a true comeback, it would take something close to a miracle at this point.



But if he manages to pull it off, it will undoubtedly bring immense joy to his loyal supporters. Until then, the question lingers: is there hope left for Puri, or have we seen the last of his glory days? Only time will tell.

## Varun Tej Unveils His Massiest & Ferocious Look in 'Matka'

Varun Tej is set to captivate audiences with his most intense and mass-appealing character yet in the upcoming film \*Matka\*. In a newly released working still from the final shooting schedule, Varun Tej is seen donning a fierce look, sporting a red \*kanduva\*, reminiscent of the iconic style popularized by his uncle, Power Star Pawan Kalyan. The still, shot on a set representing Old Vizag in Hyderabad, reveals Varun in a striking, retro mass avatar with curly hair, highlighting the character's raw intensity and power.

This fierce new look indicates the ferocious nature of his role in \*Matka\*, where he will portray four distinct avatars, representing the character's evolution over 24 years. The transformation promises to be a visual treat for fans, with each look marking a different phase in the protagonist's journey.

Directed by Karuna Kumar, \*Matka\* is a Pan India film produced under the banners of Vyra Entertainments and SRT Entertainments. With this schedule, the film's shooting is nearing completion. Meenakshi Chaudhary and Nora Fatehi play the leading ladies, further adding to the film's excitement.

Varun Tej's portrayal in \*Matka\* is anticipated to be one of his most dynamic performances, and the film is already generating immense buzz ahead of its release.

## Mathu Vadalarala 2 Grosses ₹5.3 Crore on Opening Day

The much-anticipated \*Mathu Vadalarala 2\*, starring Sri Simha Koduri and Satya, has made an impressive start at the box office, grossing ₹5.3 crore worldwide on its first day. Directed by Ritesh Rana, the hilarious entertainer has drawn strong crowds, especially among the youth, thanks to positive word-of-mouth and enthusiastic reviews.

Produced by Clap Entertainment in association with Mythri Movie Makers, \*Mathu Vadalarala 2\* has performed beyond expectations, securing a robust opening for a film of its scale. The film is poised to capitalize on the long weekend, with Monday being a holiday due to Milad un-Nabi and Tuesday marking the Ganesh Nimajjan holiday, ensuring steady footfall in theaters.

The film is also seeing significant success overseas, grossing over \$300K on its first day, including premiere screenings. With strong momentum, the film is expected to cross half a million dollars over the weekend and is projected to come close to \$1 million by the end of its theatrical run.

With the combination of strong domestic and international box office performance, \*Mathu Vadalarala 2\* is shaping up to be a major hit for its makers.

